

In picture : Aalima Gaffar from Pulwama - garlanded by the community for qualifying 10th exams



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# CHINAR's Daleel

**Monthly Newsletter**

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## Students qualify 10th class exams with flying colors

Thirteen students enrolled in CHINAR's Child Development program across four districts - Srinagar, Shopian, Pulwama and Kupwara - qualified 10th class exams with remarkable results. These beautiful children from destitute families were struggling with their educational competencies and are first-generation learners - three of them being orphans. Some of them were dropouts or on the verge of leaving studies due to poverty. Zeenat from Srinagar with 95% marks, topped the group. This is a record for CHINAR children.



## Story of change - By Mansha

Meet Shahzada - one of the first community facilitators I started working with. Her journey of change is tremendous. The amount of eagerness she carries within herself to learn new things is amazing. Coming from a very remote village of Budgam district, she has become a confident person who can speak in front of a large audience without being shaky even for a minute. "She is our story of change. I feel thrilled seeing her so empowered", says Mansha - Project coordinator ( Education). *(Pic - top right - Shazada left, Mansha middle)*

## CHINAR attends mental health training

CHINAR attended four-day mental health workshop organized by the Department of Social work at Kashmir university. Attended by health workers, NGOs and students, the workshop focused on counseling, stigma, drug abuse and other relevant areas related to mental health in Kashmir. Such workshops are extremely useful to deal with various social issues in our communities.

## New skill centers launched

CHINAR launched three new Skill Development Centers (SDC) at Srinagar, Bandipora and Kulgam districts. Each center enrolled 20-30 young women from low-income families who will be trained in cutting and tailoring in an extensive 6-month course. Another batch of Digital Learning center has started in Kulgam with an enrollment of 32 students. Groundwork is going on to start an SDC (knitting skills) at HMT, Srinagar. *(Pic - bottom left)*



## Livelihood given to Kupwara family

CHINAR provided livelihood support in the form of a provisional store to Mohammad Lateef from Vodpora village of Tehsil Handwara in Kupwara district. His three children were enrolled in CHINAR's child development program during the 2020 assessment survey. Due to multiple health issues, Lateef is not able to work and earn income for his family. His wife, Zareefa is willing to run the store to meet her daily needs. *(Pic - top right)*

## CHINAR enrolls more children in Budgam district

CHINAR sponsored 23 more children from 12 destitute families of Chalyan and Chontnad villages of Chrari Sharief tehsil under the Child Development program. These are remote villages of Budgam district, which remain cut-off from neighboring areas for around 4 months during winter. The literacy rate is low and children often drop out of school due to poverty.