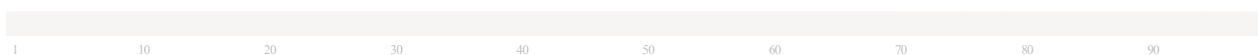


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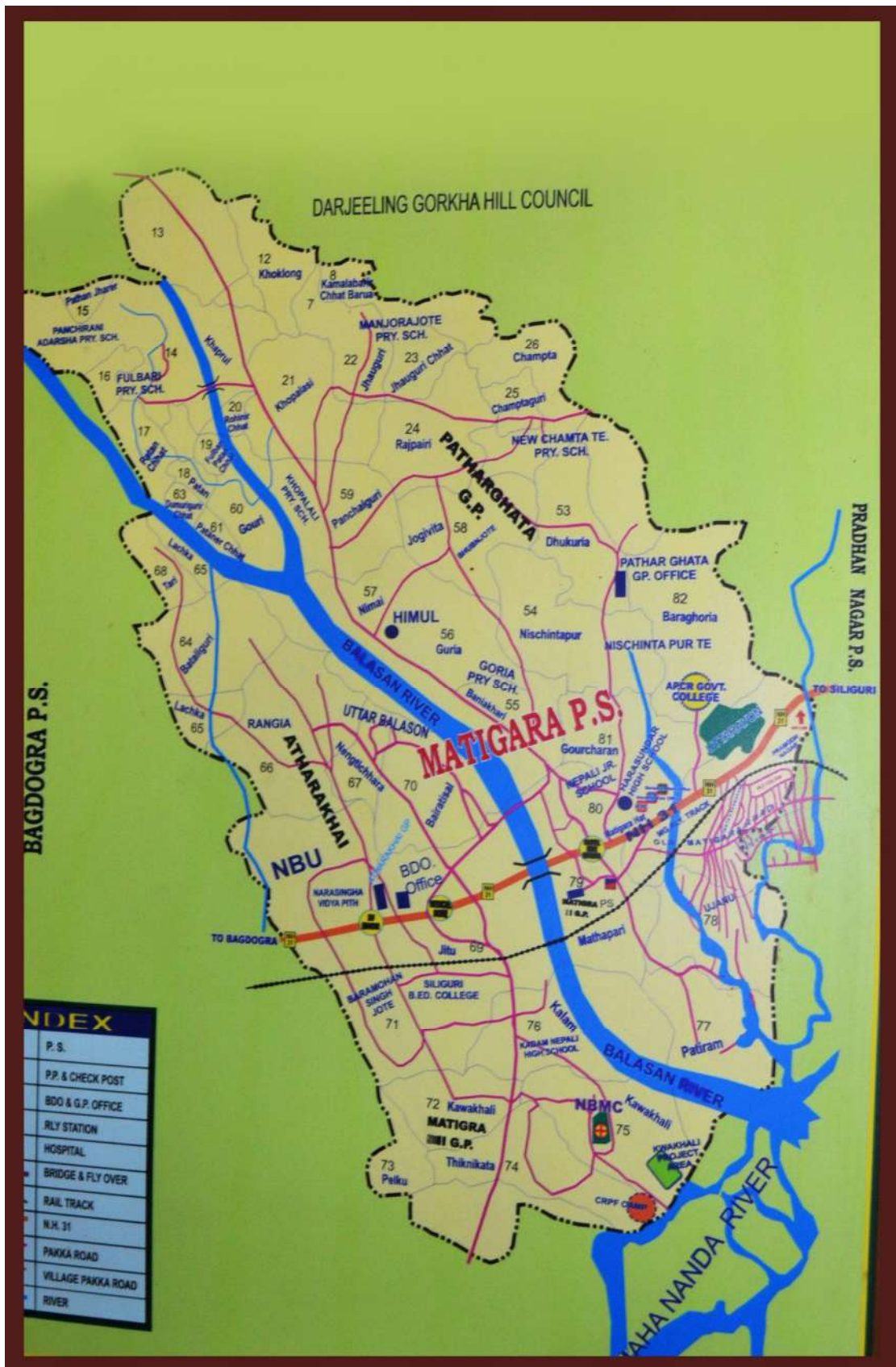
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS:

PS	: Police Station
CAW	: Crime Against Women
IPC	: Indian Penal Code
SLL	: Special Local Laws
SC	: Scheduled Caste
ST	: Scheduled Tribe
OBC	: Other Backward Classes
IT	: Information Technology
CBI	: Central Bureau of Investigation
P.P	: Public Prosecutors
NCB	: Narcotics Control Bureau
ICT	: Information and communication Technology
NGO	: Non-Governmental Organization
NCRB	: National Crime Records Bureau
SCRB	: State Crime Records Bureau
UN	: United Nations
GP	: Gram Panchayet
NDPS	:Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance
FCG	: Family Group Conference
ASA	: Ambedkar Students Association
TI	: Transparency International
ILO	: International Labour Organization
TRP	: Target Rating Points
IHL	: International Human Rights Law
LGBTQ	: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer
COVID	: Corona Virus Disease of 2019
US	: United States

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