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## LIST OF THE ABBREVIATIONS

ACET	AIDS Care Education and Training
AD	Anno Domini
AGMC	Agartala Government Medical College
AIDS	Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
ANC	Antenatal Clinic
ART	Anti Retroviral Therapy
ARV	Anti-Retroviral Drugs
ASHA	Accredited Social Health Activist
ATT	Anti-Tuberculosis Treatment
AWC	Anganwadi Center
AWW	Anganwadi Worker
BC	Before Christ
BCC	Behavior Change Communication
BCM	Billion Cubic Meter
BCSU	Blood Component Separation Units
BPL	Below Poverty Line
BSF	Border Security Force
CBO	Community Based Organization
CCC	Community Care Centers
CD4	Cluster of Differentiation 4
CFC	Common Facility Center
CHC	Community Health Center



CIF	Canada-India Foundation
CRPF	Central Reserve Police Force
CST	Care, Support and Treatment
CSW	Commercial Sex Worker
DAC	Department of AIDS Control
DAPCU	District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit
DFID	Department for International Development
DIC	Drop –in Centre
DOT	Direct Observation Treatment
DMSC	Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee
DSG	Dharampal Satrapal Group
DSRC	Designated STI/RTI Clinic
EHA	Emmanuel Hospital Association
ELISA	Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbant Assay
ESCM	Enhanced Syndromic Case Management
FCC	Family Counseling Centre
FHI	Family Health International
FSW	Female Sex Worker
GAIL	Gas Authority of India Ltd.
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFATM	Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria
GSDP	Gross State Domestic Product
HAART	Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy

HBP	High Blood Pressure
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HRG	High-Risk Group
HSS	HIV Sentinel Surveillance
IBBS	Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance
ICDS	Integrated Child Development Service
ICFAI	Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India
ICMR	Indian Council of Medical Research
ICTC	Integrated Counseling and Testing Centre
IDU	Injecting Drug User
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IGDC	Indo-German Development Co-operation
IGNOU	Indira Gandhi National Open University
ILO	International Labor Organization
IL & FS	Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services
IPC	Indian Penal Code
ITPA	Immoral Traffic and Prevention ACT
KSY	Kishori Shakti Yojana
KV	Kilo Volt
LAC	Legal AID Clinic
LBP	Low Blood Pressure
LT	Lab Technician
LWS	Link Worker Scheme

MARP	Most At Risk Populations
MB	Mother-Baby
MGMNREGA	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
MFP	Mega Food Park
MMSCMD	Million Meter Standard Cubic Meter per Day
MoFPI	Ministry of Food Processing Industry
MSM	Men who have Sex with Men
MU	Million Units
MW	Mega Watt
NABH	National Accreditation Board for Hospital and Healthcare Providers
NACB	National AIDS Control Board
NACO	National AIDS Control Organization
NACP	National AIDS Control Programme
NERLP	North-East Region Livelihood Project
NFI	Naz Foundation International
NGO	Non Government Organization
NH	National Highway
NIT	National Institute of Technology
NNRTI	Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor
NRHM	National Rural Health Mission
NRLM	National Rural Livelihood Mission
NRTI	Nucleoside Reverse-Transcriptase Inhibitors

OBC	Other Backward Caste
OIs	Opportunistic Infections
ONGC	Oil and Natural Gas Commission
OST	Opioid Substitution Therapy
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PE	Peer Educator
PHC	Primary Health Center
PI	Protease Inhibitor
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PLWHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS
PMAY	Prime Minister Awas Yojana
PMGSY	Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana
PPP	Preferred Private Provider
PPTCT	Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission
PRI	Panchayet Raj Institution
RCH	Reproductive and Child Health
RIPSAT	Regional Institute of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology
RLA	Red Light Area
RMC	Regular Medical Check-up
RMSA	Rastriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhijan
RNTCP	Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme
RRC	Red Ribbon Club

RTI	Reproductive Tract Infection
SACS	State AIDS Control Society
SBTC	State Blood Transfusion Councils
SC	Schedule Caste
SNP	Supplementary Nutrition program
SSA	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
ST	Schedule Tribe
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
STRC	State Training and Resource Centres
SUDA	Single Use Diagnostic Screening
TB	Tuberculosis
TG	Transgender
TGB	Tripura Gramin Bank
TI	Targeted Interventions
TIPS	Targeted Intervention Programmes
TIT	Tripura Institute of Technology
TMC	Tripura Medical College
TRLM	Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission
TRTC	Tripura Road Transport Corporation
TSACS	Tripura State AIDS Control Society
TSSB	Tripura State Social Welfare Board
TSU	Technical Support Units

TTADC	Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council
TUEP	Tripura Urban Employment Program
UBOSM	Udaipur Bignan O Sanskriti Mancha
UNAIDS	United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNGASS	United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS
UT	Union Territory
VD	Venereal Disease
VDT	Village Development Team
WHO	World Health Organization

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