

## Reaching out through sports



The Sports workshop 2012—Reach out Through Sports (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)—for children in St. Catherine of Siena and under privileged children in the locality held from 16<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in St. Stanislaus School Ground at Bandra (West), Mumbai. A total of 230 members participated including 6 coaches and 4 volunteers. The workshop focused giving training for children in football and hockey along with inter-active games from 9 am to 11 am. At 10.45 am a snack packet consisting of Puri, Bhaji is provided to each kid as an energy booster so that the energy they spent during the training is fairly replaced. This was very much necessary since many of them came to the football ground without proper food. Cold drinks (like nimboo sherbet, Rasna etc) also are provided to quench the thirst of the hot April month. A medical assistant also was standby to treat small cuts, wounds etc.,



All children are divided into 6 groups and each group had a coach to train them every day. During the training the social workers from St. Catherine also interacted with students from the locality giving them guidance. They focused on combining education and sports to interact with the participants from the slums and many of them were happy to meet the social workers. Even few district football training organizations came to visit to spot the talents of the children in which Thane District football Association is keen to select few children for further job oriented football training.

The Sports workshop 2012 was a grand success and many volunteers came as inspirational guests and children were very happy to get the inputs from them. We thank M/s. Siemens Limited for supporting the Sports Workshop 2012 and making this event a fruitful one for all children who participated in it—making their dreams more reachable!!