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ABORTION

This quarterly e-bulletin covers CEHAT's work on Abortion, which includes Research, Advocacy and Campaigns. This e-bulletin also has CEHAT's participation in News Media, all related resources on Abortion, Multimedia collection available in CEHAT on same issue. It also highlights New Publications & New arrivals of Library Collection.

RESEARCH

In the area of Abortion CEHAT has done wide range of research in order to understand the issue of abortion, one of the first studies of CEHAT was undertaken to understand the politics of abortion and to place abortion in the larger context of women's rights. A qualitative study was undertaken to understand abortion from women's perspective which was carried out in rural Maharashtra. In continuation with the issue CEHAT also conducted a study of the abortion care facilities and providers in two districts of Maharashtra. The studies were focused on understanding abortion services provided at registered and non-registered, government and private abortion care facilities. . . [Past studies](#)

Under the Abortion Assessment Project-India (AAP-I) CEHAT and Health-watch has done a wide range of quantitative and qualitative studies looking at various dimensions of the abortion issues from profiling abortion services, quality of care, methods of abortion, cost of abortion services, decision making in abortion, sex selection, pregnancy outcomes, informal providers etc. were undertaken in 16 different states by 24 research institutions.

PUBLICATIONS

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Under the AAP-I India project CEHAT also conducted a household study to study the pregnancy outcome analytically in the state of Maharashtra with a focus on abortion incidence, care received and costs incurred. The study aimed at providing inputs to society at large and to different stakeholders including policy makers to facilitate women's access to safe, legal and affordable abortion care services. . . [National Abortion Assessment Project](#)

ADVOCACY, EDUCATION & CAMPAIGN

CEHAT research gave advantages and make possible to interact extensively and in a focused manner with the two important communities, women and abortion service providers. Most of the advocacy efforts were in building awareness on abortion issues, identifying larger issues concerning improvement of the quality of abortion care services and their expansion, inviting state-level consultations to generate a discourse on them, lobbying with the concerned communities, and advocating legislative amendments which would facilitate the procedure of MTP registration.

Under the AAP-I project dissemination and advocacy strategy state level consultations were organised covering 23 states where findings of the research were disseminated and issues for advocacy were evolved - state level consultations were organised in Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and other North East states, West Bengal, Delhi, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, with the help of nodal agencies in the respective states. These meetings were attended by state level officials from the Health and Family Welfare departments, medical professionals from the public and private sectors, NGOs, activists, representatives of medical associations like the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecological Society of India (FOGSI) and Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the academia and media. Various research study findings undertaken under the AAP-I were also widely disseminated. These meetings provided an opportunity for dialogue across various stakeholders and came up with issues and concerns for advocating the cause of abortion and other reproductive health issues within a rights based framework. . . [Report of the State Level consultations](#)

The present project aims to demonstrate the feasibility of providing safe and quality abortion services at all levels through service delivery and communication interventions in two states. It also facilitates effective implementation of the law and existing policies across the two states and will

address policy and advocacy issues at the state and national level on abortion rights. The present project is being implemented by a consortium for safe abortions in India consisting of ARTH, CEHAT, FOGSI, FPA India, IMCH-Uppsala University, IPAS and Population Council. . . [Read More about the Project](#)

!!! National Campaign on Safe Abortion !!!

Considering the current scenario of abortion in India, a need to take concerted action to preserve and enhance access to safe abortion prompted some organizations and individuals working on women and health issues to launch a campaign. A Working Group comprising of ANS, ARTH, CEHAT, MASUM, CMNHSA, HealthWatch and MASUM launched the campaign. The main highlights of the campaign are in improving access to safe abortion, Addressing gender discrimination including sex selection and affirming women's reproductive rights and right to self-determination . . . [Read More about the Campaign](#)

NETWORK NGOS : SAFE ABORTION PROJECTS

At the National Level CEHAT along with other organisations like ARTH, FPAI, IPAS, ANS, HEALTHWATCH and CMNHS, launched different campaigns, consultations and workshops on Access to Safe Abortion. The campaign and workshop has brought together academicians, women's rights activist, media representatives, medical professionals and lawyers.

ARTH (Action Research and Training for Health) FPAI (Family Planning Association of India)

<http://www.arth.in/>

<http://www.fpaindia.org/>

Population Council

SoMi (Society of Midwives India)

<http://www.popcouncil.org/>

<http://www.somi.org.in/>

IPAS (Protecting Women's Health Advancing Women's Reproductive Rights)

<http://www.ipas.org/>

ADVOCACY MATERIAL

- + **Poster** : CEHAT has developed posters as a part of advocacy material useful for Safe Abortion and right to abortion. The poster are developed in English and Marathi language... [Read more](#)

The posters are based on following themes—

- F YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK AN ABORTION, IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO SO;
- F I HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE MY OWN DECISION.. I DON'T NEED ANYONES CONSENT;
- F MY MIND, MY BODY, MY CHOICE;
- F I AM AWARE THAT I AM ENTITLED TO AN ABORTION BUT YOU CANT FORCE ME TO HAVE A STERILISATION;
- F ABORTIONS ARE LEGAL IN INDIA UPTO 20 WEEKS OF PREGNANCY;
- F WOMEN'S LIFE OR HEALTH IS AT RISK.....

