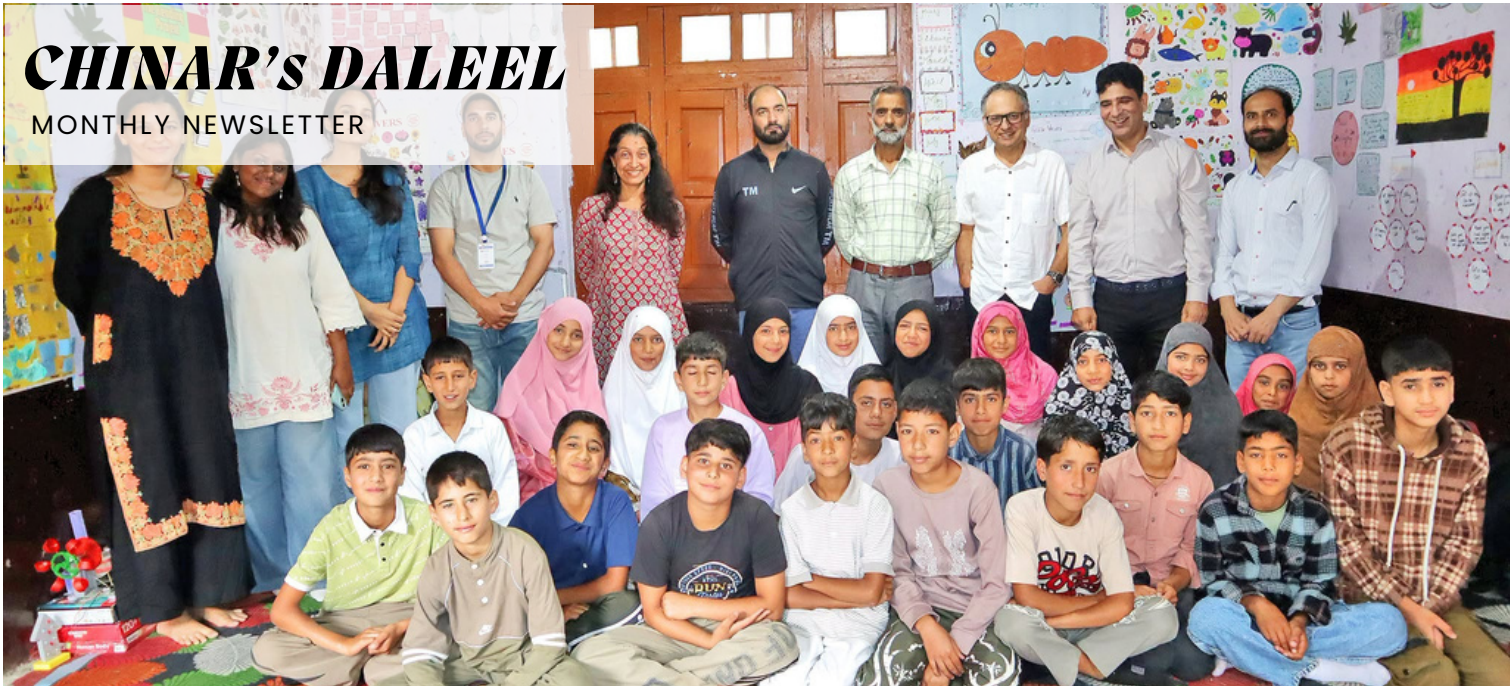


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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



TFI at CHINAR International: Connecting, Learning, Inspiring

CHINAR Rewards Outstanding Team Members

CHINAR International celebrated its annual Rewards and Recognition Ceremony at the Srinagar Base Office, recognizing the dedication and outstanding contributions of team members across the organization. In the presence of CEO Abid Qadiri, the best performers from each vertical were honoured for their commitment and hardwork. Addressing the gathering, the CEO appreciated the team's dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to advancing CHINAR International's mission. Javeed Hajam, Assistant Director Finance and Procurement, received this year's Leader's Excellence Award, while Mozam Guru was presented with the Long Service Award in recognition of completing ten years of dedicated service. The ceremony celebrated excellence, commitment, and the collective efforts of the team in advancing CHINAR International's mission.



CEO Engages Entrepreneurs and Beneficiaries

CHINAR International CEO Abid Qadiri visited Pulwama and Shopian to review the progress of Small Business Support initiatives and engage with beneficiaries. In Pulwama, he attended the enterprise support distribution ceremony for seven youth with disabilities who completed the SDC* Cutting and Tailoring Program under the SIDBI* Project. The visit also included interactions with Community Learning Center participants, beneficiary families, and Small Business Support entrepreneurs in Shopian. Mr. Qadiri encouraged beneficiaries to make the best use of the support provided and emphasized entrepreneurship, self-reliance, and sustainable livelihoods. The visit reinforced CHINAR International's commitment to inclusive development and lasting community impact.



