

CHINAR's DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Together We Rise: Bringing Relief and Smiles to Margi Village

CHINAR Unites Educators for Impact

CHINAR International, under its Quality Education Program, organized a two-day training titled "Teach, Reflect and Transform: Building Skills for Effective Classrooms." The workshop brought together 70 STP* fellows and CLC* facilitators for a shared learning experience focused on growth, collaboration, and impact.

The sessions covered topics such as learning theories, classroom practices, English language teaching, self-reflection and systemic reflections, helping participants understand how to provide quality education to children in need. By the end of the training, participants expressed renewed motivation and commitment to applying their learning to transform classrooms.



Relief Reaches Margi Village After Cloudburst

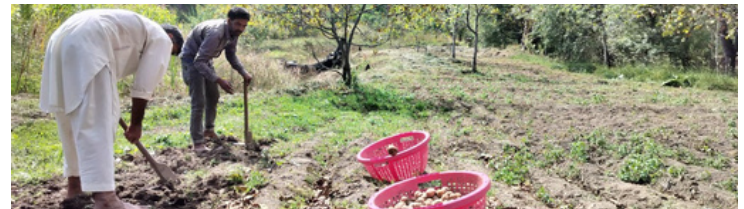
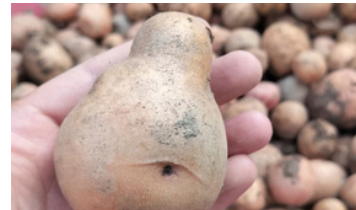
In a compassionate response to the devastating cloudburst that struck Margi village in Warwan Valley on the night of August 26, 2025, CHINAR International's Crisis Relief Team conducted a comprehensive relief drive to support the affected families.

While no lives were lost, the damage was extensive—around 190 houses were affected, 50 completely destroyed, and 45 cattle buried under debris. Following a thorough assessment, CHINAR's team reached the village on September 25, 2025, with essential relief supplies.

Grocery kits, kitchenware, and warm bedding were distributed to 48 families to meet their immediate needs and help them begin rebuilding their lives with dignity.



Heerpora Community Cultivates Heritage Crop



As part of its Community Transformation Program, CHINAR International successfully revived the traditional Heerpora Red Potato with the first harvest on the Community Resource Person's land in Heerpora, Shopian.

The revival of red potatoes was initiated in April 2025 after repeated community requests to CHINAR to bring back this crop, which was once a staple of the local economy but is now on the brink of extinction.

Launched in consultation with the local Agriculture Department, the seed was sown on the Community Resource Person's land in Heerpora, which he voluntarily provided free of cost. The project involved careful cultivation practices—including fertilization, spraying, hilling, and close monitoring by agricultural experts.

The first harvest yielded around 150 kg of seed potatoes. Moving forward, CHINAR plans to expand cultivation to more lands, involve additional community farmers and reuse seeds for future seasons. Feedback will also be gathered from key farmers and agricultural experts to further improve the revival process. CHINAR also plans to approach SKUAST* Kashmir for expert guidance to continue the revival of the traditional Heerpora Red Potato crop.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of Cohort 6 of the Small Business Support (SBS) program! Preparations are underway for the upcoming event in October, where 50 candidates—selected from nearly 500 applications—will present their business ideas to a panel of experts. Stay connected to follow their journey of innovation, entrepreneurship, and growth!

OUR MISSION

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



Medical Camp For Elderly



A medical camp for senior citizens was successfully conducted in Waltangoo, Kulgam, in collaboration with Moul Mouj Foundation and GK Labs. The camp was held under the supervision of Dr. Zubair Saleem, a leading figure in Kashmir's geriatric care who has treated over 35,000 elderly patients, along with his team. More than 100 elderly individuals participated in the camp, which was organized in two locations in Waltangoo Nard — the upper area and the lower area. During the camp, beneficiaries received free medical consultations, essential diagnostic tests, and free medications.

Learning Circle Boosts Skills

The Child Development team organized a Learning Circle Meet, bringing together 28 field staff members for a day of reflection, knowledge sharing, and skill enhancement. Team members shared insights from their intervention areas, including key learnings, challenges, and notable case studies from the field. The session also included a role-play exercise simulating a child monitoring visit, allowing participants to practice empathy, observation and essential skills for effective child-centered engagement.



Digital Literacy for Educators

A one-day Digital Literacy training was organized under the Fortune Foundation for Special Needs initiative, attended by CLC facilitators and Teach With CHINAR fellows. Facilitated by Dawood Ahmad (MIS), the session focused on practical skills in MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Google Sheets. Live demonstrations and group discussions helped educators confidently integrate technology into their teaching.



Learning and Awareness in Palpora



CHINAR International, in collaboration with the ZEO*, Eidgah, Srinagar, organized an Education Awareness Camp at Palpora, Pamposh Colony Srinagar, attracting over 250 participants, mostly women and students. Five resource persons, including the Heads of Institutions (HOIs) from two schools, addressed the gathering on crucial topics such as parental supervision and care, the importance of education, prevention of child labor, the rising drug menace, and the need for community protection against substance abuse. To keep the audience engaged, members of the Poshwaer group and other children presented a skit, a traditional Ladishah, and a Qawwali performance, all emphasizing the value of education and its priority in shaping a better future. A Kashmiri rounf was also performed, drawing warm appreciation from the audience.

Education Beyond Borders

Under the HECSPP* program, fifteen students were successfully enrolled in colleges outside the state. Of these, 4 students joined Guru Kashi University, Bathinda, Punjab, for the Bachelor of Physiotherapy program, 3 students enrolled in KC Group of Colleges, Punjab, for Medical Lab Science (MLS), and 8 students joined Gurukul College for B. Pharmacy. The enrollments reflect CHINAR's efforts to provide students with access to quality higher education opportunities beyond the state.



Aslam's Story Of Self-Reliance

Mohammad Aslam Deedad, from Khydor Achagoza in Pulwama, faced a life-altering challenge after a sand evacuation accident in 2024 left him disabled, making it difficult to support his family. Through CHINAR's livelihood support, Mohammad Aslam was provided with a fully stocked Kiryana (grocery) store, offering essentials like tea, spices, pulses, and soap. This support has allowed him to earn a steady income, regain financial independence, and live with renewed dignity.

The initiative reflects our commitment to empowering individuals and helping them rebuild their lives.



Inclusive Skill Development

CHINAR International, in collaboration with SIDBI*, launched three Skill Development Centers (SDCs) in Srinagar to provide vocational training for youth with disabilities. A Crafts and Art SDC at Chotay Taray enrolled 13 trainees, while a Cutting and Tailoring SDC and a Digital Learning Center at Abhinandan Home enrolled 20 and 35 trainees respectively. A second batch of the Basic Mobile Repairing SDC in Palpora enrolled 14 trainees.



Manzgam Community Hub

A Community Support Centre (CSC) was inaugurated in Manzgam, Kulgam, with Auqaf members officiating the launch. The CSC is designed as a hub for essential community services, offering support in education, guidance, and skill development. The launch event received encouraging feedback from participants and stakeholders, who praised the initiative as a significant step toward strengthening education and overall community development.



Restoring Stability and Dignity

CHINAR International continues to empower families through its Livelihood Support, promoting stability and self-reliance.

In Budgam, Ab Rasheed Var and his family received assistance to restart sheep rearing. Facing health challenges and financial strain, the support has given them a sustainable income source and renewed hope.

In Pulwama, Manzoor Ahmad from Uggergund, struggling to meet expenses due to his wife's illness, was supported with a fully stocked grocery store. The new venture has restored stability and dignity to his family.

