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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

AIR: All India Reporter

Art: Article

BPL: Below poverty Line

CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

CRC: Convention on the Rights of Child

CWC: Child welfare Committee

HMA: Hindu Marriage Act

ICCPR: International covenant on Civil and political rights

ICESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

IPC: Indian Penal Code

JJ Act: Juvenile Justice Act

NCRB: National Crime Record Bureau

NFHS: National Family Health survey

NGO: Non Governmental Organization

MHA: Ministry of Home Affairs

PCMA : Prohibition of Child Marriage Act

POCSO: Protection of Child From Sexual Offence Act

SDG : Sustainable Development Goals

SC : Supreme Court

SCC: Supreme Court Cases

SEC: Section

UNICEF: United Nations Children's Emergency Fund

UDHR : Universal Declaration on Human Rights

UNFPA : United Nations Population Fund

UOI : Union of India

V.: Verses

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