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# Microfinance and Development in Emerging Economies: An Alternative Financial Model for Advancing the SDGs

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## **List of Abbreviations**

APES	Aadhaar Enabled Payment System
APMC	Agricultural Produce Market Committee
BHIM	Bharat Interface for Money
CBLO	Collateralized Borrowing and Lending Obligation
CMC	Computer Maintenance Corporation
CMIE	Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSC	Common Service Centres
DAY	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana
FINTECH	Financial Technology
FPO	Follow on Public Offer
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
ILO	International Labour Organization
KYC	Know Your Customer
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
MFI	Microfinance Institution
MNREGA	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
MYRADA	Mysore Resettlement and Development Agency
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
NACH	National Automated Clearing House
NEFT	National Electronic Funds Transfer
NFS	National Financial Switch
NHM	National Health Mission
NICS	National Institute for Career Service
NOFN	National Optical Fibre Network
NPCI	National Payments Corporation of India
NRLM	National Rural Livelihood Mission
PAC	Producer Agricultural Companies

RBI	Return on Investment
RBV	Resource Based View
ROI	Return on Investment
RUPAY	Rupee and Payment
SBLP	Self Help Group Bank Linkage Programme
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SEBI	Securities and Exchange Board of India
SHG	Self Help Group
SSDG	State Portal and State Service Delivery Gateway
SWAN	State Wide Area Network
TAM	Technology Acceptance Model
UID	Unique Identity Number
UN	United Nation
UNDP	United Nation Development Programme
VRIO	Value, Rarity, Imitability and Organization

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### Preface

This book talks about the issues developing economies face in achieving sustainable development goals of poverty reduction. Within the developmental paradigm of poverty reduction through microfinance, this book highlights the temporal shift in policy framework prescribed by the United Nations and World Bank to tackle the issue of poverty, with customisation for developing nations. This book highlights the uniqueness of the microfinance programme adopted by India in terms of the blend of democratic participation of the poor within the framework of self-reliance through the generation of profits. Various microfinancing initiatives aimed at promoting self-reliance through financial literacy, entrepreneurship, skill development and financial discipline enforced through monitoring and supervision are at the forefront of the success of these initiatives. This book, for the first time, discusses in detail the uniqueness of the innovative welfare schemes adopted by the Indian Government.

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