



**CHINAR**  
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# CHINAR's Daleel

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## Livelihood Support Given to Srinagar and Shopian Families

CHINAR provided livelihood support to Farooq Ahmad of Bemina, Srinagar. After suffering from a serious leg injury a few years ago, Farooq has undergone multiple surgeries. The continued physical challenges have left him unable to walk properly, and strained his ability to support his family of five. His three children were enrolled in the Child Development program in 2018. After assessing his current situation, CHINAR provided him with livelihood support in the form of a kiryana store to assist him in fulfilling his family's daily needs. Another family from Keller, Shopian was provided with similar livelihood support to boost self-reliance



## Open-Air Classes at Warwan

Open-air classes are breath of fresh air for the students of Warwan Valley in District Kishtwar. Apart from remedial classes, these children's academic studies have been supplemented by creative content, which aims to diversify and enhance their learning outcomes. CHINAR is currently connecting with 480 children in Warwan through community learning centers.



## Small Business Support (SBS) - An Update

**CHINAR International has invited economically disadvantaged youth of the Kashmir Valley to apply for the SBS Project. Through advertisement via print and electronic media, the organization has received 60 applications across various districts of Kashmir. The project aims to support 10 youth with a seed capital of up to 1.5 lac each. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply at: <https://tinyurl.com/CI-SBI-YD>.**

## Youth Interactions at Baramullah and Kulgam

CHINAR organized a youth-centered, community meeting in Chimmer, Kulgam. At this meeting, twenty participants were introduced to CHINAR's programs, with a special focus given to the newly launched Small Business Support (SBS) project. The CHINAR ground team encouraged youth to participate in the new project and share their business ideas. A similar session was also held in Trikolbal, Pattan to build awareness around the SBS project.



## Livelihood Under Youth

CHINAR successfully launched the Livelihood Under Youth initiative in Trikolbal, Pattan. The project kicked off with Mohd Rafeeq Katoo. Mohd Rafeeq formerly ran a small tea stall but struggled to generate sufficient income to support his family. He dreamed of expanding his stall into a one-stop shop to sell kiriyana and other daily-use items. Upon, identifying his need, CHINAR provided him with all the necessary supplies required to expand his business. Rafeeq seems very excited to grow his business and is confident he can earn well for his family. Active groundwork is in progress to identify more youth who need livelihood support.



## Capacity- Building Training for Teachers

CHINAR's education team conducted a series of professional development sessions to train the teachers who participate in the Child Development program to employ the use of student learning assessment tools. The session covered the various components involved in understanding tool language, mathematical pedagogy and new ideas around socio-emotional learning. Each session was followed by Q&A to clarify any queries regarding the tool. A total of nine teachers from six districts participated in the training session. The learning assessment process has been initiated in all the districts to record student progress and create a remedial plan accordingly.



## New Tuition Center Launched in Pulwama

CHINAR opened a new tuition center in Chan Mohalla Katikot of the District Pulwama. This center services students who were enrolled under the Child Development Program in 2019. The main aim of the center is to provide quality education to students and to focus on improving the learning competencies for each grade-level. Currently, 12 students from local government schools are enrolled in the center. Remedial education, activity-based learning and continuous assessment are major components of these CHINAR centers.



## Eid Special Distribution Across Five Districts

CHINAR conducted a special Eid distribution event across five districts: Srinagar, Shopian, Budgam, Pulwama, and Kupwara. The purpose was to ensure that all CHINAR-enrolled children celebrate Eid in beautiful attire and enjoy the holiday to its fullest. Over 300 children received casual clothes and shoes at the event. Children presented naats, speeches and engaged in fun activities. The team briefed parents about program guidelines and the importance of parental involvement in a child's education. All COVID protocols were strictly maintained.



## Phase 2 Assessment Survey - Waltengo

In Phase 1, CHINAR International surveyed over 130 households across three hamlets of Waltengo in order to collect baseline data regarding the socio-economic status, educational level and livelihood opportunities of the families. Phase 2 of the survey included discussions with community heads, local teachers and family heads to identify the possible interventions to be implemented in the area. The assessment shows a huge opportunity for skill development and community learning centers for youth and children. The groundwork for both projects has begun in selected areas of the Waltengo belt.

