



CHINAR
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CHINAR's Daleel

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*"DALEEL" TRANSLATES TO STORY IN KASHMIRI

CHINAR Selects 10 Youth for Small Business Support

CHINAR, in collaboration with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, organized a 3-day Small Business Support Program in Srinagar. The goal of the SBS program is to build self-reliance among the youth of low-income backgrounds. The project will support 10 ventures with a seed capital of up to 1.5 lac per unit. In addition to technical assistance, marketing support, and training.

Out of 160 applications, 21 candidates reached the final stage for consideration.

Day 1 and 2 saw all finalists presenting their ideas to a panel of experts. All the three panelists- Prof. Satyajit Majumdar (TISS), Mr. Sujay Dixit (TISS) and Prof. Saad Parvaiz (NIT Srinagar) hold vast experience in the fields of incubation, innovation and social entrepreneurship.

Dr. Khalid Ashai (CHINAR Chairman, USA Board), Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Khan (Training Director, IMPA), Mr. Kaiser Bhat (Advisor, CHINAR International) and Dr. Mushtaq Margoob were among the dignitaries who attended the felicitation ceremony for the top 10 candidates held on the third day. Post-felicitations, training and capacity-building programs for the selected candidates were conducted by TISS faculty.

Youth Graduate Successfully

CHINAR International closed its first crochet and knitting center at HMT, Srinagar. A total of 19 trainees graduated from the three-month course, learning a variety of designs and mastering the skill. As the winter months approach, trainees are hopeful to earn a profitable income by leveraging this expertise.



Monitoring Visit to Doda

The CHINAR ground team made a five-day trip to Baderwah Tehsil of the Doda District in Jammu. The team checked in on program progress and efficacy, as well as gathered information to identify persistent challenges in the region. Learning assessments were administered to 39 enrolled children to gauge their academic competencies. The team also conducted a community mobilization event to reaffirm the importance of education, health, and hygiene. Casual clothing and stationery were distributed to children at the event. Moreover, livelihood support was provided to two low-income families in the form of a provisional store and sewing machine, respectively. The trip concluded with a thorough assessment of the families shortlisted for the scale-up program.



Livelihood Support Provided to Five Families

CHINAR provided livelihood support to five families from the Pulwama, Kupwara and Doda Districts. Abdul Qayoom from Pampore, Pulwama runs a small cosmetic shop, but due to the events following August 5th and the COVID-19 lockdowns, he ran out of stock and failed to maintain business. CHINAR helped revive his shop by providing all the products needed to run his business. One family from Kupwara was given materials to start a *dhaba* (a roadside restaurant) and another, a knitting unit. In Doda, two families were provided a provisional store and sewing machine to generate a sustainable income for their survival.

