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ACRONYMS

A-Level	Advanced Level
ABAC	Attribute-Based Access Control
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADR	Automatic Demand Response
AEIS	Accident and Emergency Information System
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AMC	Anti-Malaria Campaign
AMI	Advanced Metering Infrastructure
ANRPC	Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries
API	Application Programming Interface
ASPIRE	Atlas of Social Protection Indicators of Resilience and Equity
ASW	ASEAN Single Window
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
ATT	Average Treatment-effect on the Treated
AWCMR	Average Weighted Call Money Rate
B2C	Business-to-Consumer
BAU	Business-As-Usual
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (UK)
BFS	Budget Information System
Bn	Billion
BOO	Build-Own-Operate
BPM	Business Process Management
BPO	Business Process Outsourcing
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
CBSL	Central Bank of Sri Lanka
CCPI	Colombo Consumer Price Index
CCTV	Closed-Circuit Television
CCPA	California Consumer Privacy Act
CEFTS	Common Electronic Fund Transfer Switch
CIGAS	Computerised Integrated Government Accounting System
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CoEs	Centres of Excellence
COD	Cash on Delivery
COPPA	Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPRA	California Privacy Rights Act
CRIB	Credit Information Bureau
CRVS	Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
CSA	Climate-Smart Agriculture

CSPO	Certified Sustainable Palm Oil
CTB	Ceylon Transport Board
DBFOM	Design, Build, Finance, Operation, and Maintenance
DCS	Department of Census and Statistics, Sri Lanka
DDRMCUs	District Disaster Management Coordination Units
DEE	Digital Entrepreneurship Ecosystem
DER	Distributed Energy Resources
DGHS	Director General of Health Services
DHTs	Digital Health Technologies
DIDs	Decentralised Identifiers
DigComp	Digital Competence Framework for Citizens (EU)
DMC	Disaster Management Centre
DNMS	District Nutrition Monitoring System
DPA	Data Protection Authority
DPDHSs	Deputy Provincial Directors of Health Services
DPI	Digital Public Infrastructure
DPIA	Data Protection Impact Assessment
DPO	Data Protection Officer
DPPPs	Digital Public-Private Partnerships
DPRD	Disaster Preparedness and Response Division
DRL	Deep Reinforcement Learning
DTET	Department of Technical Education and Training
DVI	Digital Vulnerability Index
DDRI	District Digital Readiness Index
ECB	European Central Bank
ECCB	Electronic Communications Convention
EdTech	Educational Technology
EDPB	European Data Protection Board
EFC	Electronic Fare Collection
EFCS	Electronic Fare Collection System
EFF	Extended Fund Facility (IMF programme)
EGDI	E-Government Development Index
EGPI	E-Government Participation Index
EHR	Electronic Health Record
E-IMMR	Electronic Indoor Morbidity and Mortality Reporting
EIMS	Electronic Information Management System
EMIS	Education Management Information System
EMR	Electronic Medical Record
EMHMIS	Electronic Mental Health Management Information System
EMSRS	Electronic Monthly Statistics Reporting System
EPR	Education Participation Rate
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning

ERHMIS	Electronic Reproductive Health Management Information System
ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESDP	Education Sector Development Plan
ESS	Energy Storage Systems
EU	European Union
EUDR	European Union Deforestation Regulation
EV	Electric Vehicle
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FAOSTAT	Food and Agriculture Organization Statistics
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FinTech	Financial Technology
FTC	Federal Trade Commission (US)
G2P	Government-to-Person
GB	Gigabyte
GCI	Global Cybersecurity Index
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDPP	Government Digital Payment Platform
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation (EU)
GIS	Geographic Information System
GLBA	Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (US)
GNI	Gross National Income
GOSL	Government of Sri Lanka
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRIP	Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (Programme - US)
GTAP	Global Trade Analysis Project
GCE	General Certificate of Education
HCI	Human Capital Index
HFSM	Health Facility Survey Management System
HGD	Hawkers Go Digital (Singaporean programme)
HHS	Health and Human Services (US)
HIES	Health Information Exchange Systems
HIMS	Hospital Information Management System
HIMSAMC	Health Information Management System Anti-Malaria Campaign
HHIMS	Hospital Health Information Management System
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (US)
HRMIS	Human Resource Management Information System
HS	Harmonised System (for product codes)
IEA	International Energy Agency
ICTA	Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IDSR	Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response
IHR	International Health Regulations

