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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AALDI	Agricultural Librarians and Document lists of India
AAU	Assam Agricultural University
AGRIS	International Information System for the Agricultural Sciences and Technology
AICRPs	All India Coordinated Research Projects
APA	American Psychological Association
ARIC	Agricultural Research Information Centres
ARS	Agricultural Research Service
ASRB	Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board
CARIS	Current Agricultural Research Information System
CAU	Central Agriculture University
CeRA	Consortium for e-Resources in Agriculture
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CIAE	Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering
CIAT	International Centre for Tropical Agriculture
CIFOR	Centre for International Forestry Research
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
CPRI	Central Power Research Institute
CPCRI	Central Plantation Crops Research Institution
CRI	Crops Research Institute
DARE	Department of Agricultural Research and Education
DBT	Direct Benefit Transfer
DELNET	Delhi Library Network
DKMA	Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture
DRDO	Defence Research and Development Organisation
DU	Delhi University
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United States
IARI	Indian Agricultural Research Institute

ICAR	Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ICARDA	International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
ICLARM	International Centre for Living Aquatic Resources Management
ICRAF	International Centre for Research in Agro Forestry
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute
IMC	Institute Management Committee
INAL	Indian National Agricultural Library
INFLIBNET	Information and Library Network Centre
INVSL	Indian National Veterinary Science Library
IR	Information Retrieval
IRRI	International Rice Research Institute
ISD	Information Services Department
IT	Information Technology
IVLP	Initiated of Institution-Village Linkage Program
IWMI	International Water Management Institute
JNU	Jawaharlal Nehru University
JCCC	Johnson County Community College
KAULIS	Kerala Agricultural University Library and Information Systems
KM	Knowledge Management
KVK	Krishi Vigyan Kendras
LAN	Local Area Network
LAUTECH	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology
LICs	Library and Information Centres
LIS	Library and Information Science
OPAC	Online Public Access Catalogue
MCNY	Metropolitan College of New York
MKPs	Members of the Kuwaiti Parliament
NAIP	National Agricultural Innovation Project
NAARM	National Academy of Agricultural Research Management

NARS	National Agricultural Research System
NATP	National Agricultural Technology Project
NBPGR	National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources
NDRI	National Dairy Research Institute
NEH	North Eastern Hill
NEIST	North East Institute of Science and Technology
NFBSFARA	National Fund for Basic Strategic and Frontier Application Research in Agriculture
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NHB	National Horticultural Board
NICRA	National Initiative n Climate Resilient Agriculture
NIT	National Information Technology
NRC	National Research Centre
OPAC	Online Public Access Catalogue
PIRRCOM	Project for Intensification of Regional Research on Cotton, Oilseeds and Millets
RAC	Research Advisory Committee
RSF	Research Strategy Formulation
R & D	Research and Development
SAUs	State Agricultural Universities
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SCI	Science Citation Index
SDI	Selective Dissemination of Information
SRC	Staff Research Council
TEEAL	The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library
TSP	Tribal Sub-Plan
USA	United States of America
VISL	Vishwesvaraih Iron & Steel Limited
