

## Annotated list of abbreviations as they are often used in Nepali media

updated: 19/03/2019

(This annotated list is updated regularly)

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| AAP    | Administrative Aptitude Test; the entrance test for government job seekers   |
| ACAP   | <a href="#">Annapurna Conservation Area Project</a> ; a project by the NTNC on conservation and development in the Annapurna region started in 1986 by local population  |
| ACD    | <a href="#">Asia Cooperation Dialogue</a> ; an intergovernmental body aiming to promote interdependence among Asian countries  |
| ACORAB | <a href="#">Association of Community Radio Broadcasters</a>  |
| ADB    | <a href="#">Asian Development Bank</a> ; the leading Asian development bank  |
| ADBL   | <a href="#">Agricultural Development Bank Limited</a> ; eine nepalische Kreditbank, gegründet 1968   |
| ADDCN  | <a href="#">Association of District Development Committees of Nepal</a>  |
| AEPC   | <a href="#">Alternative Energy Promotion Centre</a> ; an institution under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment   |
| AFFON  | <a href="#">Association of Family Forest Owners Nepal</a>  |
| AFU    | <a href="#">Agriculture and Forestry University</a> ; established in 2010 in Rampur, Chitwan Distrikt  |
| AHRC   | <a href="#">Asian Human Rights Commission</a> ; an independent NGO based in Hongkong   |
| AHW    | Auxiliary Health Workers   |
| AIC    | <a href="#">Agriculture Inputs Company</a>   |
| AIG    | Additional Inspector General of Police; second rank in police service (One star pip, crossed Khukuri and police baton within a wreath of leaves)   |
| AIIB   | <a href="#">Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank</a> ; an Asian investment bank established in 2015  |
| AIM    | <a href="#">Alliance for Independent Madhesh</a> , founded by Dr. Chandra Kanta Raut; transformed into Janamat Party on 18 March 2019  |
| AIN    | <a href="#">Association of International NGOs in Nepal</a>   |
| AIRC   | Agreement Implementation and Recommendation Commission   |
| AJRA   | Adibasi Janajati Rastriya Andolan; an alliance of leftist and ethnic parties and organisations founded in autumn 2014. Its aim has been the prevention of renewed exclusion of Janajati and Madhesi groups in the writing process of the new constitution by the ruling parties of NC and CPN-UML. History has already proved its failure. |
| AMP    | Aid Management Platform; a software application that is meant to file the aid funds of donor donations   |
| ANM    | Auxiliary Nurse Midwife  |
| AOAN   | <a href="#">Airline Operators Association of Nepal</a>   |
| APF    | <a href="#">Armed Police Force</a> ; founded in 2001 as an interlink between army and police in their fight against the then Maoist insurgents   |
| APHIN  | Association of Private Health Institutions of Nepal  |
| AWC    | <a href="#">Accountability Watch Committee</a> ; a committee to coordinate the activities of human rights organisations and civil society  |

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| BAFI   | Banks and Financial Institutions  |
| BAFIA  | Banks and Financial Institutions Act  |
| BBIN   | Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal; an intra-regional connectivity initiative   |
| BFI    | Banks and Financial Institutions  |
| BJP    | <a href="#">Bharatiya Janata Party</a> ; a Hindu oriented Indian party, currently in government   |
| BNAC   | <a href="#">Britain-Nepal Academic Council</a>  |
| BPKF   | <a href="#">B. P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation</a> ; established in 1991; aims at promoting cultural linkages between India and Nepal by fostering art, literature, intellectual discourse and a host of multi-dimensional aspects pertaining to the culture and livelihood of both nations |
| BPKIHS | <a href="#">BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences</a> ; one of the leading health academies of Nepal, placed in Dharan  |
| BPKMCH | <a href="#">BP Koirala Memorial Cancer Hospital</a> , in Bharatpur  |
| BPPMDC | Buddhist Philosophy Promotion and Monastery Development Committee   |
| BRI    | Belt and Road Initiative; a development strategy proposed by China  |
| BRT    | Bus Rapid Transit   |
| CA     | <a href="#">Constituent Assembly</a>  |
| CAAN   | <a href="#">Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal</a>   |
| CAN    | 1. <a href="#">Computer Association of Nepal</a> , formed in May 1992 but formally registered in December 1992 and later registered as Federation of Computer Association Nepal (CAN Federation) in January 2015<br>2. <a href="#">Cricket Association of Nepal</a>                           |
| CBS    | <a href="#">Central Bureau of Statistics</a> , Government of Nepal  |
| CC     | Central Committee   |
| CCWB   | <a href="#">Central Child Welfare Board</a> ; a statutory body under the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare   |
| CDC    | Constituency Delimitation Commission; formed on 20 July 2017 as demanded by the constitution of 2015  |
| CDO    | Chief District Officer  |
| CDP    | Constituency Development Programme  |
| CDSCL  | <a href="#">Central Depository System and Clearing Ltd.</a> ; a company promoted by Nepal Stock Exchange Limited (NEPSE) in 2010 to provide centralized depository, clearing and settlement services in Nepal   |
| CEB    | Central Examination Board   |
| CEC    | Chief Election Commissioner   |
| CEDAW  | 1. <a href="#">Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women</a><br>2. <a href="#">Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women</a> ; a UN expert body established in 1982 composed of 23 experts on women's issues from around the world        |
| CEF    | Cardamom Entrepreneurs Federation   |
| CEO    | Chief Executive Officer   |
| CGT    | Capital Gain Tax  |
| CHD    | Child Health Division   |

