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ABBREVIATIONS

AICTE	-	All India Council for Technical Education
AU	-	Assam University
BLISc	-	Bachelors of Library and Information Science
BLE	-	Blended Learning Environment
C/D.Lib.Sc	-	Certificate or Diploma in Library Science
CCL	-	Centre for Creative Leadership
CE	-	Continuing Education
CLISS	-	Centre for Library and Information Science Studies
CMS	-	Content Management System
DoNER	-	Development of North Eastern Region
DE	-	Distance Education
DRTC	-	Documentation Research and Training Centre
D.Litt	-	Doctor of Literature
DU	-	Dibrugarh University
F2F	-	Face-To-Face
GU	-	Gauhati University
HEI	-	Higher Education Institution
INSDOC	-	Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre
ICT	-	Information And Communication Technology
ILS	-	Index of Learning Style
IWB	-	Interactive White Boards
IGNOU	-	Indira Gandhi National Open University
KKHSOU	-	Krishna Kanta Handqui State Open University

LIS	-	Library and Information Science
LMS	-	Learning Management Systems
LSI	-	Learning Style Inventory
MCI	-	Medical Council of India
MLISc	-	Master of Library and Information Science
M.Phil	-	Master of Philosophy in Library and Information Science
MOOCs	-	Massive Open Online Courses
Moodle	-	Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment
MEC	-	Massively Empowered Classroom
MU	-	Manipur University
MZU	-	Mizoram University
NISCAIR	-	National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources
NE	-	North East
NEHU	-	North Eastern Hill University
NAAC	-	National Assessment and Accreditation Council
NCERT	-	National Council of Educational Research and Training
NCLISET	-	National Council of Library and Information Science Education and Training
NKC	-	National Knowledge Commission
PDAs	-	Personal Digital Assistants
PGDLIM	-	Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Library and Information Management
PLATO	-	Programmed Logic for Automatic Teaching Operations
SSSF	-	Student Satisfaction Survey Forms
UGC	-	University Grants Commission
VLEs	-	Virtual Learning Environments