



PICTURED: Students from Department of Social work, Kashmir University pose for a group picture after an interactive session with Mr. Irfan Shahriri, Global Executive Director, CHINAR International



CHINAR's Daleel

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"DALEEL" TRANSLATES TO STORY IN KASHMIRI

Youth Graduate from two Skill Development Centers (SDC)

CHINAR successfully closed SDC at Trikolbal, Baramulla with 15 young women graduating in tailoring course. During the closing ceremony, an assessment test of trainees was conducted where they stitched clothing samples in multiple designs. The top three winners of the test were rewarded with sewing machines based on their performance, trainer feedback, attendance and socio-economic conditions. Certificates were given to all the trainees.

Similarly, another center was closed at Mingli Warwan with 22 successful graduates in tailoring skills. The assessment of trainees was conducted, followed by distribution of certificates.

Four SDC's are in the pipeline across 3 districts for the next month.

Youth Graduate from Skill Center Under Parvaaz at Waltengu

Under Parvaaz - Community transformation project - CHINAR closed its first skill center at Waltengo Nard, Kulgam with 12 young women graduating in crewel embroidery course. Started in May, it was an extensive 3-month training course on learning crewel works. After assessment, it was found that trainees are ready to take market orders and monetize their skills. As an initial step, the trainer has linked all the trainees to existing customer base in the market on commission basis.

Interaction Session with MSW students

CHINAR International, in collaboration with the **Department of Social Work, Kashmir University**, organized an interactive session with young and passionate MSW students and the enterprising faculty of the department. Global Executive Director - Irfan Shahmiri, who led the session, shared his personal journey as a social development leader, challenges and opportunities, and achievements of CHINAR in the last decade. The goal was to inspire young changemakers and encourage them to participate in community upliftment projects. The session was followed by a detailed Q&A where students asked relevant questions about CHINAR's interventions and the plan going forward. We are grateful to the Department of Social Work for giving us an opportunity to interact with aspiring social workers.



3-Day Capacity Building Workshop for CLC facilitators

CHINAR organized a 3-day capacity building workshop for 50 community teachers from 8 districts of Kashmir division at Srinagar base office. The training focused on effective lesson planning, classroom management, socio-emotional learning, leadership development and 21st century skills. The idea was to enable a teacher to acquire an understanding of child psychology and develop a proper attitude towards the teaching process. In addition, the socio-emotional learning session was covered by Mr. Adil Wadoo, Program Manager, IMHANS who stressed on mental health issues among children in Kashmir.



PTMs held at 20 Community Learning Centers (CLC)

Parent-teacher meetings (PTM) were held at 20 CLCs across five districts of Kashmir. The main objective of the meeting was to make parents aware about the importance of education and encourage them to participate in the child's learning process. Parents also shared their feedback and suggestions regarding the community centers. They were delighted to see the positive changes in their kids after joining the center.



4-Day Training Workshop for Staff

CHINAR's education team attended a 4-day workshop focused on "**Foundational Literacy and Numeracy**" at Kolkata, under CHINAR's community schooling project (funded by Wipro Foundation). Attended by 30 participants from nine organizations, the workshop touched key components in foundational language and literacy - oral language development, concepts about print, writing vocabulary, phonological awareness, reading fluency, etc. Besides, the importance of print-rich class and activity-based learning was also discussed during workshop days. The team was highly satisfied with the workshop and shared their learnings with the larger team at CHINAR.



CHINAR received 250 applications for the third cohort of Small Business Support under Youth development program from all the districts of Kashmir. The screening process has concluded with 40 applicants being shortlisted for the final round. The list of 20 selected candidates for the SBS project will be announced by the end of September.



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