

PICTURED: Shakeela, a proud and happy mother, applauds her sons, Faizan and Sahil for qualifying 10th exams



CHINAR's Daleel

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"DALEEL" TRANSLATES TO STORY IN KASHMIRI

Child Development - Students Qualify 10th & 12th Exams

Twenty-four students enrolled under CHINAR's Child Development program qualified 10th class exams with remarkable results across five districts of J&K - Srinagar, Shopian, Pulwama, Kupwara and Doda. These children come from low-income families. Some of them are orphans and were on the verge of dropping out from their studies due to financial challenges. Umar Farooq from Doda and Rafiah Iqbal from Shopian topped the list with 84% and 86% marks respectively.

Ten students qualified 12th class exams with great results. Zahid Bashir, one of the successful graduates topped with 91% marks. The CHINAR team visited student's families with sweets, gifts and cakes. The level of contentment and pride in the eyes of the parents was overwhelming for the team.



A Story of Family Transformation

CHINAR International's team is delighted to witness the growth and success of Zahid Bashir, one of the first beneficiaries enrolled in our programs.

A decade ago, Zahid lost his father, the main bread earner of the family. His mother, Shah Begum struggled to make ends meet and started doing odd jobs in the neighbourhood. His family was identified during a pilot survey in 2011, at which time Zahid was enrolled under our Child Development program. We also provided educational support to his two siblings and a sheep unit to his mother to help her generate income.

Over the years, Zahid has performed well in studies and he scored the highest marks in 10th and 12th exams. Shah Begum, an exemplary woman worked hard to increase her flock and make good profits each year. Today, she is self-reliant and can take care of her children.



Skill Development Center Launched In Kulgam & Bandipora

CHINAR launched a Skill Development Center (SDC) focused on cutting and tailoring at DK Marg, Kulgam. Twenty-two girls were enrolled in the SDC where they will gain all required expertise and proficiency in the skill over the course of six months.

Another center was launched in Hajin, where sixteen young women were enrolled in an extensive four month course to learn tilla embroidery. The idea is to train young girls in marketable skills in order to make them financially independent.



Annual Distribution Event Held Across Five Districts

CHINAR conducted an annual distribution event for children enrolled in our Child Development program across five districts of J&K - Shopian, Pulwama, Budgam, Kupwara and Doda. Books, stationery and winter clothes were distributed to over 400 children at CHINAR's remedial tuition centers located in the selected villages. Parents and guardians of these children were briefed about the guidelines of the program. The event was held in phases due to COVID constraints.



Parvaaz Survey Continues In Srinagar & Baramullah

After thorough ground research and multiple stakeholder meetings, CHINAR began the survey process across selected marginalised communities in January. The baseline survey including over 180 household assessments has concluded in two areas - Palpora and Rakhe aarat (Bemina) of Srinagar. As identification of other deserving communities continues in Srinagar, another survey was kicked off in the shortlisted villages of Baramulla district. So far, two villages - Mundyari and Bonichakul were surveyed with 200 families covered. Ground work continues in Chowan and other villages of Shopian.