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| CIAA    | <a href="#">Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority</a> ; Nepals Antikorruptions-Kommission  |
| CIB     | <a href="#">Central Investigation Bureau of Nepal</a> ; eine Einrichtung der nepalischen Polizei  |
| CIEDP   | Commission of Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons; formed in 2015 on the basis of the TRC law to investigate into the forceful disappearance of people at the time of the Maoist insurgency (1996-2006)   |
| CISP    | Constituency Infrastructure Special Programme   |
| CIT     | <a href="#">Citizen Investment Trust</a> ; established in 1991 in order to expand investment opportunities by encouraging general public to save capital and to bring dynamism in the development of capital market in the country  |
| CIVICUS | A global alliance of civil society organisations and activists dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world   |
| CJ      | Chief Justice; the preciding justice of the Supreme Court (SC)  |
| CJF     | Constitutional and Judicial Journalists Forum   |
| CLPIU   | Central Level Project Implementation Unit   |
| CMmCC   | Curriculum Management and Monitoring Central Committee  |
| CNI     | <a href="#">Confederation of Nepalese Industries</a>  |
| CNP     | <a href="#">Chitwan National Park</a>   |
| COMS    | <a href="#">College of Medical Sciences</a>   |
| COSCAP  | Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme  |
| CPA     | <a href="#">Comprehensive Peace Agreement</a> between the Nepali state and the Maoist party, concluded on November 21, 2006, as basis of the process of peace and restoration   |
| CPIU    | Central Project Implementation Unit; an institution under the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development   |
| CPN-M   | Communist Party of Nepal – Maoist; original (1995-2009 ) name of the current CPN-MC (until May 2016 UCPN-M); since June 2012 again the party name of the radical section that split from the UCPN-M under the lead of Mohan Baidya  |
| CPN-MC  | <a href="#">Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre)</a> ; name of the former UCPN-M after it joined with other parties and factions in May 2016  |
| CPN-UML | <a href="#">Communist Party of Nepal – Unified Marxist-Leninist</a> ; one of the three leading political parties of Nepal; today, the party is more social-democratic than communist and also has a number of very conservative leaders; founded in January 1991 when CPN (Marxist) und CPN (Marxist-Leninist) merged |
| CPN(M)  | Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist); a radical section of the UCPN-M that split from the mother party in 2009 under the lead of Matrika Yadav   |
| CPNRM   | Communist Party of Nepal Revolutionary Maoist; one of the splinter Maoist groups that rejoined the UCPN-M (then CPN-MC) in May 2016   |
| CPR     | Contraceptive Prevalence Rate   |
| CRM     | Complaint Response Mechanism; introduced at public schools to address problems of girl students   |
| CRMSAP  | Customs Reform and Modernisation Strategies and Action Plan (2017-21); to implement the provisions of Revised Kyoto Convention by DoC   |
| CSDCR   | Committee to Study and Determine Constitutional Records, one of the five committees of the CA   |

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| CSO             | Civil Society Organisation  |
| CSR             | Corporate Social Responsibility   |
| CTEVT           | <a href="#">Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training</a>   |
| CTMCC           | Chure Tarai-Madhes Conservation Committee   |
| CVCP            | <a href="#">Conflict Victims Common Platform</a> ; an alliance of 17 organisations representing the victims who suffered at the hand of rebels and the state during a decade-long insurgency  |
| CWC             | Central Working Committee   |
| DADO            | District Agriculture Development Office   |
| DAO             | District Administration Office  |
| DATC            | District Technical Assistance Committee   |
| DCP             | Development Cooperation Policy  |
| DDA             | Department of Drug Administration   |
| DDB             | Darbarmarg Development Board  |
| DDC             | 1. District Development Committee: means the administrative unit of the district as well as the district council that is elected by municipalities and VDCs of a district<br>2. <a href="#">Dairy Development Corporation</a> ; a public enterprise |
| DECONT          | Democratic Confederation of Nepalese Trade Unions; an association of trade unions that split in 1997 from NTUC; in 2008 DECONT reunited with the NTUC under the name Nepal Trade Union Congress – Independent zusammen                              |
| DEO             | District Education Office   |
| DFAT            | <a href="#">Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</a> , Australia   |
| DFID            | <a href="#">UK Department for International Development</a>   |
| DG              | Director General  |
| DHM             | <a href="#">Department of Hydrology and Meteorology</a> ; a department of Ministry of Population & Environment  |
| DIG             | Deputy Inspector General of Police; third rank in police service (Crossed Khukuri and police baton within a wreath of leaves)   |
| DLB Bank        | <a href="#">Deprosc Laghubitta Bikas Bank Ltd</a>   |
| DMLI            | <a href="#">Department of Money Laundering Investigation</a> (Nepali website)   |
| DNF             | <a href="#">Dalit NGO Federation</a> ; an umbrella organization of all Dalit NGOs in the country  |
| DNPWC           | <a href="#">Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation</a>  |
| DoA             | <a href="#">Department of Archaeology</a>   |
| DoC             | <a href="#">Department of Customs</a> ; under Ministry of Finance   |
| DoCR            | <a href="#">Department of Civil Registration</a> ; under the Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development  |
| DoFE            | <a href="#">Department of Foreign Employment</a> ; under the Ministry of Labour and Employment  |
| DoHS            | <a href="#">Department of Health Services</a>   |
| DoMG            | Department of Mines and Geology   |
| DoP             | <a href="#">Department of Passport</a> ; a department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  |
| DoR             | <a href="#">Department of Roads</a>   |
| DoSM / DoSMPCI) | <a href="#">Department Of Supply Management And Protection Of Consumers Interest</a> ; under  |

|       |  |
|-------|--|
|       | the Ministry of Supplies   |
| DoTM  | <a href="#">Department of Transport Management</a>   |
| DPHO  | District Public Health Office  |
| DPR   | Detailed Project Report  |
| DRI   | Department of Revenue Investigation; a department of the Ministry of Finance, established in 1994  |
| DRILP | Decentralized Rural Infrastructure and Livelihood Project; an ADP financed project to reduce rural poverty in 18 rural hill and mountain districts   |
| DRR   | Disaster Risk Reduction  |
| DRS   | Dispute Resolution Subcommittee; one of the committees of the first CA   |
| DSCWM | <a href="#">Department of Soil Conservation and Watershed Management</a> , a department of the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation   |
| DSP   | Deputy Superintendent of police; sixth rank in police service (One star pip, crossed Khukuri and police baton)   |
| E-BPS | <a href="#">Electronic-Building Permit System</a> (link is related to the Kathmandu E-BPS)   |
| EBC   | Everest Base Camp  |
| EC    | 1. <a href="#">Election Commission</a><br>2. European Commission   |
| ECAN  | <a href="#">Education Consultancy Association of Nepal</a> ; an umbrella organisation of education consultancies across the country  |
| ECDC  | Early Childhood Development Centre   |
| ECDP  | Election Constituency Development Program; proposed by the NC in 2014 as a institution to run development projects in the election constituencies under the lead of the MP elected with funds of 50 million Rupees; in other words: further extreme politicisation of the development sector |
| ECTS  | Electronic Cargo Tracking System; introduced on the route between Kolkata and Nepal in January 2018  |
| EDCD  | Epidemiology and Disease Control Division  |
| eGMP  | e-Government Master Plan   |
| EIA   | Environmental Impact Assessment  |
| EIB   | <a href="#">European Investment Bank</a>   |
| EPCCC | Environment Protection and Climate Change Council; established by the Ministry of Population and Environment   |
| EPF   | <a href="#">Employees Provident Fund</a> (Karmachari Sanachaya Kosh); a fund of all Army and Police personnel, Civil servants, employees of state owned Corporations, and teachers of Governments Schools in Nepal   |
| EPG   | Eminent Persons' Group; formed on July 2016 to suggest the government to strengthen the bilateral ties and to review the past treaties and agreements between Nepal and India  |
| ERF   | Economic Revival Fund; a Rs 100 billion fund launched by the government to revive productive sector  |
| ETFC  | Electricity Tariff Fixation Commission   |
| FAN   | <a href="#">Floriculture Association of Nepal</a> , established in 1992  |
| FCAN  | <a href="#">Federation of Contractors' Associations of Nepal</a>   |

