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#### Acronyms

BSP Bahujan Samaj Party

CA Cabinet Assembly

FGD Focus Group Discussion

HDI Human Development

HH House Hold

IMR Infant Mortality Rate

INGO International Non Governmental Organization

OBCs Other Backward Classes

SCs Scheduled Castes

SLC School Leaving Certificate

STs Scheduled Tribe

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UP Uttar Pradesh

VDC Village Development Committee