



**FUTURE LEADERS UNITE: POSHEWAER youth drive change with CHINAR International**

## Healing With Dignity: Medical Camp For Elderly

In collaboration with the Moul Mouj Foundation and GK Labs, a Medical Camp focused on Elderly Health and Care was organized at the Government Girls Middle School in Sedow, Shopian, under the PARVAZ program. The camp brought together over 120 elderly individuals, many of whom rarely have access to specialized medical care. Spearheaded by Dr. Zubair Saleem, Chairman and Founder of Moul Mouj Foundation, the event provided comprehensive health check-ups and free distribution of medicines based on on-spot medical evaluations. The event made a strong impact—giving the elderly not just medical help, but also a sense of care and dignity.



## One Day Digital Literacy program In Srinagar

A Digital Literacy Training session was successfully conducted in Srinagar, bringing together 20 community-based facilitators eager to build their digital skills. The session focused on enhancing their skills in operating computers, handling digital tools, and understanding fundamental concepts of technology. The sessions followed a hands-on, peer-supported approach, helping participants learn at their own pace.



## CHINAR International Hosts Its First Ever Patrons Meeting in Kashmir



CHINAR International hosted its first-ever Patrons Meeting in Kashmir at the historic Amar Singh Club, Srinagar. The event brought together patrons, board members, key stakeholders, partners, and supporters to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and explore the road ahead. The primary aim was to expand local patronage, deepen engagement, and inspire attendees to contribute in meaningful ways toward CHINAR's mission.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Zahida Shah, senior doctor and CHINAR board member, who emphasized on the need of local support in driving the organization's mission forward.

Founder and Chairman, Irfan Shahmiri delivered a compelling presentation that highlighted the organization's major milestones, ongoing initiatives, and the powerful impact of its work across communities in Jammu & Kashmir. This was followed by a series of powerful and thought-provoking video stories of beneficiaries.

The gathering also served as a platform to share future plans, including new partnerships, broader outreach, and stronger community involvement. The meeting concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where the audience expressed appreciation for CHINAR's work and shared insightful feedback.

## OUR MISSION

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## From Ashes, We Help Them Rise



In response to the recent tragic fire outbreak in Pamposh Colony, Palpora, CHINAR International's Crisis Relief Team conducted a targeted relief distribution drive in the area. After a thorough on-ground assessment, 12 families who had lost everything in the fire were identified as most in need. These families received emergency relief kits including essential food supplies, bedding and utensils to help them rebuild their homes. The effort aimed to ease sufferings and restore the dignity of victims in the aftermath of the blaze. CHINAR International continues to stand by vulnerable families during their most difficult times.

## Team Building Session at CHINAR Base Office



A team-building session was held at CHINAR's base office, led by Founder & Chairman, Irfan Shahmiri and Advisor, Zeba Durrani. The staff engaged in brainstorming sessions on what was working well in their respective verticals and identified challenges that were creating confusion or friction. By the end of the event, participants had jointly developed a comprehensive list of potential solutions and mapped out an action plan to address the challenges identified.

## Skill Development Updates

A new Skill Development Centre for Cutting and Tailoring was launched in Badnora, Budgam with 20 trainees. Three centres were successfully closed—18 trainees graduated from the Cutting and Tailoring Centre in Sheikhpora, Anantnag, 18 from the Digital Learning Centre in Mirgund, Srinagar, and nine from the Basic Mobile Repairing Centre in Palpora, Srinagar. These centers enhance employment opportunities and promote self-reliance.

## Art Melas Brighten Summer



This July, several Art Melas were organized across all intervention districts under the Child Development Program, turning children's summer holidays into vibrant celebrations of creativity. A total of 349 children participated, filling the events with colour, joy, and imagination. In preparation, children were oriented around specific themes to help them channel their thoughts and creativity into meaningful artistic expression. A flagship event was held at the Environment Hall in Handwara, where Dr. Saad Parvez, Director, Greenovator Incubation Foundation, NIT Srinagar, graced the occasion, adding significance to the day. To appreciate their participation, certificates and prizes were distributed to all child artists.

## POSHEWAER Youth Lead Change



POSHEWAER, an adolescent advocacy group from Palpora, Srinagar, along with volunteers from Baramulla, met with CHINAR International's Founder and Chairman, Irfan Shahmiri, at the Srinagar office. The meeting aimed to deepen the volunteers' understanding of CHINAR's mission, generate community-driven solutions, and plan future initiatives. Launched in July 2024 under Parvaaz, POSHEWAER brings adolescents together to build leadership skills and address social issues at home, in school, and within their communities.

Irfan Shahmiri warmly welcomed the volunteers, praised their dedication, and emphasized their vital role in community development. He encouraged them to become role models for new volunteers who will soon form a similar group in Baramulla.

*CHINAR International has completed the selection process for Cohort VI of its Small Business Support (SBS) program. From 483 applications across districts, 60 aspiring entrepreneurs have been shortlisted through a three-stage process. Next, the team will guide shortlisted candidates in developing solid business plans for the final SBS event, where the top businesses will be selected.*

## Functional Literacy Program Begins In Manzgam, Kulgam



With support from Auqaf members, a new batch of the Functional Literacy Program was launched at the Community Learning Center in Manzgam, Kulgam. The program empowers illiterate mothers through practical education, including awareness on cyber scams. Participants will learn about the risks of cyber scams and the need for caution while using digital platforms. Ten women have enrolled for the 30-session course, each lasting 45 minutes.

## First CSC Launched in Mundyari, Baramulla



As part of CHINAR's community engagement efforts, the first Community Support Center (CSC) was launched at a tuition center in Mundyari, Baramulla. The expansion was part of a long-term plan to transform the center from a tuition space into a community help desk. In the first phase, the CSC will address queries, assist with online schemes, scholarships, and jobs, spread awareness about government programs, and conduct capacity-building sessions. CHINAR also provided infrastructural support including a laptop, internet, and IEC material.

## Internship Ends, Impact Begins

Two interns, Inabat and Muneeb, currently pursuing their Bachelor's in Social Work from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, successfully completed their one-month internship with CHINAR International. They gained valuable hands-on experience in research, documentation, and reporting. At the closing ceremony, they were awarded certificates of accomplishment.

