

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

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(This annotated list is updated regularly. Link errors can nevertheless not be completely ruled out.)

AAIN	<a href="#">ActionAid International Nepal</a> ; part of a global justice federation working to achieve social justice, gender equality and poverty eradication
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> ; a Nepali credit bank, founded in 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
ANTA	<a href="#">Association of Nepali Teraian in America</a>

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
BRRC	Bhutanese Refugees Repatriation Representative Committee
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit
CA	<a href="#">Constituent Assembly</a>
CAAN	<a href="#">Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal</a>
CAC	<a href="#">Community Action Centre Nepal</a> , a non-profit, non-governmental social organization, established in April 1993. To empower girls and women who are living in extreme conditions of poverty and marginalization that exacerbate their vulnerability to illegal migration, trafficking, violence and HIVAIDs
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 2. <a href="#">Cricket Association of Nepal</a>
CBS	<a href="#">Central Bureau of Statistics</a> , Government of Nepal
CBFIN	Confederation of Banks and Financial Institutions Nepal
CC	Central Committee
CCWB	<a href="#">Central Child Welfare Board</a> ; a statutory body under the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare
CDA	<a href="#">Central Department of Anthropology</a> at Tribhuvan University
CDC	Constituency Delimitation Commission; formed on 20 July 2017 as demanded by the constitution of 2015
CDO	Chief District Officer

CDP	Constituency Development Programme
CDSA	<a href="#">Central Department of Sociology and Anthropology</a> at Tribhuvan University
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> 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
CeLRRd	<a href="#">Center for Legal Research and Resource Development</a> , founded in 1998. Works to promote, uphold and respect the rule of law, good governance, fair and unrestricted access to justice, human rights and peace.
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CESIF	<a href="#">Centre for Social Innovation and Foreign Policy</a> , a not-for profit, autonomous and independent private research institution serving in the public interest, with significant independence from any donor or interest group and autonomy from government
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
CIC	Community Information Center., To serve information needs of people.
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)
CIJ	<a href="#">Centre for Investigation Journalism-Nepal</a> , founded in 1996, primarily focuses on training journalists, mentoring them and producing stories that make authorities accountable and reveal societal anomalies
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 presiding justice of the Supreme Court (SC)
CJF	Constitutional and Judicial Journalists Forum
CLC	Community Learning Centre; to impart education to children deprived of a formal education, youth and illiterate or semi-literate adults, especially from underprivileged communities; introduced in the 1990s

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>
CONCERN-Nepal	<a href="#">Concern for Children and Environment - Nepal</a> ; a non-governmental, non-profit organisation established in 1993; mission is the gradual eradication of child labour
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
CPN(RM)	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
CREHPA	<a href="#">Center for Research on Environment, Health and Population Activities</a> ; founded in 1994
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 2. <a href="#">Dairy Development Corporation</a> ; a public enterprise
DDP	Dairy Development Policy
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	<a href="#">Department of Revenue Investigation</a> ; 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
DRRMA	Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority
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> 2. European Commission
ECAN	<a href="#">Education Consultancy Association of Nepal</a> ; an umbrella organisation of education consultancies across the country
ECDC	<a href="#">Early Childhood Development Centre</a> ; established in 2005; aims at providing a homely environment for the children living in prison with their parents
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 policisation of the development sector
ECEC	<a href="#">Early Childhood Education Centre</a> ; established in 2001 to improve the quality of Pre- and Primary School teaching
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, 1992</a>
FIU	<a href="#">Financial Information Unit</a> , Nepal's financial intelligence unit
FLPN	Federal Limbuwan Party Nepal
FNCN	Federation of National Christian, Nepal
FNC SI	<a href="#">Federation of Nepali Cottage and Small Industries</a>
FNJ	<a href="#">Federation of Nepali Journalists</a> ; umbrella organisation of Nepali journalists
FN NTE	Federation of Nepali National Transport Entrepreneurs
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 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 2. Inland Clearance Depot
ICIMOD	<a href="#">International Center for Integrated Mountain Development</a> ; a regional centre for mountain research 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)
INLC	Independent National Lawyers' Campaign
INNJA	<a href="#">International Network for Nepali Journalists</a>
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 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
LLEUN	Local Level Employees Union Nepal
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	1. Montessori Association Nepal 2. <a href="#">Media Action Nepal</a> . An organisation to promote freedom of expression and media development, founded in 2015

