



## Youth demonstrates their idea of Safe Space & Gender Equal Society at Breakthrough's Un-Darr Festival

**New Delhi, 01<sup>st</sup>.April:** With one of the largest reservoirs of youth population, our country has a rush of talent and enthusiasm that's driven to change the way society thinks about gender, rights and choices. Hence to celebrate the new school of thought and harness the power of the woke peeps, Breakthrough hosted the UnDarr Festival at National Bal Bhawan.

UnDarr was themed on "encouraging the youth to create safer space for all genders" with a fusion of events including theatre performances, open mic, slam poetry.

Action India youth collective along with theatre collectives like Womenite from Khalsa College, Abhi-Vyakti from Maitreyi college and Performance Consortium joined the festival to ring the bell of change in Delhi with ideas of a taboo-free and safer world. From ***Daag – e – Daman***, the play about tabooing women during menstruation to poetry performances addressing issues of sexism, discrimination and other forms of gender based violence

The social change actors trained by Breakthrough a.k.a. ***Breakthrough Generation*** also brought up two interesting plays – ***Darr*** and ***Darr Ke Aage Jeet Hai*** themed on sexual harassment and gender based discrimination respectively.

**Ms Piali Bhattacharya, Delhi Program Lead, Breakthrough** said "Youth can play an instrumental role in steering the landscape of society where patriarchal norms perpetuate violence and discrimination against genders and their choices hence, we at Breakthrough foster youth leadership. At UnDarr youth festival we have a number of young artists, poets, actors, musicians, denizens of social change and pioneers of new social cultures committed to lead the social change and we are happy to support them."

The festival was graced by the presence of **Mrs. ShreyaArora Mehta**, Honourable Judge, Delhi Judicial Service; Secretary, Delhi Legal Services Authority, South Delhi.

### **About Breakthrough**

Breakthrough is a human rights organization seeking to make violence and discrimination against women and girls unacceptable. We use the power of arts, media, pop culture, and community mobilization to inspire people to take bold action to build a world in which all people live with dignity, equality, and justice.

We create groundbreaking multimedia campaigns that bring human rights issues into the mainstream and make them relevant and urgent to individuals and communities worldwide. These, along with our in-depth training's of young people, government officials, and community groups, have ignited a new Breakthrough Generation of leaders sparking change in the world around them.