

## **Screening of Chenchu Movie**

Upon receiving invitation from the University of Calcutta (UoC) to screen the CPF produced movie titled Chenchus in Transition and hold discussion with the students and faculty there, a couple of staff of CPF along with two Chenchu representatives set out to Kolkata. The movie was screened at the Conference Hall of the Department of Anthropology, UoC on 12th March 2010. The 55 participants involved faculties, researchers and students of the Departments of Anthropology and Human Rights, WWF – India, Cultural Research Institute - Govt. of West Bengal, ENDEV and Vidyasagar University, WB.

The half-a-day programme began with a welcome note by Dr Subha Ray, HoD, Department, Anthropology. Mr Bruslin Mento, CPF gave a brief introduction of CPF and the movie followed by a brief self introduction of the personals on the dais that involved Prof. G. Chakrabarti, Dr. Subha Ray, Dr. A.K. Ghosh, Ms. Shreela Chakrabarti, Mr. Vasu, Mr. Bruslin Mento, Mr Mallaiah and Mr. Edaiha. This was followed by the screening of the movie.

The gathering that appreciated the movie for its realistic approach, presentation and style engaged in two-hour long discussion where they either commented or got clarified on various aspects involving the life of Chenchus such as culture, social, economic, politics and health. There were specific questions on the relationship of Chenchus with the government officials and the co-inhibitors in the forest. Most of the queries were answered by the Chenchu representatives in Telugu and was translated by Mr. Vasu into English. Impressed by the movie and the subsequent discussions, the faculties at the department expressed interest in collaborative works with CPF in future. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Stupa Mukhopadhyay.