

Activity report in District Murshidabad on January 2019



7 village level meetings were organized by —AmraSimantabasi in Murshidabad district. The meetings held at Raghunathganj, Bhairabpur (12.01.2019), Char Rajanagar, Khasmohol (14.01.2019), Char Paikmari (17.01.2019), Char Munsurpur (18.01.2019), and Kajipara (21.01.2019) villages. A good number of villagers were present during these meetings and raised their voice for stationing of BSF guards at zero point.

On 23rd January 2019 AmraSimantabasi (we the bordering people) convened a meeting of its district committee to strategies its future course of actions. The meeting discussed the organizational lacunae and

lack of orientation of the members. The district committee directed all members to participate during the village level meetings. Mr. Kirity Roy and Mr. Subhapatim Roy Choudhury from MASUM attended the meeting.

A meeting with the elected representatives of Sahebnagar Gram Panchayet under Jalangi block was organized by AmraSimantabasi on 24th January 2019. Apart from the Pradhan and UpaPradhan of the Gram Panchayet, district committee members of the conglomeration were also present. The committee made a proposal to the Gram Panchayet to take a resolution on its monthly meetings regarding the BSF's stationing at actual international border. The elected members of panchayet informed the house about their apprehension that BSF will not take the resolution with spirit and increase its atrocities and restriction. —BADP allocation and its use was also discussed during the meeting. Mr. Kirity Roy and Mr. Subhapatim Roy Choudhury from MASUM attended the meeting.

A street corner meeting was followed at Char Nabipur. Villagers attended in large numbers. Torture victims of the locality arranged the meeting. It was decided that a mass memorandum will be submitted with a demand for BSF posting at actual border and for this purpose two village level meetings will be organized at Char Nabipur and Char Rajanagar in mid February.

On 25th January 2019 Amra Simantabasi district committee organised a meeting at Akherigunj Gram Panchayet office, the participants were the residents of Nirmal Char area, they discussed on the electrification, sanitation and BSF torture issues. The meeting discussed on various hardships of people living at alluvial landmass called Char in local parlance. The district committee made three specific proposals to the Pradhan of the Gram Panchayet on BSF stationing at actual border, specific resolution on electrification and proper sanitation and construction of latrines at the Char area.

On 26th January 2019 meeting was organized at Kamalpur village under NimitaPanchayet of Samshergunj block. People from Nimita and Jagtai gram panchayets were present during the meeting. The meeting discussed over the plights of Bidi workers and fishermen.

Two street corner meetings were organized on 27th January 2019 at Raipara and Sagarpara villages of Ghoshpara gram panchayet under Jalangi block. At both the meetings the speakers narrated the BSF highhandedness on activists during poster pasting and in protest the participants put posters again at the area. During the meeting at Raipara, the BSF personal involved in removing posters came and tried to provoke the attending villagers. Mr. Kirity Roy and Mr. Subhapatim Roy Choudhury spoke.

On 28th January 2019; Mr. Kirity Roy met with the Superintendent of Police; Murshidabad and attracted his attention over continuous attacks on human rights defenders attached with MASUM and requested for his intervention. He along with other activists met with the State Electricity Board's project officials about the electrification of Char area. The officer informed the MASUM representatives that the electrification of Akherigunj Char area will be initiated very soon.