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EYE CAMP AND MEDICAL CAMP AT AMLASOLE

Amlasole is a village in the western fringe of West Bengal where indigenous people live. The indigenous people belong to Sobar and Munda tribes are considered pre agricultural community and most people of the Amlasole villages belong to below poverty line. They are not very conscious neither can afford medicare services. Moreover, due to the remote location they can hardly get the opportunity to have their health check up regularly. Even at the time of emergency they take lot of pain to reach in a hospital. Keeping all these in mind Durbar has organized a medical camp on 3rd



Camp in Amlasole on 3rd July, 2011

July 2011(Sunday) at *Sabar Ghar*(House for All), Amlasole. The Eye Camp started in the first half of the day at around 8 O'clock in the morning. Altogether 63 of them attended the clinics. Those who need spectacles would be provided through Durbar at a very nominal price. Patients attended in the health camp were found to be suffering from fever and malnutrition. Medicines were provided free of cost to all those who need it. The camp came to an end at about 4 O'clock in the evening.

DURBAR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2011

A great laveler against discrimination



Ex-Indian footballer, Mr. Bhashkar Ganguly and the players of DFL

There were 8 teams representing dozens of red light districts. Each team was constituted with 50% representative of sex workers children and rest from the mainstream society. The negative attitude towards sex workers which is prevalent in most parts of the country including West Bengal used to pose a great hurdle for the education and development of the children of sex workers. They could barely

get out of the red light districts out of shame and tear for discrimination even a decade back. When Durbar started the football coaching camp in Baroipur children of the mainstream society approached to us for their inclusion. Based on this experience Durbar felt to expand the idea and its further implementation through organized sports activities. To explore it Durbar initiated a football league during 2010 in the name of DURBAR FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DFL). This year i.e., in 2011 the Durbar Football League was organized in the Modern Athletic Club Ground of Sheoraphuli, a district town of Hoogly, West Bengal.

The final was held on 2nd July, 2011. The match was attended by eminent personalities like MLA of Chapdani, Hoogly, SP of Hoogly district, Chairman of Baidyabati Municipal Corporation and few other local counselors

MEETING OF THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTARIANS ON HIV/AIDS (FPA) HELD IN DELHI

Forum of Parliamentarians on HIV/AIDS (FPA) in partnership with the Ministries of Health & Family Welfare organized a National Convention on 4th – 5th July 2011 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Ministers from different states, MLA's, MP's and VIP's from different sectors including Congress President Ms. Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Mr. Manmohan Singh were also present in the program. Congress President Ms. Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Mr. Manmohan Singh inaugurated the Convention.

The objectives of the convention were to bring together the representative of Zila Parishad, Chairpersons and Mayors of cities to help sensitizations of HIV epidemic as well as to encourage them to engage other key sectors and to determine their role in the national AIDS response.

At the Convention Ms. Bharati Dey, the Secretary of Durbar was invited as a resource person. She gave a presentation on ITPA and Self Regulatory Board (SRB) which was chaired by the Minister of State Mr. Dinesh Trivedi.

Prime Minister Monmohan Singh in his speech said that all ministers concerned should have a 'HIV sensitive' policy to benefit the people infected and affected by the disease. Ms. Meira Kumar, the Speaker of Lok Sabha and Mr. Dinesh Trivedi, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare wholeheartedly supported Durbar's work and suggested the audience to emulate the same in the plan. In the question answer session Ms. Meira Kumar told Ms. Bharati Dey that she will try to carry forward the issues of ITPA.

COACHING CLASS STARTED IN BOWBAZAR

A red light district in Kolkata

Durbar started a coaching centre in this month (July, 2011) in Bowbazar, a red light district in Kolkata in collaboration with Lutheran World Service India Trust.

The Coordinator and peer educators of Bowbazar took active part to run and manage this coaching centre. Earlier Durbar used to run Berabhenga Sikha Kendra (BSK) for the children of the sex workers for the school drop outs. However over the period Durbar took lot of efforts to bring down the drop outs rates from nearly 80% in 1992 to less than 10% in the recent past. As a result of which more and more children

are attending formal schools but many of them are unable to compete with other students due to lack of quality coaching in the schools. To fill up the gap DMSC started this coaching session in the said area.

The coaching centre is expected to provide educational support to the school going children. All total 22 children are presently coming to this coaching centre who are studied ranges from Class V-IX. The classes are running four days a week in two sessions, 5-6p.m and 6 -7p.m.

The Central Committee members of *Amra Padatik* would make visit to the field on a regular basis with an objective to provide support for the smooth running of the class.