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ABBREVIATIONS

A	
AAFI	Amateur Athletic Federation of India
ABC	Atomic, Biological and Chemical (warfare); American Broad-casting Company; Australian Broadcasting Company.
ABM	Anti Ballistic Missiles
ABVP	Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad
ACC	Auxiliary Cadet Corps; Air Coordinating Committee
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADC	Aide-de-Camp
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
AICTE	All India Council for Technical Education
AIDS	Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
AIMS	All India Institute of Medical Sciences
AITUC	All India Trade Union Congress
ALCMS	Air Launched Nuclear Armed Cruise Missiles
AMC	Army Medical Corps
ANCA	Alternative Nuclear Command Authority
ANN	Asian News Network
APPEAL	Asia-Pacific Programme of Education for ALL
APPLE	Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment
ASAT	Anti-Satellite Weapon
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
ASLV	Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle
ASPAC	Asian and Pacific Council
ASROCK	Anti-Submarine Rocket Launchers
ASSOCHAM	Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry
ATS	Anti-Tetanus Serum (injection)
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System

B	
BARC	Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BEL	Bharat Electronics Limited
BCG	Bacillus Calmette Guerin - Anti- Tuberculosis Vaccine
BHEL	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.
BIMSTEC	Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Economic Co-operation
BLT	Bado Liberation Tiger
BMR	Basal Metabolic Rate
BP	Blood Pressure
BRO	Border Road Organisation
BSF	Border Security Force

C	
CA	Chartered Accountant
CAG	Comptroller & Auditor General
CARE	Co-operation for American Relief Everywhere
CAT	Centre for Advanced Technology
CBI	Central Bureau of Investigation

CCI	Cricket Club of India
CDAC	Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
CDP	Community Development Programme
CHOGM	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (of U.S.A)
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CISF	Central Industrial Security Force
CMC	Computer Maintenance Corporation
CMIE	Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy
CNS	Chief of the Naval Staff
COD	Central Ordinance Depot
COFEPOSA	Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act
CPCSEA	Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals
CRPF	Central Reserve Police Force
CRR	Cash Reserve Ratio
CSCAP	Council For Security Co-operation for Asia Pacific
CSIR	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CSO	Central Statistical Organisation
CTBT	Comprehending Test Ban Treaty
CWC	Central Warehouse Corporation

D	
DAVP	Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity
DDT	Dichloro-Diphenyl Trichloro-ethane (disinfectant)
DNA	Deoxy ribo-Nuchie-Acid
DOD	Department of Ocean Development
DRDO	Defence Research & Development Organisation
DRES	Department of Renewable Energy Sources

E	
ECG	Electro Cardiogram
ECCG	Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation of India
ECIL	Electronic Corporation of India Limited
ECT	Electro-convulsat Therapy (electric shock treatment)
ECU	European Currency Unit
EEC	European Economic Community (Common Market)
EEG	Electro-encephalography
e.g.	exempli gratia; for example
EIL	Engineers India Limited
E-MAIL	Electronic Mailing
E & OE	Errors and Omissions Excepted

ERDA	Energy Research and Development Administration
ESA	European Space Agency
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESI	Employee State Insurance
ESMA	Essential Services Maintenance Act
EST	Eastern Standard Time
etc.	ett cetera (and other things)
EU	European Union
EVM	Electronic Voting Machine
EWS	Economically Weaker Section

F

FACT	Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd.
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation (of the U.S.A.)
FCI	Food Corporation of India
FDR	Flight Data Recorder
FERA	Foreign Exchange Regulation Act
FICCI	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
FTII	Film & Television Institute of India

G

GAIL	Gas Authority of India Limited
GATE	Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering
GATT	General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade
GDR	German Democratic Republic
GIC	General Insurance Corporation
GIST	Graphics & Intelligence based Script Technology
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
GM	Grand Master (Chess)
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
GNP	Gross National Product
GOC	General Officer Commanding
GOP	Grand Old Party
GSI	Geological Survey of India
GSLV	Geo Synchronous Launch Vehicle
GTB	Global Trust Bank Ltd.,

H

HAL	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
HBV	Hepatitis - B - Virus
HFDC	Housing Finance Development Corporation
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HUDCO	Housing and Urban Development Corporation

