

Durbar organised a Health Camp at Amlasole

The statement that "Health is Wealth" is a very true to its meaning, as one cannot do anything if he or she does not have good health. So, it is important that each person must know the causes, effects and remedy related to their individuals' health issues. Keeping

these in mind this Health Camp on 16th indigenous where indigenous people Munda tribes are agricultural people of Amlasole poverty line. They medical treatment knowledge regarding Moreover, due to can hardly get the check-up health



year Durbar organised a April 2016, in Amlasole These people live. Sobar belong to and considered pre most community and villages belong to below are neither able to afford having basic nor any health and hygiene. the remote location they opportunity to have their regularly. Even at the time

of emergency they take lot of pain to reach out to a nearby hospital which is around twenty kilometer away from their village.

Altogether 98 people came for health and medical check-up. Among them 50% were women. Majority of them were found to be suffering from anaemia and 20 % from various kinds of skin disease. Children were found to be suffering from malnutrition. It was a day long camp which ended at about 5 O- clock in the evening. Durbar has a plan to continue with this sort of medicare services for the community members of these villages.

Helping to bloom a bud

Amra Padatik, the organization by and for the children of sex workers are active in addressing challenges of their peers who are otherwise socially stigmatized and discriminated. In their recent visit to Basirhat representative of AmraPadatik identified some unusual behaviour in Rabia Khatun(name changed). She was completely reluctant and

isolated from other children. On repeated persuasion the girl shared that she have some physical incapacity. The team members of A.P. gathered a few other information from her neighbourhood she was sexually abused by her father repeatedly on regular interval for more than two years ago. Mother of the girl caught the father red handed. The girl was completely shuddered and traumatized as a result of the regular abuse. She lost interest in her studies and became drop out of school. She was ashamed of the incident and blamed herself for seducing her father. Meanwhile her neighbours also came to know about the incident. Her mother divorced the abusive father but still the girl remained silent and secluded herself from her neighbourhood.

After knowing the incidence Amra Padatik leaders interacted the child and her mother and felt a pressing need for proper counseling for both. The girl and her mother were counseled with the help of a professional psychologist on a regular course. After two months the girl gradually gained confidence and her self esteem. She is now willing to get admitted in the school. Amra Padatik leaders discussed with the mother who was also keen to admit the child in the residential home run and managed by Durbar at Baruipur (named Rahul Vidya Niketan). The girl is now very happy. "I will go to my earlier school in Basirhat so that they provide me the transfer certificate" she said. It was just a beginning of a new chapter of her life.

Protest against moral policing

Durbar always believes and respects on the choice of the individual and against the moral policing imposed by a section of people within the society. A girl student of a renowned college of Kolkata was attacked by the self-appointed moral police at Pallyshree(a place in south Kolkata) last month. The fault of the girl was smoking a cigarette wearing shorts. She and her friend was attacked brutally by the "moral polices" at late night with vulgar taunting and abusive languages. The girl reported the incident to the nearby police station but their attitude was even worse who were not interested to take any action.

Das Theke Das Hazar (a platform to resist sexual violence in West Bengal) immediately responded to this gender based violence which was published in every vernacular newspaper and a team on behalf of the platform spoke with the girl. The girl said that the police was visiting her home frequently which is disturbing her social life as well as her career. A team of 12 representatives from Das Theke Das Hazar visited Netaji Nagar police station and submitted a deputation with a demand to urgently arrest the primary accused who was still absconding. Durbar being a core member of the platform took active role in the deputation and in the dialogue. They created pressure on the police demanding not to harass the girl in the 'name of investigation'.

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