



CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PICTURED: Winning team, Palpora Pamposh Riders enjoying the moment of victory



Poshewaer wraps up cricket tournament

The final match of the ongoing cricket tournament organised by Poshewaer, an adolescent group in Palpora took place this month. Boys' teams under 15 from the Rakhi Aarat and Palpora communities competed, with the Palpora team winning the tournament. The event brought together local youth, key stakeholders and community leaders, fostering a strong sense of community spirit.

After the match, the school head recommended expanding such tournaments to the zonal level to encourage broader participation among young players. The Mohalla President boosted the morale of the winning team by presenting them with a trophy and certificates.



Mohammad Shafi - Srinagar



Rayees Ahmad, Shopian

Ashiq's Journey: From helplessness to hope

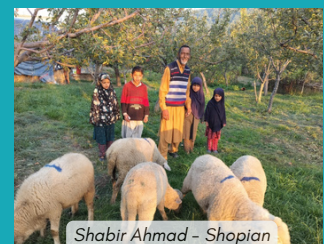
Ashiq Hussain Wagay, a 36-year-old man, lives with his wife and three children in a modest house in Gundipora, Kulgam. While working as a laborer, he slipped and suffered a serious leg injury, leaving him unable to work. Over the past two years, he has undergone multiple surgeries, accumulating medical expenses of INR 2,000 to INR 4,000 each month. As the family's sole breadwinner, with no financial assets, his family has relied heavily on external support to meet daily needs.

After a detailed assessment, CHINAR devised a sustainable plan to help Ashiq regain financial stability by setting up a small grocery (kiriyana) shop—a trade in which he has prior experience. Together, he and his wife will manage the business, which will not only provide them with a steady income but also improve their overall quality of life.

Similarly, Manzoor Ahmad Dar, a daily wage laborer from Baramulla, received support to establish a goat-rearing unit. Another beneficiary from Baramulla, Firdous Ahmad, was helped to set up a clothing sales unit. In Shopian, Shabir Ahmad, a father of eight, was provided with a sheep-rearing unit, including five ewes, to help support his large family.



Aashiq Hussain - Kulgam



Shabir Ahmad - Shopian

Three new livelihoods launched

This month, three livelihoods were launched under Child Development from Shopian and Srinagar districts.

Muzaffer Ahmad Shah from Shopian, a mason by profession, lives with his wife and three daughters in a small two-room house. Despite 12 years of experience, Muzaffer struggled to purchase the necessary tools to fully utilize his skills. After thorough assessment, CHINAR provided him advanced tools to enhance his income and productivity.

Another beneficiary, Rayees Ahmad Rather, a skilled carpenter with over 15 years of experience, was provided with advanced carpentry tools to expand his livelihood. Meanwhile, in Srinagar, Mohammad Shafi, previously working as a driver on a rented auto received a passenger auto as livelihood support.

OUR MISSION

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



Winter kits distribution

As winter sets in across the valley, Parvaaz kicked off its winter kit distribution to help protect children from the harsh season. We have successfully provided warm winter kits to 711 children across multiple districts – Srinagar (150), Shopian (158), Baramulla (290), Kulgam (82), and Anantnag (31). Each kit includes essential winter items ensuring comfort and safety of children.



Learning through Art

This month, CHINAR organised Art Mela for enrolled children under Child Development in Srinagar, Kupwara, Budgam, Ganderbal, Shopian and Pulwama districts. These melas brought together a total of 315 children who were encouraged to show their creative side through art. The first event held in Srinagar, was graced by Mr. Irfan Shahmiri, Global Executive Director, Ms. Ismet Shahmiri and CHINAR Patron; Ms. Zeba Durrani, Director. They distributed prizes and engaged in meaningful conversations with children.



Warwan Crises Relief

On October 14, a devastating fire in the remote village of Mulwarwan, Warwan Valley, destroyed 40 houses and left 70 families homeless, including two of our Community Learning and Skill Centers. After receiving reports from our Warwan base, the team quickly arranged supplies and departed for Warwan to distribute food packs, blankets and other necessities to the affected families. A long-term relief plan is underway to support families before the harsh winter.



Health camps for children and families

CHINAR International, in collaboration with the Block Medical Officer and Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) in Shopian, organized a medical camp for the Sedow and Heerpora communities enrolled in the Parvaaz program. A team of specialists, including a dental surgeon, clinical psychologist and ophthalmologist, examined 150 individuals, including the general public. Based on the findings of the camp, medical intervention and referrals were recommended. Similar camps were held in Baramulla and Anantnag.

Meanwhile, under the Child Development Program, two health camps were organized in Srinagar and Kupwara, benefiting 765 individuals. Prescribed medicines were also provided to children and their parents.



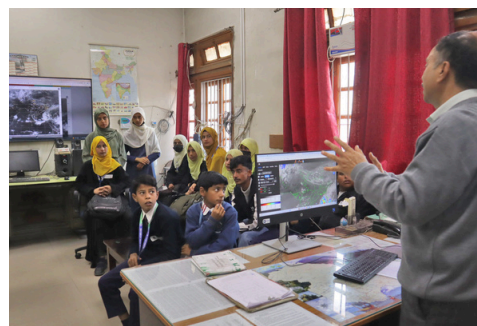
TFI reviews TWC fellowship

CHINAR International hosted Ms. Heena Khanna, a program coach from Teach for India (TFI), for a two-day program review of ongoing Teach with CHINAR fellowship. During her visit, she interacted with the core team and Mr. Irfan Shahmiri, Global Executive Director and was briefed on the program background. She also conducted field visits to observe students and fellows. Ms. Khanna was impressed by the classroom environment and provided valuable suggestions which the team is eager to implement.



First exposure trip for Parvaaz enrolled children

To promote experiential learning beyond the classroom, Parvaaz organized a first-of-its-kind educational exposure visit for 75 students from 5th grade and above, hailing from Palpora and Rakh Arat communities. The visit commenced at the Meteorological Department, where students were introduced to the process of weather forecasting and analysis, followed by practical demonstrations. Next, they visited the SPS Museum to explore Kashmir's rich cultural and historical heritage of Kashmir. The visit offered students a unique opportunity to learn beyond textbooks, making it an enriching and memorable experience for all.



Introducing Life crafters for Adolescents

The Child Development program is thrilled to launch the 'Life Crafters' initiative, aimed at equipping adolescents with essential soft skills through engaging group activities. The first event was held in Srinagar, where 18 adolescents participated. The event was graced by Mr. Irfan Shahmiri, Global Executive Director, who shared his journey as a social entrepreneur, and Ms. Zeba Durrani, CHINAR Board member, who emphasized the value of teamwork. Similarly, the program was launched in Pulwama and Shopian district with 54 adolescents attending the event.



Six SBS units launched

As part of CHINAR's Small Business Support project, six units were launched in three districts of Kashmir – Kulgam (2), Baramulla (1) and Bandipora (3). These units represent diverse business ideas like tour and travel agency, dairy farm and sheep farms by vibrant youth selected in Cohort V after a rigorous 4-tier screening process.

Currently, 72 SBS units are operational across different districts of Kashmir.

