

## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

- AHLF&VS: Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries & Veterinary Services
- AIDS: Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
- ASHA: Accredited Social Health Activist
- CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- CITU: Centre of Indian Trade Unions
- CPIS: Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme
- CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child
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- CSB: Community Seed Bank
- CSO: Central Statistics Office
- CSW: Commission on the Status of Women
- CSWB: Central Social Welfare Board
- DAC: Department of Agriculture and Cooperation
- DAW: Division for the Advancement of Women
- DRWA: Directorate of Women in Agriculture
- DWRCA: Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas
- EM: Effective Microorganism
- EWUCS: Educated Women Unemployed Co-operative Society
- FAO: Food and Agriculture Organisation
- FFS: Farmers Field Survey
- GDI: Gender Development Index
- GDP: Gross Domestic Product
- GEM: Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
- H&CCD: Horticulture & Cash Crops Development
- HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- HYV: High Yielding Variety

IANWGE: Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality

IAS: Indian Administrative Services

ICAR: Indian Council of Agricultural Research

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ICAR-CIWA: ICAR- Central Institute for Women in Agriculture

ICDS: Integrated Child Development Services

ICESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

IES: Indian Economic Service

IFAD: International Fund for Agricultural Development

IFS: Indian Foreign Services

IFS: Indian Forest Service

ILO: International Labour Organisation

INGO: International Non Governmental Organisation

INSTRAW: International Research and Training Institution for the Advancement of Women

IPC: Indian Penal Code

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IPM: Integrated Pest Management

IRDP: Integrated Rural Development Programme

ITPA: Immoral Traffic Prevention Act

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ITS: Indian Trade Service

KVK: Krishi Vigyan Kendra

MGNREGA: Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Gurantee Act

MKSP: Mahila Sashaktikaran Pariyojana

MNAIS: Modified National Agriculture Insurance Scheme

MSP: Minimum Support Price

MUHHDC: Mahbub Ul Haq Human Development Centre

NABARD: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

NAIS: National Agriculture Insurance Scheme

NCIP: National Crop Insurance Programme  
NCW: National Commission for Women  
NGO: Non Governmental Organisation  
NRHM: National Rural Health Mission  
NRLM: National Rural Livelihood Mission  
NSC: National Statistical Commission  
NTFP: Non Timber Forest Produce  
PIRENS: Pravara Institute of Research and Education in Natural and Social Science  
PNDT: Pre-natal Diagnostic Technique  
RFBK: Rashtriya Fasal Bima Karyakram  
RLEGP: Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme  
RMK: Rashtriya Mahila Kosh  
SAARC: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation  
SAARCFUW: SAARC Federation of University Women  
SAC: SAARC Agriculture Centre  
SAIC: SAARC Agriculture Information Centre  
SARC: Sustainable Agriculture Resource Centres  
SAWAG: SAARC Autonomous Women's Advocacy Group  
SC: Scheduled Caste  
SHDR: Sikkim Human Development Report  
SHG: Self Help Group  
SIDICO: Sikkim Industrial Development & Investment Corporation  
SIMFED: Sikkim State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation  
SSA: Sub-Saharan Africa  
ST: Scheduled Tribe  
TOI: Times of India  
TRYSEM: Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment  
UDHD: Urban Development and Housing Department  
UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UN: United Nations

UNIFEM: United Nations Development Fund for Women

WBCIS: Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme

WEAI: Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index

WHO: World Health Organisation