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
MDTF	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 2. Medium Term Expenditure Framaework
MTPD	<a href="#">Metropolitan Traffic Police Department</a>
MWU	Mid-western University; a regional university based in Birendranagar
NA	1. <a href="#">Nepalese Army</a> (Nepali Sena) 2. <a href="#">National Assembly</a> , the second house of Nepalese parliament as representation of the provincial and local levels
NAC	1. <a href="#">Nepal Airlines Corporation</a> ; Nepal's national airline 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
NARMIN	National Association of Rural Municipalities in Nepal
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> 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 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 established in 2003
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
NDAN	Non-government Doctors' Association Nepal
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
NDRRMA	National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority
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	1. <a href="#">National Election Observation Committee</a> 2. <a href="#">National Emergency Operation Centre</a> ; under the Ministry of Home Affairs
NEPA	Nepal Egg Producers' Association
NEPSAS	Nepal Public Sector Accounting Standards
NEPS	<a href="#">Nepal Electronic Payment System</a>
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> 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
NFGF	<a href="#">National Farmers Group Federation</a>
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 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	<a href="#">National Investigation Department</a> ; Nepal'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
NNDB	<a href="#">National Dairy Development Board</a>
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
NOTA	None Of The Above. In 2014, the Supreme Court directed the executive and legislature to offer the option of rejecting all listed candidates on ballot papers during elections. However, politicians refuse to implement it.
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 electiobns 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.

NPI	<a href="#">Nepal Policy Institute</a> ; an international think-tank and a knowledge-platform dedicated to the people-centred and sustainable development of Nepal and Nepali people, including diaspora Nepali; a global initiative of Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA)
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	1. <a href="#">Nepal Reinsurance Company</a> ; Nepal's lone reinsurer 2. Nepal Railway Company
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 Management
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);
NSO	<a href="#">National Statistics Office</a>
NSP	Network Service Provider
NSST	<a href="#">Nepal Secretariat of Skills and Training</a> , a Nepalese-German skills training initiative, aiming for systematic training partnerships between German chambers of commerce, chambers of craft, vocational schools and German companies on the one hand, and the Nepalese vocational training schools and Nepalese companies on the other hand
NSU	1. <a href="#">Nepal Sanskrit University</a> ; founded in 1986 under the name of Mahendra Sanskrit University 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 then 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, under the Office of the Prime Minister
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
OPCAT	United Nations <a href="#">Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture</a> and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; so far (May 2019) not signed by Nepal
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 Kathmandu in 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
PAN	<a href="#">Permanent Account Number</a> ; a unique and permanent numeric identifier for a taxpayer
PA Nepal	<a href="#">Prisoners Assistance Nepal</a> ; an NGO dedicated to create an enabling environment to ensure justice for incarcerated women and their dependent children
PCMTTP	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>
PEI	<a href="#">Policy Entrepreneurs Incorporated</a> , a policy research centre based in Kathmandu, bringing in local expertise and experience to deliver impactful results that support inclusive and sustainable growth in Nepal
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>
PMEP	<a href="#">Prime Minister Employment Programme</a> , initiated by the government of PM Oli
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 2. Parent Teacher's Association
PU	1. <a href="#">Pokhara University</a> ; a university based at Lekhnath 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)
Samata Foundation	<a href="#">Samata Foundation</a> is an NGO that engages in research both empirical and policy, and informed-advocacy for the rights of marginalized people, especially Dalit social groups, both from Hill and Madhes; founded in 2009
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
SBAN	<a href="#">Stock Brokers Association of Nepal</a> ; umbrella organisation of all the stock brokers, established in 1994
SC	1. <a href="#">Supreme Court</a> 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> ; the 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) 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>
SWAN	1. <a href="#">Social Welfare Association of Nepal</a> ; founded in 1994 to support disadvantaged and rural communities in Nepal by providing accessible health care, education opportunity for children, and enabling women to achieve financial independence. 2. <a href="#">Social Workers' Association Nepal</a> ; founded in 2013 to strive for social justice, human rights, and social development through promoting social work education and standard practice of social work model, facilitating cooperation among human service organizations, academic institutions and uniting social workers in Nepal for social, economic, psychological and spiritual welling of deprived and marginalized people.
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

THMDCN	Trans Himalayan Multi Dimensional Connectivity Network, an economic corridor between Nepal and China and part of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)
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> 2. Tax Settlement Commission
TU	<a href="#">Tribhuvan University</a> ; Nepal's oldest university
TUSC	<a href="#">Tribhuvan University Service Commission</a> ; to hold competitive examinations and interviews for applicants wishing to enter university service and to recommend the successful candidates for appointment to positions of teaching and administration
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
VCTS	Vehicle and consignment tracking system; a system to be introduced to control transport operations
VDC	Village Development Committee; means the local administrative unit (village) as well as the correspondingly elected local council
VDPP	Village Development Periodic Plan
VOC	<a href="#">Voice of Children</a> (VOC); a non-government organisation working and advocating for street and sexually abused children of Nepal; established in 2000
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
YIL	<a href="#">Youth Innovation Lab</a> ; focused on technology development, disaster risk reduction, climate change, open data, entrepreneurship, data driven advocacy, youth engagement, and volunteerism.