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### From Me 2 You

The new academic year has begun. The paradox is that while on the one hand we see people clamoring for admissions in prestigious schools and colleges with parents standing overnight to get forms, the kind of children we work with are too busy working to be bothered about going to school.

This story is repeated each year. We all know that every third out of school child in the world is an Indian. This is a shame. We have two India's. We try are best to bring the best to those beyond these school walls. The challenge is great.

We count on your support.

Fr. Trevor Miranda

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## REAP's Xth Annual Day

The Xth Annual Day celebrated on 12th April, 2008, was a day to remember. A PowerPoint presentation of the annual report with glimpses of the past 10 years brought back nostalgic memories.

26 staff who have been with REAP from the last 10 years



were felicitated. They were mighty touched by this gesture.

**Mr. Vignesh Manjeshwar,**

who was the chief guest, complimented the staff for their commitment and hard work. He linked the growth of the organization to the likes of con-



quests of Shah Jahan!!

The celebration began with four children from REAP Gurukul speaking in English which touched everyone's heart. It set the tone for the days celebrations.

## Children frolic in Water Park!

100 children from NFE centers in Thane and Digha were given a treat at

programme was organized by Family Care



'Tikuchinniwadi' a water park in Thane. Ample fun in the water, sumptuous lunch and gifts crowned the day. This delightful pro-

Foundation who also gave our slum children a 5-star treat earlier. The kids had a ball.



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## New Academic year begins with Staff Seminars

As is the case every year, the new academic year began with two seminars for all staff. The staff being large, two sessions had to be organized, one for the NFE teachers and another for the Balwadi teachers.



other for the Balwadi teachers.

**Mr. Vignesh Manjeshwar** conducted the first Seminar and focused



on how to create motivation among the people



we work with. This he did through an exercise and got the whole crowd of more than a 100 staff on their feet! The fruits were evident from the participation.

The second seminar was conducted by **Dr. Ravindra Tambe**, a practicing psychologist who spoke on how to understand a child. The teachers listened in rapt attention as his examples brought live images from their classes. We are grateful to St. John the Baptist School for giving us use of their AV hall.

Enrolment this year: Std. I (1285) from Balwadis; Std. V (775) from NFE's. Total: 2020

## SHG Women fight it out

Our never-say-die SHG women will not take things for granted any more. Over a hundred women from our SHG groups in Chembur marched in a morcha with placards and all to the 'M' Ward Office and presented a memo to the ward officer for cleaning their toilets and spraying their areas for mosquitoes.

The ward officer seeing the mood and the number of women, immediately issues orders for the cleanliness of the area. Pronto, the next day, BMC workers were seeing cleaning and spraying the area.

At Ghatkopar, another group of women sat in dharna on the road and blocked traffic for a while demanding that the nallah's be cleaned and roads repaired. Municipal officers who are used to bullying women have to think twice now. Women's power at work.

## Tribal Girls Excel

It is something unimaginable! The tribal girls who joined our boarding in Dolkhamb in June last year were a difficult lot, both in terms of studies and



confidence. The extra coaching and extra cur-

ricular programmes in the boarding has had a desired effect.

All the girls have done very well in their school exams. Some with flying colours. Even the so-called dull ones have done well. The impact has resulted in an overflow of 45 girls this year. Now parents are requesting for a boys boarding!!

## Other Happenings

**Citi Bank:** Sixty staff members from Citi bank descended at Ramabai Nagar, Ghatkopar on 26th April as part of their community service day. The topic given to them was hygiene and cleanliness being world health day. They were appalled at the situation of the area and promised to help.

**Udyog Melewa:** Women from all SHG's brought in their products for display and sale on 25th April. We are grateful to St. Xavier's School, Kanjurmarg for giving their place. The sale was a good experience.



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