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LIST OF ABBREVIATION USED

BTR:	Bodoland Territorial Region
BTC:	Bodoland Territorial Council
DRDA:	District Rural Development Agency
DIC:	Director of Industries and Commerce
EDII:	Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India
EDP:	Entrepreneurship Development Programme
FICCI:	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
GEM:	Gender Empowerment Measures
GDI:	Gender Development Index
GEM:	Gender Empowerment Measure
GDI:	Gender Development Index
HDI:	Human Development Index
HRD:	Human Resource Development
ICWE:	Indian Council of Women Entrepreneurs
ICT:	Information and communication technology
NCW:	National Commission of Women
NSTEBD:	National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development
NSTEBDB	: National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board
NIESBUD:	National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development
NGO:	Non-governmental organisations
NEP:	New Economic Policy
OBC:	Other Backward Caste

ST: Scheduled Tribe

SC: Scheduled Caste

- **SHG:** Self Help Group
- **SIDBI:** Small Industrial Development Bank of India
- **SIDO:** The Small Scale Industrial Development Organisation
- SIDCO: Small Industries Development Corporation
- **STEP:** Support for Training and Employment Programme
- **SWOT:** Strength Weakness Opportunity Threat
- **RASS:** Rayalaseema Seva Samithi
- **UNDP:** United Nations Development Programme

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