

In the month of September volunteers of Banglar Manabdhikar Suraksha Mancha organized total 12 interactive meetings with erstwhile enclave dwellers and 3 interactive meetings with villagers residing in border nearing villages. From 3rd to 9th September the meetings with erstwhile enclave dwellers were held at 13,14, 15 Dhabalsuti Mrigipur, Nolgram, Jagatber, Panbari, Chit Kuchlibari, Dakkhin Moshaldanga, 8 Dighaltari, Puatur Kuthi, Poschim Moshaldanga and Modhya Moshaldanga. On these meetings the erstwhile enclave dwellers discussed about the future course of action of “Amra Chitmoholbasi” and “Pramila Bahini”. Besides that they also discussed the modalities to form new community based committee named “Amra Simantabasi” with an intention to mobilize villagers to protest BSF restriction and torture. Not only restrictions by BSF, bordering villages are without minimum guarantees for life and livelihood. MASUM suggested them to form a community based community named “Amra Simantabasi” and they primarily agreed to do so.



Besides the above mentioned programmes, a series of village level meetings in erstwhile enclaves and border nearing villages from 25th September to 1st October. Details of those meetings are given below-

25th September, 2018



MASUM conducted a village level meeting in the Balabhut village to organise the villagers, in order to motivate them to create Amra Simantabashi. The meeting was attended by around 35 villagers who talked about their sufferings in the hands of BSF personnel. Few residents from Telai enclave were also present in today's meeting. They questioned regarding their citizenry rights and land rights. MASUM assured to help them in their initiatives to organise and fight for their rights.

26th September, 2018

MASUM conducted a village level meeting at haldibari shibir with 46 erstwhile Enclave dwellers. The Enclave dwellers have decided to form Amra Chitmahalbasi in order to organise themselves to fight for their rights. They are yet to receive any government compensation and have no idea when they will be provided with the compensation money that was guaranteed by the Indian government. They are concerned about their citizenry rights. We motivated them to organise a movement involving all the victim Enclave dwellers and fight for their rights.



In another village level meeting we met with 68 erstwhile Enclave dwellers from 13 Dhabalsuti Monglibari enclave. These villagers have already formed Amra Chitmahalbasi last month and willing to take forward their movement for getting their rights. They were provided with 4 solar irrigation panels by the government among which 3 are not working at present. In this regard the villagers after discussing with us have decided to lodge a complaint with the district officials as there first step. We promised to support them with every available means.

27th September, 2018

MASUM conducted 4 village level meetings in Mekhliganj block with the villagers who were either affected by erratic demarcation or are regularly subjected to restriction by the BSF. Following are the details of the four meetings mentioned above.

1. 56 Hemkumari Bholapara - around 55 villagers from this village attended the village level meeting. There are around 100 families residing in this village among which 90% of The villagers have to cross the border fencing for agricultural purposes. Restrictions from BSF are a regular impediment to this villagers. Hence they decided to form Amra Simantabasi and fight for their rights.



2. 128 Bhotbari - around 350 villagers reside in this village among which 50% of the villagers have agricultural land across the border fencing. Restrictions from the BSF are regular issue from which the villagers suffer on a daily basis. These villagers also decided to form Amra Simantabasi soon and fight for their rights.

3. 105 Bagdogra - around 1000 families reside in this village and are subjected to restriction by the BSF on a regular basis. villagers are allowed to cross the fencing 4 Times a day for a stipulated time to carry out agriculture. We motivated them to form Amra Simantabasi and fight for their rights, which they agreed to organise as soon as possible.

4. 127 Bhotbari - the village is inhabited by around 500 families. Almost every family have their agricultural lands across the border fencing. Similar restrictions from the BSF were also seen in this village, where The villagers are allowed to enter their own lands for a stipulated time. After talking to us the villagers decided to form Amra Simantabasi and fight for their rights.

28th September, 2018

MASUM conducted two village level meetings in Mathabhanga area. Inhabitants from these two erstwhile enclaves are suffering from different enclave related issues. The details of these meetings are discussed as follows.

1. Jagatbere Chit 1, 2, 3 - The villagers from this erstwhile enclave have already formed Amra Chitmahalbasi committee in this enclave. They have also decided to fight in the issues of proper documents, fixing solar irrigation panels and shallow irrigation pumps provided by the government that was later found erratic. We motivated and guided them to lodge complaints in near future.



2. Nalgram, Falnapur, Jongra - villagers from these erstwhile enclaves have already formed Amra Chitmahalbasi and Promilabahini committees in this area. Promilabahini though already formed was in a dormant situation. We motivated them to organise themselves and participate equally with the Amra Chitmahalbasi committee to fight for their rights. Members of Promilabahini promised to actively take part in the fight for their rights. Apart from particular documents required for their citizenry rights, Promila Bahini decided to demand roads and bridges in their respective Enclave as their first step.

30th September, 2018

MASUM organized three village level meetings in Mashaldanga area of Dinhat with the erstwhile Enclave dwellers. Following are the details of these meetings -



1. Madhya Mashaldanga - Enclave dwellers from this Enclave decided to form Amra Chitmahalbasi committee soon and fight for their rights. We motivated them and promised to support them with every means through their movement.

2. Purba Mashaldanga - Inhabitants of this enclave have already formed the Amra Chitmahalbasi committee in the area. We encouraged the women of this enclave to form Promilabahini and participate actively in the movement, which they agreed. The Amra Chitmahalbasi committee has decided to distribute hand bills and organise Street corners in nearest public places during Durga puja.