



# CHINAR's Daleel

Monthly Newsletter  
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"DALEEL" TRANSLATES TO STORY IN KASHMIRI

## Crochet And Knitting Center Launched In Budgam

CHINAR International launched a Crochet and Knitting Center at Chek Badnoor, Budgam and enrolled 18 local women. Groundwork completed by CHINAR staff showed a huge demand for knitted clothes in this area and the local women were very interested to learn these skills. At the launch ceremony, the trainees involved themselves with eager participation and showed enthusiasm for learning and benefitting from the skill.

## Sports Culture In Bandipora

CHINAR International believes that sports effectively brings about a positive social change by promoting the spirit of unity, leadership and relationship building.

In collaboration with the local Government Higher Secondary School, CHINAR organized a volleyball tournament at Gadakhud, Bandipora where eight teams from eight different villages of Baramulla and Bandipora districts, came together to participate. Four initial matches were played this month with semifinals tentatively scheduled for the month of June. Locals, community heads, school principals and teachers attended the tournament and participated with enthusiasm.

## Ground Work For WIPRO Funded Community Learning Centers

CHINAR International conducted an assessment survey at Pattan and Sumbal villages of Baramulla district to launch nine Community Learning Centers (CLC's), funded by the Wipro Foundation. These centers were enacted alongside six existing CLC's, to serve 525 children (grades 1 to 8) with an enrolment of 35 children per center.

These fifteen CLCs will provide targeted academic support to address learning gaps, assess socio-emotional learning and facilitate creative activities. CHINAR will recruit a team of experienced facilitators to complement the needs of the project and provide them with relevant training to enhance their capacities. These centers will promote parent engagement through regular learning circles to encourage discussions and sharing of children's progress.



## Self Help Group Launched In Bandipora

CHINAR International resumed the Self Help Group (SHG) project in Sarai Dangarpora, Bandipora and enrolled ten local women. The SHG acts as a support strategy to monetize the skills of trainees who have graduated from CHINAR's skill centers and gained wholesome learning experiences.

The trained group is already taking orders from numerous customers and growing on a consistent scale. CHINAR also provided an orientation to the group regarding the maintenance and management of financial accounts. The group has created a joint account to save their earnings.



## Patrons Meet In Kashmir

CHINAR International hosted a Patron's meeting at its base office in Srinagar. The meeting was attended by 25 people including board members from USA and Kashmir, program leads, partner organizations and new patrons with the notable presence of Global Executive Director, Mr. Irfan Shahmiri.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome note followed by current interventions on the ground and ongoing programs. A detailed update on the community transformation project - PARVAAZ was also presented to participants. All attendees acknowledged CHINAR's effort towards the upliftment of individuals and communities in need, over the past decade.



## Monitoring Visit To Waltengu

CHINAR International made a monitoring visit to Waltengu, Kulgam where Parvaaz was launched last month. The visiting team had participation from three core programs, with multiple objectives for the trip. The team conducted learning assessments of 50 children enrolled in CLCs to gauge their competency levels in language, mathematics and socio-emotional learning. The re-assessment of 20 children selected under Child Development was done, followed by counselling sessions with parents and guardians. The CHINAR team was thrilled to see the progress made by the 20 trainees enrolled in Skill Development Center for crewel works.





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