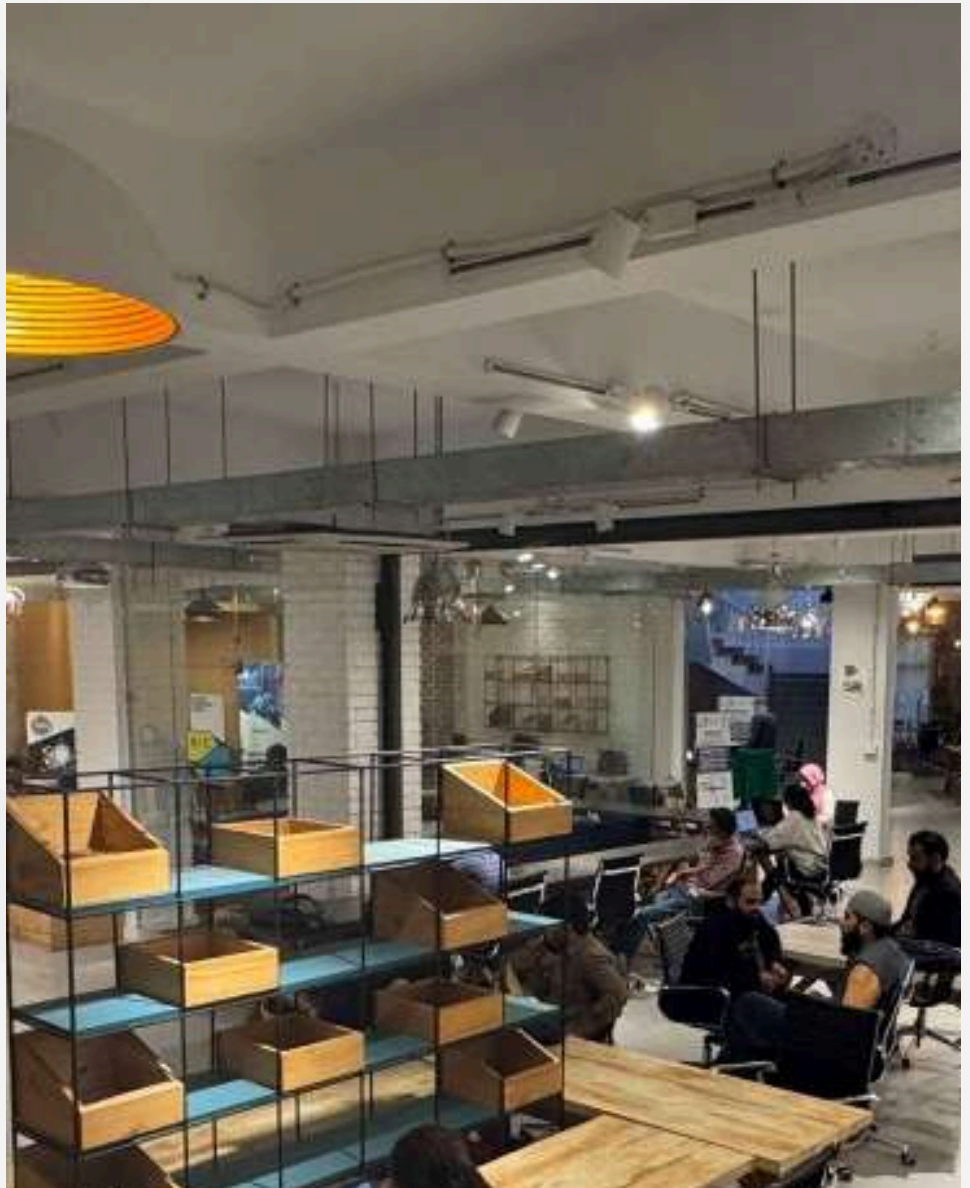


# DISRUPTIVE DISPATCH: NIC KARACHI FOCUSLINE



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# TOP STORY OF THE MONTH



## 32 New Chapters Begin at NIC Karachi! 🚀

The National Incubation Center Karachi (NIC Karachi) proudly welcomes 32 promising startups to Cohort 14, marking the start of another exciting chapter in Pakistan's entrepreneurial journey. Selected from over 800 applicants through a rigorous multi-stage evaluation, these startups represent cutting-edge innovation across Fintech, Cybersecurity, Industrial Automation, TravelTech, HealthTech and more — showcasing the vision, determination, and creative strength of Pakistan's emerging founders.

