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ABBREVIATIONS

B.S	:	Bikram Sambat
CAC	:	Comprehensive Abortion Care
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CIA	:	Central Intelligence Agency
MDG	:	Millennium Development Goal
MMR	:	Maternal Mortality Rate
MOHP	:	Ministry of Health and Population
NMCTH	:	Nepal Medical College Teaching Hospital
NSAP	:	National Safe Abortion Policy
RHP	:	Reproductive Health Policy
S.A	:	Strongly Agree
S.D	:	Strongly Disagree
SPSS	:	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
UK	:	United Kingdom
US	:	United States
WHO	:	World Health Organization