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Acronyms

1. **ANOVA** : Analysis of variance
2. **ASER** :Annual Status Education Report
3. **BCT** :Basic Competency Test
4. **BTAD** : Bodoland Territorial Area District
5. **BTC** : Bodoland Territorial Council
6. **CWSN** : Children With Special Needs
7. **DBFO** :Design Build Finance Operation
8. **DIET** : District Institute of Education and Training
9. **DPEP**: District Primary Education Program
10. **EU** : European Union
11. **GDP** : Gross Domestic Product
12. **GER** : Gross Enrollment Rate
13. **GNP** : Gross National Product
14. **HD** : Human Development
15. **HDI** : Human Development Index
16. **HDR** : Human Development Report
17. **HSLC** : High School Living Certificate
18. **HS** : Higher Secondary
19. **IBSA** : India, Brazil, South Africa
20. **KAAC** : Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council
21. **LP** : Lower Primary
22. **ME** : Middle English
23. **MHRD** : Ministry of Human Resource Development
24. **MV** : Middle Vernacular
25. **NCF** : National Curriculum Framework
26. **NER** : North Eastern Region
27. **NCAC** : North Cachar Autonomous Council

28. **NCC** : National Cadet Corps
29. **NITI Aayog** :National Institute of Transforming India Aayog
30. **NSS**: National Service Scheme
31. **NSSO** : National Sample Survey Organization
32. **NER** : Net Enrollment Rate
33. **NGO** : Non-Governmental Organization
34. **NPE** :National Policy on Education
35. **OECD** :Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
36. **PG** : Post Graduation
37. **Ph. D** : Doctor of Philosophy
38. **PISA** : Program for International Students Assessment
39. **PPP** :Public Private Partnership
40. **RTE** : Right to Education
41. **SC** : Schedule Caste
42. **SD** : Standard Deviation
43. **SEBA** : Board of Secondary Education, Assam
44. **SEIQI** :School Education Quality Index
45. **SD** : Standard Deviation
46. **SHDR** : State Human Development Report
47. **SPEC** : State Primary Education Council
48. **ST** : Schedule Tribe
49. **SPSS** : Statistical Package for Social Sciences
50. **SSA** :Sarva Siksha Abhiyan
51. **UN** : United Nations
52. **UNDP** : United Nations Development Program
53. **UNESCO** : United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
54. **UNICEF** :United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
55. **UNOSSC** : United Nation Office for South-South Cooperation
56. **UP** : Upper Primary
57. **WB** : World Bank

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