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CHINAR's Daleel*

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**"Daleel" means "story" in Kashmiri*

Youth Livelihoods

The Youth Livelihood program aims to support youth by promoting financial security and improve living standards. Under this project, an amount of up to INR 75,000 is provided to each youth in various forms. This month, CHINAR provided a fruit vending cart to Aashiq Hussain of Kupwara. Manzoor Ahmed and Javaid Malik received a bakery shop and provisional store, respectively. Thus far, this month, four youth recipients from three different districts, Baramullah, Kupwara and Kulgam, have been supported through this program.



Youth Graduate Successfully

CHINAR closed another skill development center in Arizal, Budgam where 19 women graduated in the cutting and tailoring course. Three trainees who topped the assessment were provided sewing machines to jump-start their units. Besides, two more machines were provided to trainees from weak economic backgrounds.



Scale- Up Event in Srinagar

CHINAR held a scale-up event in Srinagar for those families identified as having the highest needs. Bags and stationery kits were distributed to 25 children from 10 families enrolled in the Child Development Program. The CHINAR team briefed both parents and children about SOPs of the program and the importance of positive parenting. This was followed by a contract signing to signify a commitment to these practices.



Adnan' Story: My Journey with CHINAR

I am Adnan - B. Tech graduate hailing from Zakura, Srinagar. After joining CHINAR's community learning center (CLC) program, I understood the ground realities of education for the underprivileged. At CLC, the aim was to create a safe space to break the cycle of illiteracy that children from low-income communities are mired in. Through challenges created by the pandemic, my journey started with 17 students and later the number progressed to nearly 25 students. The uninhibited love and respect I received from these children was overwhelming and gave me a moral drive to keep going.



Small Business Incubation

CHINAR began two small business incubation units in the Baramullah district. Naseem Ahmed and Shabir Ahmed were the recipients of a pashmina weaving store and copper store, respectively. The scale-up is in progress and home visits of the applicants are being conducted by the ground team.



Monitoring Visit to Warwan

The CHINAR team made an assessment trip to the Warwan Valley. The team visited five villages: Mingli, Margi, Gumri, Rakenwas, and Basmina to conduct youth events, with a special focus on livelihood and small business support. Additionally, one-day teacher training on CLC framework and creative methodologies were also organized at Margi village. CHINAR will now be operating 17 CLCs across five villages, reaching 600 children.

