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Abbreviation	Stands For
AAFI	Amateur Athletics Federation of India
AAPSO	Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation
AASU	All Assam Students Union
ABM	Anti Ballistic Missile
AC	Alternate Current OR Air Conditioner
ACC	Ancillary Cadet Core
AD	Ano Domini (After the birth of Jesus)
ADB	Asian Development Bank.
AERE	Atomic Energy Research Establishment
AGOC	Asian Games Organisation Committee
AICC	All India Congress Committee
AICTE	All India Council of Technical Education
AIDS	Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
AIFE	All India Football Federation
AIIMS	All India Institute of Medical Sciences
AIL	Aeronautics India Limited
AIMPLB	All India Muslim Personal Law Board
AIR	All India Radio (Broadcasting)
AITUE	All India Trade Union Congress
AM	Anti Meridian (Before Noon)
ANC	African National Congress
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
APSC	Army Postal Services Core
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
ASLV	Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle
ASI	Archaeological Survey of India
ASSOCHAM	Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (India)
ASWAC	Airborne Surveillance Warning and Control
ATS	Anti Tetanus Serum
BAMS	Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery
BARC	Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BC	Before Christ (Before the birth of Jesus)
BCG	Bacillus Calmette Guerin (Anti TB Vaccine)
BCCI	Board of Control for Cricket in India
BEL	Bharat Electronics Limited
BENELUX	Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg
BHEL	Bharat Heavy Electronics Limited
BIFR	Board of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction (Formerly Industrial Reconstruction Finance Board)
BIMSTEC	Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand Economic Cooperation
BIS	Bureau of Indian Standards
B Pharma	Bachelor of Pharmacy
BSF	Border Security Force
CAD	Command Area Development
CAG	Comptroller and Auditor General
CARE	Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere
CASE	Commission for Alternative Sources of Energy
CBI	Central Bureau of Investigation
CBSE	Central. Board of Secondary Education
CCEA	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

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CCS	Cabinet Committee on Security
C-DAC	Centre For Development of Advance Computing
CDMA	Code Division Multiple Access
CDRI	Central Drug Research Institute
CHOGM	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CISF	Central Industrial Security Force
CITU	Centre of Indian Trade Unions
CLAT	Common Law Admission Test (Started May 2008)
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
COD	Central Ordnance Depot
COFEPOSA	Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Act
CPO	Central Passport Organisation
CPRI	Central Power Research Institute
CRPF	Central Reserve Police Force
CRR	Cash Reserve Ratio
CSIR	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
CSO	Central Statistical Organisation
CTS	Computerised Tomography Scanner
CVC	Central Vigilance Commission
DDT	Dichloro Diphenyle Tri-chloroethane
DFDR	'Digital Flight Data Recorder (Black box)'
DIG	Deputy Inspector General
D. Lit.	Doctor of Literature
DM	District Magistrate
DMK	Dravida Munetra Kazhagam
DNA	Di-oxyribo-Nucleic Acid
DPAP	'Drought Prone Area Programme
DPC	Dabhol Power Company
DRDO	Defence Research and Development Organisation
DTH	Direct to Home
DVD	Digital Versatile Disk
EAS	Employment Assurance Scheme
ECD	European Central Bank
ECG	Electro Cardiogram
EEC	European Economic Community
EEG	Electro Encephalogram
ELISA	Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbent Assay
EMF	Electromotive Force
EPABX	Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchange
EPZ	Export Processing Zone
ERDA	Energy Research and Development Administration
ESMA	Essential Services Maintenance Act
EVM	Electronic Voting Machine
EXIM Bank	Export-Import Bank of India
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation (USA)
FBTR	Fast Breeder Test Reactor
FCI	Food Corporation of India / Fertilizer Corporation of India
FDR	Flight Data Recorder (Black Box)
FERA	Foreign Exchange Regulation Act

