



PICTURED: Medical staff from CMO office along with CHINAR team during health camp at Palpora, Srinagar



Scale up event - Srinagar



Scale up event - Budgam

## Scale up event held across four districts

As part of the annual scale-up of the Child Development Program, 306 children have been enrolled across Srinagar (103), Ganderbal (28), Budgam (149) and Anantnag (26) districts. This month marked the program's first intervention in Anantnag district, with 26 children enrolled in the Athkura area. Scale-up events were held across all these districts to welcome new families into the program and orient them on the program's guidelines and protocols. Each enrolled child received a welcome kit, comprising essential items such as school bags, stationery and hygiene.

The scale-up process is ongoing in Kupwara, Shopian and Pulwama, with the aim of enrolling 500 children this year.



Street food business  
Mohammad Ashraf Dar



Mini restaurant  
Ghulam Mohi -ud -din

## Training workshop for CLC facilitators

A three-day workshop was conducted for 40 Community Learning Center (CLC) facilitators from various districts across Kashmir. This comprehensive training focused on the importance of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Functional Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and an Accelerated English Course. The workshop was designed to equip facilitators with practical knowledge and hands-on skills, enabling them to engage students in activities that promote competency development within specific timeframes.

In addition, a two-day workshop on the Accelerated English Course was organized for 15 Wipro-supported CLC facilitators from Bandipora and Baramulla districts. The training covered key areas such as spelling techniques, creative writing, grammar fundamentals and paragraph structure, providing facilitators with effective tools and strategies.

**The knowledge and skills gained during the training will empower facilitators to support the holistic development of children in their communities.**



## Two new SBS units launched

This month, two Small Business Support (SBS) units were launched in Pattan, Baramulla.

Ghulam Mohiuddin Beigh, a 24-year-old man, had to drop out of school in the 5th grade to support his family after his father became unemployed. Despite the challenges, he acquired cooking skills and managed to open a shop offering limited Kashmiri cuisine (wazwan), earning Rs. 5,000 a month. Ghulam Mohiuddin came across CHINAR's SBS program and immediately applied. After a thorough assessment, he received the necessary supplies to establish a small restaurant.

Another deserving beneficiary, Mohammad Ashraf Dar, was provided with essential materials to expand his street food business. With this support, Ashraf aims to enhance his family's financial stability.

## OUR MISSION

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



Mohd. Shafi from BMO, Pattan addressing the audience

### Health Awareness Program at Baramulla

A health awareness program was organized in collaboration with the Block Medical Officer (BMO) Pattan, which was attended by over 200 women. The event began with an introduction to CHINAR's programs, which are designed to support distressed communities. Following this, two resource persons from BMO Pattan led a session on basic healthcare, covering the importance of regular exercise, timely medical check-ups and personal hygiene during menstruation. These sessions also addressed the health risks associated with inadequate hygiene practices.



Women interacting with female resource person regarding personal hygiene

Additionally, a separate session on mental health explored common issues such as stress, anxiety, and depression, and included strategies for stress management. The sessions were interactive, with many participants asking questions and sharing their experiences. The program concluded with the distribution of sanitary pads to all females aged 12 to 40.

### Skill development update

This month, two Skill Development Centers were launched. A Mehndi Art center, was established in Gatipora, Shopian, which is the first of the kind in the district. A total of 19 female trainees enrolled in the course. Similarly, a cutting and tailoring center was launched in Afti, Warwan, enrolling 30 trainees. Additionally, a digital learning center in Heerpora, Shopian, was successfully concluded, with 12 young boys and girls graduating from the course.



Group picture with Poshewaer members at the launch ceremony

### Launch of Advocacy Group – Poshewaer

As part of its community engagement efforts, Parvaaz launched its first adolescent advocacy group, named 'POSHEWAER,' for the Palpora community in the Srinagar district. The purpose of this group is to build leadership skills among young adults and encourage them to address social issues at home, school and within the community.



Group members engaged in activities

An event was organized for the inauguration of POSHEWAER, attended by 18 members from Palpora. The event was graced by Dr. Mushtaq Margoob, Director of the Kashmir Board and Ms. Ismet Shamiri, CHINAR patron, who inaugurated the group and emphasized the importance of their role in community transformation. During the event, attendees were briefed about CHINAR International, the structure and functioning of the group and the SOPs to be followed. The attendees also presented their ideas and worked together on the targets for this year.

### Women awareness under Parvaaz

CHINAR International, in collaboration with the Hub for Empowerment of Women, the Department of Social Welfare and the Special Cell for Women, Shopian, successfully organized a general awareness camp for women at Govt. Primary School Gorsi Mohalla, Gatipora. The camp saw the participation of approximately 80 local women. The session focused on domestic violence, emotional abuse and importance of gender equality. Similar program was organised in Baramulla for 160 women from Bonichukal, Arampora, Habak, and nearby areas.



Baramulla Shopian

### Health camp at Palpora, Srinagar

CHINAR International, in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Zonal Medical Officer (ZMO) of S.R. Gunj, successfully organized its first medical camp of the year for the Palpora and Rakhi Aarat communities enrolled under Parvaaz in Srinagar district. A team of 20 specialists from the health department, including a general physician, dental surgeon, ENT specialist, ophthalmologist, gynecologist and dermatologist, examined 300 people, consisting of 156 from the general public and 144 beneficiaries. The camp also provided free medicines to the attendees.

The event was graced by Mr. Shafkat Nazir, Zonal Medical Officer, S.R. Gunj – Srinagar. During the debriefing, Mr. Nazir and the doctors shared their observations and discussed prevalent health issues among the children.



### Collaborating for change

In collaboration with the Animal Husbandry Department, CHINAR International organized an orientation program designed to equip potential candidates with essential knowledge for their livelihood initiatives. The program specifically focused on best practices in livestock management, particularly the rearing of cows. Participants were educated on crucial aspects such as dosing schedules, appropriate fodder and hygiene requirements. The program was attended by 10 potential candidates for livestock rearing.

### New community launched under Parvaaz

The scale-up event under Parvaaz was held in Shopian for 35 selected children—5 from Gatipora, 7 from Heerpora, and 23 from the Sedow community. Sedow is a new community enrolled under Parvaaz, in addition to the existing base. During the scale up event, attendees were briefed on the program's operations, protocols, and guidelines. The event concluded with the signing of contracts, recording the height and weight of the children, and the distribution of welcome kits. These kits included bath towel, face wash, nail cutter, combs, handkerchiefs, Vaseline, hair oil and shampoo.



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