



Royal Global School played host to distinguished guests, eminent speakers and an august audience as TEDx Betkutchi unraveled on its premise on 22 December 2018. The guests were ushered in by a group of Axomiya Sattrā Minstrels who left the gathering spellbound with their soul stirring recital.

The first speaker-Founding Editor of *Sanctuary Asia*, Mr Bitoo Sehgal – brought to the fore the boundaries dividing humanity and stated that the world comprises solely of two political parties – the Bachha Party and the one consisting of the Buddhas or Adults. However, as the saying goes – “The child is the father of man” – its the children who are faced with the tumultuous task of educating the adults about the necessity to inculcate love for Nature and its beings. An assortment of video clips depicted the sorry state of degeneration of the world at the hands of Man. The presentation concluded with a thought provoking message from children wherein they reinstate the necessity to preserve Tigers and other natural resources. He believes that as children represent the future, tigers represent Nature and hence it one must make a concerted effort to override the boundaries separating them. What baffles him is this – if children get this fact right, why not adults?

The second speaker of the evening, renowned economist and author, Padmapani Bora, who reflected upon the cultural and ethnic similarities between the North-eastern states and South-East countries thereby making it imperative to make a social, economic as well as cultural connect, thereby breaking boundaries. This can be effected by inculcating innovation and technology that would act as crucial tools in breaking boundaries between these nations.

The third speaker of the evening was the effervescent and trailblazing journalist Ms. Bano Haralu who has also been playing an active role towards wildlife conservation. A recipient of the Wild Life Sanctuary and Naari Shakti Awards, Ms. Haralu spoke about Hope and undying Faith being a continuous tool in breaking boundaries and uniting life on earth. To prove its efficacy, she narrated a heart warming story of an indigenous tribe in Nagaland who gave up being the harbingers of death to the Amor Falcon migratory birds to become the mascots of peace and conservation. This was brought about by empowering them with education and imbibing within them an awareness for co survival and sustenance of life, thereby making a connect beyond their defined boundaries.

After a short Tea Recess, the program commenced with a breath taking Xattriya Dance performance by a talented Royalite.

The fourth speaker of the evening was this delightful persona who although just 31, has tasted and explored all nuances of life and the challenges it brings upon. Ms. Parvati M. Krishnan – Travel Writer, Yogini, Editor, to name a few, shared her thoughts on the trials and tribulations of an independent woman in contemporary India. She urges the audience to fall in love – truly, madly, deeply - with oneself acknowledging the strengths and flaws we nurture for this acceptance of who we truly are is what brings upon sheer and unbridled sense of freedom and confidence. She also laid emphasis on making informed

choices that are born out of contemplation and discipline. Doing things what one chooses is what makes us truly independent and breaking boundaries.

The last speaker of the evening, eminent Actor and Director Mr Avijit Dutt came across as a witty and charming persona who believes that boundaries are but oppurtunities that give way to new avenues of learning and creativity. Wall and boundaries should be replaced by a flatter and freer world that truly make us global denizens of Mother Earth.

The program came to a befitting culmination with a musical performance by the talented band Joshua followed by a Vote of Thanks.