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| FCGO     | <a href="#">Financial Comptroller General Office</a> ; the main government agency responsible for the treasury operation of government  |
| FECOFUN  | <a href="#">Federation of Community Forestry Users, Nepal</a> ; a network of forest user groups   |
| FEDWASUN | <a href="#">Federation of Drinking Water and Sanitation Users Nepal</a> ; a people based umbrella organization of drinking water and sanitation user's groups in Nepal - See more at: <a href="http://www.fedwasun.org/#sthash.C1AfO53m.dpuf">http://www.fedwasun.org/#sthash.C1AfO53m.dpuf</a> |
| FEEN     | <a href="#">Federation of Electrical Entrepreneurs of Nepal</a>   |
| FEFVEN   | Federation of Fruits and Vegetable Entrepreneurs Nepal  |
| FfW      | Food for Work   |
| FHAN     | <a href="#">Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal</a> ; established in 1972  |
| FINGO    | Financial Intermediary Non-governmental Organisations   |
| FITTA    | <a href="#">Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act</a> , 1992   |
| FIU      | <a href="#">Financial Information Unit</a> , Nepal's financial intelligence unit  |
| FLPN     | Federal Limbuwan Party Nepal  |
| FNCN     | Federation of National Christian, Nepal   |
| FNCSI    | <a href="#">Federation of Nepali Cottage and Small Industries</a>   |
| FNJ      | <a href="#">Federation of Nepali Journalists</a> ; umbrella organisation of Nepali journalists  |
| FONIJ    | <a href="#">Federation of Nepalese Indigenous Journalists</a> ; an organisation of journalists from ethnic groups   |
| FPO      | Further Public Offering   |
| FRA      | 1. Federal Republican Alliance; in 2014 an alliance of 7 parties: UCPN-M, FSP and 5 Madheshi parties<br>2. Forest Resource Assessment   |
| FRF      | Federal Republican Front  |
| FSFN     | <a href="#">Federal Socialist Forum, Nepal</a> (Sangghiya Samajvadi Forum, Nepal SSFN); a political party of Nepal led by Upendra Yadav formed in 2012; 37 MPs in current parliament  |
| FSP      | Federal Socialist Party – Nepal   |
| FTA      | Free Trade Agreement  |
| FU       | <a href="#">Far-western University</a> ; a university in Mahendranagar  |
| FWEAN    | <a href="#">Federation of Woman Entrepreneurs Association of Nepal</a>  |
| GABV     | <a href="#">Global Alliance for Banking on Values</a> ; an independent network of banks using finance to deliver sustainable economic, social and environmental development   |
| GAN      | <a href="#">Global Action Nepal</a> ; a small but dynamic organisation working in Nepal to help develop the education system and implement social change  |
| GBIA     | Gautam Buddha International Airport; the airport of Bhairahawa that is currently being upgraded   |
| GBV      | Gender Based Violence   |
| GEFONT   | <a href="#">General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions</a> ; an association of 17 national trade unions close to CPN-UML   |
| GEOC     | General Election Observation Committee  |
| GHT      | <a href="#">Great Himalayan Trails</a> ; a collection of various trails in the upper and middle districts of Nepal  |
| GJM      | Gorkha Janamukti Morcha; a registered but unrecognised Indian political party which   |

|        |   |
|--------|---|
|        | campaigns for the creation of a separate state Gorkhaland within India, out of districts in the north of West Bengal  |
| GloAct | <a href="#">Global Action against trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants</a> in 13 countries including Nepal, initiated by UNODC  |
| GLOF   | Glacial Lake Out-burst Flood  |
| GODAN  | <a href="#">Government Doctors' Association of Nepal</a>  |
| GoN    | Government of Nepal   |
| GPA    | Grade Point Average; a measuring system for Secondary Education Examination (SEE)   |
| HAMI   | Humanitarian Accountability Monitoring Initiatives  |
| HAN    | <a href="#">Heli Air Nepal</a>  |
| HDI    | Human Development Index; statistics on life expectancy, education and income  |
| HISSAN | <a href="#">Higher Secondary Schools' Association Nepal</a> ; a national level umbrella association of privately funded Higher Secondary Schools, affiliated to Higher Secondary Education Board  |
| HLEC   | <a href="#">High-Level Education Commission</a>   |
| HOTC   | <a href="#">Human Organ Transplant Centre</a> in Bhaktapur  |
| HPEC   | Health Profession Education Commission  |
| HRSN   | <a href="#">Human Resources Society of Nepal</a>  |
| HSEB   | <a href="#">Higher Secondary Education Board</a>  |
| HT     | Head teacher  |
| HTF    | Hetauda Textile Factory   |
| HURPES | <a href="#">Human Rights and Peace Society Nepal</a> ; a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit independent volunteer organization with a focus on non-violence, peace, human rights and democracy, founded in 1996 by Krishna Pahadi |
| IB     | <a href="#">Insurance Board</a> (Beema Samiti); the insurance regulatory authority of Nepal   |
| IBN    | <a href="#">Investment Board Nepal</a> ; the national investment authority, established with the aim of boosting the country's infrastructural development by attracting and facilitating foreign direct investment (FDI)                     |
| ICAN   | <a href="#">Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal</a>   |
| ICD    | 1. Inland Container Depot<br>2. Inland Clearance Depot  |
| ICIMOD | <a href="#">International Center for Integrated Mountain Development</a> ; a regional centre for mountainresearch on the Hindukush-Himalaya region based in Kathmandu   |
| ICP    | Integrated Check Post   |
| ICT    | Information and Communication Technology  |
| ICTF   | Impoverished Citizen Treatment Fund   |
| IELTS  | International English Language Testing System   |
| IEV    | International Exhibition Venue  |
| IFMIS  | Integrated Financial Management Information System; a planned computerised system that allows each expense of all government agencies to be traced through one window   |
| IGP    | Inspector General of Police; first rank in police service (Two star pips, crossed Khukuri and police baton within a wreath of leaves)   |

