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Durbar's participation in Slum Soccer

Sporting activities apart from being part of broader education, give the children a viable option to engage themselves, build self-esteem and confidence. The initiative of Durbar has inculcated a strong sporting culture amongst the children of sex workers in the last few years. This sporting initiative has achieved a lot of success in recent times.

This year 2 children of sex workers from Rahul Vidya Niketan, a residential home of Durbar qualified to represent Slumsoccer KVS-India Men's team and daughter of a sex worker for female team for the 10th Homeless World Cup in Mexico City from 6th – 14th October 2012. The participation in sports has resulted in children of sex workers getting recognition and rewards as well as respect in the main stream society. This also helps to address the stigma and discrimination faced by children of sex workers along with boosting their self esteem.

Second general election of Durbar Disha

"We will welcome new organization to take worker's movement." Moumita on the eve of Domestic Workers Day eventually the first birth Durbar Disha on 16th very day the members accomplished their election to choose their members. 9 domestic



their nomination in three office bearers' posts including President, Secretary and Treasurer. The

leaders in the forward our commented International which was anniversary of June 2012. On that of the Durbar Disha second general new executive body workers submitted

candidates were enthusiastic enough to carry out their election campaign which was completed on 15th June evening. Independent election observers including Trade union leaders and representatives from Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee were present to observe and carry out the whole election process. 162 members of Durbar Disha voted to elect their office bearers. Each member voted for three posts and Moumita in the secretary post got the highest number of vote where Ratna in the treasurer post got the second highest vote and Pratima in the president post got the third highest vote. The election observer committee decided to form nine member executive committee. The new executive body took oath to take forward the domestic workers movement in the state.

Forthcoming event

DMSC is organizing International AIDS Conference Hub at Swabhum, Kolkata, India and co-hosted by the NSWP from 21st July to 27th July 2012. It is being organized in collaboration and with support from NACO, International AIDS Society, UNAIDS, UNFPA, AINSW and APNSW.

The theme of the conference is "Sex worker's Freedom Festival". As the rights of sex workers are often denied by most of the countries, through this conference sex workers are keen to highlight following issues:

- Freedom to choose one's own occupation
- Freedom for free movement
- Freedom for participation including representation in policy making bodies in Government and other institutions.
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom from stigma and discrimination
- Freedom from violence

Various sessions of the conference have been designed to focus on rights related issues and its underlying relationship with the HIV transmission as well as its impact on the HIV Intervention Program. Multiple sessions will run parallel in four auditoriums. There are abstract-driven presentations, symposia, skill building workshops and interactive sessions where community leaders will engage with the technical experts in the field.

The satellite communications which will be live and recorded, between the Conferences of Washington D.C and Kolkata what would be a significant contribution of the conference and would be held in all six days.

Highlights of the Event:

- **24th July 2012**: Sex Worker Freedom Rally- including celebrating 20 years of Sonagachi
- **25th July 2012**: There will be India night where participants all across India enjoy cultural performances
- **27th July 2012**: Closing Ceremony