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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SES	Socio-ecological System
IHR	Indian Himalayan Region
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
STES	Socio-Technical–Ecological System
NTFP	Non-Timber Forest Product
MSL	Meter above Sea Level
FSI	Forest Survey of India
IIRS	Indian Institute of Remote Sensing
NRSC	National Resource Repository Survey
ASTER	Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer
GDEM	Global Digital Elevation Model
MODIS	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
PDS	Public Distribution System
LULC	Land Use/Land Cover
PCA	Principal Component Analysis
HCA	Hierarchical Cluster Analysis
KMO	Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin
ACU	Adult Cattle Units
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
SVI	Socio-Ecological Vulnerability Index
EI	Exposure Index
SI	Sensitivity Index
ACI	Adaptive Capacity Index

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