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| IIDS     | <a href="#">Institute for Integrated Development Studies</a>  |
| IMEI     | International Mobile Equipment Identity   |
| INCLUDE  | <a href="#">Inclusive Development of the Economy</a> ; a joint Nepal-German programme commissioned by the Ministry of Industry (MoI) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)   |
| INNM     | Indigenous Nationalities National Movement; a Janajati umbrella organisation led by Padma Ratna Tuladhar  |
| IoM      | <a href="#">Institute of Medicine</a> , Tribhuvan University  |
| IPIN     | Inter-Party Indigenous Network; formed in coordination with the Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN) and the National Foundation for the Development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN), taking in two leaders from each party   |
| IPO      | Initial Public Offering   |
| IPP      | Independent Power Producer  |
| IPPAN    | <a href="#">Independent Power Producers' Association - Nepal</a>  |
| IRENA    | <a href="#">International Renewable Energy Agency</a> ; Nepal is going to sign the IRENA statute in October 2017 as 153 <sup>rd</sup> nation  |
| ISP      | Internet Service Provider   |
| ITSC     | Income Tax Settlement Commission; under the Ministry of Finance   |
| ITT-LLDC | International Think Tank for the Landlocked Developing Countries  |
| IUCN     | <a href="#">International Union for Conservation of Nature</a>  |
| JC       | 1. <a href="#">Judicial Council</a> ; according to article 153 of the new constitution to make proposals for the nomination, promotion, dismissal, disciplining, etc.; it is headed by the CJ<br>2. Joint Commission; a common commission of Nepal and India to extend political dialogue     |
| JED      | Judgement Execution Directorate; a department of the Supreme Court  |
| JEMC     | <a href="#">Janak Education Materials Center</a>  |
| JEOC     | Joint Election Operation Centre   |
| JICA     | <a href="#">Japan International Cooperation Agency</a>  |
| JMC      | <a href="#">Jagaran Media Centre</a> ; an association of journalists from Dalit castes, formed in 2000  |
| JOC      | Judicial Oversight Committee; a committee suggested by the Supreme Court in order to control justices   |
| JTCC     | Joint Tourism Coordination Committee  |
| KAHS     | <a href="#">Karnali Academy of Health Sciences</a> , Jumla  |
| KDDC     | Kathmandu District Development Committee  |
| KEP      | <a href="#">Karnali Employment Programme</a>  |
| KFN      | <a href="#">Karuna Foundation Nepal</a> ; works for prevention of avoidable disabilities among children and adults and improvement in quality of lives of persons with disabilities and their families by strengthening government health care system and empowering families and communities |
| KFVM     | Kalimati Fruits and Vegetables Market   |
| KMC      | <a href="#">Kathmandu Metropolitan City</a> ; the administrative term for Kathmandu metropolis  |
| KRRIP    | Kathmandu Ring Road Improvement Project   |
| KTV      | <a href="#">Kantipur Television</a> ; one of the leading TV stations of Nepal   |



|          |  |
|----------|--|
| KTWR     | Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve; a protected area in the Terai of eastern Nepal   |
| KU       | <a href="#">Kathmandu University</a> ; a university based at Dhulikhel, about 30 km east of Kathmandu  |
| KUKL     | <a href="#">Kathmandu Upathyaka Khanepani Limited</a> ; the water supply authority of the Kathmandu valley   |
| KUPA     | Kathmandu University Professor's Association   |
| KUSL     | Kathmandu University School of Law; a department of KU, established in 2013  |
| KVDA     | <a href="#">Kathmandu Valley Development Authority</a> ; established on 13 April 2012  |
| LAHURNIP | <a href="#">Lawyers' Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous People</a> ; an association that wants to promote the human rights of Nepal's indigenous groups   |
| LAPA     | Local Adaptation Program of Action   |
| LBRC     | Local Body Restructuring Commission (see also LLRC)  |
| LBRTSC   | Local Body Restructuring Technical Support Committee   |
| LBU      | <a href="#">Lumbini Buddhist University</a>  |
| LCG      | Local Consumer Group   |
| LDO      | Local Development Officer  |
| LIDC     | Low Income Developing Country  |
| LLFMIS   | Local Level Financial Management Information System  |
| LLRC     | Local Level Restructuring Commission (see also LBRC)   |
| LMC      | <a href="#">Lalitpur Metropolitan City</a>   |
| LMD      | Logistics Management Division  |
| LRO      | Land Revenue Office  |
| LSMC     | <a href="#">Lalitpur Sub-Metropolitan City</a> ; also known as Patan   |
| LSO      | Land Survey office   |
| LTO      | Large Taxpayers' Office  |
| MAN      | Montessori Association Nepal   |
| MBBS     | <a href="#">Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery</a> ; the two first professional degrees in medicine and surgery awarded upon graduation from medical school by universities in countries that follow the tradition of the United Kingdom  |
| MDF      | Multi Donor Trust Fund, established in December 2010 (UK Department for International Development (DFID), The Governments of Norway and Denmark, Australia DFAT, USAID (United States Agency for International Development), European Union and Government of the Swiss Confederation) |
| MEDP     | <a href="#">Micro-Enterprise Development Programme</a>   |
| MEPC     | Medical Education Probe Commission   |
| MFD      | <a href="#">Meteorological Forecasting Division</a>  |
| MMIHS    | <a href="#">Manmohan Memorial Institute of Health Sciences</a>   |
| MMPR     | Mixed-Member Proportional Representation; an election system proposed by the Election Commission on August 30, 2014  |
| MMR      | Maternal Mortality Rate  |
| MoAD     | <a href="#">Ministry of Agriculture Development</a>  |
| MoCPA    | <a href="#">Ministry of Cooperatives and Poverty Alleviation</a>   |

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| MoCS   | <a href="#">Ministry of Commerce and Supplies</a>   |
| MoCTCA | <a href="#">Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation</a>   |
| MoD    | <a href="#">Ministry of Defence</a>   |
| MoE    | <a href="#">Ministry of Education</a>   |
| MoEn   | <a href="#">Ministry of Energy</a>  |
| MoF    | <a href="#">Ministry of Finance</a>   |
| MoFA   | <a href="#">Ministry of Foreign Affairs</a>   |
| MoFALD | <a href="#">Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development</a>   |
| MoFSC  | <a href="#">Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation</a>   |
| MoHA   | <a href="#">Ministry of Home Affairs</a>  |
| MoHP   | <a href="#">Ministry of Health and Population</a>   |
| MoI    | <a href="#">Ministry of Industry</a>  |
| MoIC   | <a href="#">Ministry of Information and Communications</a>  |
| MoIr   | <a href="#">Ministry of Irrigation</a>  |
| MoLE   | <a href="#">Ministry of Labour and Employment</a>   |
| MoLJPA | <a href="#">Ministry of Law, Justice, Constituent Assembly and Parliamentary Affairs</a>  |
| MoLRM  | <a href="#">Ministry of Land Reform and Management</a>  |
| MoPE   | <a href="#">Ministry of Population and Environment</a>  |
| MoPIT  | <a href="#">Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport</a>   |
| MoPR   | <a href="#">Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction</a>  |
| MoSTE  | <a href="#">Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment</a>   |
| MoUD   | <a href="#">Ministry of Urban Development</a>   |
| MoWCSW | <a href="#">Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare</a>  |
| MoYS   | <a href="#">Ministry of Youth and Sports</a>  |
| MPIA   | Mobile Phone Importers' Association   |
| MPRF-D | Madheshi People's Rights Forum – Democratic (Madheshi Jana Adhikar Manch - Prajatantrik)  |
| MPRF-N | <a href="#">Madheshi People's Rights Forum – Nepal</a> (Madheshi Jana Adhikar Manch – Nepal); a Madheshi political party formed in 2007 by splitting from the original Madheshi People's Rights Forum |
| MRP    | Machine Readable Passport   |
| MSNP   | Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Plan   |
| MSP    | minimum support price   |
| MTEF   | 1. Mid-Term Evaluation Framework<br>2. Medium Term Expenditure Framaework   |
| MTPD   | <a href="#">Metropolitan Traffic Police Department</a>  |
| MWU    | Mid-western University; a regional university based in Birendranagar  |
| NA     | <a href="#">Nepalese Army</a> (Nepali Sena)   |
| NAC    | 1. <a href="#">Nepal Airlines Corporation</a> ; Nepal's national airline<br>2. <a href="#">Nepal Art Council</a> ; a leading non-profit organization focused on promoting arts and artists of Nepal   |

