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ABBREVIATION

AIDS	-	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ART	-	Anti Retroviral Therapy
ASACS	-	Assam State Aids Control Society
CBO	-	Community-based Organisations
CCC	-	Community Care Centre
CHC	-	Community Health Centre
CSC	-	Care, support and treatment (CSC)
CST	-	Care, Support & Treatment
CSW	-	Commercial Sex Worker
CSWB	-	Central Social Welfare Board
DAPCU	-	District AIDS Prevention and Control Units
DMSC		Durbar MahilaSamanwaya Committee
FSW	-	Female Sex Worker
HIV	-	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICTC	-	Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre
IDU	-	Injecting Drugs User
IPC	-	Inter Personal Communication
ITPA	-	Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act
MSM	-	Men Sex with Men
NACB	-	National AIDS Control Board
NACO	-	National AIDS Control Organization
NACP	-	National AIDS Control Programme
NCW	-	National Commission for Women
NGO	-	Non Governmental Organization

NRHM	-	National Rural Health Mission
NSWP	-	Network of Sex Worker Projects)
PHC	-	Primary Health Care
PLHA	-	People Living with HIV/AIDS
RCH	-	Reproductive and Child Health
RLA	-	Red Light Area
RTI	-	Reproductive Tract Infections
SITA	-	The Immoral Traffic (Suppression) Act
SSA	-	SarvaSikshaAviyan
STD	-	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI	-	Sexually Transmitted Infection
STRC	-	State Training Resource Centre
TI	-	Targeted Intervention
TSU	-	Technical Support Units
VDRL	-	Venereal Discharge Research Laboratory
WHO	-	World Health Organization

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