



# CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

***Excellence Recognized, Dreams Encouraged***

## Empowering Youth Through Skill Development

This month, 15 Skill Development Centers (SDCs) successfully concluded their training programs, each spanning four to six months depending on the type of skill. Through these SDCs, trainees received hands-on instruction in a range of vocational and practical skills, including digital learning, mehndi art, electrical work, and cutting and tailoring, along with traditional crafts such as *sozni* art, *tilla* work, and crewel embroidery. Graduates are now equipped to pursue self-employment, start small businesses, or join existing enterprises, marking an important step toward financial independence, creativity, and entrepreneurial growth.

**To date, 124 SDCs have been established, with 2913 trainees.**



## Empowering Children Through Reading

CHINAR organized engaging reading sessions to promote literacy and confidence among children in Pulwama and Srinagar. At Government Middle School, Baghi Sangerwani, students participated in shared, pair, and choral reading activities, improving pronunciation, peer learning, and reading confidence. The session concluded with a "Pick and Speak" activity, where students shared favorite stories and new words.

At GMS Pamposh Colony, Palpora, a Reading Corner Awareness Event highlighted the importance of reading for imagination, confidence, and learning. Students learned effective read-aloud techniques and took part in interactive activities to encourage positive reading habits.

These initiatives aim to strengthen reading skills, build confidence, and promote a joyful reading culture among children.



## Supporting Families During Ramadan & Eid



CHINAR International reached thousands of vulnerable families across Kashmir, providing essential support during Ramadan and on the occasion of Eid across multiple districts.

During Ramadan, a total of 871 enrolled families in Kulgam, Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, Ganderbal, Srinagar, and Budgam received specially curated Ramadan kits. These kits contained essential items such as dates, sooji, coconut, and sugar, aimed at easing financial pressures during the holy month.

Ahead of Eid, CHINAR distributed Eid Kits to 1,252 families across Kulgam, Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, Ganderbal, Kupwara, Baramulla, Srinagar, and Budgam. The kits included bakery items like cakes, biscuits, and cookies to support festive celebrations without additional financial strain.

Additionally, CHINAR organized its annual stationery distribution drive across eight districts, where 1,591 children received kits containing educational supplies.

## CHINAR Applauds Academic Excellence

A felicitation ceremony was organized to celebrate 18 children enrolled in our Child Development Program who excelled in their 10th and 12th examinations. During the event, the students shared how CHINAR's support helped them succeed and expressed gratitude for the guidance. The students were honored with certificates and trophies, making the occasion a proud moment for both the students and the CHINAR team.



*Two community meetings were held in Baramulla to raise awareness about CHINAR's key initiatives. The first meeting in Zadi Mala engaged male youth and elderly men, while the second, in Bachoo village involved females, ensuring inclusive outreach. Sessions covered program benefits, eligibility, and application processes, aiming to encourage youth toward skill development, self-employment, and higher education opportunities.*

### OUR MISSION

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



### Fellows Trained in Leadership



A one-day training session on "Relentless Leadership" was conducted with eight Teach with CHINAR fellows. The session began with awareness of the current educational landscape, prompting fellows to reflect on student learning levels and their own role in addressing these challenges. The fellows explored the importance of leadership grounded in values such as consciousness, courage, creativity, critical thinking, and compassion. The training encouraged deeper ownership and a shift from intention to consistent action, laying the foundation for meaningful change in classrooms.

### Vision Board Session Held

A Vision Board session under the Life Crafters program was conducted with 20 adolescents from Srinagar. The activity aimed to help adolescents visually represent their goals, dreams, and aspirations, while encouraging self-reflection on their interests, strengths, and inspirations. It enabled participants to gain a clearer understanding of their future goals and develop preliminary action plans. Through the engaging session, participants explored their ambitions and personal strengths, prompting them to think more consciously about their future. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from all.



### Ramadan Campaign Success

Our 30-day online Ramadan campaign wrapped up successfully, achieving record engagement across our platforms and welcoming over 1,000 new followers in just one month! We are now proud to have 14,000+ followers on Facebook, thanks to the continued support and enthusiasm of our community. Your engagement motivates us to keep sharing stories, updates, and initiatives that empower children, youth, and communities across Kashmir.

*We thank our community for being an integral part of this journey and look forward to reaching even greater heights together.*

### Healthcare Support for Elderly



A free medical camp was organized for senior citizens at Bismillah Colony, Palpora, in collaboration with Moul Mouj Foundation and GK Labs. The camp provided medical check-ups, consultations, health screenings, counselling, and awareness sessions to 120 attendees. Elderly people also received free blood sugar tests and essential medicines. Doctors identified cases of high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar, joint pain, and seasonal infections, offering advice and treatment guidance to support community's health needs.

### Empowering Young Entrepreneurs

Nine business units were launched under Cohort VI of Small Business Support (SBS) Program, aimed at helping youth build sustainable livelihoods. Across various districts, Syed Rohullah opened an eyewear shop in Budgam; Rifat Qasim expanded her tailoring unit and Javed Hajam established a dairy farm in Baramulla; Shagufta started a beauty salon in Handwara, and Iqbal Hussain set up a restaurant in Pattan. In Srinagar, Zeenat Shafi scaled her calligraphy business and Ansar Hussain expanded his media services, while Shahal Hussain launched a sheep farming unit in the remote Warwan (Kishtwar) and Akbar Hajam upgraded his barber shop in Bandipora.

**To date, 121 youth have been supported under SBS, creating stable income opportunities.**



Akbar Hajam



Rifat Qasim

### Hope Rekindled For Altaf Hussain

A new livelihood unit was launched in Shalboni, Baramulla, for Altaf Hussain Malla, a daily wage laborer and sole bread earner for his family of five. With prior experience in cattle rearing, he was supported with a cow unit to help him build a stable source of income. One of his children has been enrolled in CHINAR's Child Development Program since 2024, and this support is expected to strengthen the family's financial stability and help them meet essential needs, including education. Altaf Hussain expressed gratitude and commitment to making the most of this opportunity.



### HECSP Reaches Students

Under CHINAR's Higher Education and Counselling Support Program (HECSP), an extensive outreach was conducted to guide students toward higher education and inform them about available sponsorship opportunities. On-ground counselling sessions were held across multiple districts, engaging 300 students, while 323 Class 12 students received telephonic guidance. Follow-up mentorship and an upcoming online session will continue to support students in pursuing their academic goals.



### Program Review in Baramulla

Our Quality Education team conducted a field visit to Baramulla to review programs in schools and CLCs while providing on-ground exposure to a resource person from our partner organization, FFSN\*. The team engaged with HoIs\* to discuss the program's role in school transformation and conducted classroom observations to review teaching practices, student participation, and learning environments. The visit also included an assessment of reading corners.



### Parents, Teachers Collaborate

CHINAR International organized Parent-Teacher Meetings across government schools and Community Learning Centres (CLC) in Anantnag, Kulgam, and Baramulla to strengthen parent-educator collaboration. In Gundipora, Kulgam, a PTM\* with 26 parents focused on positive parenting and student attendance. Another meeting in Manzgam highlighted regular CLC attendance and hygiene practices. In Anantnag, PTMs at Sheikhpura and Cheerpora CLCs saw participation from around 25 parents, while a separate PTM at Government High School Arampora was attended by 35 parents.



Arampora



Manzgam