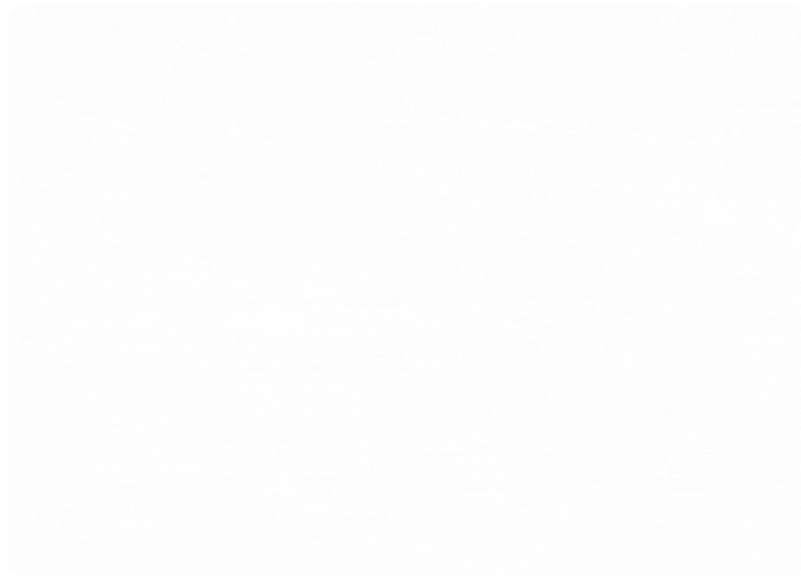




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## Add a 0 Series



Our first edition of the 'Add a 0 series,' featuring **Umar Qamar**, Co-founder of **ELO**, was truly incredible. **NICF** Project Director, **Zeeshan Bin Shahid**, led an insightful fireside chat with Umar, covering the latest trends and insights in the textile industry and the rapidly growing **e-commerce sector**.

## NICF Signed an MoU with BIC



**NIC Faisalabad** took a significant step forward as it signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **Beaconhouse International College**. The MoU, signed between **Zeeshan Shahid**, Project Director at **NICF**, and **Safia Cassim**, Country Operations Head at **BIC**, marked the initiation of collaborative efforts in areas of mutual interest to empower the next generation of **entrepreneurial talent**.

## Startup News



We're **incredibly proud** of **Muhammad Talal Ejaz**, the Founder of **NICF startup Sabzland**, who has been awarded the **Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2023** at The BRICS and SCO Young Leaders Award ceremony in Kazan, Russia, hosted by the Academy of Youth

**NICF startup Spurt International** has signed an **MoU** with **PUM Netherlands** and the **University of Agriculture Faisalabad**. Their collaborative vision aims to create **sustainable**, greener cities, ensuring a secure food supply and fostering income and job **opportunities** for the **youth**.



## Our Growing Community



The **NICF** hosted a delegation from **PUM Netherlands**, including Rolf Schrauwen, Country Coordinator Pakistan, Darien van Doorn, Regional Coordinator South America, Asia & Europe, Terry van Dijk, Project Officer, Saleem Ahmad, **Pakistan** Representative. Together, we explored potential avenues for collaboration, aiming to enhance our **contribution to agritech**.

## Pitch-it-Right



In our latest **Pitch-it-Right** event, we were **honoured** to have **Javed Iqbal**, CEO of Sitara Energy Limited, and **Sami Ullah**, CEO of Sami and Co, as judges. They offered valuable feedback to refine pitches from **NICF startups Eplant, AG IVF, Refurb N Up, Pakbloomia, and Visibility Bots.**

## Training Sessions



In collaboration with **Spurt International, PUM, and UAF**, we brought together top experts like **Erik Van**, Chairman of the Hydroponics Association Netherlands, and **Christ Tielemands**, Senior Lecturer at HAS Hogeschool Netherlands for an exclusive two-day workshop on Innovation and Sustainability in **Urban Horticulture** at NICF.



During a recent training with **M. Zeeshan Abid**, Partner at Parker Russell AJS, on **Financial Literacy and Readiness** at NICF, startups learned practical skills in understanding financial statements, analyzing metrics, and identifying funding sources, enabling smarter financial decisions in handling **risks, taxes, and legal obligations.**

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