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FEMA	Foreign Exchange Management Act
FICCI	Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry
FIPB	Foreign Investment Promotion Board
FIR	First Information Report
FRS	Fellow of the Royal Society
FTII	Films and Television Institute of India
FTZ	Free Trade Zone
GAIL	Gas Authority of India Limited
GATT	General Agreement on Tariff and Trade
GIC	General Insurance Corporation
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time
GNLF	Gorkha National Liberation Front
GNP	Gross National Product
GPF	General Provident Fund
GPO	General Post Office
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSI	Geological Survey of India
HAC	Hindustan Aluminium Corporation
HAL	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
HCF	Highest Common Factor
HDFC	Housing Development Finance Corporation
HIV	Human Immuno-deficiency Virus
HMT	Hindustan Machine Tools
HUDCO	Housing and Urban Development Corporation
HYVS	High Yield Variety Seeds
IAAI	International Airport Authority of India
IAC	Indian Airlines Corporation
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IARI	Indian Agricultural Research Institute
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
ICAR	Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ICBM	Inter Continental Ballistic Missile
ICC	International Cricket Council
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
ICICI	Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICMR	Indian Council of Medical Research
ICSI	Indian Company Secretaries Institute
IDA	International Development Agency
IDBI	Industrial Development Bank of India
IDO	International Defence Organisation
IDPL	Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited
IFA	Indian Football Association
IFCI	Industrial Finance Corporation of India
IFFI	International Film Festival of India
IFFCO	Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative
IFTU	International Federation of Trade Unions
IIPA	Indian Institute of Public Administration
IIS	Indian Institute of Sciences
IISCO	Indian Iron and Steel Company
IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
ILO	International Labour Organisation

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IMA	Indian Military Academy
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGCA	Indira Gandhi Gallery for Culture and Art
INS	Indian Naval Ship
INSAT	Indian National Satellite
INTELSAT	International Telecommunication Satellite
INTERPOL	International Police Organisation
INTUC	Indian National Trade Union Congress
IOC	International Olympic Committee / Indian Oil Corporation
IPC	Indian Penal Code
IPKF	Indian Peace Keeping Force
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
IRBM	Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
IRC	International Red Cross
IRDA	Insurance Regulatory Development Authority
IRDP	Integrated Rural Development Programme
ISB	Indian Standard Bureau
ISM	Indian School of Mines
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
ISP	Internet Services Provider
ISRO	Indian Space Research Organisation
IST	Indian Standard Time
ITBP	Indo-Tibet Border Police
ITDC	Indian Tourism Development Corporation
ITPO	Indian Trade Promotion Organisation
ITO	International Trade Organisation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resource
ITUC	Indian Trade Union Congress
JMM	Jharkhand Mukti Morcha
KG	Kinder Garten
LASER	Light Amplification By Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LIC	Life Insurance Corporation of India
LLB	Bachelor of Law
LLM	Master of Law
LMG	Light Machine Gun
LoC	Line of Control (Pakistan)
LoAC	Line of Actual Control (China)
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LSD	Lysergic acid diethylamide
LTTE	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam
MA	Master of Arts
MASER	Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MBBS	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
MBT	Main Battle Tank
MCA	Monetary Compensatory Allowance / Master of Computer Application
MCC	Melbourne Cricket Club
MD	Doctor of Medicine
MFN	Most Favoured Nation
MI	Military Intelligence
MISA	Maintenance of Internal Security Act
MIT	Mechachusates Institute of Technology (USA)

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MLA	Member of Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of Legislative Council
MNC	Multi National Corporation
MRCP	Member of Royal College of Physicians
MRCS	Member of Royal College of Surgeons
MRTPC	Monopoly and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission
MODVAT	Modified Value Added Tax
NABARD	National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development
NACO	National AIDS Control Organisation
NAEP	National Adult Education Programme
NAFED	National Agricultural and Marketing Federation
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NAPP	Narora Atomic Power Plant
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA)
NASDAQ	National Association of Security Dealer's Active Quotation
NASSCOM	National Association of Software & Service Companies
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NCW	National Commission for Women
NCCR	National Council for Civil Right
NCERT	National Council of Educational Research & Training
NDA	National Defence Academy
NDDB	National Dairy Development Board
NDF	National Defence Fund.
NEERI	National Environment Engineering Research Institute
NEFA	North-East Frontier Agency
NEPA	National Environment Protection Authority
NFDC	National Film Development Corporation
NFL	National Fertilizer Limited
NHRC	National Human Rights Commission
NICO	New Information and Communication Order
NIDC	National Industrial Development Corporation
NIIT	National Institute of Information Technology
NIMHANS	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences
NITIE	National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering
NMDS	National Missile Defence System (US)
NMEP	National Malaria Eradication Programme
NOIDA	New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
NPC	National Productivity Council
NPP	National Population Policy
NPT	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
NRDC	National Research and Development Corporation
NREP	National Rural Employment Programme
NRI	Non Resident Indian
NSC	National Security Council
NSSO	National Sample Survey Organisation
NTC	National Textile Corporation
NTPC	National Thermal Power Corporation
OGI	Open General Licence
OIL	Oil India Limited
OK	All Correct
ONGC	Oil and Natural Gas Commission
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

