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ABBREVIATIONS

HSS	Higher Secondary School
IALS	International Audit Literacy Surveys
IMR	Infant Mortality Rate
KER	Kerala Economic Review
KSLMA	Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority
LDC	Less Developed Countries
LP	Lower Primary
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MDMS	Mid-Day Meal Scheme
MHRD	Ministry of Human resource Development
NCAER	National Council of Applied Economic Research
NFHS	National family Health Survey
NIC	Newly Industrialized Countries
NPE	National Policy on Education
NSSO	National Sample Survey Office
OECD	Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development
OLS	Ordinary least Squares
PCA	Principal Component Analysis
PCE	Personal Consumption Expenditure
AISE	All India School Education Survey
ASER	Annual Status Educational Reports
ASAR	Age Specific Attendance Ratio
BLS	Bhutan Living Standard Survey
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
DISE	District Information System of Education
DPI	Directorate of Public Instruction
EDI	Education Development Index
EFA	Education for All
EGS	Education Guarantee Scheme
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GAR	Gross Attendance Ratio
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GER	Gross Enrolment Ratio
GPI	Gender Parity Index
GSDP	Gross State Domestic Product
HDI	Human Development Index
HE	Higher Education
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board
HS	High School

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