

CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Inspiring Learning, One Kit at a Time

Ramadan Kit Distribution for Families in Need

Ahead of the holy month of Ramadan, CHINAR International distributed Ramadan kits to 446 families across Baramulla, Srinagar, and Budgam districts. Each kit included essential food items such as dates, coconut, suji, and other basic supplies to help families prepare for the fasting month. The initiative aimed to reduce the financial burden on vulnerable households during a time when expenses often increase. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the timely support, which will help them observe Ramadan with dignity and comfort. Through this effort, CHINAR International continues to promote compassion and solidarity by supporting families in need during the holy month.



Strengthening CLC Facilitators' Skills

A one-day capacity-building training was conducted for 20 newly recruited Community Learning Center (CLC) facilitators at the Srinagar Base Office. The session focused on strengthening facilitators' skills in classroom management, lesson planning, reading corner management, and program documentation. Participants learned how to create positive learning environments, design structured lesson plans, organize reading corners to encourage children's reading habits, and maintain key records such as attendance and student progress. The training allowed facilitators to share experiences, discuss challenges, and gain practical tools to effectively implement program activities support quality learning outcomes in their CLCs.



CHINAR CEO Visits Handwara to Review Impact



CHINAR International CEO Abid Qadiri visited Handwara (Kupwara) during his recent trip to Kashmir to witness first-hand how CHINAR's interventions are shaping lives on the ground. During the visit, he met families benefiting from safe living support, livelihood assistance, and CHINAR's Small Business Support unit holders, gaining insight into both the progress achieved and the challenges that remain. Mr. Qadiri held in-depth discussions to understand their day-to-day experiences, successes, and challenges. He also visited Community Learning Centers in the area, where students shared their academic progress, aspirations, and hopes for the future. At a tuition centre, he encouraged children to pursue their goals and contribute positively to society. To conclude, the CEO expressed satisfaction at witnessing the meaningful and transformative impact CHINAR International is creating across communities in the region.

Stationery Kits for New Academic Year

At the start of the new academic year, stationery kits were distributed to children enrolled in the Child Development Program in Shopian and Pulwama districts. A total of 774 students received kits containing copies, pens, pencils, and other essential learning supplies to support their studies. The distribution is carried out every year to ensure that children have the necessary materials to continue their education smoothly.



During February, dedicated monitoring visits were undertaken to the Skill Development Centres in Budgam and Pulwama that specifically serve Persons with Disabilities. These visits aimed to evaluate the centres' functioning, training methods, and overall impact, as the facilities operate through a collaborative partnership with SIDBI to support inclusive skill development initiatives.

OUR MISSION

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



Caring for Senior Citizens



A free medical camp for senior citizens was successfully held at Gatipora, Shopian under the Heart Clinic on Wheels initiative, in collaboration with Moul Mouj Foundation and GK Labs. Over 215 people from Katho Halan, Mujapathri, and Gatipora villages received free check-ups, medical consultations, screenings, counselling, free medicines, and health awareness sessions. Common health concerns identified included uncontrolled blood pressure, diabetes, joint pain, chest infections and early signs of heart failure. Together, we are bringing healthcare closer to communities.

Women Skilled in Tailoring

A Skill Development Centre for women in cutting and tailoring successfully concluded in Bundnoora, Budgam, marking the completion of a six-month vocational training program for 15 women trainees. The centre was operated in collaboration with EHSAS International, which supported the initiative by providing essential machinery for the training program. Over the course of six months, participants developed practical skills in cutting and tailoring, equipping them with the tools needed for self-employment and income generation. The program concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony.



Mental Health Training

A capacity-building training on mental health was organized in Mundyari, Baramulla for 11 members of POSHEWAER, an adolescent advocacy group, in collaboration with Kashmir Lifeline. The session focused on understanding stress, anxiety, and depression, along with simple tips to maintain mental health. The facilitators highlighted the importance of staying active, socializing, and avoiding isolation.



Equipping Facilitators Digitally



A day-long Digital Literacy Training for CLC facilitators was held at the Srinagar Base Office. The training brought together 20 facilitators from different centres to strengthen their technical skills and enhance the quality of digital instruction in classrooms. The session focused on the advanced use of Microsoft Office tools to support teaching and administrative work. Facilitators received training in Excel functions for managing student records, advanced document formatting in Word, and designing engaging classroom presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint. The interactive and practice-based training enabled facilitators to directly apply the skills through guided exercises.

Free Medical Camp in Gundipora

A medical camp was successfully conducted in Gundipora, Kulgam in collaboration with the Block Medical Officer, Qazigund. A dedicated medical team provided free health checkups, consultations, and medicines to 51 participants from enrolled families. Key health issues identified included general weakness and deficiencies of calcium, iron and vitamin B12, especially among children and women. Alongside treatment, participants received guidance on proper nutrition, supplement intake, hygiene, and preventive healthcare. This initiative helped in early detection of health concerns and strengthened access to care for the community.



Celebrating Bushra's Internship Success

We are happy to share the successful completion of Bushra Aslam's internship at CHINAR. Bushra, who is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Cluster University, spent one month gaining hands-on experience in research, documentation, and reporting. She also actively participated in events, activities, and camps, contributing with dedication and enthusiasm. During her closing ceremony, Bushra was awarded a certificate in recognition of her meaningful work and commitment. We are proud of her growth and wish her all the best for her future endeavors.



Women Awareness in Palpora

An awareness session for women was organized in Palpora, Srinagar, in collaboration with the Human Welfare Voluntary Organization, engaging 57 local women in an interactive discussion. The session focused on gender-based and domestic violence, the role of the One Stop Centre, and shelter services for women in distress. Information about key helpline numbers and government schemes available to support women was also shared.



Collaboration for Child Safety

A collaboration meeting was held at the Child Protection Office in Anantnag to enhance coordination with key child protection authorities. The team engaged with officials from the Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board, Child Helpline 1098, and District Child Protection Unit. The discussion focused on critical child protection concerns in intervention areas, particularly child labour, school dropouts, and the need for parental counselling.



Community Engagement

A series of Community Stakeholders Meetings was conducted across Srinagar, Kulgam, and Anantnag districts, bringing together a total of 136 community members from , including youth, parents, teachers, and community leaders. Discussions focused on education, positive parenting, holistic child development, and livelihoods. Requests for CLC and tuition support were addressed, and participants were encouraged to take collective ownership of initiatives. Active participation across districts reinforced CHINAR's commitment to sustainable community development.

