



PICTURED: Student achievers and CHINAR fellows during felicitation at Multi-stakeholder conference held at Srinagar

CHINAR International hosts Multi-stakeholder conference on education policies

CHINAR International organized a multistakeholder conference, in collaboration with the Department of School Education, bringing together education policymakers, school principals, and civil society members. The event, held at Govt. College for Women M.A road, focused on discussing the New Education Policy, Foundational Literacy and future reforms.



The conference was attended by esteemed guests, including Shri. Shantmanu (IAS), Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Dr. G.N Itoo, Director School Education, and Dr. Mushtaq Margoob, Director, CHINAR International. They emphasized the importance of improving the education system and highlighted the need for collective efforts to achieve this goal. The event also recognized the achievements of student achievers and CHINAR Fellows, who have made significant contributions to improving the competency levels of children in their communities. Additionally, a panel discussion was held, where experts shared best practices in education, with a focus on initiatives like "Teach with CHINAR" and Community Learning Centers. One of the key takeaways from the conference was the unveiling of the Academic Planner 2025, which outlines the roadmap for education in the region. Overall, the conference was a significant step towards improving the education system in Jammu and Kashmir, and CHINAR's efforts were widely appreciated.



Two Skill Development centers launched

CHINAR started two skill centers in the month of February, one each in Anantnag and Srinagar. A Tilla embroidery center was launched in Kokernag, Anantnag and a Digital Learning center in Mirgund, Srinagar. These skills are provided after a thorough need assessment and market analysis.

So far, more than 2,100 youth have been trained in CHINAR's skill centers across different districts.

Annual stationery kit distribution



As part of CHINAR's Child Development program, over 1400 stationery kits were distributed across 7 intervention districts of Kashmir, including Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam, Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, and Kupwara. Each kit includes essential school supplies to support children throughout the academic year, ensuring they have the necessary resources to continue their education smoothly.

OUR MISSION

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



Community awareness under Parvaaz

CHINAR conducted a program on gender based violence in collaboration with Special Cell for women, one stop and Child helpline Kulgam at GB Zardoo and Shiekhpora Anantnag. During these sessions valuable insights were provided on child abuse prevention and intervention, women's rights and empowerment, and safety measures and support systems. More than 320 people attended these sessions including women, children and community members. Through awareness programs, CHINAR aims to create a safer, more supportive environment for women, children, and marginalized communities.

Community engagement under Parvaaz

CHINAR International conducted a series of stakeholder meetings across different communities in Shopian, Baramulla, and Anantnag, engaging over 350 participants. These meetings brought together diverse stakeholders, including teachers, parents, community leaders and youth. Each meeting focused on identifying deserving families for scale-up, promoting self-reliance through livelihood ideas, and addressing children's education needs. During these meetings, participants emphasized skill development, education and economic initiatives.



Two SBS units launched

This month, CHINAR launched two more small businesses under its Youth Development Program. The units belong to Mohd Rafiq and Tahira, both are from district Baramulla. Having an experience in dairy and livestock management, Rafiq got support in the form of two high breed cows to start his own dairy farm. Tahira (23) is a trained fashion designer who wanted to start her own boutique to become financially independent. CHINAR selected her business idea under cohort V of Small Business Support program and provided all the necessary items to start a venture.

Currently, CHINAR is supporting a total of 90 youth across different districts and making them self-reliant.



Mohd Rafiq- Dairy farm



Tahira- Boutique

Rabiya Jan's story of overcoming challenges to achieve success

Rabiya Jan, a young girl from a remote village in Wadder, Handwara, faced significant obstacles in her pursuit of education. Limited access to quality education and low self-confidence hindered her ability to read, write, and express herself. Rabiya's life took a dramatic turn when she joined the CHINAR's Community Learning Center. With personalized guidance, engaging learning sessions, and emotional support, she began to flourish. Her reading, writing, and math skills improved substantially, and she became more confident, outgoing, and proactive. Her passion for learning ignited a desire to help others, and she now dreams of becoming a teacher. **"I was scared to read and write, but now I love learning and feel I can do anything!"** says Rabiya.



Spreading joy and happiness ahead of Ramadan

CHINAR International distributed Ramzan kits to its enrolled families in the Child Development and PARVAAZ programs. This initiative aims to bring happiness and contentment to these families during the holy month of Ramzan. The kits were carefully prepared to ensure that the families receive the necessary items to observe the holy month with dignity and grace.



A total of 826 kits were distributed under the Child Development program, while 214 kits were distributed under PARVAAZ.

Enhancing safety and well-being of enrolled families

CHINAR remains committed to improving the living conditions of its enrolled families. Under Safe living initiative, two families across Parvaaz communities were provided support this month in the form of matting, curtains, doors, windows, etc thereby offering security and a better future for these families. Till date, 30 families have been benefited.

