

CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PICTURED: Enrolled children during stationery/sports kit distribution in Srinagar



Aadil Ahmad - Srinagar



Ghulam Qadir- Shopian

“Overcoming Adversity: Shakeela’s story of Hope”

Shakeela, a widow who lives with her son, Ayan at Bagh Sangerwani, Pulwama lost her husband seven years back to kidney failure. Recognizing her struggles to survive and continue the education of her son, CHINAR enrolled the family under Child Development program in 2018. Shakeela started working as a peon in a private school with a meagre salary of INR 1500 per month. To improve her living standards, Shakeela approached CHINAR to assist her in starting a dairy farm. Having experience in the said trade, CHINAR provided her a cow and a calf. “This farm will supplement to my daily income and support me to become self reliant says Shakeela.”



Transforming communities by enhancing livelihoods

This month, four livelihoods were provided to low-income families under Parvaaz, with the goal of making them financially independent and ensuring the continued education of their children.

Ghulam Mohidin Sheikh, a hardworking laborer from Sheikhpura, Anantnag, has been struggling to meet his family’s daily needs due to irregular work. CHINAR provided him with a street cart stocked with fruits and vegetables. Ghulam Rasool and Aadil Ahmad from Palpora, Srinagar, received a grocery unit and a load carrier to sustain their livelihoods. Additionally, Ghulam Qadir Malla, an experienced Kashmiri baker from Gatipora, Shopian was provided *Kandurwaan* (bakery shop).

To date, 35 livelihoods have been launched under Parvaaz.



First Awareness camp held in Waltengu

In collaboration with the Special Cell for Women and One Stop Center, Kulgam, CHINAR successfully conducted an awareness camp on women's safety in Waltengu. Attended by 75 people, the program aimed to raise awareness about gender-based and equip women with knowledge about their rights and available support systems. Guest speakers engaged in one on one discussions with the women and ensured access to 24/7 support services available in case of emergencies. This session was a crucial step toward raising awareness and empowering women in the community.

OUR MISSION

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



Life Crafters for Adolescents

As a part of Child Development program, CHINAR organized five life crafter session across 4 districts- Budgam, Kupwara, Srinagar and Pulwama. A total of 150 adolescent children were a part of these sessions.

This program is focused on building soft skills in adolescent children. Skills like time management, confidence building, decision making, etc are in inculcated among the individuals.

Three Skill Development centers launched

With an objective to impart monetary skills among youth, CHINAR started three skill centers one each in Shopian, Srinagar and Baramulla. The skills include cutting/tailoring, mobile repairing and Tilla embroidery.

To date, 93 centers have been started across different districts focused on 11 different skills.

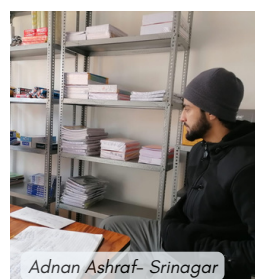


CHINAR International successfully launched Q-Forms, a data management tool developed by Lelafe. This digital platform has centralized all Child Development Program data, enhancing efficiency, transparency, and accessibility. With Q-Forms, CHINAR now streamlines survey submissions, bulk data management, and real-time beneficiary tracking, significantly improving operational impact.

Two more units launched under Small Business Support program

CHINAR launched two new units under its Small Business Support Program in District Srinagar. Adnan Ashraf from Soiteng Srinagar got necessary assistance to start a Common service center. With CHINAR's support, Adnan's center offers a range of digital services, providing convenience to the local community. Additionally, the center sells stationery items, catering to the needs of students and others. Another candidate Nusrat Nabi received the stock to run her grocery store. She is one of the first women in her community to start this kind of unit. This has not only supported her financially but has also boosted the confidence of other women in the community to become entrepreneurs.

CHINAR has launched a total of 88 units till date.



From Shy to Shine: Sania's Journey to Confidence

Sania Muzaffar, a 15-year-old from Batamaran Wanpora, comes from a humble background but remains committed to building a brighter future. She initially faced challenges with basic literacy, numeracy, and self-confidence. With personalized support from the Community Learning Centre (CLC), including interactive learning sessions and creative activities, Sania made remarkable progress. She now reads fluently, solves math problems confidently, and shows a growing interest in science and technology. Beyond academics, she has developed strong leadership and communication skills. She dreams of becoming an IPS officer.

"CHINAR's Community Learning center has changed my life and made me excited to learn new things, says Sania."



Literacy for All: Strengthening our communities

Under Parvaaz, CHINAR has launched the program of creating functional literacy centers which aims to engage illiterate mothers from our enrolled communities in such activities which enables them to function effectively in their daily lives. The activities are mostly related to calculations, daily accounts, basic rights/duties of a citizen, etc.

Under the pilot phase, two centers have been started one each in Srinagar and Baramulla.



Annual stationery distribution held under Parvaaz

To fulfil the educational needs of children enrolled under PARVAZ, CHINAR distributed stationery/sports kits in Shopian (134), Srinagar (141), Kulgam (73) and Baramulla (363). The children were very happy and excited to receive the sports kits. These kits will help them stay physically fit and improve their mental development through sports activities.

Through Parvaaz, CHINAR is currently working in 16 communities across five districts of Kashmir.

