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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANPPCAN	: African Network on the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect
AMA	: American Medical Association
BTAD	: Bodoland Territorial Autonomous District
CEDAW	: Convention on Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Cr.P.C	: Criminal Procedure Code.
CRC	: Convention on the Rights of the Child.
DPA	: Dowry Prohibition Act.
DMMA	: Dissolution of Muslim Marriages Act
ECOSOC	: United Nations Economic and Social Council
FCC	: Family Counseling Centre
FVPF	: Family Violence Prevention Fund of America
FIR	: First Information Report
GOVT.	: Government
HAMA	: Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act.
HIV	: Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HMA	: The Hindu Marriage Act
HRD	: Human Resource Development
ICCPR	: International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
ICESCR	: International Covenant on Economic Social and Culture Rights
ICPD	: International Conference on Population and Development
IDA	: Indian Divorce Act
ILO	: International Labour Organisation
IPC	: Indian Penal Code
ITPA	: Immoral Traffic Prevention Act
LCWRI	: Lawyers' Collective Rights Initiative

MP	: Madhya Pradesh
MTPA	: Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act
NCRB	: National Crime Records
NCW	: National Commission for Women
NFHS	: National Family Health Survey
NGO	: Non-Governmental Organization
OBC	: Other Backward Class
OVW	: Office on Violence against Women
PMLK	: Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalat
PNDTA	: Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act
PCPNDT	: Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act
PO	: Protection Officer
PWD	: Public Works Department
SMA	: Special Marriage Act
SC	: Schedule Caste
SC	: Supreme Court
SITA	: Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act
ST	: Schedule Tribe
UDHR	: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UP	: Uttar Pradesh
UNDP	: United Nations Development Programmes
UNIFEM	: United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNICEF	: United Nations Children's Fund
UNO	: United Nations Organisation
UOI	: Union of India
US	: United States
WHO	: World Health Organisation