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ABBREVIATION

ADC	Autonomous District Councils
AFSPA	Armed Forces Special Power Acts Against Women
AHL	All Party Hill Leader's Conference
AHL (A)	All Party Hill Leaders Conference (ArmisonMarak GRC)
AITC	All India Trinamool Congress
AMKIL	Apunba Manipur KanbaImaLup
AMSU	All Manipur Students' Union
AMUCO	All Manipur United Clubs Organization
AWSA	America Women Suffrage Association
BJP	Bharatya Janata Party
CEADAW	Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination
CEM	Chief Executive Member
CPI	Communist Party of India
CPI (M)	Communist Party of India Marxist
FD	Forfeited Deposits
FPM	Federal Party of Manipur
GHADC	Garo Hills Autonomous District Council
GNC	Garo National Council
HDR	Human Development Report
HPDP	Hill State People's Democratic Party
HPU	Hill People Union
HSP	Hindu Samaj Party
IFS	Indian Forest Service
INC	Indian National Congress
INC (U)	Indian National Congress U
IND	Independent
IPS	India Police Service
IPSA	International Peace and Social Advancement

IVD	InqalabVikas Dal
JD	Janata Dal
JHADC	Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council
JN	Jawaharlal Nehru
JNP	Janata Party
KHADC	Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council
KHNAM	KhunHynnietrip National Awakening Movement
KNA	Kuki National Assembly
LJP	Lok Jan Shakti Party
MDCs	Member of District Councils
MDF	Mizo Democratic Front
MHIP	MizoHmeichheInsuihkhawm Pawl
MLA	Mizoram Legislative Assembly
MNF	Mizo National Front
MP	Members of Parliament
MPC	Mizoram People Conference
MPCC	Mizoram Pradesh Congress Committee
MPP	Manipur Peoples Party
MPP	Meghalaya Progressive Peoples Party
MSCP	Manipur State Congress Pradesh
MSF	Manipuri Students Federation
NAWSA	National American Women Suffrage Association
NCP	Nationalist Communist Party
NESDP	North East Social Democratic Party
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NIPCO	National Identity Protection Committee
NNP	Naga National Party
NOW	National Organization for Women
NSCN(I-M)	National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IsakChishiSwu, ThuingalengMuivah)
NSCN(K)	National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang)

NUWSS	National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies
NWPC	National Women Political Caucus
NWSA	National Women Suffrage Association
PC	People's Conference
PDC	Public Demands Implementation Convention
PDM	People's Democratic Movement
PMSA	PanchayatMahila Shakti Abhiyaan
PRC	People's Republic of China
RIMS	Regional Institute of Medical Science
RJD	RashtriyaJanata Dal
RsSC	Rashtriya Secular Congress
SAP	Samata Party
SC	Scheduled Castes
SP	Samajwadi Party
SS	Shivasena
ST	Scheduled Tribes
TTAADC	Tripura Tribal Area Autonomous District Council
TV	Television
UCM	United Committee Manipur
UDA	United Democratic Alliance
UDP	United Democratic Party
ULFA	United Liberation Federation of Assam
UPF	United Peoples Front
VC	Village Council
WCTU	Women's Christian Temperance Union
WIA	Women's India Association
WSPU	Women's Social and Political Union
ZKP	ZoramKuthnathawk Pawl
ZNP	Zoram Nationalist Party

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