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## ACRONYMS

CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
DFID	Department for International Development
DNPWC	Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation
EEI	Economic Empowerment Index
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEM	Gender Empowerment Index
HDI	Human Development Index
HEI	Human Empowerment Index
HPI	Human Poverty Index
IAEST	Association of International Scientific Experts in Tourism
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development
MOCTCA	Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
NTB	Nepal Tourism Board
NTO	Nepal Tourism Organization
PEI	Political Empowerment Index
SEI	Social Empowerment Index
SHS	Solar Home System
SNV	The Netherlands Development Agency
ST-EP	Sustainable Tourism-Eliminating Poverty

TES	Tourism Society of England
TRPAP	Tourism for Rural Poverty Alleviation Program
TU	Tribhuvan University
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNWTO	United Nations World Tourism Organization
VDC	Village Development Committee
WCED	World Conference on Environment and Development
DDC	District Development Committee