

PICTURED: Chief Education Officer, Shopian inaugurates Parvaaz project at Gatipora village (Shopian)



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PARVAAZ SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED IN SHOPIAN AND BARAMULLA

CHINAR International launched Parvaaz - Phase 1 in four communities - two each from Shopian and Baramulla respectively. The first launch event was conducted in two villages - Shalboni and Bonichakul of Baramulla district at GHSS, Shalboni. The event was attended by over 70 people including community members, youth, CLC teachers, selected children and their families, and CHINAR staff. The program started with a welcome address, followed by introduction to CHINAR programs with special focus on community engagement and parental involvement. The community members and HOIs stressed on the importance of community based interventions and how they can contribute towards CHINAR's Parvaaz project. The event concluded with the distribution of welcome kits to 23 children enrolled in Child development. Similar event was conducted at GHS, Arampora (Bonichakul) where 30 children were enrolled in the program.

In Shopian, the program kicked off in two selected villages - Gatipora and Herpora. Around 170 people attended the event including community members, school staff, CLC teachers, SDC trainees, field monitors, selected children and their families, and CHINAR staff. Chief Education Officer (CEO), Mohd. Mushtaq Sb, who was the chief guest, inaugurated the launching ceremony along with HOI and school staff. CHINAR team stressed on the importance of community participation and highlighted transformational CHINAR success stories. CEO lauded CHINAR's efforts in bringing quality education at the doorsteps of downtrodden communities and ensured continued support for CHINAR projects. HOI, who inaugurated Community Learning Center, Gatipora also appreciated CHINAR's work and promised full support as well. The event concluded with distribution of welcome kits to 62 children enrolled in Child development.



GHSS - Govt. Higher Secondary School, CLC - Community Learning Centers, HOI - Head of Institution, SDC- Skill Development Center

Farheen - an English literature graduate from Cluster university, Srinagar successfully completed her two-month internship period at CHINAR International. During her internship, she was involved in multiple tasks including research and documentation, digitisation of data alongwith participation in the ongoing field trips. On her farewell day, she presented her accomplishments and learnings to the team. The team appreciated her achievements in the two-month tenure.

INTERN GRADUATES SUCCESSFULLY AT CHINAR



Sofiya is a beautiful, cheerful and fun-loving girl from Nowpora, Kulgam lives with her parents and brother. Her father is a daily labourer who toils hard to make ends meet. Sofiya barely knew how to read and write as she had never been introduced to the books. With the opening of Community learning center (CLC) in her village, Sofiya is hopeful to get free and quality education. Sofiya was excited to join the center and her first day was full of joy. Sofiya has started learning her alphabets, numbers and words. She gets to play with the building blocks, flash cards, carrom board and actively participates in group activities.

Rabiya Gulzar (CLC teacher)

FOUR MORE UNITS LAUNCHED UNDER SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT - PHASE 3

CHINAR launched four units under Phase 3 of small business support (SBS) across four districts – Srinagar, Pulwama, Kupwara and Budgam. All these units got selected at a Business Plan Competition organized by CHINAR International in September 2022.

Abid Darzi from Nishat, Srinagar was provided 13 eves to run his own sheep rearing unit. Abid is confident to earn sufficient income for his family. Another candidate, Parvaiz Wani from Achgora, Pulwama was provided support to run his own service unit. He is a skilled electrician plus plumber with over 7 years experience in this field. Earlier, Wani used to rent equipment to provide plumbing services. Ishfaq Ahmad Wani from Drang, Budgam was running a Common Service Center(CSC) on a small scale with a minimal stock and services. CHINAR supported him to upgrade his unit with technology-oriented gadgets, mobile accessories, and stationery items. The unit holder will now be able to provide all the essential public utility services about social welfare schemes, healthcare, financial, education and other fields. Aijaz Ahmad pandit from Kupwara also wanted to upgrade his CSC with printing equipment and stationery. With CHINAR's support, Aijaz will be able to increase his customer base and monthly profits.

All the unit holders look very promising and are hopeful to earn gainful income through these ventures. We wish them all the best!



CHINAR International conducted two focused community meetings at Shalboni and Bonichakul villages of Baramulla district under Parvaaz project. The purpose of the meeting was relationship building and understanding the most pressing problems of the community. Each meeting had 15 participants including parents of CHINAR enrolled children, community heads, Sarpanch, PRI members, local youth and CBOs. The program commenced with a brief introduction to CHINAR programs, followed by the role of community and parents in a child's education. The team also discussed the existing social problems within the community and the initiatives taken to address them. The knowledge about government schemes/entitlements was assessed during the meeting. As a part of Parvaaz, these meetings will be held on a monthly basis to strengthen the relationship with the community and develop advocacy plans wherever possible.

TWO COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD UNDER PARVAAZ



PRI - Panchayati Raj Institution, CBO - Community based organisations

TWO SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS LAUNCHED UNDER PARVAAZ

CHINAR launched two skill development centers in Srinagar and Baramulla districts under Parvaaz project. As a part of community transformation, one center was started in Palpora, Srinagar with 15 women enrolled for a *tilla* embroidery course. Another center was launched in Shalboni, Baramulla where 17 young women were enrolled for a 6-month course in cutting and tailoring. Upon graduation, the women are given different options to monetize the newly learnt skills.



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