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# ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABC	-	Annapurna Base Camp
ACAP	-	Annapurna Conservation Area Project
ATM	_	Automatic Telling Machine
BRS	-	Barshey Rhododendron Sanctuary
CDG	-	Central Department of Geography
ECOSS	_	Eco-tourism and Conservation Society of Sikkim
GPU	_	Gram Panchayat Unit
ICAO	_	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICIMOD	_	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ILP	_	Inner Line Permits
INGO	_	International Non-Government Organization
IPR	_	Information and Public Relations
ITDC	_	Indian Tourism Development Corporation
KBR	_	Kanchendzonga Biosphere Reserve
KNP	_	Kanchendzonga National Park
LPRC	_	Landuse Planning Regional Centre
NBSS	_	National Bureau of Soil Survey
NGO	_	Non-Government Organization
NRIT	_	Namgyal Research Institute of Tibetology
PRA	_	Participatory Rural Appraisal
PWD	_	Public Works Department
RAP	_	Restricted Area Permits
RCC	_	Reinforced Cement Concrete
RDD	_	Rural Development Department
RIT	_	Research Institute of Tibetology
SSKS	_	Sopakha Samaj Kalyan Samiti
STDC	_	State Tourism Development Corporation
TIES	_	The International Eco-tourism Society
TUCL	_	Tribhuvan University Central Library
UETDA	_	Uttarey Eco-tourism Development Association
UHMI	_	Union Home Ministry of India
UN	_	United Nations
UNESCO	_	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
		Organization
VDC	_	Village Development Committee

WTO	_	World Tourism Organization
WTTC	_	World Travel and Tourism Council