

In picture : Shabnum Bashir from Zampathri, Shopian - garlanded by her mother, Shah Begum .



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Students qualify 12th class exams with excellence

Nine students enrolled in CHINAR's Child Development program across five districts - Srinagar, Shopian, Pulwama, Kupwara and Doda - qualified 12th class exams with remarkable results. Muskaan Showkat from Srinagar topped the results with 78%, followed by Mudasir Ahmed from Shopian with 74% marks. These hardworking children from destitute families were struggling with their educational competencies and are first-generation learners. Some of them were dropouts or on the verge of leaving studies due to poverty.



Small business incubation - An update

CHINAR International recently launched a Small business incubation project to provide sustainable livelihood to youth from marginalized communities. Under this project, an interest-free loan of up to INR 1 lac will be provided to shortlisted candidates on the basis of their innovative business ideas. Out of 50 candidates who applied for the project, three were shortlisted for the final phase after a thorough screening and interview process. Currently, the team is working on a training module to conduct an orientation workshop for the selected candidates.

Welcoming new hires - Adil and Iqra

We are delighted to introduce our new staff members - Iqra and Aadil. Both have joined us as Project coordinators for Child and Youth development programs respectively. Iqra - a professional social worker has worked in multiple child-related projects and attended training workshops relevant to child development. Aadil- a passionate young man, holds a Master's degree in social work and M. Phil in Social Sciences from JNU, Delhi.

Community transformation project - Waltengo, Kulgam

CHINAR International has started ground assessment in selected villages of Waltengo** belt located in Kulgam district. On the first visit, the team interacted with the community members, local teachers, and family heads to identify major challenges faced by the community. The team had a transect walk to explore the basic amenities and compile the community profile of the village. Based on the field observations, CHINAR is planning to conduct a detailed baseline assessment of the households in the first week of April.



Closing ceremony of community learning centers - Phase 2

Phase-2 of CLCs, started during COVID concluded successfully. Over 1100 students from low-income group families were enrolled in 27 centers spread across 9 districts of J&K. These centers provided remedial education, activity-based learning, recreation and counseling to children in a fun-filled space. With the re-opening of schools, phase-2 was closed after a thorough evaluation and assessment process. All our centers followed COVID guidelines strictly and remained COVID free.



**In 2005, a snow avalanche swept across the tribal hamlet, Waltengo nar and shrouded 200 houses. The snow entombed nearly 158 residents in their homes and left several others injured.