



## REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN CHENNAI MARATHON

**Date** : July 2006

**No. of Beneficiaries** : 40

The opportunities for children to engage in play and recreation have a critical impact on a child's experience. The adequacy of the opportunities for play and recreation in their detention can have an impact on children's mental health and development. On the other hand, the mental health of children can also have an impact on their interest and capacity to participate in day today activities.

The Chennai Marathon was organized by Rotary District 3230 in association with the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT). Rotary has waged a very successful effort to eradicate polio from the face of this Earth. It has been a massive effort that enthused organizations like WHO and UNICEF to join Rotary in this Polio eradication project called Polio Plus. Chennai Marathon was organized to raise the fund with the motto of Run for a cause.

The Cherian Foundation has helped to sought exemption for 40 underprivileged to run in the Chennai Marathon, which has ensured that all the children of this World are safe from Polio. The event helped the participants to develop sports and the spirit of sportsmanship among them. They understand that the main aim of Chennai Marathon is not winning but participating with 'passion, perseverance and persistence' to compete in the race.