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Abbreviations

AfDB	:	African Development Bank
AIMS	:	Assessing the Impact of Micro enterprise Services
AMINA,	:	African Development Fund Microfinance Initiative for Africa
APDMACS	:	Andhra Pradesh Dalitbhujan Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies Federation
ARWIND	:	Assistance to Rural Women in Non-farm Development
ASA	:	Activists for Social Alternatives
ASP	:	Ankuram-Sangamam-Poram (development theme of APDMACS)
AWR	:	Absolute Wealth Rank
BC	:	Backward Classes
BDS	:	Business Development Service
BPL	:	Below Poverty Line
BSFL	:	Bharatiya Samruddhi Finance Limited
CAREC	:	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
CDF	:	Cooperative Development Foundation
CFTS	:	Cashpor Financial and Technical Services
CGAP	:	Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest
CHI	:	CASHPOR House Index
CIS	:	Costly Informal Sources
CMRCs	:	Community Managed Resource Centres
DDR	:	District Development Ranking
DWCRA	:	Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas
EIR	:	Effective Interest Rate
FGD	:	Focus Group Discussion
GIC	:	General Insurance Corporation of India
GIM	:	Global Impact Monitoring
HDFC	:	Housing Developing Finance Corporation
HDI	:	Human Development Index
HDR	:	Human Development Report
HH	:	Household
HUDCO	:	Urban Housing Development Corporation
IASC	:	Indian Association for Savings and Credit
IBR	:	Index Based wealth Rank
IDI	:	Infrastructure Development Index
IES	:	Impact Evaluation Studies
IMAR	:	Impact Monitoring and Assessment Report
KCC	:	Kisan Credit Card
LEAD	:	League for Education and Development
LHWRF	:	Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation
LIC	:	Life Insurance Corporation of India
LSMS	:	Living Standards Measurement Study
MACS	:	Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies
MAHIMA	:	Assistance for Marketing of Non-farm Products of Rural Women

MBB	:	Micro-banking Bulletin
M-CRIL	:	Micro-Credit Ratings India Limited
MCS	:	Micro credit Scheme
MFI	:	Micro Finance Institution
MFSP	:	MicroFinance Support Programme
MIX	:	Microfinance Information eXchange
NABARD	:	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NBFC	:	Non Banking Finance Company
NGO	:	Non Governmental Organisation
OFI	:	Office of Financial Institutions
OSS	:	Operational Self Sufficiency
PAR	:	Portfolio At Risk
PF	:	Provident Fund
PIS	:	Personal Informal sources
PKSF	:	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation
PMTK	:	Poverty Measurement Tool Kit
PWR	:	Participatory Wealth Ranking
PWR	:	Participatory Wealth Ranking
RASS	:	Rashtriya Seva Samithi
REDPs	:	Rural Entrepreneurship Development Programs ,
RGVN	:	Rashtriya Grameen Vikas Nidhi
ROSCA	:	Rotating Savings and Credit Association
RRB	:	Regional Rural Bank
SB	:	Shramik Bharti
SC	:	Scheduled Caste
SCF UK	:	Save the Children Fund United Kingdom
SFDA	:	Small Farmers Development Agency
SFMC	:	SIDBI Foundation for Micro Credit
SGSY	:	Swarnjayanti Gram Swayarozgar Yojana
SHG	:	Self Help Group
SIDBI	:	Small Industries Development Bank of India
SIFFS	:	South Indian Federation of Fishermen Societies
SKS	:	Swayam Krishi Sangam
SNF	:	Sarvodaya Nano Finance
SPSS	:	Statistical Package for Social Sciences
ST	:	Scheduled Tribe
SWDMACTS	:	Swayamkrushi Women's Development Mutually Aided Coop Thrift Society
TPCs	:	Training-cum Production Centres
TTDC	:	Training and Technology Development Centres
UC	:	Upper Caste
VSSU	:	Vivekananda Seva Kendra O Sishu Uddyan
VWS	:	Village Welfare Society
WDC	:	Women development cells
WHH	:	Women Headed Household