& **Brochure** : स्त्रियांच्या माहितीकरिता पत्रक : गर्भापाताविषयी सर्वकाही

हे माहिती पत्रक स्त्रियांच्या मनात असलेल्या गर्भापाता विषयीच्या अनेक प्रश्नांना चालना देते. या पत्रकात

गर्भापात म्हणजे काय, संबंधित कायदा, परवानगीची गरज, गोपनीयता, सेवा केंद्र, माहिती केंद्र, उपलब्ध पर्याय, सुरक्षितता, अश्या अनेक प्रश्नांची उत्तर आणि योग्य माहिती या पत्रिकेद्वारे मिळतो.

² **Campaign** : National Consultation of Safe Abortion and Sex Determination – 21-22 April 2008. At the National Level CEHAT along with other organisations like ARTH, ANS, HEALTHWATCH and CMNHS, launched the campaign on Access to Safe Abortion. . . [Read more](#)

: **Media Workshop** : The Campaign for Safe Abortion and Commonwealth with support from CEHAT, CHSJ and SAHAJ working in the field of health thought it would be a good idea to share their achievements and challenges with the media with a special focus on their work on safe and legal abortion. . . [Read more](#)



HIGHLIGHT LIBRARY RESOURCES

Library has rare and informative collection on Abortion, MTP Act, PCPNDT and other related areas. In all these issues it covers Abortion situation and analysis of different states & countries, Abortion policies and practice, Abortion from women's perspective, Ethical and legal issues, advocacy programmes & material, contraception, sex selective abortion, Access to safe abortion, rural and urban situations and many other areas of Abortion and Reproductive health.



All above subjects are available in the form of Books, Journal articles, Booklets, Pamphlets, Posters, Documentaries and other. It also covers other Educational institutions and NGO publications and papers.

MULTIMEDIA REVIEW

: **Atmajaa : Born from the soul : Female foeticide is the single most important cause of the alarming decline in the sex ratio, 'Atmajaa' tries to understand the reasons why both, educated well off people and those from economically challenged sections continue to prefer boys to girls. This is done by studying the pressures on Ruchi Munjal the daughter-in-law of the rich Munjal household and Urmilla the maid, to go in for medical termination of their pregnancies when both of them have conceived girls. [Produced by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India]**

Library has some documentaries on Safe & legal Abortion. This is an overview of some of them.



: **MTP Act ... 30 years later (Marathi & English): About the abortion assessment in Maharashtra State. Nearly 30 years later, the law and associated rules and regulations are considered overly medicalised and bureaucratic, and as such, not oriented towards women's right to access safe and legal abortion services.**

- : **Sex selective abortion - Kutch dil se** : The Monday to Thursday talk show on Sab TV at 2.30 p.m. hosted by Smriti Irani revolves around social issues where lawyers, cops, psychiatrists, doctors, social workers and celebrities answer viewer queries. This is a recording of one episode, which is on Sex Determination.
- : **Cheekh (Hindi) : Sex selective abortion** : Cheekh is a documentary prepared by Garbhastha Shishu Sanrakshan Samiti, who highlights some issues which are related to Sex discrimination & Abortion. It highlights some points related to Infant mortality also.
- : **Sachetana : Implications of unsafe abortion's in Nepal** : "SACHETANA" is a short educational film produced by CREHPA to bring awareness among the public about the implications of restrictive abortion law on women's reproductive health and their social status. This educational film is in Nepali and has English sub-titles. The film is based on research studies conducted by CREHPA in prisons and selected hospitals of Nepal.
- : **Manual vacuum aspiration: A new gold standard for first trimester abortion** : MVA is the single most promising procedure with the potential for generating and increasing access to safe abortion in every corner of India, with immediate & measurable benefits on women's health & well-being.
- : **Unwanted : Sex selective abortion**

NEWS ARRIVALS 2009

The month of May—August library updated different material on Women and health, Public health, Health financing and budget, Sexual crimes, Domestic violence and many other sub-subjects. Government of India and Maharashtra published reports are the part of Reference collection.

From the month of June onwards we developed new non-print material section which is called edocuments. These edocuments have full-text access of journal articles, books, seminar and conference reports, etc. User can access these from our Library only. Right now we have added some material on Abortion and Public-private Partnership.

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3. **ManyBooks.net**: You can conduct an advanced search, type in a title or author, browse categories or select books by language, from Finnish to Bulgarian to Catalan to Swedish.
4. **DailyLit**: Get free downloads sent to your e-mail by RSS feed.
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Following databases have fulltext free journal articles on different subjects.



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PubMed Central is a free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), developed and managed by NIH's National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in the National Library of Medicine (NLM)... [Access](#)

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CEHAT, the first centre set up by the Anusandhan Trust is entering its 15th year. It is the research centre of AT and has been at the interface of social movements and the academia. This interface has shaped the kind of work undertaken by the centre as well as the ethos within the organisation. Ideal as it may seem this position has been the most challenging both in terms of fostering relationships externally as well as internally. Both, rigorous academic research as well as participation in movements is demanding in terms of skills, capacity, time and other resources. While the centre has received recognition within several movements, it is yet to find its ground within the academia. Despite an impressive amount of research conducted by CEHAT in past several years, very little has been published in reputed journals.

CEHAT IN NEWS



BMC visits Cooper after patients complain

Times of India - Jun 9, 2009

She along with other NGOs like Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT) and local corporator Adolf D'souza spoke about patients' grievances ...

Members civil society bodies gather to discuss health sector problems...

Orissadiary.com - Jun 10, 2009

In the State level organized jointly by Mumbai based organisation CEHAT, Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) Bhubaneswar, Bharat Gyan Bigyan Samiti (BGVS) ...

Make patients' rights enforceable, say activists

Daily News & Analysis - Jul 26, 2009

A recent study conducted by the NGO Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT), found that half the hospitals do not give OPD papers, ...