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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

BBC	:	British Brocasting Corporation
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CD-ROM	:	Compact Disk Read Only Memory
DDC	:	District Development Committee
DDP	:	District Development Plan
FEE	:	Foreign Exchange Earning
FTA	:	Foreign Tourist Arrivals
FY	:	Fiscal Year
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
LDE	:	Landscape Development and Environment
NRB	:	Nepal Rastra Bank
NTB	:	Nepal Tourism Board
SAARCE	:	South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation
UN	:	United Nation
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WTO	:	World Tourism Organization