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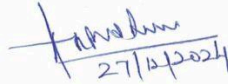
  
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## **List of Abbreviations**

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**CTA:** Central Tibetan Administration

**TRP:** Tibetan Rehabilitation Policy

**SIT:** Social Identity Theory

**TCV:** Tibetan Children's Village

**SFT:** Student for a Free Tibet

**CIHTS:** Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies