



PICTURED: Dr. Ruksana talks about women related issues during health awareness camp at Baramulla



Refaz and Ishfaq- Spade manufacturing (Anantnag)



Tariq Ahmad Chopan - Dry fruit packaging (Bandipora)

Three SBS units launched

This month, three business units were launched, one from each district – Pulwama, Bandipora, and Anantnag, as a part of CHINAR’s Business Incubation Program. The business ideas launched are spade manufacturing, sports items, and dry fruit packaging. These units, started by enthusiastic youth, were selected in Cohort 4 of the program after a rigorous four-tier screening process.

The program aims to empower youth towards self-reliance, with an existing network of 62 units operational across 8 districts of Kashmir and one district of Jammu.



Exposure trip- LECIN



Exposure trip- SEF

Tariq’s Sports unit turns into a successful venture

Tariq Yousuf Bhat, hailing from Hanjibala Pulwama, belongs to a desperate family that has faced huge financial challenges. To support his family, he ventured into the business of selling sports items after identifying the business potential in his village. However, his initial investment proved insufficient to procure all the items needed to meet customer demand, prompting him to seek additional support.

In 2023, he applied for CHINAR’s Business Incubation Program and was selected for assistance. CHINAR not only provided him with the necessary resources but also acted as a catalyst for expanding his business. Today, Tariq successfully manages a thriving sports unit, catering to the diverse needs of his customers.



Sports items unit - Pulwama

Exposure trip to Delhi

CHINAR’s quality education team embarked on a two-day exposure trip to Delhi with the primary objective of gaining firsthand insights into the workings of two education-based NGOs. On the first day, the team visited Simple Education Foundation to witness innovative programs aimed at enhancing the quality of education for underprivileged children. The visit enabled the team to gain a holistic perspective on the organization’s mission and its contributions to the realm of education. The following day, the team visited Let’s Educate Children in Need (LECIN), a community library that serves as a hub of learning and empowerment. The team actively engaged to understand the role of LECIN in fostering literacy, community engagement and educational development.

Overall, the exposure visit to Delhi was not just a journey of exploration but also a journey of inspiration for the team.

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EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN, MARGINALIZED YOUTH AND DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS USING SCIENTIFIC APPROACH



Community meeting at Arampora, Baramulla

Engaging communities under Parvaaz

This month, community meetings were organized across six communities enrolled under Parvaaz Program in Baramulla and Kulgam. The primary objective of these gatherings was to develop an understanding of CHINAR's mission, vision and key verticals, besides addressing the specific concerns of the community. In Baramulla, a total of 61 participants from three communities – Arampora (25), Bonichakul (20), and Mandyari (16) – actively engaged in these meetings. The participants included PRI members, sarpanch, masjid committee members, the general public, youth representatives, and parents of enrolled children.



Three toppers received school bags during Quiz Competition at CLC, Waltengu Nard (Parvaaz)

Similarly, in Kulgam, the meeting saw enthusiastic participation from 100 individuals hailing from three distinct communities - Waltango Nard, Managam, and Gundipora. Attendees included members of the Auqaf, local school representatives, parents, youth, and other key community stakeholders. Additionally, a quiz competition was organized among the students of the Community Learning Center in Waltengu Nard, providing an opportunity for young learners to showcase their talents. The top three performers were awarded school bags, encouraging their continued academic excellence.

Overall, these community meetings serve as an active platform for strengthening relationships with the communities and providing them an opportunity to discuss their challenges.

Shaista's story: Overcoming odds

Shaista (aged 23), a young woman hailing from Palpora, faced tremendous financial difficulties in her family as her father's health issues rendered him unable to work. Determined to change her family's circumstances, Shaista decided to take an initiative and reached out to CHINAR for livelihood assistance. Considering her background in cosmetics and the demand in the area, CHINAR provided her assistance to establish her own cosmetics shop, bringing immense joy to her and her family. "With this new venture, I am hopeful to manage household needs beyond strengthening my financial position," says Shaista at the launch of her business unit. Her family was enrolled in Parvaaz in 2022, with two of her siblings receiving educational support.



Health Awareness under Parvaaz



Dr. Mohommad Shafi talks about importance of health and hygiene

In collaboration with the Block Medical Officer in Pattan, Baramulla, a successful Health Awareness Camp was conducted in Arampora, Baramulla. The event was attended by nearly 180 people from Shalboni, Bonichakul, Habak, and Arampora. Facilitated by resource persons from the health department, the camp focused on critical aspects such as mental health, hygiene, nutrition, and the significance of a balanced diet and safe drinking water. Additionally, a special session focused on women's health concerns was held separately.



Distribution of sanitary pads among young women

The session concluded with the distribution of sanitary pads to 140 women and girls aged 13 to 45. The overall experience was enriching, providing valuable knowledge and fostering a strong sense of community.

Sawleha's Learning Journey

Participating in the Accelerated Foundation Course in English workshop organized by Shikshamitra, a Kolkata-based NGO, has been a truly enriching experience for me. Alongside Maryam Yousuf, the community facilitator from District Baramulla, I engaged in a four-day journey focused on enhancing our abilities as educators, specifically in introducing basic English to children aged 7 and above. Led by experienced instructors, we delved into various pedagogical techniques aimed at making learning both engaging and effective. Additionally, the workshop also highlighted the incorporation of art and music into the curriculum, making the learning experience enjoyable for students. Overall, the workshop has equipped me with invaluable skills that I am eager to apply in my role.

Sawleha Qadir - Project Coordinator



Emergency Relief to Parvaaz families

Ghulam Mohammad Latto's family, recently enrolled in the Parvaaz program in Rakhe aarat, Srinagar was living in an unsafe tin shed, battling harsh winters. After thorough assessment, the team devised emergency relief plan to address the immediate needs of the family which included provision of raw material, furnishings and labor charges for the repairment of the tin shed. Another family in Baramulla, was struggling to move into a three-roomed house constructed under a government scheme due to lack of furnishings and basic necessities to make it suitable for living. Following due-diligence, essential items like bedding, blankets, pillows, curtains and utensils were distributed to the family. With this emergency support, the family consisting of five members moved from a single-room tin shed to a comfortable concrete house (see picture below).

Till date, 16 families across different communities in Srinagar, Baramulla and Kulgam have received emergency relief.