I

IAAI	International Airport Authority of India
IAC	Indian Airlines Corporation
IADF	International Agricultural Development Fund
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAMC	Indian Army Medical Corps
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
ICAR	Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ICBL	International Campaign to Ban Landmines
ICC	International Cricket Conference

ICF	International Court of Justice
ICCR	Indian Council of Cultural Relations
ICCW	Indian Council for Child Welfare
ICHR	Indian Council for Historical Research
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICICI	Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India
ICMR	Indian Council of Medical Research
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDA	International Development Association
IDBI	Industrial Development Bank of India
IDPL	Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., i.e. id est; that is
IEA	International Energy Agency
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFCI	Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd.
IFFCO	Indian Formers Fertilizers Co-operatives
IFTU	International Federations of Trade Unions
IGMOP	Integrated guided Missile Development Programme
IGNCA	Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts
IGNOU	Indira Gandhi National Open University
IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
ILO	International Labour Organisation
ILY	International Literacy Year
IMA	Indian Military Academy
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
INCOSPAR	Indian National Committee on Space Research
INMARSAT	International Maritime Satellite Organisation
INMAS	Institute of Nuclear Medicines & Allied Science
INS	Indian Naval Ship; Indian Newspaper Society
INSA	Indian National Science Academy
INSAT	Indian National Satellite
INTELEX	International Teleprinter Exchange
INTERPOL	International Police Organisation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IORARC	Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation
IRBM	Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
ISE	Inter-connected Stock Exchange
ISO	International Standards Organisation
ISRO	Indian Space Research Organisation
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ISS	International Space Stations
ISSP	Indian Scientific Satellite Project
ITDC	Indian Tourism Development Corporation
ITO	International Trade Organisation; Income-Tax Officer

J

JCO	Junior Commissioned Officer
JNU	Jawaharlal Nehru University
JP	Janata Party; Justice of Peace

K

KG	Kindergarten
Kg	Kilogramme

KPMF	Kothari Pioneer Mutual Fund
KRC	Konkan Railway Corporation
Kw	Kilowatt

L

LASER	Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LCA	Light Combat Aircraft
LED	Light-Emitting Diode
LIC	Life Insurance Corporations (of India)
LPG	Liquid Petroleum Gas
LTC	Leave Travel Concession
LTTE	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam

M

MAPP	Madras Atomic Power Project
MISA	Maintenance of Internal Security Act
MASER	Micro-wave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
MAT	Minimum Alternate Tax
MODVAT	Modified Value Added Tax
MRTPC	Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission

N

NAA	National Airport Authority
NABARD	National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development
NAEP	National Adult Education Programme
NAG	National Air Guard
NAM	Non-aligned Movement
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (of the U.S.A.)
NASSCOM	National Association of Software and Service Companies
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NCC	National Cadet Corps
NCEP	National Committee on Environment Planning
NCERT	National Council of Education Research and Training
NCM	National Commission of Minorities
NCRPB	National Capital Region Planning Board
NCSC & ST	National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
NDA	National Defence Academy
NDC	National Development Council
NDPS	Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances
NEP	National Education Policy
NEPA	National Environment Protection Authority
NFC	Nuclear Fuel Complex
NFDC	National Film Development Corporation
NIB	National Internet Backbone
NIC	National Integration Council
NICSAT	National Informatics Centre Satellite
NIFT	National Institute of Fashion Technology
NIO	National Institute of Oceanography
NIS	National Institute of Sports
NLM	National Literacy Mission
NLMA	National Literacy Mission Authority
NMDC	National Mineral Development Corporation
NNPT	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
NPC	National Productivity Council

NPP	National Population Policy
NPTC	National Power Transmission Corporation
NREP	National Rural Employment Programme
NRI	Non-resident Indian
NRSA	National Remote Sensing Agency
NSA	National Securities Act
NSC	National Statistical Commission
NSC	National Security Council
NSS	National Savings Scheme
N.S.C.	National Service Corps, National Security Council
NSG	National Security Guards
NSO	National Sports Organisation
NTC	National Textile Corporation
NTPC	National Thermal Power Corporation

