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This bulletin covers information related to Library & Documentation Unit & also gives some focus on CEHAT's new research work with current publications. It highlights some new sections like poster and calendars.

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## CEHAT & Library Unit

The Library and Documentation Unit was established during 1995 and developed information resources. The library's main objective is to acquire all pertinent information resources and to organize it to meet the current and future needs of Researchers. In addition to acquisition of conventional literature like books, journals, an effort is made to trace and acquire all non-conventional literature such as annual reports, NGO reports and publications.



## Library service

FORTHCOMING THEMES & EVENTS :

This Year Library has started one additional service for the staff that is called *Forthcoming Themes & Events*. This service gives alerts of the forthcoming articles/research papers, which are published in journals, workshops, seminars & Conferences. It is useful for researchers for writing articles in journals, presenting research reports in Workshops & Seminars.

## Conference / News

[International Conference on "Knowledge for All: Role of Libraries and Information Centres", November 12-15, 2008](#)

## Conference Report

Following two recommendations are highlighted in the conference, which are also useful & related to our Library & Information Unit.

1. The conference took the note of fast developing digital initiatives all over the country, at different levels. While establishing the digital library care should be taken to adopt the standard which enables interoperability among the open archives.
2. Considering dynamic role WWW and internet and also noting down seriously the fast developing Open Access Movement, the conference felt that, the proper measures, should be taken to developers and promote the creation of contents and make it available to the large user community. Further, the conference has been fully convinced of the importance of providing Open Access to the research output of publicly funded organization / institutions.

## New Arrivals

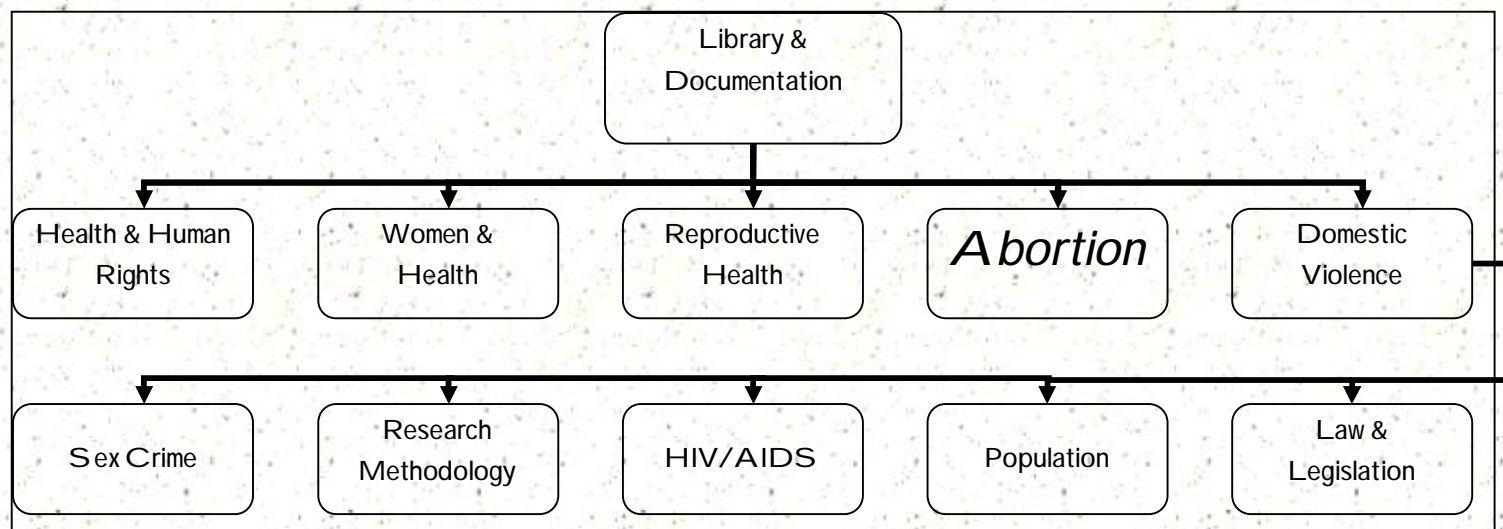
In the month of **October** Library added around 12 new titles, which covers books on women's issues and some social science books. Library also purchased one latest Illustrated Medical Dictionary published by A.I.T.B.S. Publishers and Distributors. From this month onwards we are also started new arrivals of journals and periodicals with the contents.

