



Banglar Manabdhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM) and Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum Asia) jointly organized a workshop for civil society members on "Eastern Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Reporting under the 3rd Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of India at UN Human Rights Council" in Kolkata started on 7th May at about 9.00 a.m. and ended on 8th May, 2016 at about 4.30 p.m. In order to encourage the stakeholders to make their own submissions based on the previous experiences, MASUM hold this two days programme. It is to be noted that, India will be examined under the third cycle of the UPR in 2017 and stakeholders (NGOs, community organizations, the National Human Rights Institutions etc) has opportunity to submit their submission to the Secretariat of the UPR by 22nd September, 2016. Mr. Adam Ahmed of Forum-Asia came from Bangkok, Thailand to attend the workshop. Nearly, 28 civil society members came to participate in the workshop from eastern states of India e.g. Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and experts from Manipur, Utter Pradesh and Gujarat. The UPR workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Justice Malay Sengupta, president of MASUM on 7th May at 9.00 a.m. Then, secretary of MASUM, Mr. Kurity Roy started the UPR workshop after introduction of all participants. Mr. Adam of Forum-Asia explained the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process, treaty bodies etc. didactically with power-point presentations so that the participants understood the UPR submission process and made notes. Thereafter, participants formed 3 groups and elaborately covered on major issues to prepare the important recommendations i.e. any forms of impunity, right to life, right to health, violence against women, environmental degradation and people, arm conflicts, rights of the child, RTIs and its effect, right of the disabilities, right of the dalits (discrimination and untouchability issues against dalit), death penalty, tortures, extra judicial killings, human trafficking, enforced disappearances, access to legal aid etc. and also focused 2nd cycle of UPR submission report and made a note for their recommendation for final discussion. All the participants have pledged that they will submit the submission jointly.