

## Activity report of District Cooch Behar on April 2019



A team from MASUM consisting Mr. Biplab Mukherjee and Mr. Dipyaman Adhikary visited different enclaves from 14<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> April. Representative from Forum Asia; Ms. Anjuman Ara Begum , accompanied the team to assess the situations of land rights, citizenry rights and on availability of amenities at different erstwhile enclaves. The team visited erstwhile Bangladeshi enclaves; Nalgram, Falnapur and Jongra, situated under Mathabhanga Sub Division. Next the team visited Dinhata settlement camp where 39 families are living from Indian erstwhile enclaves situated at Bangladesh.

On 15<sup>th</sup> April; on the auspicious day of Bangla New Year, a street corner meeting was organized at Gosaiyer

Hat in Mathabhanga Subdivision by 'Amra Chitmahalbasi'. Mr. Biplab Mukherjee and Mr. Dipyaman Adhikary from MASUM addressed the meeting and Mr. Bijendra Nath Burman, Mr. Bindeswar Burman from Amra Chitmahalbasi also spoke on the occasion. Mr. Ajijul Haq; District Human Rights Monitor moderated the meeting. The issues of citizenry rights, land titles and availability of amenities were discussed.

Amra Simantabasi and Amra Chitmoholbasi two community based platforms along with MAUM arranged a number of street corner and village level meetings. On 13.04.2019 two mentioned platforms arranged two street corner meetings at Daharhat and Mekhliganj Bus stand at 2pm and 7 pm respectively. In these meetings, dwellers of 14 Dhabalsuti erstwhile enclave and villagers of 104 Fulkadabri, 127, 128 Bhotbari, 95 Fulkadabri discussed their issues and made orations on situation of erstwhile enclaves. District Human Rights Monitor of MASUM; Mr. Ajijul Haque moderated these street corner meetings.

8 community meetings were organized by Amra Simantabasi. Those meetings were held on 19.04.2019, 20.04.2019, 21.04.2019, 23.04.2019, 26.04.2019, 28.04.2019 at Konamukta, Haridaskhamar, Narayanganj, Banskothal, Pathorson ,Sangarbari, Ghochabari and Mahishmuri villages respectively. All these villages are situated under Dinhata-I, Dinhata- II and Sitalkuchi Block. Issues of bordering villages were come up, situation discussed and next activities were planned.

