

CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Celebrating the colours of childhood and creativity.

Community Cleanliness Drive at Pamposh Colony

CHINAR International, under its Community Development Program, organized its first Cleanliness Drive in Pamposh Colony, Palpora, Srinagar, in collaboration with the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC). Led by the POSHWAER Adolescent Group, the drive brought together around 100 participants, including children, youth, community members, and local leaders, along with 15 SMC officials headed by the Senior Sanitation Officer. The drive aimed to raise awareness about sanitation, promote civic responsibility, and encourage collective action towards maintaining a clean and healthy environment. Conducted at four locations in and around Pamposh Colony, the campaign received an encouraging response from the local community, with residents appreciating the initiative.



Empowering Youth with Special Needs

CHINAR International, in collaboration with SIDBI*, trained 116 youth with Special Needs through five Skill Development Centers across the Kashmir Valley. Operating as Digital Learning, Crafts and Art, and Cutting and Tailoring Centers, the program equipped participants with vocational skills, enabling them to complete their training and receive graduation certificates. Following a comprehensive assessment, 30 graduates were selected for enterprise support to help them establish sustainable livelihoods. They are being provided with desktop computers, sewing kits, and crafts and art toolkits. So far, 18 beneficiaries have received the support, including three in May and 15 in June. The remaining 12 are scheduled to receive their support in July. The initiative aims to promote self-reliance, entrepreneurship, and financial inclusion among persons with special needs.



Baramulla



Budgam

Art Melas Nurture Creativity Across Kashmir



Srinagar



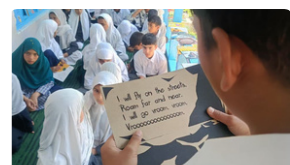
Budgam

Art Melas were organized across nine districts of Kashmir—Shopian, Pulwama, Srinagar, Baramulla, Kupwara, Anantnag, Kulgam, Budgam, and Ganderbal—with the participation of 832 children enrolled under Child Development Program. The event provided a vibrant platform for children to express their creativity, imagination, and ideas through artwork. Many participants also used their art to raise awareness about important social issues, reflecting their thoughtful perspectives and understanding of the world around them. The Art Melas nurtured self-expression, confidence, creative thinking, and emotional well-being while encouraging children to share their ideas, emotions, and imagination. The event was filled with enthusiasm, laughter, and bright smiles, making it a memorable celebration of young talent and creativity.

Through initiatives like these, CHINAR International continues to promote children's mental well-being by creating environments where every child can learn, grow, and thrive.

Reading Session Promotes Learning in Shopian

A Reading Session was organized at Government Upper Primary School, Batmaran, Shopian, to foster reading habits and create a joyful learning environment for children. Through engaging activities, students strengthened their reading, listening, comprehension, and communication skills while building confidence to express their ideas. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and parents.



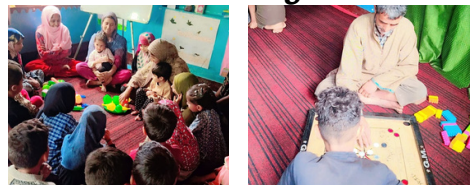
As part of the biannual nutrition and hygiene supply distribution, CHINAR International distributed 142 Full Nutrition Kits, 292 Basic Nutrition Kits, 764 Hygiene Kits, and 492 Female Hygiene Kits to Child Development beneficiaries across Shopian, Pulwama, Kulgam, Anantnag, Srinagar, Baramulla, Budgam, and Kupwara.

OUR MISSION

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



Parents as Learning Partners



Across our Community Learning Centres (CLCs) in Baramulla and Bandipora, parents are actively participating in their children's learning by reading together, supporting lessons, and engaging in educational activities. This growing culture of parental engagement is strengthening the bond between families and learning, turning CLCs into vibrant spaces of collaboration, curiosity, and shared responsibility. Together, parents, children, and facilitators are building a strong foundation for lifelong learning and creating meaningful change within their communities.

Community Stakeholders Unite

Under the Community Development Program, CHINAR International organized Community Stakeholder Meetings across Shopian, Kulgam, Anantnag, and Srinagar, bringing together over 230 community leaders, parents, teachers, Auqaf heads, and other stakeholders. The discussions focused on strengthening community institutions, reviving the Bait-ul-Mal system, improving educational support, and addressing key community needs. Participants shared valuable suggestions and reaffirmed their collective commitment to building stronger, more inclusive, and sustainable support systems.



Kulgam



Anantnag

Menstrual Health Matters

Under its Community Development Program, CHINAR International, in collaboration with Sky Trust, conducted a Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session in Mundyari, Baramulla, for 15 adolescent girls. The session covered menstrual hygiene, the safe use of sanitary napkins, and the importance of a balanced diet, helping participants build awareness in managing their health and well-being.



Promoting Mental Well-Being



Bemina



Palpora

Under the Community Development Program, Mental Health Awareness Sessions were organized in Rakhi Arath, Bemina, and Pamposh Colony, Palpora, reaching nearly 60 community members. The sessions focused on stress, anxiety, depression, emotional well-being, healthy coping strategies, and the importance of seeking support. Through interactive discussions, participants were encouraged to openly discuss mental health, helping reduce stigma and foster a more supportive and emotionally resilient community.

Celebrating Internship Completion

CHINAR International marked the completion of internships for Azra Farooq, Fatima Majnoon, Qurat-ul-Ain, and Arghya Debnath. Azra and Fatima, Master's students in Social Work at the University of Kashmir, spent nearly a month conducting research, documentation, and field activities. Qurat, a Bachelor's student at Ashoka University, contributed to the Community Development team by developing an assessment tool, while Arghya, a Teach For India Fellow from Kolkata, supported the Quality Education program remotely by designing a curriculum. The interns were awarded certificates during a closing ceremony at the Srinagar Base Office. CHINAR International thanks all of them for their valuable contributions and wishes them continued success.



Ruhullah's Vision Comes Alive

Our Small Business Support (SBS) beneficiary from Cohort VI, Syed Ruhullah from Khanshab, Budgam, has officially inaugurated Ruhullah's Eye Care Unit, which was launched by CHINAR International in March. Equipped with essential machines and testing equipment, the optical unit will provide eye testing services and make quality spectacles more accessible to local residents. Equipped with the necessary machines and testing equipment, Ruhullah is now ready to embark on his journey towards self-reliance while bringing much-needed eye care services closer to the community.



Social Security Awareness

Under the Community Development Program, CHINAR International, in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Department, organized an awareness session on Social Security Schemes in Pamposh Colony, Palpora, attended by 50 community members. The session provided information on government welfare schemes, social security services, and livelihood opportunities, helping participants better understand the support available for their well-being.



Collaborating for Change

Our Youth Development team interacted with representatives of the Western Himalayan Collective, a network of over 95 organizations, to discuss the development of a People's Charter of Demands. The dialogue focused on amplifying community voices and addressing key issues such as livelihoods, youth development, education, health, and governance, reinforcing the importance of inclusive collaboration for a resilient and sustainable future.



Eye Care Outreach in Shopian

A Free Eye Medical Camp was organized in Heerpora, Shopian, in collaboration with Humble Hope Foundation, benefiting around 150 people through eye examinations, vision screening, and consultations for various eye-related conditions. Following the screenings, 20 patients were identified for free eye surgeries (subject to consent), 13 were referred for advanced treatment, and 7 were prescribed eyeglasses. The initiative reinforced our commitment to improving access to quality eye care and promoting better vision health in the community.