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| NACEUN    | <a href="#">Federation of Community Electricity Users Nepal</a> ; establish and ensure the effective role of communities in rural electrification through users' advocacy, institutional capacity building and national network building |
| NADA      | Nepal Automobile Dealers' Association  |
| NAFEA     | <a href="#">Nepal Association of Foreign Employment Agencies</a>   |
| NAHOH     | <a href="#">Nepal Association of the Hard of Hearing</a>   |
| NAM       | <a href="#">Non-Aligned Movement</a> ; the association of non-aligned countries, founded in 1961 with today 120 member states; Nepal has been one of the founding members  |
| NAMS      | <a href="#">National Academy of Medical Sciences</a> ; integrated into Bir Hospital  |
| NAMUDA    | <a href="#">Nepal Academy of Music and Drama</a>   |
| NAP       | National Adaptation Plan; to identify appropriate climate change adaptation needs and implement them in the medium and long run  |
| NAPA      | National Adaptation Program of Action  |
| NARA      | <a href="#">Nepal Association of Rafting Agencies</a>  |
| NARC      | <a href="#">Nepal Agricultural Research Council</a> ; an autonomous organisation to conduct agricultural research in the country to uplift the economic level of the people  |
| NAST      | <a href="#">Nepal Academy of Science and Technology</a>  |
| NATTA     | <a href="#">Nepal Association of Tour &amp; Travel Agents</a>  |
| NBA       | 1. <a href="#">Nepal Bar Association</a><br>2. <a href="#">Nepal Bankers' Association</a>  |
| NBI       | <a href="#">National Banking Institute Ltd.</a>  |
| NBSM      | <a href="#">Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology</a>  |
| NC        | <a href="#">Nepali Congress</a> ; the most conservative of the three leading political parties; founded in Indian exile in 1947 as Nepali Rastriya Congress (Nepali National Congress)   |
| NCARD     | <a href="#">National Coalition Against Racial Discrimination</a> ; an organization working on the issues of excluded communities in Nepal  |
| NCASC     | <a href="#">National Center for AIDS and STD Control</a> ; a department of Ministry of Health  |
| NCB       | <a href="#">Narcotics Control Bureau</a>   |
| NCC       | <a href="#">National Cadet Corps</a>   |
| NCCCI     | <a href="#">Nepal China Chamber of Commerce and Industries</a>   |
| NCCR      | 1 <a href="#">Nepal Center for Contemporary Research</a> ; conducts research on conflict, peace and security in South Asia<br>2. Center for Children at Risk; a government body functioning under the Central Child Welfare Board (CCWB) |
| NCCS      | <a href="#">Nepal Centre for Contemporary Studies</a> ; an expert forum initiated by Lok Raj Baral   |
| NCE       | <a href="#">National Campaign for Education</a> ; a network of 286 non-government organisations  |
| NCED      | <a href="#">National Centre for Educational Development</a>  |
| NCE-Nepal | <a href="#">National Campaign for Education Nepal</a> ; founded in 2010 as successor organisation of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), that had been initiated in 2003  |
| NCF       | National Consumer Forum  |
| NCF/N     | <a href="#">National Cooperative Federation of Nepal</a>   |
| NCRS      | <a href="#">Nepal Cancer Relief Society</a>  |

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| NDA       | <a href="#">Nepal Dental Association</a>  |
| NDAC      | National Development Action Committee   |
| NDC       | <a href="#">National Dalit Commission</a> ; a state commission to protect the rights and interests of the Dalits, initiated in 2002   |
| NDF       | National Disabled Fund  |
| NDSA      | Nepal Dental Science Association  |
| NEA       | <a href="#">Nepal Electricity Authority</a> ; the national electricity authority  |
| NEB       | National Examination Board; replaced the HSEB after the reform of the education system in mid 2016  |
| NEF       | <a href="#">Nepal Energy Forum</a> ; an independent forum and an on-line channel for the Nepal Energy markets(Hydropower,Wind, Biomass, Solar, Petroleum)   |
| NEFEJ     | <a href="#">Nepal Forum of Environmental Journalists</a>  |
| NEFIN     | <a href="#">Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities</a> (Nepal Adivasi Janajati Mahasangh); an umbrella association of ethnic organisations, originally simply named Nepal Janajati Mahasangh (NJM)  |
| NEFSCUN   | <a href="#">Nepal Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperative Unions</a> , founded in 1988   |
| NELTA     | <a href="#">Nepal English Language Teachers' Association</a>  |
| NEOC      | <a href="#">National Election Observation Committee</a>   |
| NEPA      | Nepal Egg Producers' Association  |
| NEPSAS    | Nepal Public Sector Accounting Standards  |
| NEPSE     | <a href="#">Nepal Stock Exchange</a> Limited; Nepal's stock exchange, opened on January 13, 1994  |
| NepStat   | <a href="#">NepStat</a> , database portal by IIDS   |
| NERC      | Nepal Electricity Regulatory Commission   |
| NEST      | Nepal Street Vendors Union  |
| NFC       | 1. <a href="#">Nepal Food Corporation</a><br>2. <a href="#">National Farmers' Commission</a>  |
| NFDIN     | <a href="#">National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities</a>   |
| NFDN      | <a href="#">National Federation of the Disabled, Nepal</a> ; the national umbrella body of persons with disabilities, representing more than three hundreds member organizations working for promoting the rights of disabled people                          |
| NFIEA     | Nepal Financial Institutions Employees Association  |
| NFIWUAN   | National Federation of Irrigation Water Users Nepal   |
| NFN       | <a href="#">NGO Federation of Nepal</a> ; an umbrella organisation of NGOs in the aftermath of democratic political change and establishment of multiparty parliamentary system in 1990; an autonomous, independent and politically non-partisan organization |
| NFPJ      | <a href="#">National Forum of Photo Journalists</a>   |
| NFRS      | Nepal Financial Reporting Standards   |
| NFTA      | Nepal Foreign Trade Association   |
| NGCCI     | <a href="#">Nepal German Chamber of Commerce and Industry</a>   |
| NGO-FONIN | <a href="#">NGO-Federation of Nepal Indigenous Nationalities</a> ; an umbrella organisation of about 100 indigenous NGOs  |
| NGS       | <a href="#">Nepal Geological Society</a>  |