In the month of **November** Library introduced 30 new titles along with some Indian Standards on Hospital services up to 30 bedded hospitals. It also gives books on Health & Human rights and working paper series for the Helsinki Process on Globalization. This month also we are added one Reference book on Oxford handbook of public health practice.

In the month of **December** Library purchased some Books, Movies & Documentaries on Domestic Violence, Population, Gender, Sexuality, Women's rights & on HIV/AIDS. Library also purchased 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 2007-2012 published in 2008 with downloaded soft copy.



## Subject Review



## Abortion

The study of women's reproductive health (abortion) was one of the first projects undertaken by CEHAT when it was established. Since then, in six years, six projects and several other activities have contributed seven research reports, 26 scientific papers and essays, nine popular articles (eight of them in Marathi) and one book review.

618.33 section is specifically devoted to Abortion, which covers more detailed and theoretical information on Reproductive health, Women & health, Pregnancy, Sex selective abortion, Abortion services & Policy guidelines, MTP act & other legal issues. These all sub subjects cover in different sections like Books, reprints, research papers, documentaries & also have some data files which provide statistical data of above subjects.

## Organisational Repositories

### 1. CHAUKAT TODUN BAGHTANNA :

"Chaukat Todun Baghtanna" is a small information booklet, which gives basic information on Domestic Violence developed by Rashmi Divekar and Pramila Naik. It discussed about what is violence, what is family violence, types of domestic violence, effects on women's health, helps from public hospitals and also gives legal information. This is developed in very easy language with images. This booklet is useful for all women's who faced domestic violence and who are working on this issue.

## 2. ARTHIK, SAMAJIK ANI SANSKRUTIK HAKKA SAMITI CHALISAVE SATRA :

In May 2008 India was reviewed by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. For this review a group of Civil Society Organisations under the banner of "People's Collective" had submitted shadow report on Art. 16 and 17 of the ECOSOC. After the review process the UN committee formulated its concluding observations on the report. The Concluding Observations have highlighted several issues which need urgent attention and the Government is directed to take action on those. We as Civil Society Organisations can use these Concluding Observations as an advocacy tool and demand greater accountability from the Government, which are translated into Marathi for wider dissemination.

## 3. GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RESPONDING TO WOMEN FACING VIOLENCE :

The guideline describes the health consequences of domestic violence and the role of healthcare providers. Now the Guideline is also available in three languages that are in Hindi, Marathi & Gujrati.

## 4. DILAASA CALENDAR :

In this year's Calendar, we highlight some salient features of the "Domestic Violence Act" and the role that health care professionals and medical facilities have to play in implementing it.

## Documentary Review



**68 pages**

Directed by

**Sridhar Rangayan**

Coming from a country like India that is still in denial, where being HIV+ is still a curse, '68 Pages' rips open the underbelly of its society to reveal how it stigmatizes and shuns those who are HIV+ or even those who just want to be what they are. Through 68 Pages of a counselors diary, we see the stories of Paayal, a sex worker; Nishit, an ID user; Kiran, a gay man and Umrao, a transsexual bar dancer - their stories of pain and fear, humiliation and rejection - not only by the society, but even by their loved ones. While these stories expose the shallowness of the system, it also offers hope and healing by trying to bring about a better understanding of their fight to live with dignity. The film is a tribute to the human spirit of optimism and survival.





## **Provoked: A True Story**

**Directed by**

**Jag Mundhra**

Based on a real life incident, Provoked is the story of a battered Punjabi housewife and mother of two in London, who is unable to bear the brutality and repeated rapes by her alcoholic husband, sets him on fire and kills him. Provoked is the true story of Kiranjit Ahluwalia, a Punjabi woman who moved to London after her marriage with Deepak Ahluwalia. He succumbs to the injuries and she is sentenced to prison for life for premeditated murder. However the Southall Black Sisters, an NGO which fights against domestic violence helps her get justice. And after spending 3 1/2 years in jail, she is set free and reunited with her two children.

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