



CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Strengthening Teaching, Transforming Learning

LCM Supports Learning and Business Growth

A Learning Circle Meeting (LCM) for 55 Small Business Support (SBS) unit holders from Batches 4, 5, and 6 was held under the Youth Development Program. The meeting provided a platform for participants to learn, interact, and share experiences while exploring practical ways to strengthen and grow their businesses. The sessions focused on business growth and transformation, the importance of focus and resilience in entrepreneurship, relevant government schemes and support available to entrepreneurs, and practical ways to strengthen marketing, maintain standards, and improve business practices. The LCM also encouraged peer learning and experience-sharing, enhanced participants' business knowledge and awareness of government support, and helped unit holders identify practical ways to address challenges and further strengthen their businesses.



Azeem Premji Foundation Explores CHINAR's Work

CHINAR International welcomed a team from the Azeem Premji Foundation (APF) for a two-day visit to intervention areas in Baramulla and Bandipora, accompanied by Mr. Abid Qadri, Global Executive Director, CHINAR International, and the Youth Development Team.

The visit began with an orientation session led by Program Leads, providing an overview of the CHINAR's core programs, implementation approaches and impact created on the ground over the years. This was followed by field visits and interactions with beneficiaries of the Small Business Support (SBS) Program and skill development initiatives. These interactions offered the APF team first-hand insights CHINAR's work and its impact on livelihoods and overall community development.



Facilitators Build Skills in Effective Teaching



A day-long capacity-building training was organized by the Quality Education team in Srinagar, bringing together over 69 CLC facilitators and Teach with CHINAR fellows. The training, themed "**Developing Excellence in Our Teaching Practices**," focused on purposeful lesson planning, deeper thinking, and positive classroom culture to strengthen teaching practices and improve children's learning outcomes.

Practical examples helped participants explore approaches to help children develop deeper thinking and reasoning skills, while discussions on classroom norms, themes, and seating highlighted ways to strengthen classroom culture.

The session was enriched by insights from Mr. Iftikhar Abdi, Founder, FFSN*, and Mr. Altaf Hussain, Board Member, Kashmir, who highlighted the importance of quality education for underserved communities. Mr. Abid Qadri, CEO, CHINAR International, also visited the training and felicitated CLC facilitators by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Building Capacity on Child Protection in Shopian

A capacity-building session on the Child Protection Policy was conducted in collaboration with CWC* and Child Helpline for members of the newly launched POSHEWAER group in Heerpora, Shopian. The session focused on building members' understanding of child protection, key provisions of the policy, and their role in creating a safe protective environment for children. The session encouraged active participation among members.



A community meeting was held in District Ganderbal with 18 enrolled beneficiaries, providing a platform to discuss program-related matters, understand their needs and concerns, and strengthen communication and engagement between the program team and the community.

OUR MISSION

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



Warwan Education Review



Our Quality Education team undertook a two-day visit to Warwan, Kishtwar, covering 11 CLCs* and three government schools. The visit focused on reviewing attendance, lesson plans, stock registers and overall centre management, while providing facilitators with feedback to strengthen teaching and learning practices.

Facilitators also received guidance on formative assessment, child tracking, active participation, Reading Corners and the effective use of digital and AI tools. The visit found documentation, child engagement and center management satisfactory.

Community Meetings Held

Community Stakeholder Meetings were conducted across Baramulla, Anantnag, Shopian, and Srinagar. At Bonichakal and Arampora in Baramulla, 29 members discussed pension linkages, documentation support for elderly persons, and water shortages. At Sheikhpora, Anantnag, around 30 members discussed local issues, community leadership, and active participation. At Sedow, Shopian, 12 members discussed education and community well-being, while 16 members at Rakh Arath, Srinagar, shared community concerns and explored available linkages.



Srinagar



Anantnag

Awareness on Welfare Schemes

Under the Community Development Program, awareness sessions on Social Security Schemes were conducted at Rakhi Arath, Srinagar, and Sheikhpora, Anantnag, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department. Around 95 community members participated in the sessions, learning about available schemes, their benefits, eligibility criteria, and government support. Participants actively took part and engaged in discussions.



Anantnag



Srinagar

Nurturing Emotional Well-being



Srinagar



Budgam

As part of the Life Crafters initiative, two sessions on Emotional Intelligence and Well-being were conducted in Zoogu, Budgam, and at New Genius Public School, Nawabazar, Srinagar, engaging 21 and 17 students respectively. The sessions focused on helping students understand and manage their emotions, develop self-awareness, and strengthen interpersonal relationships. Participants also explored healthy coping strategies and the role of emotional well-being in fostering a positive and supportive environment.

Promoting Financial Awareness

An awareness session was held at Zadi Mohalla, Baramulla, under the Community Development Program in collaboration with J&K Bank, SKY Trust, and the Social Welfare Department. Around 60 community members participated in discussions on financial literacy, social security schemes, and menstrual hygiene, gaining information on financial services, government welfare schemes, and hygiene practices. In Arampora, Baramulla, a similar session was organized in collaboration with J&K Bank, Pattan, engaging around 60 community members. It focused on financial literacy, savings, and the importance of accessing formal banking facilities.



Zadi Mohalla



Arampora

Celebrating our Dedicated Educators

On Teachers' Day, Asiya Ali and Tanzeela Bashir, our dedicated Community Learning Center facilitators from Palpora, Srinagar, were honored with Appreciation Certificates by the Head of Institution, Government Middle School, Pamposh Colony, Palpora, in recognition of their outstanding contribution to children's learning. Their dedication, active engagement, and commitment to creating positive learning spaces continue to make a meaningful difference in the community. We are proud to celebrate their efforts and the difference they make every day.



Promoting Student Development

Under the Community Development Program, a capacity-building session was held at Rehmania Education School, Palpora, for students of Classes 7 and 8, focusing on their intellectual, social, and personal development. Through interactive activities and discussions, the session aimed to strengthen students' self-awareness, confidence, social skills, and overall personality development. Students actively participated throughout the session.

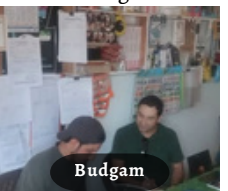


SBS Growth Monitoring

The Youth Development team conducted regular monthly monitoring visits to SBS* units across Kupwara, Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, and Shopian to review their progress and functioning. The visits provided an opportunity to interact with unit holders, understand their experiences, and assess business performance, sales, and day-to-day operations. The team also discussed challenges related to business continuity, market opportunities, and future growth.



Srinagar



Budgam

Building Career Readiness

The Career Prep Bootcamp under the Child Development Program continued with Modules 4, 5 and 6, engaging 45 participants across Baramulla and Srinagar. Facilitated by Mansha, an in-house resource person, the sessions focused on professional communication, active listening, workplace etiquette, interview preparation and self-expression. Through practical exercises and mock interviews, participants strengthened their communication skills, built confidence and developed essential skills for future career opportunities.



Bemina, Srinagar

*CLC- Community Learning Center, *FFSN-Fortune Foundation for Special Needs, *CWC- Child Welfare Committee, *SBS-Small Business Support