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List of Abbreviations

AFMC	Armed Forces Medical College
AIADMK	All-India Anna Dravid Munnetra Kazhagam
AIBMAC	All-India Babri Masjid Action Committee
AICC	All-India Congress Committee
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
BKD	Bharatiya Kranti Dal
BSF	Border Security Force
CAG	Comptroller and Auditor General
CBI	Central Bureau of Investigation
CME	College of Military Engineering
CPB	Congress Parliamentary Board
CPI	Communist Party of India
CPI(M)	Communist Party of India (Marxist)
CRPF	Central Reserve Police Force
CWC	Congress Working Committee
DM	District Magistrate
DMK	Dravid Munnetra Kazhagam
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNP	Gross National Product
HDI	Human Development Index
<i>HIE</i>	<i>Hindu International Edition</i>
IA	Indian Airlines
IAF	Indian Air Force
IAS	Indian Administrative Service
ICS	Indian Civil Service
IFS	Indian Foreign Service
IMA	Indian Military Academy
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IOU	Index of Opposition Unity
IPS	Indian Police Service
MLA	Member of Legislative Assembly

MLC	Member of Legislative Council
MP	Member of Parliament
MRTTP	Monopolies and Trade Practices Act
NDA	National Defence Academy
NIEO	New International Economic Order
NSA	National Security Act
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
<i>OHT</i>	<i>Overseas Hindustan Times</i>
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PAC	Public Accounts Committee
PCC	Pradesh Congress Committee
PPP	Purchasing Power Parities
PQLI	Physical Quality of Life Index
PSC	Public Service Commission
PSU	Public Sector Undertaking
RAW	Research and Analysis Wing
RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
SDO	Sub-Divisional Officer
SGPC	Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee
SP	Superintendent of Police
<i>SW</i>	<i>Statesman Weekly</i>
TADA	Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act
<i>TOI</i>	<i>Times of India</i>
UK	United Kingdom
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNO	United Nations Organisation
UP	Uttar Pradesh
UPSC	Union Public Service Commission
US	United States
VHP	Vishwa Hindu Parishad

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