

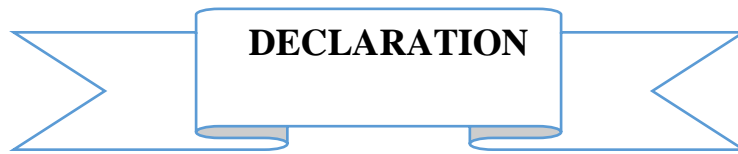


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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

1. **ECE:** Early Childhood Education
2. **ECCE:** Early Childhood Care and Education
3. **ICDS:** Integrated Child Development Scheme
4. **SMC:** School Management Committee
5. **PTM:** Parents Teacher Meet
6. **PTA:** Parents Teacher Association
7. **NCERT:** National Council for Educational Research and Training
8. **NCF:** National Curriculum Framework
9. **NIEER:** National Institute of Early Education Research
10. **NEP:** National Education Policy
11. **UNESCO:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
12. **UNICEF:** United Nations Children’s Fund
13. **3R’s:** Reding Writing and Arithmetic
14. **GOI-** Government of India
15. **MHRD:** Ministry of Human Resource Development