

Discussion on Perpetual Violence and Overall Marginalisation at Indo-Bangladesh Border

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) organised a two day long discussion in collaboration with Banglar Manabdhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM) regarding issues of human rights violations, marginalisation and other grave problems along the Indo-Bangladesh bordering areas on 21-22 June, 2016 at Indian Institute of Training and Development, Joka, Kolkata. The discussion was attended by victims of BSF atrocities, dwellers from erstwhile enclaves, district human rights monitors associated with MASUM, delegates from some of the bordering states, professor, journalist and one delegate from Bangladesh. Mr. Mukund Kattel, Director of FORUM-ASIA was present during the discussion and gave his valuable inputs to the discussion. Mr. Kirty Roy, secretary of MASUM inaugurated the discussion by introducing salient topics which will encompass all the issues related to violence perpetrated by Border Security Force, which includes extra judicial killing, torture, sexual assault on young women and children; he also mentioned the overall deprivation witnessed by erstwhile enclave dwellers and current residents of enclave settlement camps. Livelihood problems of river eroded populace of Murshidabad were also mentioned. Mr. S.M. Abraham Lincoln, lawyer and social activist from Bangladesh, shared his views and experiences and proposed some possible solutions to decrease the rampant violence perpetrated by BSF and BGB on both sides.

