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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the November Edition of NIC Peshawar's Newsletter!

This November, our community came together through ideas, innovation, and shared purpose. From classrooms to boardrooms, and from local sessions to international platforms, our founders and partners continued to move the ecosystem forward with momentum and impact.



MAIN EVENTS

Global Enterpreneurship Week

Together We Build

Global Entrepreneurship Week at NIC Peshawar brought together founders, students and ecosystem partners for five days of focused activity on innovation and startup building. Throughout the week, participants took part in hands on workshops, learning sessions and curated networking experiences designed to help them refine ideas, explore opportunities and connect with mentors. From early stage founders seeking direction to students taking their first step into entrepreneurship, the week served as a shared platform to learn, experiment and collaborate while celebrating the spirit of innovation across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



Open Day

Global Entrepreneurship Week at NIC Peshawar began with a vibrant Open House that welcomed students, founders, industry professionals, academia, and government representatives for an inside look at our innovation ecosystem. The Open Day featured guided tours, startup showcases, hands-on product demos, networking interactions, and mentorship corners, giving visitors a real sense of how ideas grow into impactful ventures. The energy, curiosity, and meaningful conversations throughout the day set the perfect tone for the week ahead and sparked new connections across the entrepreneurial community.









Policy Dialogue

As part of Global Entrepreneurship Week, NIC Peshawar hosted a Policy Dialogue on "Building the Digital North: A Roadmap for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in KP," bringing together leaders from government, academia, industry, and the startup ecosystem under one roof. The session served as a platform for forward-thinking discussion, actionable ideas, and meaningful collaboration focused on accelerating innovation in the province. The dialogue revolved around five key pillars: human capital development, funding and investment, community, innovation and incubation, and knowledge and insights. Together, these discussions aimed to strengthen the foundation of KP's entrepreneurial ecosystem and highlight flexible, future-ready solutions to drive sustainable growth across the region.

Talent Development	Capital Access	Community	Venture Building	Knowledge & Insights



Kidspreneur Lab

Day 3 of Global Entrepreneurship Week at NIC Peshawar was dedicated to celebrating the youngest innovators through the Kidspreneur Lab. Students from The EDEX School and Peshawar Model Schools took part in an immersive, hands-on design thinking experience that introduced them to the basics of entrepreneurship in a fun and engaging way. Through problem identification, creative brainstorming, and team-based challenges, the students built confidence, strengthened teamwork, and developed critical thinking skills. The session highlighted that innovation has no age limit and reaffirmed the importance of nurturing the next generation of thinkers, makers, and future founders.







Startup Huddle

Day 4 of Global Entrepreneurship Week at NIC Peshawar came alive with the Startup Huddle powered by the Bank of Khyber, transforming the space into a buzzing hub of ideas, energy, and collaboration. Founders gathered in a dynamic setting to pitch their ideas, exchange real time feedback, and learn from one another's journeys. The session concluded with an exciting pitching competition where fresh innovations took center stage and the top three winners were awarded cash prizes. It was a powerful celebration of creativity, community, and the collective drive that continues to strengthen our startup ecosystem.







EmpowerHer By Bank of Khyber

The final day of Global Entrepreneurship Week at NIC Peshawar concluded with the Empower Her session hosted by the Bank of Khyber, focused on building financial awareness among women entrepreneurs. The discussion highlighted the importance of financial confidence, informed decision making, and equitable access to opportunities. Through meaningful dialogue and shared insights, the session empowered women to take greater control of their entrepreneurial journeys with clarity, purpose, and confidence.









International Features

FROM PESHAWAR TO THE GLOBAL STAGE!

NIC Peshawar's startup Noyyaa had the opportunity to represent Pakistan at the Social Entrepreneurship Workshop in Dhaka — a three day gathering of ideas, innovation, and regional collaboration. The workshop brought together South Asian changemakers for immersive Innoshops, panel discussions, and networking sessions focused on social impact. Noyyaa also showcased its work at the expo, highlighting its vision and solutions on an international stage. The experience offered valuable learning, meaningful connections, and a broader platform to amplify their mission.



