



On 8th March 2018, MASUM observed International Women's Day with other social, civil and women rights groups. At Kolkata, a sit-in, mass meeting followed by procession was organized at Sealdah Railway Station premises by 'Dus Theke Dus Hazar' (ten to ten thousand), a conglomeration of women's rights activists and groups. From MASUM, Mr. Kirity Roy and Ms. Sonali Das and Mr. Mohor Mondal along with women victims of torture by Police and Border Security Force personnel from 24 Parganas (North) participated. Mr. Roy and Mr. Mondal addressed the gathering. At Cooch Behar district, MASUM observed International Women's Day at erstwhile enclave Karola with Pramila Bahini; an association of women from erstwhile enclaves. Around 100 women were present at the meeting. Secretary and Chief Coordinator of Alipurduar Social Awareness Institute (ASAI); Mr Sushanta Talukdar and Mrs Mala Dev made deliberation. From MASUM, Ms. Tilak Burman, Mr. Ramendra Nath Moitra and Mr. Dippyaman Adhikary made their speeches on women rights and torture by State agencies upon women at India – Bangladesh bordering areas. A street corner meeting was organized by MASUM at Sekhpara of Murshidabad district where a bordering population attended in numbers. Mr. Biplab Mukherjee from MASUM addressed the meeting and discussed about the wraths and apathies of law enforcing agencies; police and BSF with special reference to marginalization and subjugation of women at IndoBangladesh border.