



## CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**OF SMILES AND SMILEYS:** Eid-kits distribution among kids

### Strengthening Community Ties Through Stakeholder Meetings

A series of Community Stakeholder Meetings were held across 13 PARVAZ communities in the districts of Shopian, Kulgam, Anantnag, Baramulla and Srinagar. Attended by over 300 participants, these gatherings aimed to strengthen grassroots engagement, share programmatic updates and collaboratively chart action plans for holistic and sustainable community development.

The meetings served as a vital platform for reflection on progress made so far, while also enabling community members to voice their needs, exchange ideas and co-create solutions. Through open dialogue and shared ownership, the sessions engaged local stakeholders and prompted them to take steps in taking their community forward.



### Life Crafters on Time Management

A Life Crafter session on Time Management was conducted at Arizal, engaging 29 adolescents enrolled in the program. The session was activity-based, allowing participants to learn practical techniques and understand the value of time management in achieving success across various aspects of life.

### Transforming Warwan: Highlights from a 3-Day Field Engagement



As part of the ongoing Warwan Valley Transformation Program, a three-day field visit was conducted to monitor and evaluate the progress of existing programs in the valley. The team visited 21 Community Learning Centers (CLCs) spread across 11 villages to assess multiple components including classroom design and physical setup, the quality and usage of teaching-learning materials, the presence and organization of learning corners, and the relevance of wall literacy content.

A comprehensive monitoring exercise was also carried out across all Small Business Units (SBS) in Warwan to evaluate their functionality, beneficiary engagement, and progress toward sustainability. These insights will help guide future support and ensure long-term impact. In addition, two new skill development centers were launched during the visit, enrolling 55 trainees in tailoring and embroidery courses.

An all-facilitator meeting was held at the Government Middle School in Mingli where 12 tablets, preloaded with teaching and learning content, were distributed to facilitators as an important step toward integrating digital learning tools into the CLC model. During the visit, the team also met with local stakeholders and partners to ensure collective efforts in uplifting the community.

### OUR MISSION

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





## POSHEWAER Leads Cyber Awareness Drive in Baramulla



A successful Cyber Safety Awareness Session was conducted at Government High School, Arampora, Baramulla, in collaboration with the school authorities. Led by four active POSHEWAER members, the session covered topics including cyber security, online gaming risks, phishing, hacking, cyber grooming, and safe internet practices. The POSHEWAER group later visited Mandayari village, where they interacted with students at a Coaching center. The aim was to inspire young minds to become community leaders and create a replica of the same group in Baramulla.

### Delivering smiles this Eid



Ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, Eid kits were distributed to 820 enrolled families under Child Development Program across 8 districts. Each family received a customised kit, which included festive items such as cookies, cakes, namkeen kulchas, and assorted snacks, bringing joy and a sense of celebration to the households. Similar distribution was held across Parvaaz communities where 346 families from five districts received Eid kits. The smiles on the faces of the underprivileged reflected the true spirit of Eid.

65 students enrolled under Higher Education Program have secured admission in three-year Diploma Programs in Engineering and Technology across various Polytechnic Colleges within Jammu & Kashmir. In addition, 13 students have gained admission to Era University, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant step in expanding access to out-of-state higher education opportunities.

## Scaling Skills, Empowering Women

In June, CHINAR launched four Skill Development Centres (SDCs) to empower women by equipping them with marketable skills to become self-reliant in the future. A Mehandi Arts SDC was set up at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Nowhatta, Srinagar, enrolling 24 girls. In collaboration with Ehsaas International, a Cutting and Tailoring SDC was inaugurated in Mattipora, Baramulla, with 18 trainees.

In the remote Warwan Valley, two SDCs were launched—one for Cutting and Tailoring in Sukhani village with 27 women enrolled, and another for Tilla and Embroidery in Wuriwan village with 28 participants. Additionally, the SDC - Tilla program in Warpora (Baramulla) concluded successfully, with 15 trainees completing their five-month course.



SDC Mattipora



Closure Ceremony: Mattipora



SDC Sukhani



SDC Wuriwan

### Turning Grief Into Goals: Waseem's Story

In 2017, when Wasim was in Class 3, he lost his father, Mushtaq Ahmad Beigh, to a heart ailment. With the passing of their sole breadwinner, the family plunged into poverty and financial instability. Five years later, in 2022, a CHINAR survey brought new hope. Wasim, then studying in Class 8, was enrolled in the Child Development Program, a turning point that began to reshape his future. With consistent academic guidance and financial support, he began to flourish. His hard work paid off when he scored an outstanding 451 out of 500 in his Class 10 board exams.

Now pursuing the medical stream, Wasim dreams of becoming a compassionate doctor, shaped by his own lived experiences. "I don't want any family to suffer due to limited healthcare access and financial resources like I did," says Wasim.



## Awareness Session for farmers



CHINAR International, in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Shopian, held the first awareness camp on pesticide management and apple farming at Heerpora, attended by 49 farmers. During the camp, agricultural experts provided practical guidance on the safe and effective use of pesticides, high-density apple orchard techniques, organic farming practices and available government schemes to support horticulture. Farmers were also offered quality saplings and given an opportunity to visit model orchards for hands-on learning. A medical camp for animals and free sanitizers for child health camps were also proposed.

### Health Awareness in Baramulla

A Health Awareness Event was held in Harinara, Baramulla, in collaboration with Block Medical Office (BMO), Pattan, focusing on personal hygiene, healthcare, and nutrition - particularly for women and children. Over 120 people attended. Dr. Mohammad Shafi, resource person from BMO office spoke on general healthcare and hygiene, while Dr. Rukhsana, Medical officer addressed menstrual hygiene and safe pad usage. The session was interactive with participants actively clearing their doubts. Sanitary pads were distributed to females aged 12-40.

### Celebrating Academic Excellence

A felicitation ceremony was held at base office (Srinagar) to honor ten students from the Child development program who excelled in their 10th and 12th board exams. The event celebrated not just academic success but also the resilience and determination of students who overcame personal and economic challenges to reach this milestone.

