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ABBREVIATIONS

ADHD	:	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ASHA	:	Accredited Social Health Activist
ANM	:	Auxiliary Nurse of Midwife
AWW	:	Anganwadi Worker
AWH	:	Anganwadi Helper
AWC	:	Anganwadi Centre
CDPO	:	Child Development Project Officer
CGC	:	Child Guidance Centre
CP	:	Cerebral Palsy
CRC	:	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	:	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CWD	:	Children with Disabilities
CWSN	:	Children with Special Needs
NPSE	:	National Policy on Special Education
DPEP	:	District Primary Education Programme
DRC	:	District Rehabilitation Centre
ECCD	:	Early Childhood Care and Development
ECCE	:	Early Childhood Care and Education
EFA	:	Education for All
ER	:	Educational Rehabilitation
HI	:	Hearing Impairment
HR	:	Health Rehabilitation
ICDS	:	Integrated Child Development Service
ICPS	:	Integrated Child Protection Scheme
IEDC	:	Integrated Education for Disabled Children
LD	:	Learning Disability/ Locomotor Disability
MD	:	Multiple Disabilities
MDG	:	Millennium Development Goal
MHRD	:	Ministry of Human Resource Development
MR	:	Mental Retardation
MSJE	:	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
MWCD	:	Ministry of Women and Child Development
NCERT	:	National Council of Educational Research and Training
NCTE	:	National Council for Teacher Education
NGOs	:	Non-Governmental Organizations
NHP	:	National Health Policy
NIHH	:	National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped
NIMH	:	National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped
NIOH	:	National Institute for the Orthopedically Handicapped

NIP	:	National Immunization Programme
NIPCCD	:	National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
NIRTR	:	National Institute for Rehabilitation, Training and Research
NIVH	:	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped
NLEP	:	National Leprosy Education Programme
NMHP	:	National Mental Health Programme
NNP	:	National Nutrition Programme
NPCB	:	National Programme on Control of Blindness
NPDR	:	National Policy on Disability Rehabilitation
NPE	:	National Policy on Education
NPPD	:	National Policy for Persons with Disabilities
NPRPD	:	National Programme for Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities
NRHM	:	National Rural Health Mission
OH	:	Orthopedically Handicapped
PC/PH	:	Physically Challenged/ Physically Handicapped
PIED	:	Project Integrated Education for Disabled
PPP	:	Pulse Polio Programme
PWD	:	Persons with Disabilities
RCI	:	Rehabilitation Council of India
SGC	:	Special Group Children
SI	:	Speech Impairment
SNC	:	Special Needs Children
SR	:	Social Rehabilitation
SSA	:	Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
SWD	:	Social Welfare Department
UEE	:	Universalization of Elementary Education
UN	:	United Nations
UNESCAP	:	United Nations Economic and Special Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCO	:	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	:	United Nations Children's Emergency Fund
VI	:	Visual Impairment
VR	:	Vocational Rehabilitation
WHO	:	World Health Organization
ZRP	:	Zero Rejection Policy