AGP : Asom Gana Parishad

AHDR: Assam Human Development Report

AIWC : All India Women's Conference

AUDF : Assam United Democratic Front

BDO : Block Development Officer

BRAC : The Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee

BTC : Bodoland Territorial Council

CAW : Crime Against Women

CAWSSER : Char Areas Welfare Society for Socio-Economic

Research

CEDAW : Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of

Discrimination against Women

CID : Criminal Investigation Department

CIME : Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy

Congress (I) : Congress Indira

Congress (R) : Congress Reddy

Congress (S) : Congress Socialist

Congress (U) : Congress Urs.

CPI : Communist Party of India

CPIM : Communist Party of India (Marxist)

DAWN : Development Alternatives with Women for a New

Era

DI : Index of Devolution

DRDAs : District Rural Development Agencies

EIMA : Eastern India Muslim Association

ES : Economic Survey

FWPR : Female Work Participation Rate

GB : Gender Budgeting

GDI : Gender Development Index

GEM : Gender Empowerment Measure

GLC : Ganesh Lal Chowdhury

GM : Gender Mainstreaming

Govt. : Government

GU : Gauhati University

HDI : Human Development Index

HDR: Human Development Report

ICDS : Integrated Child Development Scheme

ICSSR : Indian School of Social Science Research Centre

IGA : Income Generation Activities

IIPA : Indian Institute of Public Administration

IMR : Infant Mortality Rates

LAC : Legislative Assembly Constituency

LEB : Life Expectency at Birth

MDGs : Millennium Development Goals

MFIs : Micro-Finance Institutions

MLA : Member of Legislative Assembly

MP : Member of Parliament

MWCD : Ministry of Women and Child Development

MWS : Muslim Women Survey

MYRADA: Mysore Resettlement and Development Agency

NABARD : National Bank for Agriculture and Rural

Development

NCAER : The National Council of Applied Economic Research

NE : North East

NER : North Eastern Region

NFHS : National Family and Health Survey

NFS : National Family Survey

NGOs : Non-Governmental Organisations

NHDR : National Human Development Report

NWC : National Women Commission

OBC : Other Backward Class

PC: Planning Commission

PEAIS : The Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability

Incentive Scheme

PHE : Public Health Engineering

PRI : Panchayat Raj Institution

PTCA : Plan Tribal Council of Assam

PWD : Public Works Department

RCPI : Revolutionary Communist Party of India

RGI : Registrar General of India

RMK : Rastriya Mahila Kosh

RRBs : Regional Rural Banks

RWFP : Rural Female Workforce Participation

SC : Schedule Caste

SGSY : Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana

SHA : Statistical Handbook of Assam

SHG-BL : Self Help Group Bank Linkage

SHGs : Self Helf Groups

SIRD : State Institute of Rural Development

SMP : Substantial Muslim Population

ST(H) : Scheduled Tribes (Hills)

ST(P) : Scheduled Tribes (Plains)

STEP : Support to Training and Employment Programme

UGC : University Grants Commission

UMF : United Minorities Front

UN : United Nations

UNDP : United Nations Development Project

UNICEF : United Nations International Cultural and

Education Fund

USA : United States of America

USRC : Women Studies Research Centre

Uts : Union Territories

WCD : Women and Child Development

WDR : World Development Report

WEDO : Women's Environment and Development

Organisation

3Fs : Funds, Functions and Functionaries