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| NHPC   | <a href="#">Nepal Health Professional Council</a>  |
| NHRAP  | National Human Rights Action Plan  |
| NHRC   | 1. <a href="#">National Human Rights Commission - Nepal</a> ; has five commissioners<br>2. <a href="#">Nepal Health Research Council</a>   |
| NIBL   | <a href="#">Nepal Investment Bank Ltd.</a>   |
| NIC    | <a href="#">National Information Commission</a> ; an independent body for the implementation of Right to Information as per the provisions of the RTI Act  |
| NICU   | neonatal intensive care unit   |
| NID    | National Investigation Department; Nep's intelligence service  |
| NIET   | National Institute of Engineering and Technology   |
| NIRTP  | <a href="#">Nepal-India Regional Trade And Transport Project</a> ; a WB project to decrease transport time and logistics costs for bilateral trade between Nepal and India and transit trade along the Kathmandu-Kolkata corridor          |
| NIS    | <a href="#">Nepal Investment Summit</a>  |
| NITDB  | <a href="#">Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board</a> ; to oversee the economical and efficient management of Inland Clearance Depots (ICDs) for facilitation of Nepal's foreign trade  |
| NIWF   | <a href="#">Nepal Indigenous Women Federation</a> ; an umbrella association of ethnic women organisations  |
| NJA    | <a href="#">Nepal Journalists Association</a>  |
| NLC    | <a href="#">Nepal Law Commission</a> ; the website of the NLC offers an archive of numerous law texts in English as well as Nepali   |
| NMA    | <a href="#">Nepal Medical Association</a>  |
| NMC    | <a href="#">Nepal Medical Council</a>  |
| NMDA   | Nepal Mobile Distributor Association   |
| NMEFEN | <a href="#">National Micro Entrepreneurs Federation Nepal</a> ; an organisation established in 2006 to promote the interests of micro entrepreneurs from ethnic, indigenous and economically disadvantaged rural communities across Nepal. |
| NMKP   | Nepal Majdur Kisan Party (Nepal Workers Peasants Party, NWPP); a communist party led by Narayan Man Bijukchhe (Comrade Rohit) with stronghold in Bhaktapur; represented in all parliaments after 1990                                      |
| NMS    | Nepal Media Society  |
| NMSP   | National Madhesh Socialist Party (Rastriya Madhesh Samajbadi Party); led by Sharatsingh Bhandari   |
| NMTTFP | Nepal Multimodal Transit and Trade Facilitation Project  |
| NMTU   | Nepal Meter Taxi Union   |
| NNDSWO | <a href="#">Nepal National Dalit Social Welfare Organization</a> ; founded in 1982 as first Dalit organisation of Nepal  |
| NNRFC  | National Natural Resources and Fiscal Commission   |
| NOC    | <a href="#">Nepal Oil Corporation</a> ; owns up the monopoly for marketing of petrol products  |
| NOU    | <a href="#">Nepal Open University</a> , Lalitpur; founded in 2016  |
| NPA    | National Political Assembly; the NPA has been an assembly suggested by the CPN-M to bring together the 31 parties of the CA as well as the 33 parties that had boycotted the CA elections of November 2013                                 |

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| NPABSAN | National Private and Boarding Schools' Association Nepal  |
| NPC     | <a href="#">National Planning Commission</a>  |
| NPCA    | Nepal Public Campus Association   |
| NPDA    | Nepal Petroleum Dealers' Association  |
| NPHL    | <a href="#">National Public Health Laboratory</a> ; he government national reference laboratory under the Department of health services (DoHS) and Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP). It is directly linked with different levels of 277 government laboratories in the country. |
| NPP     | National Pride Project; development projects with high priority; besides, there are P1 projects to name projects with highest priority  |
| NPTF    | <a href="#">Nepal Peace Trust Fund</a> ; founded in January 2007 in support of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) of November 21, 2006   |
| NPU     | Nepal Professor Union   |
| NRA     | <a href="#">National Reconstruction Authority</a> ; formed in December 2015 to coordinate the reconstruction works after the earthquakes of April and May 2015  |
| NRC     | <a href="#">Nepal Reinsurance Company</a> ; Nepal's lone reinsurer  |
| NRCL    | <a href="#">Nepal Reinsurance Company Limited</a>   |
| NRCS    | <a href="#">Nepal Red Cross Society</a>   |
| NRDA    | National Resident Doctors Association   |
| NRREP   | <a href="#">National Rural and Renewable Energy Programme</a>   |
| NSDRM   | National Strategy for Disaster Risk Managemen   |
| NSET    | <a href="#">National Society for Earthquake Technology - Nepal</a>  |
| NSFIN   | Nepal Students Federation of Indigenous Nationalities; an organisation of students from ethnic groups   |
| NSN     | <a href="#">Nayan Shakti Nepal</a> (anglisiert auch: Naya Shakti Nepal);  |
| NSP     | Network Service Provider  |
| NSU     | 1. <a href="#">Nepal Sanskrit University</a> ; founded in 1986 under the name of Mahendra Sanskrit University<br>2. <a href="#">Nepal Students Union</a> (Nepal Vidyarthi Sangh); the student organisation of the Nepali Congress   |
| NTA     | <a href="#">Nepal Telecommunications Authority</a>  |
| NTB     | <a href="#">Nepal Tourism Board</a> ; the official tourism website for Nepal  |
| NTCDB   | <a href="#">National Tea and Coffee Development Board</a>   |
| NTD     | Nepal Tarun Dal; the youth organisation of the Nepali Congress  |
| NTGC    | National Transmission Grid Company  |
| NTIP    | <a href="#">Nepal Trade Information Portal</a> ; a new party formed by former Maoist leader Baburam Bhattarai in 2016 <a href="http://www.myrepublica.com/news/22279/">http://www.myrepublica.com/news/22279/</a>   |
| NTIS    | <a href="#">Nepal Trade Integration Strategy</a>  |
| NTL     | <a href="#">National Trading Limited</a>  |
| NTNC    | <a href="#">National Trust for Nature Conservation</a> ; founded in 1982 under the name of King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation  |
| NTTP-I  | <a href="#">Nepal Transition to Peace Institute</a>   |
| NTUC    | <a href="#">Nepal Trade Union Congress</a> ; until 2008 an association of trade unions close to the   |

