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## **ABBREVIATION**

ADB	=	Asian Development Bank
CBS	=	Central Bureau of Statistic
GDP	=	Gross Domestic Production
HDI	=	Human Development Index
HPI	=	Human Poverty Index
INAFI	=	International Network of Alternative Financial Institution
MDG	=	Millennium Development Goal
NPC	=	National Planning Commission
PAF	=	Poverty Alleviation Fund
SAP	=	Social Action Programme
SAARC	=	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
UN	=	United Nation
UNDP	=	United Nation Development Programme
USAID	=	United States Agency for Internal Development
VDC	=	Village Development Community
WB	=	World Bank
WDR	=	World Development Report

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