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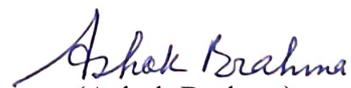
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

APA	:	American Psychological Association
AL&RR	:	Assam Land and Revenue Regulation
BAC	:	Bodoland Autonomous Council
BRLF	:	Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation
BTAD	:	Bodoland Territorial Area District
BTC	:	Bodoland Territorial Council
BTR	:	Bodoland Territorial Region
BPL	:	Below Poverty Line
FRA	:	Forest Rights Act
FSRC	:	Financial Sector Reforms Committee
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
HPC	:	Handloom Production Centre
HTC	:	Handloom Training Centre
HAS	:	Hindu Succession Amendment Act
HDR	:	Human Development Report
ICITP	:	Indian Council of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples
IDP	:	Internally Displaced Persons
ILO	:	International Labour Organization
ITDP	:	Integrated Tribal Development Project
JNNURM	:	Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission
MGNREGA:		Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
PMAY	:	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
MSME	:	Micro Small & Medium Enterprises
MoU	:	Memorandums of Understanding
MoS	:	Memorandum of Settlement
NDC	:	National Development Council
NREGA	:	National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
UN	:	United Nations
OTFD	:	Other Traditional Forest Dwellers
PGR	:	Professional Grazing Reserve
SLA	:	Sustainable Livelihoods Approach
ST	:	Scheduled Tribes
TSP	:	Tribal Sub-Plan
VCDC	:	Village Council Development Committee
VGR	:	Village Grazing Reserve
WESU	:	Weavers Extension Service Unit