|        |  |
|--------|--|
|        | Nepali Congress; it than merged with DECONT under the name of Nepal Trade Union Congress - Independent   |
| NTUC-I | Nepal Trade Union Congress – Independent; an association of trade unions close to the Nepali Congress; founded in 2008 by merger of NTUC and DECONT  |
| NUDS   | National Urban Development Strategy  |
| NUTA   | Nepal University Teachers' Association   |
| NVA    | <a href="#">Nepal Volleyball Association</a>   |
| NVC    | <a href="#">National Vigilance Centre</a> ; a government institution in order to prevent corruption and abuse of authority   |
| NWA    | Nepal Women's Association, a sister organization the Nepali Congress   |
| NWC    | <a href="#">National Women Commission</a>  |
| NWCF   | <a href="#">Nepal Water Conservation Foundation</a> ; a nonpartisan institution dedicated to interdisciplinary research on issues affecting the use and management of water and related natural resources                          |
| NWEDC  | <a href="#">Nepal Water and Energy Development Company</a>   |
| NYC    | <a href="#">National Youth Council</a>   |
| OAG    | <a href="#">Office of the Auditor General</a>  |
| OBOR   | <a href="#">One Belt One Road</a> ; a Chinese initiative to enhance regional connectivity  |
| OCE    | <a href="#">Office of Controller of Examinations</a> ; under the Ministry of Education; conducts National Level Examination of students  |
| OCR    | Office of the Company Registrar  |
| ODF    | Open Defecation Free; a campaign to promote the installation and use of toilets  |
| OPMCM  | <a href="#">Office of Prime Minister and Council of Ministers</a>  |
| PA     | Provincial Assembly  |
| PABSON | <a href="#">Private and Boarding Schools' Organisation, Nepal</a>  |
| PADT   | <a href="#">Pashupati Area Development Trust</a> ; a trust to promote and preserve the area around the Pashupatinath sanctuary in Kathmanduein Trust für Betreiben und Erhalt der Anlage rund um den Pashupati-Tempel in Kathmandu |
| PAF    | <a href="#">Poverty Alleviation Fund</a>   |
| PAHS   | <a href="#">Patan Academy of Health Sciences</a> ; a public non-profit academic institution dedicated to improving Nepal's rural health by training health workers for rural Nepal   |
| PVMTP  | Poor Citizens' Medical Treatment Programme   |
| PCN    | <a href="#">Press Council Nepal</a>  |
| PDA    | Project Development Agreement  |
| PDCC   | Political Dialogue and Consensus Committee; one of the five CA committees  |
| PEB    | Public Enterprise Board  |
| PEFA   | <a href="#">Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability; data on Nepal</a>   |
| PFM    | <a href="#">Public Financial Management</a> , a key element of Nepal's Government's strategy for strengthening governance, optimizing outputs from public resources and ensuring inclusive and broad-based development             |
| PIHS   | Pokhara Institute of Health and Sciences; a proposed health institution in Pokhara   |
| PPR    | Power Purchase Rates   |

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| RfP   | Request for Proposal  |
| PHC   | Primary Health Centre   |
| PHCC  | Primary Health Care Centre  |
| PHSC  | Parliamentary Hearing Special Committee; a committee of the CA comprising 72 persons  |
| PLMC  | <a href="#">Pokhara Lekhnath Metropolitan City</a>  |
| PMIS  | <a href="#">Project Monitoring Information System</a> ; a web-based application software suite which has been developed to assist NRA and CLPIUs and DLPIUs to enhance information management and maintain reconstruction records   |
| PMO   | <a href="#">Prime Minister's Office</a> (Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers)   |
| PNP   | Parsa National Park; a conservation area east of Chitwan National Park  |
| PPA   | Power Purchase Agreement (with India)   |
| PPO   | Pension Paying Office; for former Indian Gurkha soldiers in Nepal   |
| PPP   | Public Private Partnership  |
| PPUC  | Party Unity Coordination Committee; formed to organise the unification of CPN-UML and CPN-MC in 2018  |
| PRDC  | Parliamentary Regulations Drafting Committee  |
| PRDF  | Post Disaster Recovery Framework  |
| PSC   | <a href="#">Public Service Commission</a> (Lok Sewa Ayog)   |
| PTA   | 1. Power Trade Agreement<br>2. Parent Teacher's Association   |
| PU    | 1. <a href="#">Pokhara University</a> ; a university based at Lekhnath<br>2. <a href="#">Purbanchal Universeachers' ServiceCommissioity</a> ; a university based at Biratnagar  |
| PVTDC | Pokhara Valley Town Development Committee   |
| PWR   | Parsa Wildlife Reserve  |
| RAHS  | Rapti Academy of Health Sciences  |
| RBN   | <a href="#">Roads Board Nepal</a> ; established under the Roads Board Act 2058 with the aim of providing sustainable fund for planned maintenance of the roads  |
| RBS   | <a href="#">Rastriya Beema Sansthan</a> ; Nepal's national insurance corporation  |
| RCC   | Revolutionary Communist Centre; a breakaway faction of the UCPN-M under the lead of Mani Thapa  |
| RJP-N | Rastriya Janata Party-Nepal; formed on 21 April 2017, when six of the seven SLMM parties joined: Tarai Madhes Loktantrik Party (11 seats in parliament), Sadbhawana Party (6 seats), Tarai Madesh Sadbhawana Party (3seats), Rastriya Madesh Samajbadi Party (3 seats), Nepal Sadbhawana Party (1 seat) and Madhesi Janadhikar Forum-Ganatantrik (1 seat) |
| RoLHR | <a href="#">Rule of Law and Human Rights Protection System</a> ; a development programme in support of judiciary initiated in April 2013 and supported by UNDP; in June 2018, the SC rejected further support by UNDP   |
| RPP   | Rastriya Prajatantra Party (National Democratic Party, NDP); founded in 1990 as a conservative party meant for the politicians of the former royal Panchayat system; the RPP distanced from monarchy and Hindu state in 2008 but returned to this stance in 2015; the party suffered numerous splits and partly also reunifications since 1990            |
| RPP-N | <a href="#">Rastriya Prajatantra Party - Nepal</a> (National Democratic Party - Nepal); split from the  |



