



CHINAR'S DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PICTURED: Community members at the launch event of Manzgam community in Kulgam



Trainee at Rahim motors' workshop

Youth Development – Skills Training

CHINAR, in collaboration with **Rahim motors**, Srinagar has launched **automobile and genset repairing course** for unemployed youth. Currently, five youth are being trained at Rahim motors' workshops situated in Sanat Nagar and Rangreth, Srinagar. After the completion of three-month training course, these youth have an opportunity to secure employment within the same company, subject to comprehensive evaluation of the acquired skillset. During the training period, CHINAR not only covers food and accommodation but also ensures monthly stipend from the company to support the participants. Meanwhile, two skill centers – focused on **digital learning and electricals** were launched in Shopian and Baramulla respectively.

Palpora SDC transforms into dynamic SHG

The **Skill Development Center (SDC) - Joinery**, started in July in Palpora (Srinagar), has successfully concluded with five young men completing the four-month training course. The training course focuses on fundamentals of traditional woodwork manufacturing, representing an innovative addition to our skill development program. During the course, the trainees focus on honing their craftsmanship and learn joinery techniques like delicate art of wooden engraving. The professional trainer, Mehraj Ahmad Dar, appointed for the course ensured a robust learning experience for all the trainees through his hard work and dedication. With his commendable efforts and CHINAR's support, the trainees have established a **Self Help Group (SHG)** to generate livelihood opportunities for themselves and their community. The goal of SHG is to help youth monetize the acquired skills learnt during the training courses.

Till date, 1438 youth have graduated in multiple skills from our 68 skill development centers established across 9 districts of J&K.



Self Help Group - Joinery (Palpora, Srinagar)

Child Development scale up concludes

The yearly scale up program successfully concludes with the enrolment of 300 new children under Child Development Program. A thorough assessment survey was carried out across five districts – Srinagar, Shopian, Pulwama, Budgam and Kupwara to identify potential beneficiaries for the program. Following the final selection, scale up events were conducted across all the districts to welcome new children into the program. Parents, community members and teachers actively participated in these events. The newly enrolled children received welcome kits from CHINAR.

Till date, 1468 children have been supported under child development including scale up numbers.



Scale up event- Srinagar

OUR MISSION

EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN, MARGINALIZED YOUTH AND DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS USING SCIENTIFIC APPROACH



Distribution of winter kits - Kupwara

Winter kits distribution

Ahead of chillai kalan (40 days of intense cold), we made an effort to bring comfort to the children enrolled in our child development program. We successfully distributed 421 winter kits to children across five districts. These kits were customised to ensure children are equipped to face the challenges of the winter season and included warm clothes, hot water bottles, umbrella, etc.

Similar distribution events were held across eight communities enrolled under Parvaaz. Over 100 winter kits were distributed to the children in need. Our commitment to spreading warmth continues to make a positive impact in these communities.



Distribution of winter kits - Shopian (Parvaaz)

Empowering families: From struggle to success

A year ago, Mohammed Maqbool Shah from the Batamaram village of Shopian was struggling to meet his basic requirements. His unskilled and inconsistent labor work fetched him very little money. In 2021, during a scale-up survey, CHINAR identified the family and enrolled his two children in the Child Development Program. Over the years, he was not able to achieve financial stability due to limited work opportunities in the village. Following a thorough assessment, Maqbool was provided with a street food cart where he sells local Kashmiri snacks. Local Kashmiri street food is always in demand and his customer base is increasing every day. With his growing business, he is hopeful to become self-reliant in the coming years.



Livelihood - Kashmiri snacks (Shopian)

Moving into a new and cozy home

Mohd. Akbar's family, recently enrolled in the Parvaaz program in Baramulla, was living in a tin shed despite the construction of a two-room house under the government scheme. The family, consisting of 9 members, including seven children, wasn't able to move into the new house due to the lack of resources to furnish it adequately. After a thorough assessment, CHINAR provided furnishings and winter essentials to make the new house warm and habitable during harsh winters. "Surviving harsh winters in a tin shed with my six daughters was tough. Thanks to CHINAR, we now have a new home, says Jana Begum, Mohd Akbar's wife.



Parvaaz community scale up concludes



Launch of new community - Manzgam, Kulgam

In continuation with the ongoing scale-up, the Parvaaz program has been successfully launched in two new communities - Mazgam in Kulgam and Arampora in Baramulla. In Kulgam, the launch event saw the enrollment of 29 children from 15 families within the Manzgam community. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 20 community stakeholders, including the Head of Institution (HOI), Auqaf members, mohalla heads, teachers, and youth representatives. A similar event was held in Baramulla, where 54 children from 24 deserving families were enrolled in Arampora village.



Launch of new community - Arampora, Baramulla

With these two communities, we have achieved our target of 300 children this year. Education and youth interventions are in progress in the new communities. Additionally, livelihood support was provided to four families in Srinagar.

Two-day monitor workshop

A two-day monitor capacity building workshop was organized for the field staff of Child Development program across five districts. Attended by 16 participants, the workshop focused on beneficiary assessment process, effective monitoring and program guidelines. Besides, procurement procedures and livelihood identification were also discussed at length. All the monitors were orientated with the CHINAR International Child Protection Policy, which they agreed to and signed the declaration to uphold and promote the policy.



Training Program for CLC facilitators

A two-day capacity building program was organised for 15 dedicated community-level facilitators under the Wipro sponsored project. The sessions focused on Cognitive Load Theory, offering valuable insights into its impact on the learning process. A heartfelt appreciation goes to Rafia Jan, currently pursuing her internship with CHINAR, for facilitating sessions on child psychology and behaviour management. Additionally, the training delved into an in-depth discussion on curriculum matters, providing teachers with a platform to exchange ideas and explore innovative approaches to curriculum development.