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PCI	Press Council of India
PCS	Provincial Civil Services
Ph. D	Doctor of Philosophy
PIN	Postal Index Number
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organisation
PM	Post Meridian / Prime Minister
POTA	Prevention of Terrorism Act
PSLV	Polar. Satellite Launch Vehicle
PTI	Press Trust of India
PRO	Public Relations Officer
PTO	Please Turn Over
PVC	Poly Vinyl Chloride / Paramvir Chakra
PVSM	Param Vishisht Seva Medal
PWD	Public Work's Department
PWG	People's War Group
QED	Quod Erat Demonstrandum (Which was to be proved)
QEF	Quod Erat Faciendum (Which was to be done)
QEI	Quod Erat Inveniendum (Which was to be found)
QMG	Quarter Master General
RADAR	Radio Angle Direction and Range
RAW	Research and Analysis Wing
R & D	Research and Development
RBI	Reserve Bank of India
RCC	Reinforced Cement Concrete
RDX	Research Developed Explosive
RIMC	Rashtriya Indian Military College
RMS	Railway Mail Service
RLEGP	Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme
RNA	Ribonucleic Acid
RPM	Revolutions Per Minute
RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
RTO	Regional Transport Officer
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAC	Space Application Centre
SAFTA	South Asian Free Trade Agreement
SAI	Sports Authority of India
SAIL	Steel Authority of India Limited
SAPTA	South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SC	Security Council/Supreme Court
SCI	Shipping Corporation of India
SCOPE	Standing Conference of Public Enterprises
SCRA	Special Class Railway Apprentice
SDR	Special Drawing Rights
SEBI	Security Exchange Board of India
SGPC	Siromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee
SHAR	Shri Harikota Range
SIDBI	Small Industries Development Bank of India
SIS	Secret Intelligence Service (U.K)
SITA	Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act
SLV	Satellite Launch Vehicle
SPCA	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals

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SPICMC	Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical music and culture
STARS	Satellite Tracking and Ranging Station
STD	Subscribers Trunk Dialing
STPI	Software Technology Parks of India
SWAPO	South West African People's Organisation
TA	Travelling Allowance / Territorial Army
TELCO	Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company
TELEX	Teleprinter Exchange
TISCO	Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited
TNT	Tri-nitro-toluene
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
TRAI	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
TRIPS	Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights
TTE	Travelling Ticket Examiner
TTFI	Table Tennis Federation of India
TWA	Trans World Airlines (USA)
UDC	Upper Division Clerk
UFO	Unidentified Flying Object
UGC	University Grants Commission
UHT	Ultra High Temperature
ULFA	United Liberation Front of Assam
UNASUR	Union of South American Nations (Spanish: Unión de Naciones Suramericanas)
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEF	United Nations Emergency Force
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Economic Social and Cultural Organisation
UNFPA	United Nations for Population Activities
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNI	United News of India
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNO	United Nations Organisation
UPS	Uninterrupted Power Supply
UPSC	Union Public Service Commission
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republic
UTI	Unit Trust of India
VAT	Value Added Tax
VDIS	Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme
VC	Vice-Chancellor / Victoria Cross
VIP	Very Important Person
VPP	Value Payable Post
VRS	Voluntary Retirement Scheme
VSNL	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited
VSSC	Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
WEF	World Economic Forum
WHO	World Health Organisation
WILL	Wireless in Local Loop
WMO	World Meteorological Organisation
WWF	World Wild Life Fund
WPI	Wholesale Price Index
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WWF	World Wild Life Fund for Nature

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WWW	World Wide Web
YMCA	Young Men's Christians Association
YWCA	Young Women's Christians Association
ZBB	Zero Based Budgeting
ZSI	Zoological Survey of India