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Binodini Sramik Union's Contribution in 3rd General Council of New Trade Union Initiative(NTUI)

The Third general council of New Trade Union Initiative (NTUI) was held on Kolkata from 6th to 8th January, 2012. Binodini Sramik Union (A union of Sex workers) as an affiliate member of NTUI and a member of West Bengal State organizing committee of NTUI participated in the same. NTUI is the first central trade union, recognized the sex work as work and gave the affiliation to the sex workers union, Binodini Sramik Union, based in Kolkata.



Binodini Sramik Union raised their Voice in rally to get recognition as worker.

The event was started with a massive rally from College square to Metro channel on 6th January

from 1 pm. It was attended by 10,000 workers from different sectors including agricultural workers, domestic workers, factory workers, tea garden workers and others. The Binodini Sramik Union being the affiliate member of the NTUI raised their

voice with their specific demand to get recognition as worker. The rally was culminated in a public meeting which was inaugurated by the renowned poet and writer, Tarun Sanyal,

Chairman of the West Bengal Reception Committee, followed by NTUI President D. Thankappan, General Secretary Ashim Roy. The general council was organized in Moulali Yuva Kendra, Kolkata on 7-8th January.

On 7th January the secretariat report was present by the general Secretary Asim Roy. The 3rd resolution of the 3rd GC was discussed on 8th January.

Binodini Sramik Union took part in the debate and the final resolution formulated in connection to sex work was decriminalization of sex work and delinking trafficking from sex work. The resolution was unanimously accepted by the General Council of NTUI.

Durbar Prakashani's strong presence in International Book Fair



Kolkata book fair is the one of the biggest festival of Books in Eastern Region of India. Book lovers from different part of the world participate in the mega event. This year 36th International Kolkata Book Fair held at Milan Mela ground from 25th January 2012 to 5th February 2012. This is a place where one can get many Celebs and common people together; and obviously, thousand of books under one roof!

Italy was the focal theme of 36th Kolkata Book fair. There were more than 560 stalls in the book fair and it was opened to all. Durbar has been takes part in Kolkata Book Fair since last 5 years. There were also some painters, who could do the live portrait. These all made International Kolkata Book Fair more attractive. A huge number of people came every day to visit the fair.

Under the broad umbrella of Durbar, a publishing unit in the name of Durbar Prakashani (DP) came into existence since 2001. Apart from publishing books Durbar Prakashani (Publishing House) pen down on different issues. And the best thing happened in the recent past is the emergence of few writers from among the sex worker community member. There are several others who are gradually gaining enough confidence to scribe their journey of life in black and white. Till date DP published 45 books to its credit. DOP has been publishing a monthly magazine named *Durbar Bhawna* covering various socio cultural and political issues impacting life and occupation of people in general since May 2009. The journey also deals with issues related to government policies and practices, focusing Labor, food security, health and environment among others.

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crowded
period of
lovers and
renowned

film stars
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effort. The
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written by



our stall was
throughout the
ten days with book
readers. Many
authors, writers,
philosophers and
also visited our stall
encourage us in our
book named 'Chena
Ochena Manush'
Dr. Smarajit Jana

was launched in the book fair itself which got a good response from the book lovers.

Books what draw attention of booklovers were 'Jibon Jounata aar Jounokarmi', 'Chena Desh Ochena Manush', 'Adhikar Bhawna', 'Bhinno Nari Anno Swar', 'Tonic na Velki', 'Babuder Andermahal', 'Amader Sorir o Jouno Rogh', 'Brihonnolader Jibon Sotto' etc. Durbar Prakashani made a good business through selling those books.

Achievement of Durbar Football Team

The Football Team (U-12 years) of Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee was awarded by the West Bengal Branch of Indian Football Association to the Nursery League both as a member and implementations of IFA (WB). Durbar Football Team (DFT) took part in the competition in the South Zone of the Nursery League. In the league table they occupied the 2nd position, by defeating 4 other contentiously but losing one. By virtue of their 2nd position the team is now promoted to the final table where they have to compete with 7 other team for championship.

The football team being coached by Mr. Biswajit Majumdar and Mr. Sankar Bose at Baruipur took all efforts to develop this team. DFT's success was appreciated by each and every one who o watched the match held in different places all across south Zone consisting of South 24 Parganas and Kolakta.