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This month, five new skill development centers were launched as part of the community transformation program, Parvaaz. In Kulgam, two centers were established, offering training courses in cutting/tailoring and digital learning. In Baramulla and Bandipora, two centers were established, each offering training in tailoring and tilla embroidery. One more tailoring center was established in Nowhatta, Srinagar.

Additionally, a skill center in Warwan Valley was closed with a group of 19 young women successfully graduating in a 5-month Tilla embroidery course. These women are now able to earn profitable income by taking orders from their fellow villagers.





Sheraza shines in Board exams

Sheraza Bashir, a 16-year-old girl from Bemina, Srinagar, lives with her mother and brother at her maternal home. Her parents are separated, and her mother is severely unwell, having suffered two cardiac attacks and a prolonged coma. With little support from relatives, Sheraza's mother struggled to provide for her three children. Their situation became so dire that Sheraza's mother had to transfer her children from a private to a government school, with the possibility of them dropping out from studies.

In 2022, CHINAR International enrolled Sheraza and her brother in Child Development program. In the recent academic session, she secured the 1st position in her 8th-grade Board Examination across whole cluster, earning a cash award from the school authorities.

The substantial support from CHINAR International has significantly improved Sheraza's life, allowing them to focus on their education and well-being.





Community Support Center launched in Mandyari

As part of our commitment to community engagement, CHINAR has successfully launched the first Community Support Center in Mandayari, Baramulla. This center is dedicated to providing high-quality coaching to students who otherwise cannot afford it. We currently offer classes in science and mathematics for students in grades 8 to 10, benefitting 20 students.

Previously, these students had to walk a long distance to access tuition facilities and could not afford the travel expenses, leading many to drop out after 8th grade. Our center aims to address this issue by providing accessible educational support.



Annual distribution held across all districts

With the start of new academic session, CHINAR organized an Annual distribution event across 7 districts - Srinagar, Kupwara, Shopian, Pulwama, Budgam, Ganderbal and Anantnag for children enrolled under Child Development Program. Each comprehensive kit contained essential items such as notebooks, geometry sets, pens, crayons and other supplies, fostering both learning and creativity among students.



A total of 837 kits were distributed, alongside 916 art and grooming kits. The art kits aim to enhance children's drawing abilities, while the grooming kits include items like towels, nail cutters, moisturizers, combs and handkerchiefs, promoting personal hygiene practices among children.

Similar distribution was held across 13 Parvaaz enrolled communities in Srinagar, Shopian and Baramulla, benefitting 473 children. Additionally, 473 art kits, 195 sports kits, and 289 school bags were also provided to support the children's educational and recreational activities.





Teacher training program with ETK

A teacher training workshop was held in Goongu, Pulwama, bringing together 25 dedicated educators from two local private schools registered under Educational Trust - Kashmir (ETK). This collaborative program focused on enhancing the instructional skills of the participants through a series of informative and interactive sessions.



The training covered key topics including the 5E lesson planning model, which emphasizes engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration, and evaluation to foster deeper learning. The workshop provided the teachers with valuable insights and practical tools to enrich their classroom practices, ultimately aiming to enhance the overall learning experience for their students.

Emad's journey of perseverance

Emad's story begins with his family facing difficult times due to his father's severe kidney illness. Emad's mother, Dilshada, displayed immense courage and love by donating one of her kidneys to her husband, in an attempt to save his life. Sadly, despite her sacrifice, Emad's father passed away, leaving the family in a state of grief and uncertainty.

Despite these hardships, Emad remained focused on his education. With CHINAR's support, he recently completed his 8th-grade examinations and secured an impressive score of 89.83%. However, Emad is not entirely satisfied with his results. He is determined to recheck his papers to ensure his performance reflects his true potential. We believe Emad's story is just the beginning, and we look forward to witnessing his continued growth





Mubashir's CLC journey

On July 7, 2022, I started the Community Learning Center (CLC) in Chek- ganistan, Bandipora with an enrollment of 35 students . Among them was a 10 year old boy named Mubashir Ahmad, a 5th grader with an inspiring journey.

When Mubashir first joined, he had very basic knowledge and struggled with fundamental concepts, even finding it difficult to write his name in English.

As time passed, I focused on teaching them the fundamentals. Every student showed improvement, but Mubashir stood out with his tremendous progress. He learned to introduce himself in English and distinguish between alphabets, words and sentences. Today, he can speak and write in English without fear or hesitation.

Mubashir's transformation is truly inspiring, encouraging many students to overcome challenges in basic concepts.

Ruksana CLC facilitator, Bandipora



LCM – Small Business Support(SBS)

A learning circle meeting (LCM) of SBS unit holders from Baramulla and Bandipora was conducted at Srinagar office to provide advanced training on book keeping and marketing. The session was attended by 15 unit holders from Phases I to IV.

Three successful unit holders from Cohort-2, Zahida Akhter, Ishfaq Wani and Umer Nabi, facilitated sessions on market research and bookkeeping, sharing live examples and experiences from the past three years. Additionally, multiple sessions covered accounting, recovery, digital marketing, and communication skills

The program aims not only to provide capital support for businesses but also to equip unit holders with the skills necessary to run successful business ventures.

