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ABBREVIATION

% - Percentage

AD - Anno Domini

BS - Bikram Sambat

CBS - Central Bureau of Statistics

HH - Household

INGOs - International Non Governmental Organizations

NGOs - Non Governmental Organizations

T.U - Tribhuvan University

VDC - Village Development Committee

WORD MEANING

Kanya - daughter

Dan - give away

Daijo - dowry

Izzat - prestige

Kosa - dowry

Suku - one strawmat

Sanusa - big wooden box

Sunauli - bride wealth