CHINAR Hosts Teach For India Delegation



CHINAR International welcomed a four-member Teach For India (TFI) delegation, led by Founder Shaheen Mistri, for a two-day visit to explore the organization's Fellowship and Community Learning Center (CLC) programs and discuss opportunities to strengthen educational equity. The delegation visited Fellowship schools in Budgam, Bandipora, and Srinagar, along with two CLCs in Bandipora, where they observed classroom sessions and interacted with fellows, facilitators, students, and school leaders. The visit provided firsthand insights into CHINAR's learner-centred approach, with classrooms fostering active participation, collaboration, and inclusive learning. The visit concluded with discussions on CHINAR's broader education initiatives, the future direction of the Fellowship Program, opportunities for collaboration, and strategies for expanding access to quality education across underserved communities.

Poshwaer Expands to Heerpora Community

CHINAR successfully launched the POSHWAER group at Heerpora, Shopian, with 15 adolescent members. The session introduced participants to the group's vision, objectives, and code of conduct, while encouraging them to address issues within their homes, schools, and communities. Through interactive discussions, the adolescents were encouraged to develop leadership skills and active change-makers in their communities.



Our Youth Development team held an online meeting with the Wadhvani Foundation to explore collaboration on market-driven skill development programs. The discussion focused on industry-relevant and AI-related skills to enhance youth employability, with both organizations identifying potential areas for future partnership.

OUR MISSION

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



Promoting Mental Wellbeing



Anantnag



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In collaboration with IMHANS*, three Mental Health Awareness Sessions were conducted across Baramulla, Anantnag, and Shopian, reaching more than 200 community members. The sessions focused on common mental health challenges, stress and anxiety management, self-care, and the importance of seeking timely support, with participants actively engaging in discussions and interactive activities. The initiative encouraged open conversations, strengthened community awareness, and promoted positive attitudes toward mental well-being.

Inclusion Through Enterprise

Under the SIDBI* Project for Persons with Disabilities, CHINAR provided enterprise support to graduates of its skill development programs to help them transition towards sustainable livelihoods. Four trainees who completed the Crafts Art Skill Training received Crafts Art Kits to establish and strengthen their businesses, while a Digital Learning Center graduate from Abhinandan School was provided with a desktop computer to enhance her digital skills and expand livelihood opportunities. The initiative reflects CHINAR's commitment to fostering self-reliance among persons with disabilities.



Building Healthier Minds

In collaboration with Kashmir Lifeline, a Mental Health Capacity-Building Training was conducted for the Poshewaer Group, Baramulla, at the CLC*, Mundyari. The session, attended by 12 members, covered stress, anxiety, depression, early warning signs, coping strategies, preventive measures, and healthy habits. Participants were encouraged to seek timely support and prioritize their mental well-being.



Improving Learning Outcomes



Baramulla



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Two Learning Circle Meetings under the Quality Education Program were conducted in Baramulla and Shopian, bringing together 38 CLC* facilitators to strengthen teaching practices and improve classroom effectiveness. The sessions focused on foundational English, multi-level lesson planning, effective use of TLMs*, reading Corner practices, and student data management. Facilitators also participated in interactive discussions and learned about Student Progress Tracker to enhance learning outcomes.

CEO Visits Budgam Communities

CEO Mr. Abid Qadiri visited Budgam to interact with beneficiary families, children, parents, and field staff and to understand their experiences and the impact of the Child Development Program. In Zoogu, he met with beneficiary families and visited the Zoogu Tuition Center, where he interacted with students, encouraged their educational pursuits, and appreciated the tuition teacher's dedication. The visit continued to Arizal and Hardpunzoo, where discussions with parents and children highlighted the importance of education, child well-being, and community participation. The visit strengthened connections with communities and provided valuable insights into the program.



Celebrating Internship Success

CHINAR International celebrated the successful completion of the one-month internships of Mustafa Yasir Ganai, Shriya Wali, and Sana Firdous during closing ceremonies held at its Srinagar Base Office. Throughout their internships, they gained practical exposure to the work of a nonprofit organization while contributing to research, documentation, academic resource development, student monitoring processes, and field activities. In recognition of their dedication and contributions, the interns were presented with certificates and wished success in their future endeavors.



Monitoring Business Growth

During the month of July, CHINAR's Youth Development conducted monitoring visits to 57 Small Business Support (SBS) units across Srinagar, Pulwama, Shopian, Baramulla, Bandipora, and Kulgam. The visits assessed business performance, reviewed the utilization of project support, identified operational challenges, and explored opportunities to strengthen livelihoods. Regular field engagement ensures timely guidance for entrepreneurs and supports the growth of sustainable small businesses.



Shaping Community Voices

Under the Community Development Program, a Community Stakeholders' Meeting was held in Arampora, Baramulla, bringing together 30 community members, youth, and key stakeholders to review progress on previous action points and identify priorities for future development. Participants proposed the establishment of a community coaching institute to strengthen educational opportunities for students and sustainable community development.



Monitoring for Excellence

A series of monitoring visits was conducted by the Quality Education team to government schools, CLCs, and Tuition Centers across Shopian, Pulwama, Budgam, and Handwara. The visits focused on reviewing the implementation of educational activities through classroom observations, interactions with students, teachers, and facilitators, assessments of learning outcomes, and reviews of lesson plans and documentation. Constructive feedback and guidance were provided to strengthen teaching practices, improve coordination, and enhance the quality of education across the program.



*SIDBI- Small Industries Development Bank of India, *SDC- Skill Development Center, IMHANS- Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences
CLC- Community Learning Center, TLM- Teaching Learning Material