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Abbreviations

A.D. : Anno Domini

CEDA : Center for Economic Development and Administration

Dr. : Doctor

DT : Direct Tax

e.g. : For Example

ed. : Edition

Eds. : Editors

etc. : and others

FDB : Forest Development Board

FNCCI : Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce and Industry

FY : Fiscal year

GON : Government of Nepal

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

HRLRT : House Rent and Land Revenue Tax

I.D. : the same

i.e. : that is

I.T. : Income Tax

IDT. : Indirect Tax

IRD : Inland Revenue Department

KTM. : Katmandu

Ltd. : Limited

LRRF : Land Revenue and Registration Fees

MBA : Master in Business Administration

MBS : Master of Business Studies

MOF : Ministry of Finance

Mr. : Mister

Mrs. : Mistress

No. : Number

PP : Page(s)

Pvt. : Private

Rs. : Rupees

S.N. : Serial Number

T.U. : Tribhuvan University

TR. : Total Revenue

TTR. : Total Tax Revenue

VAT : Value Added Tax

viz. : Namely

Vol./Vols. : Volume(s)

vs. : Versus, against