ADB Asian Development Bank

AICTE All India Council of Technical Education

AMG Annual Maintenance Grants
ANM Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife

APL Above Poverty Line

APPEP Andhra Pradesh Primary Education Programme

ASER Assessment Survey Evaluation Research

ASHA Accredited Social Health Activist
ATR Action Taken on Recommendations
AYUSH Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy

BIA Benefit Incidence Analysis

BIMARU Bihar Madhya Pradesh Rajasthan

BPL Below Poverty Line BRC Block Resource Centre

CAAs Constitutional Amendment Acts

CEO Chief Executive Officer
CHC Community Health Centre
CMR Child Mortality Rate

CPI(M) Communist Party of India (Marxist)

CRC Cluster Resource Centre
CSO Central Statistical Office
CSS Centrally Sponsored Schemes

DEEO District Elementary Education Officer
DFID Department for International Development

DHO District Health Officer

DIET District Institutes for Education and Training
DISE District Information System for Education

DM District Magistrate

DPC District Planning Committee

DPEP District Primary Education Programme

EDI Education Development Index

EFA Education for All

EGS Education Guarantee Scheme

FC Finance Commission FRA Fiscal Responsibility Act

FRU First referral unit

GAR Gross Attendance Ratio
GDP Gross Domestic Product
GER Gross Enrolment Ratio

GFS Government Finance Statistics

GP Gram Panchayat

HIPC

GRB Gender Responsive Budgeting
HDC Hospital Development Committee
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HDI Human Development Index

HSTP Hoshangabad Science Teaching Programme

Heavily Indebted Poor Countries

IIM Indian Institute of Management
 IIT Indian Institute of technology
 ILO International Labour Organization
 IMF International Monetary Fund

IMR Infant Mortality Rate
INPRES Presidential Instructions

IPHS Indian Public Health Standards
KEAR Kerala Education Act and Rules
KSSP Kerala Shastra Sahitya Parishad
LCC Local Content Curriculum
LSG Local Self-government

LSGI Local Self-government Institution MDG Millennium Development Goals

MHRD Ministry of Human Resource Development

MMR Maternal Mortality Rate

MP Madhya Pradesh

MPCE Monthly Per capita Consumption Expenditure

MTAs Mother-Teacher-Associations

NCAER National Council for Applied Economic Research
NCERT National Council of Education Research and Training

NFHS National Family Health Survey NGO Non-Government Organization NHA National Health Accounts

NIPFP National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

NLGORR Non-loan Gross Own Revenue Receipts

NRHM National Rural Health Mission

NSS National Sample Survey

NSSO National Sample Survey Office

OBC Other Backward Castes

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OOP Out-of-Pocket

OSR Own Source Revenue PC Planning Commission

PESA Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas

PHC Primary Health Centre PHC Primary Health Care

PM Prime Minister

PPC Peoples Planning Campaign PRI Panchayati Raj Institutions

PROBE Public Report on Basic Education in India

PS Panchayat Samiti

PTAs Parent-Teacher-Associations
RCH Reproductive and Child Health
SAP Structural Adjustment Programmes

SC Scheduled Castes

SCERT State Council of Education Research and Training

SFC State Finance Commission

SIDA Swedish International Development Agency

SIEMAT State Institute of Educational Management and Training

SMC School Management Committees

SPD State Project Director SSA Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

ST Scheduled Tribes
TFR Total Fertility Rate
TLC Total Literacy Campaign
TOR Terms of Reference

TP Taluk Panchayat

UGC University Grants Commission

ULB Urban Local Bodies

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

URC Urban Resource Centre

UT Union Territory
VAT Value Added Tax

VECs Village Education Committees

WBSFC West Bengal State Finance Commission

WDR World Development Report WHO World Health Organization

ZP Zilla Parishad