

Community People said the program was really good. It finished on time. They got to meet many people, even those they had never seen before. They didn't expect such a beautiful program would happen for them. They learned that every person has many strengths and how these can be used. Through the gallery walk and performances, people from one community learned what people from other communities are doing.

The people of Katakhalī also enjoyed it a lot. They were very curious about the foreigners — if they would talk to them or not. But they were very happy to see that the foreigners talked with them and even took selfies.

A student named **Rukaiya** from **Katakhalī Para** learned how to make safe drinking water available in her school. **Lamia** was very happy because she got a chance to join the event from **Katakhalī Para**. It was her first time acting in a drama, and she never took part before like this.

Hamim, a student from **Joynogor High School**, said, "I feel proud that I could speak in front of everyone." He felt nervous this time, but he believes he will do better in the future. Other students also learned to be confident. Teachers noticed that some students who usually don't speak, took part very nicely and showed their creativity. For example, **Saima Maria** is very quiet in class, but she spoke well during the poster presentation. That surprised many teachers. The students were also very inspired by BRED's story. Now they also want to work on solving the water problem at Joynagar High School.

The Jarigan team was very happy that they got the chance to be part of such a big program. The older boys and girls were excited to learn about many organizations. **Tanzila** was very happy because now many people know her. Everyone wants to know from her how she got the chance to join such a program. She said this event was amazing. Now everyone is talking about her, and she feels like she became "viral."

The poster presentation group was very curious to know how their performance was. **Alisha** really wanted to dance to a patriotic song but couldn't. Still, she was very happy to be with everyone and enjoyed watching many things in the bioscope.

The parents were very happy that their children participated in the event. They are learning to speak and share. The parents want their children to join more programs like this.

The grandmothers from Uttar Para and Hijli Para also enjoyed the event a lot. When asked what they learned that could help in their personal, family, or community life, they said they now want to spend more time with children through stories or games. A **grandmother** from **Uttarpara** now wants to start a **storytelling session** in her community.

Shahanara Bhabhi felt very inspired when she saw that a 9th grade student took the responsibility of teaching younger siblings. She herself studied till class 6 or 7. She has small children too. Now she is saying that she can also teach her children up to class 3 or 4. Earlier, she only thought about playing with children, but now she wants to teach them too.

Nipa Bhabhi and Shampa Bhabhi from Hijlipara have gained a lot of **confidence**. Speaking at a program was like a dream for them. They were worried about what to say and if they could really speak in a program. But after speaking at the event, it became a big experience for them. Now they are confident that if they join a program again, they will be able to speak even better. They are also planning what they will do next. Since Afsana Apu is not teaching now, they are thinking of teaching the children themselves. They also want to assess their Dream—they want to see at which stage they are now.

Nipa Bhabhi became more aware of her child. **Sabina bhabhi** became more caring towards her own child.

Also, those who didn't give much importance before, after doing SALT with others at the program, now understand the importance of our work. Many people were very inspired by the stories of **Parvez Bhai and Bayezid Bhai**.

The **Headteacher of Joynagar High School** shared that the program was really beautiful. However, due to some technical issues, the sound system was very poor. He suggested that in future programs, small things like this should be taken more seriously. He also shared that one important thing he learned from the program was how people from both lower and upper classes of society came together and stood in the same space, without any division. Many people are not able to do this. He noticed that the program created awareness among parents at the community level. Especially, it showed that they are capable of speaking in front of others — something that became clear during the event. He also said that people from different organizations shared their real-life experiences, and he learned a lot from those stories. In the future, he wants to apply some of the lessons in his own school. He also mentioned that the community should now move forward to make their own dreams come true.

We noticed a very positive change among the community people. They now want more programs like this in the future.