## PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN

Discussions were held with the Bethesda school authorities for selection of students to be trained as child ambassadors for TB control. The students made presentations on selected topics, which were moderated at NTI. IEC programme was conducted among secondary students, on 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003 at Government Middle and High School, Yeshwanthpur.

Fifteen (15) students identified as ambassadors for the advocacy made power point first presentations on different aspects of tuberculosis. They were further trained at NTI by the IEC executive team for incorporating important & correct messages in their power point presentation on TB

& its control. A group of two students in presence of their teacher were independently trained in propagating TB awareness campaign among their colleagues, families & friends.

One hundred and fifty (150) students from the Government middle and Hlgh School in the slum area of Yeshwanthpur were sensitized on TB and its control. Groomed student ambassador Mr Shashank from Bethesda school was utilized for building a network of student ambassadors in the slum area for advocacy on TB and its control. NTI-IEC team actively participated in the programme besides communicating the important messages through folk songs.