



The month of January has been challenging for the ground team, with 60% of staff affected by COVID. Thankfully, the team has recovered now and resumed the routine activities across all the verticals.



CHINAR's Daleel

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"DALEEL" TRANSLATES TO STORY IN KASHMIRI

Learning Assessment in Shopian

CHINAR's education team conducted a learning assessment of 85 students enrolled in two community learning centers in the Shopian district. A self-devised assessment tool, which covers mathematics, language, and socio-emotional learning (SEL), was administered to 1-8 graders to measure their competencies in each area. A group of interns from Kashmir University were given an orientation about the assessment tool, which they later implemented on ground. The idea was to ensure transparency and objectivity in the process besides maintaining consistency in the data.



Another Small Business Unit Launched

Umar Nabi, M.A in Urdu, from the Pattan area of Baramullah, was born into a struggling family. His father works as a labourer to manage the daily expenses. In order to supplement his family income, Umar aspired to open a hardware and sanitation store. Despite having a viable business idea and ground knowledge, his financial constraints prevented him from actualizing his goal.

Umar then learned of CHINAR's small business support Initiative through social media. He entered and was chosen as one of the top 10 recipients. CHINAR helped launch his hardware unit and provided him all the necessary items.



Skill Development Center

CHINAR launched another Skill Development Center In Ahmadabad, Kulgam. A total of 22 girls enrolled in a six month course to learn tailoring and cutting skills. Coming from low-income group families, these girls were selected after proper verification and due-diligence by the ground team.



Annual Distribution in Budgam and Srinagar

CHINAR conducted the annual distribution event across Srinagar for children enrolled in the Child Development Program. Over 100 children received books, stationery and winter clothes at our base office in Srinagar. The event was held in phases considering COVID-19 protocols, and thus supplies were distributed in a takeaway manner to ensure safety of staff and beneficiaries. A similar event was conducted in the Arizal Village of Budgam where 21 children received educational supplies.

The CHINAR team is now preparing scale up events in Shopian and Pulwama. Currently, 522 children from 242 destitute families are enrolled in the program



Assessment Survey Begins in Palpora under Parvaaz Project

CHINAR had a series of stakeholder meetings to identify geographies which need immediate community interventions. During the process, 15 areas were shortlisted in Baramulla and Srinagar. CHINAR devised a holistic assessment tool to collect data relevant to children, youth, and families.

Prior to the survey, over 20 social work graduates from Kashmir University were trained and oriented to the goals and overall implementation plan of Project Parvaaz.

Beginning with Srinagar, around 100 individuals are being surveyed in Palpora, with the support of local partner, **Rahe Haq Foundation**. Rakhe aarat (Bemina) and Mehjoor nagar are next in line. Currently, ground work is on to identify deserving communities from Baramullah, Shopian, and Kulgam districts.

