



CHINAR's Daleel

Monthly Newsletter
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"DALEEL" TRANSLATES TO STORY IN KASHMIRI

Three Business Units Launched

CHINAR launched three more Small Business Support programs.

Firdous Reshi - a post-graduate young man from Patiposhkar, Budgam wished to open a grocery store in order to help meet the daily needs of his fellow villagers. Considering his poor financial condition, CHINAR provided him with supplies to set up his business.

Shafkat Ali, a 23-year-old, energetic young man from Sumbal, Bandipora dropped out of school when he was in his twelfth year, and completed a technical course in mobile repairing. Coming from a very humble background, Ali always wanted to convert his skills into a profit-making venture, but unfortunately lacked the finances. CHINAR provided him with all the support to start his own mobile repair shop and make his dream venture a reality.

Adil Faisal - an orphan who resides at Tral, Pulwama lost his father at a very young age. Since then, his ailing uncle has been managing their family expenses. Adil wanted to do something on his own and applied for CHINAR's SBS initiative. He was ultimately selected, and CHINAR provided him with all materials to open a provisional store in his area.

Self-Help Group (SHG) Launched in Bemina

CHINAR launched the SHG in the Bemina area of Srinagar. The six registered women previously graduated from CHINAR's cutting and tailoring program. The objective of the SHG is to ensure that graduates in our Skill Development Centers (SDC) further self-reliance through education on the monetization and marketing of the skills learned during the tailoring course.



Skill Development Center (SDC) - Bandipora

The Tilla embroidery SDC, which opened in Bandipora one month ago, is running successfully. A total of 17 women were enrolled in the center, six of whom have already started generating an income. They are receiving multiple orders and working hard to sustain their business. We are expecting that this center will prove to be a great success story for CHINAR.



Two Community Centers Launched

Two more community learning centers were launched this month - one in Baramullah and another in Shopian, each with an enrolment of 35 students. CLCs continue to be a strong part of CHINAR's education strategy since 2019. These centers serve as a hub for recreation, activity-based learning, remedial education and play.



Phase - 3* of CLCs began in October with 34 active centers operating across Shopian, Pulwama, Baramullah, Bandipora, Kulgam, Srinagar and Kishtwar.



**Phase 1 of CLCs began in September 2019, following the abrogation of Article 370, with over 1500 students enrolled in 30 centers of J&K. This was followed by Phase -2 which saw a response to the COVID crises in Kashmir.*

Community Meeting Held at Budgam

A community meeting was held at Arizal, Budgam. Parents were introduced to CHINAR and its various programs. Children's attendance was checked and reasons for absenteeism were discussed. The meeting also focused on positive parenting and the role of the community in a child's education. Teachers shared student's progress and suggested effective remedial strategies to improve their performance.

