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Abbreviations

ABVP	Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad [All India Student Council]
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party [Indian People's Party]
BJS	Bharatiya Jana Sangh [Indian People's Association]
BMS	Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh [Indian Workers' Union]
BRI	Belt and Road Initiative
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
CPEC	China–Pakistan Economic Corridor
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GST	Goods and Services Tax
IAS	Indian Administrative Service
IB	Intelligence Bureau
IFS	Indian Foreign Service
IPS	Indian Police Service
MEA	Ministry of External Affairs
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MOIA	Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
NRI	Non-Resident Indian
PDD	Public Diplomacy Division
PLA	[Chinese] People's Liberation Army
PMO	Prime Minister's Office
PRC	People's Republic of China
RAW	Research and Analysis Wing
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh [National Volunteer Association]
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAGAR	Security and Growth for All in the Region
SJM	Swadeshi Jagran Manch
SPMRF	Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UPA	United Progressive Alliance
VIF	Vivekananda International Foundation
VHP	Vishva Hindu Parishad

Glossary

<i>acche din</i>	good days
<i>ahimsa</i>	non-violence
<i>asmita</i>	sense of self/identity
Bharat	India
<i>dharma rajya</i>	government guided by right or religion
<i>Hindutva</i>	'Hindu-ness'/Hindu nationalism
Lok Sabha	lower house of Indian parliament
<i>Moditva</i>	'Modi-ness'
<i>pracharak</i>	preacher/organiser
Rajya Sabha	upper house of Indian parliament
<i>Rashtra</i>	polity
<i>samman</i>	respect/honour/national pride
<i>samriddhi</i>	prosperity
<i>samvad</i>	cooperation
<i>Sangh</i>	the 'family' of Hindu nationalist organisations
<i>sanatana dharmā</i>	'true religion'
<i>Sarsanghchalak</i>	leader of the RSS
<i>sahayog</i>	cooperation
<i>suraksha</i>	security
<i>swadeshi</i>	self-reliance
<i>vasudhaiva kutumbakam</i>	'the world is one family'

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