Movie Review - Road Side Ambanis, Aasaan

Road Side Ambanis

This movie is about two best friends, from a poor background, who earn to start their own business - a cycle shop. However, they need money to start the shop. Hence, they decide to hold a cricket match to raise the funds. The tournament tests their friendship. Will they be able to start their venture is what forms the climax of the movie.

Audience Responses

- The movie shows the struggle of children who live each day trying to survive rather than being able to go to school. Their parents cannot afford to send them to school. Children end up learning things from TV, conversation with others and other sources. It also shows how uneducated people are exploited of their rights.

- The movie highlights the influence of media on children. The cricket craze is widespread among children from all sections of the society. Children are playing fewer of the traditional games now.

- The title points to the risk taking entrepreneurial nature of these children. The courage to pursue his or her dreams is what every individual must carry.

Aasaan

This is a movie about an eight-year-old boy Ajay and his feelings when his teacher punishes him for not completing his homework.

Audience Response:

- The movie is a peep into the child's mind; how they perceive school, teachers, homework etc.

- It was interesting to see how children note certain social etiquettes by observing adults. The child rephrases the sentence 'A bull and cow were grazing on the field' into 'a cow and a bull' and says 'Ladies first...'. Although it is shown in a humorous manner, it reminds us that we are role models to children and have to watch our actions.

- There are children like Ajay in our class. They do not enjoy coming to school and find homework a burden. We should convert schools into a place that children look forward to coming.

- School is a place where children learn not just academics, but also social skills among many other things. Sometimes, peers, or a trusted adult make schools an emotionally secure environment for children and encourages children to come to school.

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