# ST. ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE, JABALPUR OUTREACH PROGRAMME SESSION 2024-25

Program theme: Empowering women through Handicrafts

Activity Name: Tote bag from used clothes and T-shirts.

Duration: 1 Day

Date: 22nd July 2025

Number of Student participants: 5

Teacher Incharge: Ms. Mala Das

Mode Of activity: offline/onsite

Venue: Ekikrit Shaskiya Madhyamik Shala Gaur, Khamaria, Jabalpur (M.P)

### **OBJECTIVE**

- 1. To promote sustainability and women empowerment in rural areas.
- 2. To educate village women on how to create eco-friendly, reusable bags from old t-shirts.
- 3. To encourage self-employment and skill development using easily available materials.

# **REPORT**

A group of college students visited a nearby village school as part of an outreach initiative.

- A hands-on workshop was conducted to demonstrate bag-making using discarded t-shirts.
- **♣** Basic stitching and cutting techniques were taught in simple, local language for better understanding.
- The session was interactive, and women actively participated, asking questions and showing great interest.
- The materials (old t-shirts, scissors, needles, etc.) were arranged by the college team in advance.
- ♣ Instructions were given on how such bags can be reused for shopping, carrying goods, or even sold locally.

### **OUTCOME**

- ♣ Around 10-12 women attended and successfully made their first tshirt bag.
- ♣ Participants expressed happiness and gratitude for learning a practical skill.
- ♣ The session created awareness about upcycling and its environmental benefits.
- **♣** Some women showed interest in continuing this activity for smallscale income generation.
- ♣ The activity built a strong connection between the college and the rural community.

# **CHALLENGES FACED**

| Initial hesitation among women | due | to | lack | of c | onfi | dence | in |
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| learning a new skill.          |     |    |      |      |      |       |    |

| Language and communication | barriers | made it | slightly | difficult to |
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| explain steps clearly.     |          |         |          |              |

| Managing group attention during the hands-on session was slightly |
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| challenging.  |
| Some participants needed more time and personal assistance to     |
| complete the activity.  |

### **CONCLUSION**

- The initiative was a small yet impactful step towards skill development and sustainability.
- Teaching a simple craft like t-shirt bag making proved how lowcost ideas can lead to empowerment.
- The session emphasized the importance of community-based learning and environmental responsibility.
- It also motivated students to continue such outreach programs in the future.

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