|        |  |
|--------|--|
|        | RPP in under the lead of Kamal Thapa; stands for Hindu state and the return to an active monarchy and rejects the idea of a federal republic; this means the party actually is extra-constitutional; nevertheless it is part of the current government led by the CPN-UML and Kamal Thapa is Minister of Foreign Affairs and one of 6 Deputy Prime Ministers |
| RSS    | <a href="#">Rastriya Samachar Samiti</a> ; Nepal's national news agency  |
| SAC    | State Affairs Committee (of parliament)  |
| SAGGC  | State Affairs and Good Governance Committee (of parliament)  |
| SARI   | Severe Acute Respiratory Infection   |
| SASCOF | South Asian Climate Outlook Forum  |
| SASEC  | <a href="#">South Asia Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation</a>   |
| SAWDF  | South Asia Women's Development Forum   |
| SC     | 1. <a href="#">Supreme Court</a><br>2. Standing Committee (of political parties)   |
| SCBA   | Supreme Court Bar Association  |
| SCF    | <a href="#">Strategic Climate Fund</a> ; one of two international climate investment funds   |
| SDIP   | Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio; an Australian project in the Himalayan region; Nepal's project partners are the Department of Agriculture, International Development Enterprises, the Nepal Agricultural Research Council and the Ministry of Agricultural Development   |
| SEBON  | <a href="#">Securities Board of Nepal</a>  |
| SEE    | Secondary Education Examinations; the final school exams at the end of class 12  |
| SGNHC  | <a href="#">Shahid Gangalal National Heart Centre</a> ; a full fledged hospital which deals with a wide spectrum of cardiac cases in Bansbari, Kathmandu   |
| SIA    | Second International Airport   |
| SLC    | School Leaving Certificate; the final school examination after tenth class; abolished in 2016  |
| SLCE   | School Leaving Certificate Examinations after class 12; introduced in 2017   |
| SLCP   | Snow Leopards Conservation Project   |
| SLMM   | Samyukta Loktantrik Masheshi Morcha (United Democratic Madheshi Front, UDMF)   |
| SMC    | School Management Committee  |
| SMEs   | Small and Medium Enterprises   |
| SNNP   | Shivapuri-Nagarjuna National Park  |
| SONA   | <a href="#">Society of Nepalese Architects</a> ; he professional organization of Nepalese Architects, established in 1991  |
| SP     | 1. Superintendent of police; fifth rank in police service (Two stars pips with crossed Khukuri and police baton)<br>2. Sadbhavana Party; a Tarai party that split from the Nepal Sadbhavana Party (Anandi Devi) in 2007  |
| SSA    | Social Security Allowance through the Social Security Fund (SSF)   |
| SSDP   | School Sector Development Plan; introduced in October 2016; aimed at bringing about changes to school education as per the spirit of the new constitution  |
| SSF    | <a href="#">Social Security Fund</a>   |
| SSFN   | Sanghiya Samajbadi Forum Nepal (see FSFN)  |

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| SSG     | Sanghiya Samabesi Gathabandhan; an alliance of the Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha and Janajati groups affiliated with the Adivasi Janajati Rastriya Andolan (AJRA) formed in April 2016   |
| SSP     | Senior Superintendent of Police; fourth rank in Police service (Three stars pips with crossed Khukuri and police baton)   |
| SSRP    | School Sector Reform Programme; replaced by SSDP after 6 years  |
| STC     | <a href="#">Salt Trading Corporation</a>  |
| SWC     | <a href="#">Social Welfare Council</a> ; responsible for co-ordination, co-operation, mobilisation and promotion of the social organizations and institutions (INGOs and NGOs)  |
| TAAN    | <a href="#">Trekking Agencies' Association of Nepal</a>   |
| TDC     | Town Development Committee  |
| THRDA   | <a href="#">Tarai Human Rights Defenders Alliance</a>   |
| THT     | <a href="#">The Himalayan Times</a> ; one of the leading English language dailies   |
| TIA     | <a href="#">Tribhuvan International Airport</a> ; Kathmandu's international airport   |
| TIFA    | <a href="#">Trade and Investment Framework Agreement</a> ; (in this case) an agreement between the USA and Nepal  |
| TIMS    | <a href="#">Trekking Information Management System</a>  |
| TINepal | <a href="#">Transparency International Nepal</a>  |
| TJ      | transitional justice  |
| TKP     | <a href="#">The Kathmandu Post</a> ; one of the leading English language dailies  |
| TMDP    | Tarai Madhesh Democratic Party; see TMLP  |
| TMLP    | <a href="#">Tarai Madhesh Loktantrik Party</a> (Tarai Madhesh Democratic Party, TMDP); a Tarai party of former politicians of the Nepali Congress, founded on December 27, 2007, by Mahanta Thakur  |
| TMO     | Transport Management Office   |
| TPP     | Trade Promotion Programme   |
| TRC     | Truth and Reconciliation Commission; formed in 2015 on the basis of the TRC law to investigate into crimes that occurred during the time of the Maoist insurgency (1996-2006)   |
| TRN     | <a href="#">The Rising Nepal</a> ; the government owned oldest English language daily   |
| TSC     | 1. <a href="#">Teachers' Service Commission</a><br>2. Tax Settlement Commission   |
| TU      | <a href="#">Tribhuvan University</a> ; Nepal's oldest university  |
| TVET    | technical and vocational education and training   |
| UCPN-M  | <a href="#">Unified Communist Party of Nepal - Maoist</a> ; one of the three leading political parties; founded in 1995 as a revolutionary underground party under the name of CPN-M; the U (for unified) was added in 2009 when the CPN-M was joined by some minor communist parties; the party was renamed CPN-MC in May 2016 after it (re)joined with other parties and factions |
| UDMF    | United Democratic Madheshi Front (Samyukta Loktantrik Madheshi Morcha (SLMM))   |
| UGC     | <a href="#">University Grants Commission</a> ; allocate and disburse government grants to universities and higher educational institutions and take appropriate steps for the promotion and maintenance of standards of higher education in Nepal   |

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| UNFPA       | <a href="#">United Nations Populations Fund</a> , originally named United Nations Fund for Population Activities                         |
| USAID       | <a href="#">United States Agency for International Development</a>   |
| UTHP        | Upper Trishuli Hydroelectricity Project  |
| UTKHP       | <a href="#">Upper Tamakoshi Hydroelectric Project</a> ; in 2016 the largest capacity hydropower project of Nepal (465 MW)                |
| UWTC        | United World Trade Center; a shopping mall in Tripureshwar, Kathmandu  |
| VAW         | Violence Against Women   |
| VDC         | Village Development Committee; means the local administrative unit (village) as well as the correspondingly elected local council        |
| VDPP        | Village Development Periodic Plan  |
| VRS         | Voluntary Retirement Scheme  |
| WCSD        | <a href="#">Women and Children Service Directorate</a>   |
| WECS        | <a href="#">Water and Energy Commission Secretariat</a>  |
| WEOCO       | <a href="#">Women Environment Preservation Committee</a> ; an organisation founded in 1992 for nature protection in the Kathmandu valley |
| WOREC Nepal | <a href="#">Women's Rehabilitation Center</a> ; an organisation preventing the trafficking of women from a human rights perspective      |
| YAN         | Youth Association Nepal; the youth wing of the CPN-UML   |
| YCL         | Young Communist League; the youth wing of the CPN-MC   |
| YFIN        | Youth Federation of Indigenous Nationalities, Nepal; an umbrella association of ethnic youth organisations                               |