



PICTURED: Eid kit distribution at Shopian

Festive cheer: Eid kits distributed under Child Development and PARVAAZ

Like every year, CHINAR International celebrated the spirit of Eid by distributing special Eid kits to families enrolled under its Child Development and Parvaaz programs. A total of 826 families received these kits across 8 districts of Child Development- Shopian (160), Pulwama (148), Kupwara (182), Srinagar (148), Ganderbal (21), Budgam (149), and Anantnag (18).

Similarly, under project Parvaaz, 351 families across 16 communities of Srinagar (78), Baramulla (137), Shopian (74), Kulgam (44) and Anantnag (18) received eid supplies. Each Eid kit included a delightful assortment of bakery items and traditional delicacies, carefully curated to help families celebrate the festival with joy and togetherness.



Srinagar



Waltengu, Kulgam

Collaboration with SIDBI

In March, a collaboration proposal was submitted to SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) for skill development training specifically designed for disabled children and youth. We are pleased to announce that SIDBI has accepted our proposal, paving the way for a new partnership that will empower these young individuals with valuable skills.

Empowering young minds through life skills and career counseling



The Child Development Program's Career Prep Boot Camp initiative provides children with essential life skills and guidance to explore their career choices. Organized across multiple districts, these camps help children discover their interests and aptitudes. As part of this initiative, psychometric testing sessions were conducted in four districts- Budgam, Kupwara, Shopian and Pulwama. A total of 133 children participated in these sessions, which utilized John Holland's career assessment tool to identify their career inclinations. This assessment paves the way for targeted career counseling sessions, empowering these young individuals to make informed decisions about their future.

Life Crafter Program organised in Srinagar

Under Life Crafters program, a focused session on Time management was organized at New Genius Public School, Srinagar. The session had an active participation of 28 students engaged in the activities on how they can manage time better in their daily lives. This program is a pilot wherein CHINAR focuses on providing life skills to children at an early age.



OUR MISSION

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



Documenting Impact: CHINAR Through TFI's Lens

In March, Teach for India, a renowned organization dedicated to educational equity in India, visited Kashmir to create a documentary about CHINAR's 'Teach with CHINAR Fellowship' program. This initiative follows the Teach for India model, where CHINAR appoints fellows in various schools and communities to improve children's education. During their visit, the team from Teach for India interacted with fellows, students, school administrators, and parents at various intervention schools. The team captured heartwarming stories and observed a significant shift in student engagement and community perspective. They appreciated the vibrant classroom environments, strong bonds between fellows and students, and the warm hospitality of parents who spoke highly of the positive changes in their children. This visit showcased the profound impact of our pilot cohort, marking a proud milestone in our collaboration with Teach for India.

Skill to Shine: 16 Graduate in Mehndi Arts

Under skill development program, 16 trainees successfully completed a six-month course in **Mehndi Arts**. The trainees have now become fully proficient in the art of mehndi application and are ready to offer their services professionally. With growing demand for skilled mehndi artists in the market, this training opens new livelihood opportunities and avenues for self-employment.



Five SBS units launched

CHINAR launched five small business units supporting different ideas of youth to generate their regular income. Zahoor Ahmed (Kulgam) started an agro-based venture offering fertilizers and pesticides to local farmers. Similarly, Bisma, Bilal Ahmed and Tanveer Ahmed from Shopian got support to run their sheep farms. A mobile repair unit run by Ishfaq Ahmed Dar was launched in Baramulla. Each story reflects resilience, ambition, and the transformative impact of opportunity. Currently, CHINAR is supporting 95 youth across different districts to become self-reliant.



Tanveer Ahmed- Sheep farm



Bisma- Sheep farm



Zahoor Ahmed- Pesticides



Ishfaq Ahmed- Mobile repairing

Ayaan's Story: Overcoming Adversity through Education

Ayaan, a bright and determined student from Ganderbal, has faced numerous challenges in his life. He lives with his parents and siblings in a humble tin shed, where they have resided for eight years. His father, a sand extractor, struggles to make ends meet, particularly after selling land and taking on debt to fund his sister's treatment for a congenital disease. Despite these financial hardships, Ayaan's parents prioritize education as a means to a better future. Initially enrolled in a government school, Ayaan's performance declined due to limited resources. However, his parents made the difficult decision to re-enroll him in a private school, demonstrating their commitment to his education.

Ayaan's hard work and resilience paid off when he topped his recent final exams, showcasing his potential and determination. Despite debt and instability, they remain committed to providing Ayaan with the opportunities he needs to succeed.



Digital Training Begins in Budgam

Under the program of skill development, CHINAR, in collaboration with Kashmir Valley Institute started two batches of digital learning in Budgam, with the enrollment of 45 trainees. The training aims to make these youth digitally equipped for a better future. As the course progresses, advanced IT modules will also be introduced.

Till date, CHINAR has started a total of 96 skill centers across different districts.

PARVAZ Brings Comfort and Security to Families in Need



Under its PARVAZ program, CHINAR International continued its efforts to provide safer and more dignified living conditions for vulnerable families. In March, support was extended to three families through critical home improvements. Installation of doors, windows, and glass panels helped create warmer, more secure spaces, while proper sanitation facilities were also provided. These interventions have significantly enhanced the safety, dignity, and comfort of the families—contributing to better overall living conditions.

To date, CHINAR has provided safe spaces to 30 families.