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Abbreviations

B.K	Bishwakarma
B.S	Bikram Sambat
DDC	District Development Committee
DNF	Dalit NGOs Federation
H.A	Health Assistant
Ha.	Hectare
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
St.	Saint
VDC	Village Development Committee

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