

Workshop on 9th and 10th OCTOBER, 2018, Berhampore, Murshidabad

Representatives from different villages of Indo Bangladesh bordering areas of Murshidabad district took part in the two days residential workshop in Berhampore, Murshidabad on 9th and 10th October, 2018.



Representatives came from villages under Shamsargunj, Lalgola, Bhagabangola I, Bhagabangola-II, Raninagar-II and Jalangi Block. In the opening session they opined their views on erosion, torture, presence of social security schemes, trafficking and inform about some basic in sequence on demography, position of international border, BSF atrocities, restriction on livelihood etc.

A closer look at actual human tragedies which litter our national boundaries (with Bangladesh) was illuminated by their views. It has been critically recognized that the spectrum of everyday quandary for the people who were displaced three and more times due to river erosion and facing torture and different types of violence from Border guards. Incidents of state repression at the Murshidabad part of India-Bangladesh border was disclosed by the delegates and in particular they opined on restriction on jute, maize cultivation, opening and shutting of border gates, barricading their entry in PWD roads. In a rare presentation one activist unveil the name of trafficking kingpins in his locality. Enthusiasm they showed in presentation, interaction and also in cultural performance demonstrates their collective conscience and activism.

In the second and concluding day the demands set by delegates were discussed in detail. A district level committee of 'AAMRA SHIMANTOBASI' (WE THE BORDERING PEOPLE) was formed. The newly formed committee took some decisions on the activities for upcoming months. At the mid of November (after festive season) newly elected committee members will meet to discuss on planning that was made in this residential workshop.

