



## **Project KalaKriti- Conclusion**

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**Objectives:** The objective of this project was to empower women by fostering creativity, skill development, and financial independence. It aimed to help the students learn from the women trainees at Jove and gain valuable lessons from them.

### **Summary:**

As we conclude, the experiences of the women trained by Jove Conscious Foundation serve as a strong reminder of courage, perseverance, and resilience. Despite limited access to formal education, their journey to this far teaches invaluable lessons to the students. They not only acquired a new skill but also understood the indomitable spirit of women.

In the first week, students learned to make half knot, full knot, and how to add beads between the knots. This technique is very useful in making wall hangings, plant hangers and jewelry or keychain making. The next week, which was the occasion of International Women's Day, there was an interactive discussion between WDC students and the women trainees at Jove emphasising the importance of women creating safe spaces for one another and lifting each other up. This was followed by learning how to create purses and keychains. In the last week, the students learned to put zippers on their handcrafted purses. They learned a new craft technique- keychains using macrame threads. All the students were so proud to make something of their own.

A heartfelt gratitude to our trainee- Ms. Renu, thank you for being more than just a teacher, you've been a great mentor, guide and inspiration to us. She gave proper individual assistance which helped everyone complete their projects, constantly motivated the students and shared beautiful experiences with them. She shared that it took her 8 years to embark on this journey and master various types of crafts. Her words somehow resonated with the students, who were caught up in a cycle of academic pressure and expectations. In a world, where students feel the pressure to become successful at an early age, hearing about her years of learning and growth made them understand that one should focus on the process of learning and not the outcome, and served as a gentle reminder that progress takes time. Her words of wisdom calmed the students, leaving them with a meaningful lesson to carry forward.

Beyond learning this craft, this project created a space for teamwork and collaboration. It helped the women, and the students share their opinions and experiences and get deeply connected to each other. The students learned to use creativity as a means of livelihood. By the end of the project, students not only carried home their handmade crafts, but also a sense of respect for craftsmanship and the women behind it.

### **Key outcomes:**

- Students learned various macrame techniques, different types of knots, purses, and keychain which enabled skill development.

- Interactive discussion on International Women’s Day between WDC students and women trainees at Jove.
- The project encouraged teamwork, collaboration and sharing experiences and ideas.
- Inspired women to take initiatives to achieve economic self-reliance.

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