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Durbar celebrated its another achievements in sports

Durbar Sports Team feels extremely proud to announce the victory of Durbar football team in the National Slum Soccer Tournament held in Nagpur from February 14 – 16, 2014. 16 teams from different states participated in the tournament while Durbar represent state of West Bengal. The team members were felicitated by renowned football players and representatives of corporate held in sport journalist Club on 4th Marxh, 2014. The felicitation program was attended by Chuni Goswami (Former football player and Awardee), Beretto Padmashree (Brazilian soccer player), Crompton Dutta (former football player), Alvito De Cunha (Football player and brand ambassador of East Bengal club), Harmanjeet Khabra (Vice-captain of East Bengal Club), Kalyan Majumdar (Secretary of East Bengal Club), Bluechip company (Assistant Secretary of Indian Football Association), Prabir Lahiri (MD, Secretary of Indian Football Association), Dr. Smarajit Jana, Chief Advisor of DMSC declared that Durbar has taken over third division Club named Young Man's Sports Association. Biswajeet Majumdar, Sports Durbar said that, "We also feel great to provide a new platform for who would be inducted to this third division football club which will be called as 'Durbar Young Men's Sporting Association'



starting their venture from this year, in IFA league tournament. Ms. Bharati Dey, Secretary said that this newly created platform would marginalised community members who rarely get an opportunity to showcase their talent.”

During this press conference football icons of India felicitated Rajeev Ray who was selected as one of the 11 member team who will represent India and go for one month training with Manchester United Soccer Club in the month of April. Airtel School Football Tournament (under 16) did organise a one week long trial camp for 30 players from across the country, wherein 11 were shortlisted. Two of the eleven member team are from West Bengal and we will feel proud that one of them is a sex-workers' son hailing from Sonagachi.

Sex Workers union participated in One Billion Raising campaign

One Billion campaign to end women, rise for gender equality. the UN statistic women will be their lifetime, or The campaign was playwright and her Every year the celebrated on 14th This year i.e., on

West Bengal also joined with the activists around the world for One billion Rising. Department of women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata organized a whole day workshop on sexual harassment of women at workplace where sex workers union also participated in the same. The workshop continued followed by a Rally from Open stage to Play ground of Around 100 including workers took In 2012, the campaign biggest mass violence with tens of held in more On September from 160 up to take and on 2013;

celebrated with rally, which was held in more than 190 countries. Around 5,000 organizations have joined the campaign including the sex workers union 'Binodini Sramik Union affiliated with the National Trade Union, NTUI.



Raising is a global violence against justice and promote The "billion" refers to that one in three raped or beaten in about one billion. . initiated by activist Eve Ensler organization V-Day. campaign is being February.

14th February, 2014, sex workers daughter of sex part in the rally.

One Billion Rising culminated in the global action to end against women ever thousands of events than 190 countries. 20, 2012, people countries had signed part in the campaign the day was



Durbar set up a Right to Information Center on International Sex Workers' Day

On the occasion of International Sex-workers' Day, which is celebrated across the world on March 3, Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee (DMSC) carried out a rally in Sonagachi area. The day was first declared by DMSC in 2001 and is now being celebrated by sex workers and those who support sex workers rights movement. DMSC also successfully launched a Right to Information Center at its office in 12/5 Nilmoni Mitra Street Kolkata-700006, for the right implementation of the act for the marginalized community.

The main motive behind setting up of RTI center is to boost up the confidence of sex-workers in accessing all kinds of information enshrined through this act. This will help sex workers

rights movement social including sex-other community. plans to set number to various often by sex their children of this year.

Moreover, collaboration India

sex-workers (AINSW) tries to develop a dialogue with all the political parties and policy makers across the country. We are also trying to connect with the community based organisations (CBOs) working for sex-workers' across the country and would help them in accessing legal training and capacity building program.

The day was celebrated with the cultural program staged by Komal Gandhar.

The law regulating Sex Workers (ITPA- 1956) criminalizes many activities surrounding sex work, like soliciting, living on the earning of the sex workers, carrying out sex work in brothels, closure to temple institution etc. making us vulnerable to harassments by the police, local goons and others. Besides stigma attached to sex work, sex workers and their family members are forced not to access various social entitlements and citizenship identity. As a matter of fact most of our community members, those practicing sex-work in brothels, streets and other settings could not manage to have their Voter Cards.

The day's program was crystallized with a rally attended by more than 1500 sex-workers and their children to raise their voice against aforementioned issues and atrocities perpetrated against sex workers community. The rally started from Sonagachi.

Durbar Disha participated workshop in Jaipur, Rajasthan

Representatives of Durbar Disha Mahilla Griha Sramik Samanwaya Committee, organisation of domestic help attended a three days workshop on Domestic workers at Jaipur, Rajasthan from 19th to 21st February 2014, organized by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT), Delhi. The workshop mainly focused on the demands and rights of Domestic Workers. Participants from different parts of India representing organisation of domestic



rights and their inclusion workers and marginalised Durbar also up a helpline address challenges encountered workers and by the end

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worker i.e. from Kolkata Dubar Disha and Parichiti; from Delhi ISST; from Rajasthan MKSK; from Gujrat SAAT, from Maharashtra YUVA and Kastakari Kamgarh Union etc were present in the workshop.

The workshop initiated with sharing of experiences on the tale of the turmoil of a domestic worker,

encounters for the rights, participants development establish domestic

Every participant voted for the a tripartite at the state issues of worker. Disha

in addition to from the domestic worker, representatives from employer, social activist and Lawyer, Govt. officials should be included in the board.

Team decided to establish a strong networking with other organizations, different trade union and other marginal community groups to create a stronger movement across the country.



sharing various while fighting followed by discussed of strategies to rights of worker.

participant development of board structure level to address domestic suggested that representatives

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