O

OAU	Organisation of African Unity
OCS	Overseas Communication Service
OECD	Organisation Economic Co-operation and Development
OGL	Open General Licence
OIL	Oil India Limited
OM	Order of Merit
ONGC	Oil and Natural Gas Commission
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
OTS	Officers Training Academy

P

PAC	Political Affairs Committee; Public Accounts Committee
PDA	Preventive Detention Act
PERC	Political & Economic Risk Consultancy Ltd.,
PETA	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
PIB	Press Information Bureau
PIL	Public Interest Litigation
PIN Code	Postal Index Number Code
PIO	Persons of Indian Origin
PLO	Palestine Liberations Organisation
PROM	Programmable Read Only Memory
PSLV	Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle
PTA	Preferential Trade Area
PTI	Press Trust of India
PVC	Param Vir Chakra
PVSM	Param Vishisht Sewa Medal

Q

QMC	Quarter Master General
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R

RADAR	Radio Detecting and Ranging
RAM	Random Access Memory
RAW	Research and Analysis Wing
RBI	Reserve Bank of India
RCI	Rehabilitation Council of India
REC	Rural Electrification Corporation
RLO	Returned Letter Office
RPF	Railway Protection Force
RPM	Revolution Per Minute
RRB	Railway Recruitment Board
RSS	Rashtriya Swyamsevak Sangh

S	
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation
SAI	Sports Authority of India
SAIDC	South African Industrial Development Corporation
SAIL	Steel Authority of India Limited
SALT	Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (or Treaty)
SAPTA	South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SARSAT	Search and Rescue Satellite - Aided Tracking System
SAVE	SAARC Audio Visual Exchange
SEATO	South East Asia Treaty Organisation
SEBI	Securities and Exchange Board of India
SENSEX	Sensitivity Index of Share Price
SEMIBOMBLA	Scheme of the Economists for Monetary Immobilisation through Bond Medallions and Blocked Accounts
SFC	Strategic Forces Command
SHCIL	Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd
SIDBI	Small Industries Development Bank of India
SIEMA	Southern India Engineering Manufacturers' Association
SINP	Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics
SIT	Special Investigation Team
SOS	Save Our Souls - distress signal
SPCA	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
SPG	Special Protection Group
SPIC	Southern Petro-Chemical Industrial Corporation
SROSS	Stretched Rohini Satellite Series
SSI	Small Scale Industry
STARS	Satellite Tracking and Ranging Station
START	Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty
STC	State Trading Corporation
STD	Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Subscriber's Trunk Dialling
SWAPO	South-West African People's Organisation
T	
TAAI	Travel Agents Association of India
TADA	Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act
TANSI	Tamil Nadu Small Industries Corporation
TAPS	Tarapur Atomic Power Station
TCAS	Tactical Collision Avoidance System
TDA	Trade Development Authority
TELEX	Teletypewriter Exchange
TIFAC	Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council
TISCO	Tata Iron and Steel Company
TNAU	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
TNCSC	Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation
TNT	Tri-nitro-toluene (high explosive)
TNV	Tripura National Volunteers
TRYSEM	Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment
U	
UGC	University Grants Commission

UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEF	United Nations Emergency Force
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNFPA	UN Fund for Population Activities
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNI	United News of India
UNIC	United Nations Information Centre
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's (Emergency) Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
UNMOGIP	United Nations Observer Group in India and Pakistan
UNSCOM	United National Special Commission
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USIS	United States Information Service
UTI	Unit Trust of India

V	
VAT	Value Added Tax
VCR	Video Cassette Recorder
VHD	Vishwa Hindu Parishad
VHRR	Very High Resolution Radiometer
VOA	Voice of America
VPP	Value Payable Post
VRDE	Vehicle Research & Development Establishment

W	
WAY	World Assembly of Youth
WBF	World Book Fair
WCD	World Commission of Dams
WEF	World Economic Forum
WFP	World Food Programme
WFTU	World Federation of Trade Unions
WHO	World Health Organisation (of the U.N.)
WMO	World Meteorological Organisation
WPI	Wholesale Price Index
WTO	World Tourism Organisation
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

X	
X-mas	Christmas

Y	
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

Z	
ZETA	Zero Energy Thermo-nuclear Assembly or Apparatus
ZOPFAN	Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality
ZS	Zoological Society