Our 12th cohort startup, Clouditecture, was recognized as the National Runner Up at the Innovista Startup League 2025, hosted by Innovista in collaboration with Systems Limited and Google. This achievement marked a major milestone for the team as they continue to build and scale AI powered cloud infrastructure solutions. The recognition reflects their technical excellence, innovation driven approach, and growing impact within Pakistan's tech ecosystem.







Streamlining startups with Notion

IN COLLABORATION WITH TECHKHWA

NIC Peshawar hosted a hands on session on Streamlining Startup Workflows with Notion, powered by Notion UET Peshawar in collaboration with TechKhwa. The session guided founders on building smarter systems, organizing workflows, and improving team productivity using Notion. Through practical demonstrations and real use cases, participants learned how to simplify project management and bring greater efficiency to their startup operations.



CURRICULUM & OPEN SESSIONS:

Design Thinking

NIC Peshawar hosted an insightful curriculum session on Design Thinking led by Bilal Ahmad, Co Founder of Peshawar 2.0, where founders explored a structured approach to problem solving centered around real user needs. Through hands on activities, participants learned how to challenge assumptions, unlock creative perspectives, validate ideas, and design solutions with real world impact. The session sparked curiosity, collaboration, and purposeful thinking, equipping startups with practical tools to build more user focused and impactful products.



Organizational Excellence: HR & TEAM BUILDING

Led by Zaydan Khan from Zameen.com. The session offered founders practical insights into building high performing teams, nurturing a strong workplace culture, and creating effective organizational structures for sustainable growth. Through interactive discussions and team based activities, founders explored the importance of shared goals, collaboration, and collective effort. The workshop served as a powerful reminder that strong startups are built on strong people.



Art of Pitching

NIC Peshawar brought pitching to the forefront with The Art of Pitching session, led by Mashaal Jawad, Founder of STEMverse, and co conducted by Farhad Shafqat Qayyum. The session guided founders through the essentials of crafting compelling narratives, communicating value clearly, and presenting with confidence to potential investors. Through practical insights, real world examples, and personalized feedback, participants learned how to refine their pitch, build investor trust, and transform ideas into investable opportunities.



OPEN SESSION:

Leadership & Personality Development

NIC Peshawar we hosted a powerful leadership-focused session with Farukh Amil, Chairman IPO and Former Ambassador, centered on self-awareness, emotional intelligence, communication, and collaborative leadership. The discussion encouraged founders to reflect on how personal growth shapes effective leadership and stronger professional relationships.
A key takeaway that resonated across the room was that when founders speak about their ideas, it comes from the heart and understanding how to protect those ideas through the right intellectual property framework is part of becoming a confident and responsible leader. The session helped startups strengthen their communication, enhance confidence, and build the leadership qualities essential for long-term success.









Workplace Harrasement

An awareness session led by representatives from FOSPAH, focusing on workplace harassment, legal protections, and employee rights. The discussion equipped founders and teams with a clearer understanding of prevention strategies, reporting mechanisms, and the shared responsibility of creating safe and respectful work environments. It was a meaningful step toward fostering stronger, more inclusive workplaces where everyone can contribute and thrive.



PARTNERSHIPS, OUTREACH, AND IMPACT

THE LEARNERS SCHOOL VISIT TO NIC PESHAWAR

NIC Peshawar welcomed a group of little learners from The Learners School for a joyful day of exploration and discovery. From asking curious questions to touring startup spaces and learning how ideas turn into real ventures, the students experienced the spirit of innovation up close. Their excitement, wonder, and bright smiles served as a beautiful reminder that every big dream truly begins with a small spark.



NIC Peshawar Startups Featured on AVT Khyber

NIC Peshawar startups The Fairies, Second Chance, ERISP, and APRUS were recently featured on AVT Khyber, showcasing their inspiring journeys, innovative ideas, and growing impact. These national media features highlighted the creativity, resilience, and entrepreneurial spirit emerging from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Each appearance served as a proud reminder that our founders are not only building impactful startups, but also shaping stories worth sharing with the world.