IMF	International Monetary Fund
IoT	Internet of Things
IP	Intellectual Property
IPG	Internet Payment Gateway
IPSAS	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IRENA	International Renewable Energy Agency
ISBs	International Sovereign Bonds
ITC	International Trade Centre
ITMIS	Integrated Treasury Management Information System
ITS	Intelligent Transport System
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
JCB	Japanese Credit Bureau
KII	Key Informant Interview
KONEPS	Korea Online E-Procurement System
KYC	Know Your Customer
LECO	Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited
LeIS	Leprosy Health Information System
LFPR	Labour Force Participation Rate
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LKR	Sri Lankan Rupee
LMS	Learning Management System
LOLC	Lanka ORIX Leasing Company
LPOPP	LankaPay Online Payment Platform
LPI	Logistics Performance Index
Mn	Million
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOH	Ministry of Health (Sri Lanka)
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health (Thailand)
MRT	Mass Rapid Transit
MRTA	Mass Rapid Transit Authority (Thailand)
MSMIS	Medical Supplies Management Information System
MSMEs	Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises
MSU	Medical Statistics Unit
NAP	National Adaptation Plan
NAPHS	National Action Plan for Health Security
NBTSIS	National Blood Transfusion Information System
NCDs	Non-Communicable Diseases
NDCs	Nationally Determined Contributions
NDES	National Digital Economy Strategy 2030
NDHA	National Digital Health Authority (proposed)
NDQCL	National Drug Quality Control Laboratory

NDRSC	National Disaster Relief Services Centre
NDTP	National Digital Twin Programme (UK)
NEP	National Energy Policy and Strategies (Sri Lanka)
NEREC	National Education Research and Evaluation Centre
NFIS	National Financial Inclusion Strategy
NFC	Near Field Communication
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NHRIS	National Human Resources Management System
NIIS	Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology (US)
NMRA	National Medicines Regulatory Authority
NPP	National People's Power (Jathika Jana Balawegaya)
NRI	Network Readiness Index
NSDI	National Spatial Data Infrastructure
NSGM	National Smart Grid Mission (India)
NSW	National Single Window
NTC	National Transport Commission, Sri Lanka
NYSC	National Youth Services Council
OOL	Ordinary Level
OD	Origin-Destination
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLabs	Online Labs for Schools (India)
OPDIS	OPD Information System
OPR	Overnight Policy Rate
OSI	Online Service Index
P2P	Peer-to-Peer
PACS	Picture Archiving and Communication System
PAYG	Pay-As-You-Go
PCI-DSS	Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard
PDPA	Personal Data Protection Act
PDPC	Personal Data Protection Commission (Singapore)
PDHSs	Provincial Directors of Health Services
PFM	Public Financial Management
PHI	Public Health Inspector
PHM	Public Health Midwife
PHN	Patient Health Number
PHSRC	Private Health Services Regulatory Council
PIAAC	Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies
PMGDISHA	Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (Indian programme)
POS	Point-of-Sale
PPA	Registry of Agricultural Producers (Peru)
PPP	Public-Private Partnership

PRIMA	Private Medical Institutions Registration Act
PSM	Propensity Score Matching
PUCSL	Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
PV	Photovoltaic
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
QR	Quick Response (code)
QHRMS	Quarantine Health Record Management and Surveillance Systems
R&D	Research and Development
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
RDD	Rubber Development Department
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
RFP	Request for Proposal
RIMS	Rubber Information Management System
RPTA	Road Passenger Transport Authority
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SDFs	Significant Data Fiduciaries
SGD	Singapore Dollar
SHS	Solar Home Systems
SL-UDI	Sri Lanka Unique Digital Identification
SLIPS	Sri Lanka Interbank Payment System
SLMC	Sri Lanka Medical Council
SLSEA	Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority
SLT	Sri Lanka Telecom
SLTB	Sri Lanka Transport Board
SLTC	Sri Lanka Transit Card
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SMS	Short Message Service
SNR	Sustainable Natural Rubber
SOEs	State-Owned Enterprises
SPC	State Pharmaceutical Corporation
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary
STEM	Science, Technology, English, and Mathematics
TB	Terabyte
TCIAS	Treasury Computerised Accounting Information System
TEMS	Treasury Financial Management System
TFA	Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO)
TII	Telecommunication Infrastructure Index
Tn	Trillion
TNSW	Trade National Single Window
TOPIS	Transportation Operations Information System (South Korea)
TRCSL	Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

TSA	Treasury Single Account
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UDA	Urban Development Authority, Sri Lanka
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UPI	Unified Payments Interface (India)
US	United States
USD	United States Dollar
VAT	Value-Added Tax
VoIP	Voice-over-Internet-Protocol
VR	Virtual Reality
VTA	Vocational Training Authority
WAP	Wireless Application Protocol
WDI	World Development Indicators
WFH	Work From Home
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization