

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

After the Storm: Laughter, Fabric Sorting, and a Gentle Return to the Craft



Took part **3**
Watched **2**
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Facilitators **1**
Where aikyam space, Fort Kochi

After two days of relentless hustle, frantic restitching, and tight deadlines, a collective sigh of relief echoed through the stitching unit today. The artisans gathered around 2:00 PM, and the moment they heard that their hard-earned tote bags were officially cleared and moving on to the sales stage, the room immediately brightened with genuine excitement. Gone was the high-pressure rush of the previous days; in its place was a quiet, warm sense of accomplishment. Everyone sat together in a relaxed circle, taking time to untangle and sort colorful fabric scraps, share stories, and sip tea while casually continuing their Kantha practice. Without rigid targets looming overhead, it was a day dedicated to slowing down, catching our breath, and celebrating how far the team has come together.