



CHINAR'S DALEEL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PICTURED: Field staff of Parvaaz and Child Development during LCM held at Srinagar base office



Group picture - scale up children, Srinagar



Distribution of welcome kits, Srinagar

Scale up event held in Srinagar

The first scale-up event of the year under Parvaaz was held in Srinagar to welcome new families and children into the program. The event was attended by 36 children and their parents from the Rakhi Aarat and Palpora communities. The purpose of the event was to brief the beneficiaries on the program's operations, protocols and guidelines. Parents also had the opportunity to interact with the staff and have their queries and concerns addressed. The event concluded with the signing of contracts and the distribution of welcome kits. *At present, 140 children from 79 families are enrolled in the program from both the communities.*



Auto load carrier
Lateef Ahmad -Rakhe aarat



Auto load carrier
(Tariq Ahmad- Rakhe aarat)

Fancy brings hope for girls in her community

Fancy Ayoub hails from Wassey marg Rajpora, a remote and economically challenged village in the Pulwama district. Despite facing financial hardships, her father was determined to educate his five daughters, including Fancy. With his support and encouragement, Fancy became the first girl from her village to attend college and complete her graduation. When she learned about CHINAR's Community Learning Center (CLC) program from her school teacher, Fancy was eager to join. After a thorough assessment, she was selected for training, which equipped her with essential teaching skills. **My biggest inspiration to join the CLC is my father, who always dreamed of his daughters being educated for a secure future,** says Fancy.

The CLC has brought significant change to her community as students have developed a strong interest in learning through the program's activity-based approach. Fancy herself has acquired new skills and knowledge, further enhancing her teaching abilities. One parent shared, **"You are the pride of our village, and you inspire every daughter here. Help our girls become like you."**



Three new livelihoods launched

With the goal of making families self-reliant, CHINAR has provided livelihood support to three families from Rakhi Aarat, Bemina, Srinagar under the Parvaaz. Lateef Ahmad Dar lives with his wife and three children in a modest house. Lateef wanted to leverage his driving skills to improve his family's living conditions but lacked the financial resources. After an assessment, CHINAR provided him with an auto-load carrier as livelihood support. His three children were enrolled in the program in 2023. Another family from the same community received similar support to restart their livelihood. Mubarak Ahmad Ratta, a shikara driver, faced significant challenges when his primary source of income, his shikara (wooden boat), was damaged. CHINAR provided him with financial assistance to repair his boat and revive his livelihood.

OUR MISSION

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



Board/patrons interaction with families

CHINAR's BOD visit Parvaaz community

CHINAR's Board of Directors and Patrons visited the Parvaaz community in Palpora, Srinagar, to assess the progress and impact of CHINAR's programs. The visiting team included Global Executive Director Irfan Shahmiri, two board members from Kashmir, Dr. Mushtaq Margoob and Dr. Zahida Shah, along with three CHINAR Patrons: Dr. Farooq Kaloo, Ms. Ismet Shahmiri, and Mr. Altaf Hussain, as well as Program Leads.



CHINAR patron - Ms. Ismet Shahmiri at CHINAR supported livelihood unit owned by a widow.

The trip was meticulously planned to provide a comprehensive overview of all ongoing activities within the community. The Board and Patrons were thrilled to witness CHINAR's interventions thriving and making significant progress toward self-reliance. A highlight of the trip was the interaction with the adolescent group "Poshe Waer," recently created by CHINAR to address local community issues. The group showed great potential to lead the community and bring social issues to the forefront. The visit concluded with a tour of a CHINAR-supported grocery store owned by a single mother, a boutique unit run by a female entrepreneur, and a livelihood unit focused on cosmetics and hosiery.

We are grateful to our Board of Directors and Patrons for joining the trip and sharing their experiences and insights with the beneficiaries.



Field staff present their learnings and challenges to the team

Learning Circle Meet under Parvaaz

A two-day Learning Circle Meet (LCM) was organized for field staff working under Parvaaz. The purpose of the LCM was to discuss the lessons and challenges from the past year and to develop a plan of action for the year ahead. On the first day, the field team delivered presentations on key achievements, challenges, impact and lessons learned over the past year.



Global Executive Director, Irfan Shahmiri shares his insights with the students

On the second day, we conducted a capacity-building workshop with over 20 participants, including field staff from the Parvaaz and Child Development programs. The workshop included sessions on the project management cycle, advanced Excel, and an overview of CHINAR's Child Protection Policy, along with various government schemes.

Overall, it was a highly productive two-day training session, with participants expressing gratitude for the knowledge gained.

Two interns graduate successfully

Two interns, Isha and Poornima, based in Jammu and Guwahati, successfully completed their one-month internship at CHINAR. During their internship, they were actively involved in field exposure at our intervention sites, where they learned about the practical aspects of social welfare management. They were also engaged in research, reporting, and documentation. At the end of their journey, they presented their learnings and experiences to the entire team. In recognition of their contributions, they were awarded certificates of appreciation.



Nayeem's inspiring journey

Nayeem Sultan, a 19-year-old from the small village of Devespora in Handwara, Kupwara, has faced significant financial challenges. His father, a laborer, struggled to cover the educational expenses of his children.

In 2021, CHINAR provided much-needed support to Nayeem and his family through its Child Development Program. With CHINAR's assistance, Nayeem was able to focus on his studies and worked diligently to achieve academic success. His hard work paid off when he successfully passed his Class 12 exams in 2024, a significant milestone in a community where education is not commonly pursued.

Nayeem is now pursuing his graduation and aspires to become a teacher and contribute to his community.



Collaborating for change

CHINAR was honored to participate in the launch of the 'Sampoornata Abhiyan' in Baramulla, organized by the Piramal Foundation. The primary goal of the program was to achieve sustainable outcomes in key areas such as health and nutrition, education, skill development, agriculture and infrastructure through the collaborative efforts of all allied departments under the 'Aspirational Districts' program. The event commenced with participating NGOs and representatives from various government departments setting up stalls to exhibit their contributions to the district. CHINAR International proudly showcased its work, highlighting impactful initiatives across multiple domains. The Deputy Commissioner of Baramulla visited our stall and applauded our dedication and efforts in driving social development.

Skill development

In Basmina, Warwan, 20 trainees graduated from an extensive six-month course in cutting and tailoring. Trainees were assessed at the end of the course, and the top two performers were awarded sewing machines. Additionally, a sewing machine was given to a trainee in the "most deserving" category. As part of a continued effort to empower women, a new cutting and tailoring center was also launched in Kulgam, enrolling 20 women in the program.



An awareness session was organized in collaboration with 'Special Cell for Women' at Manzagam, Kulgam under Parvaaz. Attended by 40 women, the session focused on topics like legal rights and responsibilities, promotion of gender equality, gender based violence, stereotypes and gender discrimination and support services provided by Special Cell for women.