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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADCs: Autonomous District Councils
ANI: Asian News International
ANOVA: Analysis of Variance
AMWJU: All Manipur Working Journalists' Union
AFSPA: Armed Forces Special Powers Act
AOGs: Armed Opposition Groups
AP: Associated Press
AFP: Agence France-Presse
AHRC: Asian Human Rights Commission
ACHR: Asian Centre For Human Rights
BBC: British Broadcasting Corporation
CBI: Central Bureau of Investigation
CERD: Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CSO: Civil Society Organisation
CNS: Citizen News Service
CRC: Convention on the Rights of Child
CRPF: Central Reserve Police Force
CNN-IBN: Cable News Network- Indian Broadcasting Network
DNA: Daily News and Analysis
EEVFAM: Extra judicial Victims' Families Association, Manipur
ICRW: International Centre for Research on Women
HRA: Human Rights Alert
HRI: Human Rights Initiative
HRLN: Human Rights Law Network
HRW : Human Rights Watch
HEP: Multipurpose Hydroelectric Project
IANS: Indo-Asian News Service
ILP: Inner Line Permit system
ICTs: Information and Communication Technology
NNN: Newmai News Network
NESC: North East Support Centre & Helpline
NHRC: National Human Rights Commission

NCPDR: National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
MACR: Manipur Alliance for Child Rights
MHRC: Manipur Human Rights Commission
MSCW: Manipur State Commission for Women
MCPCR: Manipur Commission For Protection of Child Rights
MNCs: Multinational Corporations
NGOs: Non-Governmental Organisations
OHCHR: Office of the High Commission on Human Rights
OBCs: Other Backward Classes
PTI: Press Trust of India
PIB: Press Information Bureau
PDS: Public Distribution System
PCI: Press Council of India
PIL: Public Interest Litigation
RTI: Right to Information
SCPCR: State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
SC: Supreme Court
SHRCs : State Human Rights Commissions
SC/STs: Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes
TOHR: Theory of Human Rights
TADA: Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act
TNN: Times News Network
IPI: The International Press Institute
UNI: United News of India
UN: United Nations
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme
UNDRIP: UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNCRC: United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child
UNHRC: United Nations Human Rights Council
NSCN-IM: National Socialist Council of Nagaland
WAD: Women Action for Development

