



### ***CHINAR International Rewards Champions Of Impact***

#### **Celebrating Excellence at CHINAR**

CHINAR International held annual Rewards and Recognition Ceremony at its base office in Srinagar. The day was filled with emotions, pride, gratitude and a lot of laughter. Mr. Abid Qadiri, Global Executive Director, felicitated the best performers, best field support staff, and relief warriors of the year for their hard work and dedication in creating a meaningful change in the lives of the people.

Mr. Mozam Guru received this year's Leader's Excellence Award for his vision, compassion and perseverance. The organization also felicitated Ms. Mehreen with the Long Service Award of the year, as she completed her ten years of service with the organization. "We will grow and expand the organization. We will adopt, change and modify. We are here to stay. We are here to make a difference," said the GED during the ceremony.



#### **Joining Hands For Cleaner Tomorrow**

CHINAR International, in collaboration with the Department of Rural Development, Keller Shopian, organised a Clean Up drive at the tourist resort of Koolar in Shopian. A total of 83 students from Shopian and Pulwama, enrolled in the Child Development Program, actively participated in the drive along with ten CHINAR staff members. This extensive cleaning drive promoted hygiene, sustainable waste management, and civic responsibility.



#### **Creativity Meets Social Awareness Under Parvaaz**



Under its Parvaaz program, CHINAR International organized an "Awareness Through Art" program at Government Boys High School Singhpora, Pattan, engaging over 100 students, representing ten adjacent schools. The event featured a soulful start with Quran recitation, Naat, Ladishah, and Qawali performances, setting the tone for creativity and reflection.

The event was graced by many dignitaries including Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Ghulam Hassan, CHINAR International CEO Abid Qadiri, Heads of Institutions, Cluster Head, teachers, community stakeholders, and parents.

Participants, from classes 6th to 10th, were assigned themes such as drug abuse, education, and happy childhood, encouraging them to reflect on pressing social issues and translate their ideas into artwork. The artwork was evaluated by a panel of judges, and winners were announced before an enthusiastic audience. In addition to awards for top entries, all participating children were presented with certificates as a token of appreciation.

ZEO Ghulam Hassan, while leading the felicitation emphasized the vital role of art in maintaining children's mental health, "Programs like these are very important for the holistic development of children. It pushes their imagination and instills basic values in them," he remarked. Reflecting on the day, Abid Qadiri shared, "More than the event, I was fascinated with the enthusiasm and active participation of everyone."

#### **OUR MISSION**

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



## Welcoming 240 New Children



This year, through our annual scale-up programs, 240 children from 7 districts were enrolled in CHINAR's Child Development Program. Each child comes from a family navigating difficult circumstances, carefully identified through our three-tier survey process to ensure the most vulnerable were reached. The onboarding was more than just a formality—it was a moment of hope. Parents signed a three-year contract, symbolizing a shared commitment to their children's future. To make the children feel welcomed and valued, each one received a welcome kit containing a school bag and two notebooks.

## Engaging Communities

CHINAR International held a Community Stakeholders Meeting with members from Pamposh Colony and Bismillah Colony at Government Boys Middle School, Pamposh Colony, Palpora. The meeting served as a brainstorming session with community members, encouraging them to share their ideas so that their voices are included in efforts to uplift the community more effectively. Assistant Director Media and Special Projects, Afifa Lone, motivated the participants, which included teachers, students, and local youth, and requested them to suggest ways to further improve the programs.



## HECSP: Shaping Bright Futures

Eighteen students successfully secured admission under the Higher Education Counselling & Support Program (HECSP), enrolling in Physiotherapy at Guru Kashi University, Pharmacy at Gurukul College, and Radiology & Medical Laboratory Sciences at KC Group of Colleges. These students were guided on academic choices, career paths, and admission formalities to make informed decisions for their future.

## Health camp at Kulgam & Shopian



Sedow, Shopian



Manzgam, Kulgam

CHINAR International, in collaboration with District Hospital Shopian, BMO Shopian, BMO Keller, Ayush Health & Wellness Centres, and the Health Department, organized a series of free medical camps for the Gatipora, Heerpora, and Sedow communities under the PARVAZ Program. Over 300 people, including children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly, received free health check-ups, diagnostic tests, and medicines. Teams of doctors and specialists provided consultations in general medicine, gynecology, dentistry, ophthalmology, and counseling.

A similar camp was also conducted in the Waltengu and Manzgam communities of Kulgam district, in collaboration with BMO DH Pora and BMO Qazigund, benefitting more than 200 people.

## Supporting Women's Mental Health

As part of the Parvaaz Program, CHINAR International organized a mental health counselling session for women in Singhpora, Pattan. Attended by over 20 women, the session focused on recognising common symptoms like changes in emotions, irritability and frustration, sadness, social withdrawal, low energy, and diminished self-esteem. Participants were guided on seeking timely medical support and adopting positive coping strategies to strengthen their mental well-being.



## From Warwan to Amritsar

We are proud to share the success story of Firdous Ahmad Khanday from Aftee, Warwan (Kishtwar), who has been appointed as Faculty in Tourism at the Global Group of Institutes, Amritsar. Firdous recently completed his Master's in Tourism, Hospitality & Leisure Studies from Kashmir University, supported through CHINAR International's Higher Education Sponsorship Program.

*"It was possible only because of your generous support and encouragement. This success is as much yours as mine"* said Firdous while expressing his gratitude.



## Bridging Gaps With Tech.

A Digital Learning Centre (DLC) was successfully launched in Harinara, Pattan under the PARVAZ program. In the presence of key stakeholders from the village, a total of 42 trainees were enrolled across two batches. During the launch, a detailed discussion was held with both the trainees and stakeholders regarding the protocols. The stakeholders expressed their satisfaction with the measures in place and assured continued support.



## Adolescents Create Vision

A session on Vision Board was successfully conducted under the Career Prep Bootcamp with adolescents from Pulwama and Shopian enrolled in the Child Development Program. The adolescents participated with great enthusiasm, reflecting on their dreams, strengths, and future goals. It was wonderful to witness their hopes take shape on paper, turning thoughts into vision.



## Maria Ali Shines As an Intern

Maria Ali, an Arts graduate from Kamla Nehru College, Delhi, successfully completed her month-long internship at CHINAR International. Maria contributed in diverse ways across all verticals of the organization. Aspiring to pursue a career in the development sector, she also gained hands-on field experience, compiled research reports, and carried out important documentation work. Maria was awarded an accomplishment certificate in recognition of the successful completion of her internship.

