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ACRONYMS / ABBREVIATIONS

AC = Autocorrelation

AIH = Absolute Income Hypothesis

ANOVA = Analysis of Variance

BEA = Bureau of Economic Analysis

CBS = Central Bureau Statistics

CD = Coefficient of Determination

 C_t = Consumption at time period 't'

DC = Dalit Community

DDC = District Development Committee

FEDO = Feminist Dalit Organization

AD = Anno Domini

FWDR = Far Western Development Region

FY = Fiscal Year

GC = Gini Coefficient

GDNI = Gross Domestic National Income

GDP = Gross Domestic Product

GNDI = Gross National Disposable Income

GO = Government Organization

HDI = Human Development Index

HH = House Holds

INGO = International Non-Government Organization

LC = Lorenz Curve

L_t = Level of Education at time period 't'

MoF = Ministry of Finance

MPC = Marginal Propensity to Consumption

NCC = Nepal Dalit Commission

NDC = Non-Dalit Committee

NFHO = National Freed Haliya organization

NGO = Non-Government Organization

NLLS = Nepal Living Standard Survey

NNDSWO = Nepal National Dalit Social welfare Organization

NPC = National Population Census

NRB = Nepal Rastra Bank

OLS = Ordinary Least Square

PC = Partial Correlation

PCI = Per Capita Income

PIH = Permanent Income Hypothesis

PL = Poverty Line

RE = Regression Equation

SE = Standard Error

SRS = Simple Random Sampling

VDC = Village Development Committee

 Y_t = Income Level at time period't'