

PICTURED: Tabassum Bandy and Bazillah Zargar (US Board members) and Sayim Zargar (CHINAR supporter) pose for a group picture after an interactive session with CHINAR team



CHINAR's Daleel

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"DALEEL" TRANSLATES TO STORY IN KASHMIRI

Youth graduate from two Skill Development Centers

CHINAR closed a SDC at Ahmadabad, Kulgam with a total of 14 trainees graduating the six-month course in cutting and tailoring. At the end of the course, an assessment of trainees was conducted during which they stitched different clothing samples. Sewing machines were provided to the top three trainees. Certificates were also awarded.



Another SDC was closed in Hajin, Bandipora which imparted training to 10 young women in Tilla embroidery. The trainees have already started generating income by taking orders of shawls from a varied customer base. All the trainees were highly satisfied with the training (as reflected in the feedback form) and are super excited to earn income through the newly acquired skillset.



One batch of E-Labs concludes

CHINAR resumed the Entrepreneurship Labs in April this year, starting with the training sessions at Girls Higher Secondary School, Amira Kadal Srinagar. A total of 18 trainees graduated the course comprising of multiple sessions focused on 21st century skills (life skill and 4 Cs), risk taking and business planning. The trainees also participated in market activity which was conducted inside the school premises. Certificates were awarded for successful completion of course. School principal, faculty members and CHINAR staff were present at the closing ceremony. Students were excited and showed enthusiasm to start their businesses in future. The school authorities ensured full support and encouragement to run such programs and collaborations on a regular basis.



11 Community Learning Centers launched

CHINAR started 11 new CLCs in Baramulla and Srinagar. Nine centers, funded by **Wipro Foundation** have been operationalized in Pattan and Sumbal tehsils and two more are running under Parvaaz project in Palpora, Srinagar. Currently, a total of 51 CLCs are operating across 8 districts of J&K - Srinagar, Shopian, Pulwama, Budgam, Kulgam, Kishtwar, Bandipora and Baramullah.



Scale up Survey for Child Development begins

CHINAR kickstarted a surveys in selected areas of five districts - Srinagar, Shopian, Pulwama, Budgam and Kupwara - to identify potential families and children to be enrolled under Child development program. Over 700 households were surveyed across all the districts using a CHINAR standard assessment tool. The assessment captures relevant data like socio-economic status, education and skillset, livelihood opportunities and asset information. The shortlisting of families is in progress for the second phase of the survey.



Parvaaz Survey Begins in Shopian

CHINAR held multiple stakeholder meetings across different villages of Shopian to identify the most deserving communities in the belt. After thorough verification and due-diligence, two villages - Gatipora and Hirpora were selected for the first phase of survey. Over 100 families were assessed in both the villages. The assessment was done by a group of five social work students coming from Kashmir university. The digitization of data is in progress for Srinagar, Shopian and Baramulla districts. Parvaaz focusses on integrated solutions for children, youth and their communities.



Livelihood Given To Srinagar Family

Nisar Ahmed, a 44-year-old man lives with his wife and three children at Arkh-e-arth, Bemina. Nisar Ahmed was driving an auto on commission basis which would hardly meet the daily needs of the family. The family lives in a two-roomed tin shed with minimal furnishing and limited resources. His children used to study in a private school but were forced to switch to government school due to financial constraints. CHINAR provided him livelihood support in the form of an auto rickshaw, which will maximise his monthly savings. His daughters Adeeba (7th class), Aliya (4th class) and a son Gazi Abbas (2nd class) are receiving full support under CHINAR's Child Development program since 2021.





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