



CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Growing Partnerships, Amplifying Impact.

Equipping Field Staff to Capture Stories

The Media & Communications Team conducted a hands-on media training at the Srinagar Base Office for six selected field staff members representing CHINAR's core programs and intervention districts across Kashmir. The training focused on strengthening participants' skills in video reporting, storytelling, interviewing, and capturing compelling field-based narratives. The session equipped field teams with practical tools to document stories directly from the communities they work with.

The training is part of preparations for CHINAR's upcoming video series, **Voices From The Field**, which will spotlight stories of resilience, community action, and meaningful change from across Kashmir. With strengthened storytelling skills, the field staff members are now better equipped to bring these voices and experiences to a wider audience.



Staff Receive Training in Psychological First Aid

In collaboration with SAWAB (Brain and Behaviour Science Academy), a two-day training on Psychological First Aid (PFA) was conducted for 23 field and core staff members of the Child Development Program. The training strengthened staff capacity to recognize signs of stress and distress among children and provide appropriate first-line emotional and psychological support.

Through practical and interactive sessions, participants developed skills in active listening, age-appropriate communication, professional boundaries, and self-care. The training equipped frontline staff to respond to children with greater sensitivity, confidence, and care, strengthening the emotional support available through the program.



Building Partnerships for Greater Impact



CHINAR International hosted an Awareness and Engagement Program at the Municipal Council, Pulwama, bringing together stakeholders from trade and business, government departments, community leadership, the Bar Association, and civil society, along with CHINAR International Board Members Dr. Mushtaq Margoob, Dr. Farooq Ahmad Kaloo, and Mr. Altaf Hussain, and CHINAR staff.

The engagement provided a platform to share CHINAR's work across Pulwama and Shopian, exchange perspectives, and explore opportunities for meaningful collaboration and collective action. Board Members interacted with participants on CHINAR's vision and community-based approach, while beneficiaries shared firsthand experiences of the impact of its work with children, youth, and families. The discussions also explored opportunities for continued engagement through partnerships, advocacy, community outreach, resource mobilization, and institutional support.

US Interns Wrap Up Their CHINAR Journey

CHINAR celebrated the completion of a two-week internship by four siblings from the United States—Sara, Zainab, Zaid, and Uthman. The interns contributed to documentation and design assignments, participated in field visits, and engaged in organizational activities. As Sara and Zainab continue their internship remotely, Zaid and Uthman received their certificates during a closing ceremony at the Srinagar office.



CHINAR International has established a collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation to provide AI-focused skill development training for youth. The initiative aims to equip young people with relevant, market-oriented AI skills, enhance their employability, and prepare them for emerging opportunities in the digital economy.

OUR MISSION

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



Building Future Readiness



Budgam



Srinagar

Our Child Development team conducted three Career Prep Boot Camp sessions in Baramulla and four in Srinagar, providing 101 participants with guidance and skills to enhance their career readiness and future prospects. In Arizal, Budgam, a workshop on Effective Communication engaged 22 children, who explored effective communication and active listening through practical activities. Together, the sessions strengthened confidence, self-expression, self-awareness, and future-oriented thinking among young participants.

POSHWAER Plans Ahead

A meeting with 16 POSHEWAER members was held in Pamposh Colony, Srinagar, to review monthly updates, completed activities, and key action points. The meeting provided a platform for members to share their experiences, concerns, and suggestions related to the group and ongoing community development efforts. Members discussed key priorities and jointly planned upcoming awareness sessions and community activities. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to strengthening community engagement, collective responsibility, and ownership.



Monitoring Business Progress

Our Youth Development team conducted its monthly monitoring visit to SBS* units in Baramulla to review ongoing activities, assess business progress, and engage directly with supported entrepreneurs. The team verified records and provided practical guidance on effective record-keeping and business management, while identifying areas requiring further support. Monitoring across the remaining districts continued through regular telephonic updates.



Celebrating the Joy of Reading



A vibrant Reading Event was organized at CLC* Warapora Magam in collaboration with CLC Ashkanpora Magam, creating a joyful space for children to explore books and strengthen their reading skills. The session featured storytelling, poem recitation, group reading, read-alouds, vocabulary-building activities, and reading games, encouraging children to read confidently, express themselves, and learn collaboratively. The event reinforced the importance of child-centered spaces where reading becomes a habit and a source of joy.

Together for a Cleaner Community

As part of the Community Development Program, a cleanliness drive was conducted in Mundyari, Baramulla, bringing together more than 80 community members in a collective effort to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental awareness. The initiative saw active participation from the Masjid Committee Chairman, youth president, POSHWAER members, volunteers, and community representatives. Together, they cleaned key public spaces, including the masjid premises, Eidgah, school surroundings, graveyard, and roads. The drive not only improved the cleanliness of shared spaces but also strengthened community ownership, cooperation, and collective action.



Helping a Dream Take Flight

For Ulfat Akhter of Malpora, Bandipora, securing admission this year to Government Medical College, Kathua, through NEET is an achievement. A performer throughout school, Ulfat earned her place despite coming from a vulnerable household, where her father works as a tailor, earning around INR 7,000 a month. With the institutional fee and costs of accommodation, food, travel and study materials, pursuing an MBBS degree posed a financial challenge. Following an assessment, CHINAR provided Ulfat with education support under the HESP program, helping her continue her medical education and move closer to her dream.*



Building Teacher Capacity

A two-day capacity-building program on FLN* and SEL* brought together 30 Warwan facilitators and 7 government school teachers for interactive learning, discussion, and hands-on practice. The training strengthened participants' understanding and practical skills, with a focus on applying these approaches to create learner-centered classrooms. The program reinforced our commitment to improving the quality of learning for children across Warwan.



Uniting Community Voices

A Community Stakeholders Meeting with a total of 40 members from Pamposh Colony and Bismillah Colony was held under the Community Development Program. The meeting provided a platform for community members to share their concerns, priorities, and perspectives on local development. Discussions focused on existing challenges, practical solutions, and the need to strengthen community-based support mechanisms.



Strengthening Self-Reliance

As part of the Child Development Program, livelihood assessments were carried out across Anantnag, Kulgam, Baramulla, Budgam, and Srinagar among 49 beneficiary families for potential livelihood support. The assessments focused on understanding families' needs, opportunities, and aspirations, while identifying areas where appropriate livelihood interventions could provide meaningful support. The assessments will help guide targeted interventions aimed at strengthening families' self-reliance, supporting sustainable livelihoods, and helping them improve their lives.



Baramulla



Srinagar

*SEL- Social Emotional Learning, *FLN- Foundational Literacy Numeracy, *CLC- Community Learning Center, *SBS- Small Business Support

*NEET- National Eligibility cum Entrance Test