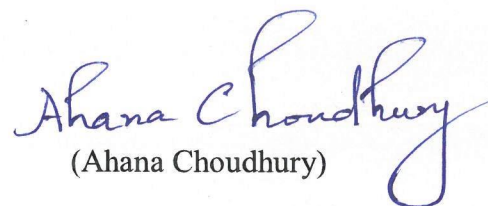


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ABBREVIATIONS

NFHS	: The National Family Health Survey
UNPF	: United Nations Population Fund
IIPS	: International Institute for Population Sciences
NPOP	: The National Policy for Older Persons
BPL	: Below Poverty Line
WHCOA	: White House Conference on Aging
ILO	: International Labour Organization
U. S.	: United States (The United States of America)
NSSO	: National Sample Survey Office
CPFOA	: Community Partnerships for Older Adults
FYP	: Five Year Plans
MoU	: Memorandum of Understanding
ICT	: Information and Communication Technologies
COVID-19	: Coronavirus Disease 2019
TMC	: All India Trinamool Congress
WBHIDCO	: West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
ESI	: Employees' State Insurance Scheme
ASHAs	: Accredited Social Health Activists
MNC	: Multinational Corporation

GEI	: Global Europe Initiative
U. K.	: United Kingdom
AC	: Air Conditioner
CNAs	: Certified Nursing Assistants
NRI	: Non-Resident Indian
CAA	: Citizenship Amendment Act
NRC	: National Register of Citizens
D Voters	: Doubtful Voters
SC	: Scheduled Castes
ST	: Scheduled Tribes
MPI	: Multidimensional Poverty Index
OBC	: Other Backward Classes
RSS	: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
IPC	: Indian Penal Code
GDP	: Gross Domestic Product
NHWA	: National Health Workforce Accounts
AYUSH	: Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy
ARDSI	: Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India
NGOs	: Non-governmental Organizations