

# FEATURE

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## FOR FACT CHECKERS

The CED (Centre for Education and Documentation) is a them park for those hunting for facts and stats on the city. Behind Regal Cinema, in a building with an entrance that's easy to miss is the tiny reading room and reference library which is a hub of sorts for citizen^ctmsts and scribes set up in 1978 by activist John D'Souza. "In those days, if you wanted any information as a layperson on social issues related to, say, gender or environment, you'd have to go to a library that was beyond the reach of normal people. Even if you found books, they would be too academic to give a proper picture. So, we started maintaining newspaper clipping for a chronological arrangemnet of every development on an issue,"explains documentalist Maya Kudtarkar. The library has 8,000 books and is working towards digitising its contents. With extensive clipping files on every issue, it's a haunt for PhD scholars, activists and journalists.

**WHERE:** 3 Sulaiman Chambers, 4, Battery Street, Behind Regal Cinema, Colaba.

**TIMING:** Tue-Sat, 10 am to 7pm

**MEMBERSHIP:** Rs 45 (Daily, students); Rs 75 (Daily, professionals); Rs 450 (Annual, students); Rs 750 (Annual, professionals).

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