



Strengthening Skills to Tell Stories That Matter.

PwD Trainees Receive Enterprise Support

Our Youth Development team conducted assessments at the Digital Learning Centre (DLC) and Cutting & Tailoring Centre (C&T) at Abhinandhan School under the SIDBI project for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) to identify promising trainees for enterprise support. Following the assessment process, four trainees from the C&T and five trainees from the DLC were shortlisted for the support.

As part of this initiative, three DLC trainees—Mominah Kathjoo, Talib Hussain, and Syed Ubaid—were provided with desktop computers to help them monetize their skills and enhance their livelihood opportunities. The assessments marked the successful completion of the training programmes, and certificates were awarded to trainees who met the required standards.



Capacity Building Workshop for Lasting Change

A capacity-building training session for field staff members of the Child Development Program was conducted at the Base Office in Srinagar. Attended by 25 staff members, the session combined self-reflective exercises, team-building activities, and open discussions to strengthen teamwork, improve communication, and foster a shared sense of purpose.

Participants explored communication and perception gaps, engaged in meaningful dialogue, and revisited the program's Theory of Change to collectively reflect on the long-term impact of their work and their role in achieving it. The training also included a review of the current year's Business Plan, budget, and key programmatic changes. The session concluded with stronger collaboration, increased ownership, and a renewed commitment to driving meaningful change.



One- Day Media & Communications Workshop



The Media and Communication Team at CHINAR International conducted a one-day training program, **"Capturing Impact: Media and Communications Workshop,"** at its Base Office in Srinagar. The session brought together 25 field staff members for in-person participation, while program officers joined virtually from their respective workstations.

The training focused on enhancing storytelling skills through writing, photography, and videography, while also covering media guidelines and organizational branding. Through interactive sessions and hands-on learning, participants gained practical insights into creating ethical, impactful, and effective communications that strengthen the organization's outreach and visibility.

The initiative forms part of CHINAR International's ongoing efforts to strengthen internal communication capacities and promote high-quality documentation of its programs and interventions.

Eid Joy Delivered Across Nine Districts

In the spirit of Eid-ul-Adha, CHINAR extended timely support to families associated with its Child Development Program through the distribution of 1,224 Eid kits across nine districts of Kashmir. The initiative enabled families celebrate the Eid with dignity and joy. In addition, 779 school bags were distributed, reinforcing the organization's commitment to promoting the education and well-being of children.



We are excited to have launched "Gashe Taruk – Story of the Month," a monthly video series that shares inspiring stories of children, youth, and families whose lives have been transformed through CHINAR's programs. Each month, the series will spotlight journeys from our key focus areas—Child Development, Quality Education, Youth Development, and Community Development—celebrating resilience and hope.

OUR MISSION

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



Functional Literacy Awareness



Gundipora



Shalboni

CHINAR International conducted Functional Literacy awareness meetings at the Community Learning Centers in Shalboni, Baramulla, and Gundipora, Kulgam, with the active participation of 27 women from the two communities.

During the sessions, participants were provided with detailed information about the Functional Literacy Centers, their objectives, and proposed activities. Discussions focused on the importance and long-term benefits of functional literacy, particularly in empowering women through basic education, literacy, and life skills.

Medical Care for the Elderly

CHINAR International, in collaboration with Moul Mouj Foundation and G.K. Labs, organized a Medical Screening and Awareness Camp for senior citizens in Mundyari, Baramulla, benefiting 187 participants from the local community. The camp provided a range of health screening services, including blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, and other essential diagnostic tests. Doctors conducted health examinations, offered medical consultations, and shared guidance on preventive healthcare. Free medicines were distributed to patients based on their medical needs.



Fostering Reading Culture

A reading session was conducted at Govt. Primary School Gorsai Mohallah, Shopian, to promote reading habits, build confidence, and create an engaging learning environment for children. Children participated with great enthusiasm, explored storybooks, and shared their thoughts confidently. The event helped children strengthen their reading, speaking, listening, and comprehension skills.



Digital Skills for Youth in Bandipora



CHINAR's Youth Development team has launched a new Digital Learning Centre in Gadakhud, Bandipora, as part of its commitment to youth empowerment and skill development. The centre will support 20 young participants through a three-month digital learning and skill-building program designed to enhance practical competencies, employability, and future opportunities. The initiative reflects CHINAR's continued efforts to equip young people with relevant skills and prepare them for an increasingly digital future.

Building Better Educators

Javaid Malik, Program Officer in Quality Education program, participated in a five-day PM Institute in Delhi, joining education professionals from across the country to strengthen skills in instructional leadership, teacher coaching, reflection, and program management. The institute featured interactive sessions, coaching simulations, lesson observation exercises, and collaborative discussions. "One of the most valuable experiences for me was learning how purposeful coaching can strengthen teaching practices and improve student learning outcomes," Javaid said. Through hands-on learning, Javaid gained practical insights into instructional coaching frameworks, classroom observation techniques, leadership coaching, and action-planning tools.



Small Support, Big Change

Meet Masrat Ramzan from Handwara, a Small Business Support beneficiary from Cohort III and the mother of five daughters. She was initially provided with 12 sheep, which eventually grew to a flock of 55. Along the way, she sold 19 sheep and earned around one lakh rupees. She then purchased a cow and started milk production to create an additional source of income. Later, she bought another cow and eventually sold one of them to purchase a second-hand vehicle, enabling her husband to earn a livelihood as well.

Today, all five of her daughters are enrolled in a private school. Masrat rebuilt the foundation of her family's life and demonstrated how timely support can create lasting change.



Dairy Business Review Meeting

Our Youth Development team organized a meeting at the CHINAR field office in Baramulla with dairy unit holders supported under the Small Business Support Program. The session focused on the importance of maintaining proper ledgers and essential records, ensuring continuity in milk production, and being available during monitoring visits. Unit holders were encouraged to regularly share updates so that timely guidance and support could be provided whenever needed.



Pathways to Higher Education

A session on the Higher Education Counselling and Support Program (HECSP) was successfully conducted in Sheikhpora, Anantnag, with the active participation of 60 students. The session created an engaging learning environment where students showed strong interest in the opportunities and guidance shared. Their enthusiastic participation reflected the impact and success of the session in helping them explore pathways to higher education.



Promoting Women's Wellbeing

CHINAR International, in collaboration with the One Stop Centre Kulgam, organized an awareness program on women's rights, safety, and health to educate women and girls about their rights, well-being, and available support services. The session covered key topics, including women's rights, personal safety, gender-based violence, health awareness, and mental well-being. Resource persons sensitized participants to government support mechanisms, women's helplines, counseling services, and legal aid facilities. A health awareness session on personal hygiene, nutrition, and reproductive health was also conducted.

