

NIC Investor Summit 2024!



NIC Faisalabad First Investor Summit was a huge success and brought together some of the most renowned Investors, including **Fatima Gobi Ventures, Arzan Venture Capital, JS Bank Venture Capital, Accelerate Prosperity, Amaana Capital, AugMentor, i2i Accelerator, PNO Ventures, Acumen, sAi Venture Capital, Tawaref, Seedefy, GSMA, INNOVentures Global Private Ltd, Axial Consulting, and ScaleX.**

Our nine disruptive **startups pitched their ideas** and capitalized on this by engaging in one-on-one meetings with the VCs and exploring potential opportunities.

We were also glad to have **leading industrialists** from Faisalabad who expressed their strong support for the city's **thriving startup ecosystem.**

Welcoming the 4th Cohort!



We welcomed the 4th Cohort with an **Orientation Ceremony!**

After receiving an overwhelming response and conducting a rigorous selection process, we have shortlisted **15 startups for the incubation program, 4 for the hatchery program, and 5 women-led startups** for SheVentures.

Our incubated startups come from various **verticals** including AgriTech, IoT, Big

Data, Data Analytics, Food & Nutrition, and AI, Textile Innovation, E-commerce, SaaS, FinTech, and HealthTech.

The ceremony featured an exclusive fireside chat with **Dr. Khurram Tariq, CEO of Kay & Emms**. Founders gained valuable insights from sessions with representatives from **Ignite National Technology Fund and FFC**.

Pitch Day



We heard some very **exciting pitches and groundbreaking ideas** during the Cohort 4 **Pitch Day**. The selected **startups impressed our expert judges** with their innovative solutions, reflecting the diversity of **Pakistan's startup ecosystem**.

SheVentures



In our mission to empower women entrepreneurs **NICF Launched SheVentures**, our dedicated women-centric cohort aimed at empowering women entrepreneurs to launch and elevate their ventures. This **6-month** program offers tailored support, including mentorship from industry experts, networking opportunities, capacity building, and access to co-working space.

Add a 0 Series with Resham Shahzad



We had an exciting Fireside Chat with our guest **Resham Shahzad, Director at Arshad Group**, moderated by Zeeshan Shahid, Project Director at NICF. Resham shared practical insights on leadership, managing emotions and workplace stress, and effectively handling multiple ventures.

NICF Visits



Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor of UAF, and **Syed Irfan Ali**, Executive Director of State Bank of Pakistan, visited NICF for an exploration of Faisalabad's startup ecosystem. They interacted with our startup community, gaining insights into local business initiatives.

Gather & Grow Series




We had a very engaging session with **Neha Nazir, the Founder of Rabia Trust Hospital**, during our Gather and Grow Series at NICF. Our NICF community came together to explore the challenges in the business supply chain process, and Neha shared valuable insights for improvement.




In our recent Gather & Grow session, we had the pleasure of hosting **Yusuf Jamshed, Chief FinTech Officer at Alif Innovation**, who engaged in a discussion with startups about driving innovation and inclusivity in the retail business.

Startup News



NICF startups **Royal Trading Company and Greekian** secured the national runner-up position in the National Idea Bank Competition 2024, initiated by **Dr. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan**. Among **2800** startups, they emerged as two of the top 30 finalists, showcasing Pakistan's innovation and talent.

Women's Day



For Women's Day, we hosted a Panel Discussion with **Anusheh Tahir, Founder of ShehNoor Jewels, Hania Javed, Creative Head at Sitara Fabrics LTD, and Hadia Awan, Co-founder of AG IVF**. The session explored pertinent topics, celebrating resilience, diversity, and inclusion.

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