

## Top News

### Pre-applications are Open for Incubation at NIC FAISALABAD!



Startup founders, come join our 2nd Cohort at the National Incubation Center Faisalabad and take your startup where you never thought possible. We are encouraging startups from all tech genres, specifically AgriTech and TextTech to join our program and gain access to the NIC's facilities and offering to comprise mentorship, seed funding, technical support, and incubation.

**APPLY NOW!**

## NIC VISITS



Dr. Habib Aslam Gaba visited NIC Faisalabad, he is an entrepreneur, mentor, head of various committees at universities, and leading the IT committee at the Faisalabad chamber of commerce. He met the NICF team and startups to learn more about the ecosystem.



To inspire and empower female founders from all over Pakistan and help them turn their startup ideas into reality we hosted Sobia Aqeel, Chairperson of the Industry-Academia linkage Committee at FWCCI and Member of the Board of directors at PVTC along with Muhammad Kaleem Akram, Information Management Officer at IOM - United Nations. We discussed plans to develop women training with Chamber to promote entrepreneurship and future collaborations.



We had an exciting day with the students of the FAST School of Management visiting us here at NIC Faisalabad. The bright young minds of FAST came in for a friendly visit to understand the opportunities and gain a better understanding of the startup ecosystem.



Prof. Ashiq Anjum from the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences at the University of Leicester, UK visited the NIC Faisalabad for an insightful meeting on the startup landscape. He expressed his keen interest in collaboration with Leicester University Startup Accelerator.

We were joined by Hamid Mahmood, CEO of Software pro and Microsoft pro, Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Dogar, President of the Pakistan Psychologist Society and HOD in DHQ hospital, and Qasim Aga Khan, Founder of Technolangs at NIC Faisalabad. They met our startups and guided them with their business idea and plans.



It was an honor to have Tabish Mahmood - Head of Digital Services & Business Development and Farhan ul Haq - Ecosystem Partnership Lead from Syngenta at the NIC Faisalabad. We discussed areas of mutual collaboration in strengthening the startup ecosystem of the Faisalabad region.



We welcomed the delegation of ICIT 22 at NIC Faisalabad to share insights into the startup ecosystem of Pakistan. We discussed plans to collaborate with FAST Faisalabad University faculty members and Swedish University colleagues.

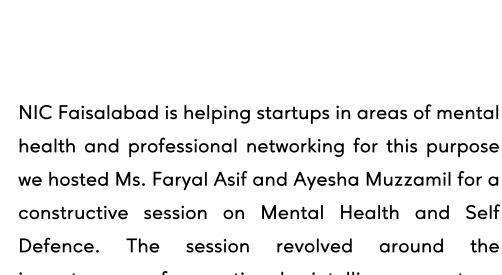


The faculty member of Monash University, Dr. Mohd. Rizal Razali visited NIC Faisalabad for an insightful meeting on the startup landscape. We discussed areas of collaboration, and the potential of the ecosystem with our guests.

## NIC SESSIONS



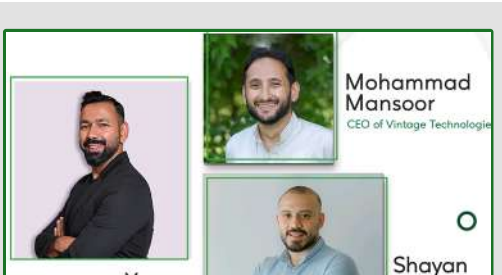
To help startups understand the current situation of our economy, and how we as a nation can contribute to economic stability we were joined by Faisal Sherjan, co-founder of Patari, Bookme, XGear, AutoX, and Cfx for a session on the business game plan at NICF.



NIC Faisalabad is helping startups in areas of mental health and professional networking for this purpose we hosted Ms. Faryal Asif and Ayesha Muzzamil for a constructive session on Mental Health and Self Defence. The session revolved around the importance of emotional intelligence, stress management, and defensive strategies.



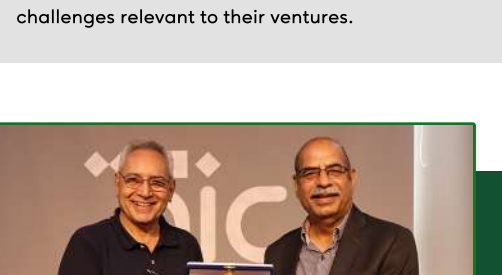
NIC Faisalabad in collaboration with Foster Learning held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with aspiring startups hailing from Faisalabad. During the discussion, representatives from the startup community shared their challenges and explored available opportunities.



In our efforts to enhance startup knowledge on vision and validation, an informative session was conducted with Yawar Siddiqui, Mohammad Mansoor, and Shayan Sohail Sarwar. Our guests had an extensive discussion with the startups about their business ideas. They also discussed their experiences and challenges relevant to their ventures.



An insightful session on Agribusiness Innovation, by Aamer Hayat Bhandara, Co-Founder of the Agriculture Republic and Digital Dera held at NIC Faisalabad. Aamer shared his expert opinion with the startups on how they can bring innovation in agriculture technology and practices to expand the potential of the sector.



"Leaders have no right to repress, a good leader keeps you motivated in every situation" Startups went through a rigorous workshop with Kamran Rizvi, Co-founder of SOL, and Carnelian on how decisions play a key role in business success.

## LEADERSHIP SERIES



Muhammad Saleem Ahmad Ranjha at NICF. Things couldn't get better! We had Saleem Ranjha, Founding Director of Akhuwat at NIC Faisalabad. He shared his story of how he made it big in the Micro Finance industry and the necessary skills entrepreneurs need to become successful.

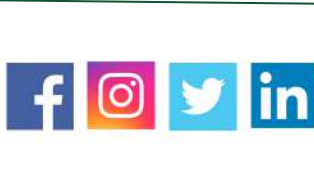


Umar Qamar at NICF. To empower the young entrepreneurs of Pakistan, we conducted an insightful workshop with Umar Qamar, co-founder of ELO - exportleftovers who shared his inspirational journey. He shared the "Skills for the future" where he mentioned how online shopping is taking over retail.

## STARTUP IN FOCUS



A vision to disrupt the global pink salt market! Aown decided to take on the challenge himself & launched his own Pakistani pink salt brand Sahi & Sons. What started as a retail brand in Pakistan has evolved into a B2B brand supplying premium quality Himalayan pink salt across the Middle East and Europe.



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