This milestone reflects NIC Karachi's continued commitment to nurturing innovation, strengthening the digital economy, and enabling founders to build scalable, impactful ventures that shape the future.

The orientation featured powerful insights from Khizer Ahmed, founder of Hukum Janab (acquired by Kaacib), who shared his journey of pivoting, building, and scaling — underscoring the importance of resilience in entrepreneurship. On World Mental Health Day, Dr. Talha Rehman, Co-Founder of Be Me.global and alumnus of Cohort X, shed light on the significance of emotional well-being for founders, emphasizing that sustainable success begins with a healthy, focused mind.

NIC Karachi also had the privilege of hosting leaders and enablers from the ecosystem, including Mr. Ali Asim, Director HR at Yunus Brothers Group, and Mr. Syed Azfar Hussain, Project Director NIC Karachi. Their reflections reinforced a united vision to empower a generation of founders ready to build a digitally driven and globally competitive Pakistan.

## INTRODUCING COHORT 14 - 32 STARTUPS, INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



GOAI is a no-code AI trading platform enabling retail users to design adaptive strategies using drag-and-drop tools, real-time optimization, backtesting, and tokenized engagement rewards.

Agrogen offers affordable, eco-friendly fertilizer alternatives, helping farmers reduce cost and chemical dependency while promoting sustainable agricultural practices suited to Pakistan's climate and soil needs.



Aitisal empowers restaurants to increase earnings through efficient ordering and operational tools, while helping diners make responsible consumption choices that support fair local food economics.

PW delivers authentic Peshawari chappals and handwoven shawls nationwide through ethical e-commerce, promoting fair craftsmanship, regional heritage, and moderately priced handmade fashion from Swat.



The startup builds IoT-driven automation for liquid fertilizer production, enabling precision mixing, consistent quality, reduced cost, faster crop absorption, and scalable efficiency for large agricultural facilities.



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Beecortex builds affordable modular robotic crawlers and scanners, reducing reliance on imported inspection systems and transforming industrial asset monitoring with customizable, localized robotics solutions.

BlackCoreAI develops autonomous AI defense systems including counter-UAV and swarming technologies designed for GPS-denied environments, RF disruption resilience, and future high-power integration.



BlockApex provides blockchain security and consulting across 20+ countries, helping innovators strengthen protocols, optimize economics, and confidently unlock Web3 potential through trusted auditing expertise.

The company redefines marketing services by fostering continuous learning, collaborative creativity, and impactful industry programs that elevate professional standards and enhance brand performance.



ComplyS is a secure, AI-assisted compliance platform that simplifies cybersecurity, provides real-time monitoring, and strengthens customer trust through faster, accurate regulatory adherence.

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DilKiBaat delivers fast, private, affordable mental health access using AI chatbot Aiza to provide stigma-free support, match users with therapists, and track measurable progress.

E for Etiquettes delivers training that builds professional behavior, communication, workplace confidence, and social awareness, helping individuals present refined personal and corporate conduct.



Epsilon Systems (SparkMeter) enables homes and businesses to monitor energy use in real time, reduce waste, and control consumption through scalable IoT technology and cloud-based dashboards.

Farokht is Pakistan's content-commerce platform preventing online shopping fraud and reducing five million SMEs' dependency on foreign apps by enabling safer local transactions.



JLD enhances eCommerce logistics with AI-driven sorting and delivery intelligence, enabling same-city, same-day shipping, reduced delays, and improved success rates beyond traditional courier performance.

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MeshTech enables accessible network modeling and predictive analysis, transforming how Pakistan's power systems are managed through simulation tools and AI-driven optimization for electrical infrastructure.

Munafah.AI acts as a digital sales manager that finds buyers, communicates, negotiates, and sells products automatically, boosting revenue without additional manpower.



Pak DroneX enables affordable drone-spraying for small farmers at Rs1,000 per acre, improving yields, reducing chemical use, and creating rural tech jobs.

Paltuu.pk enables safe pet adoption and care in Pakistan, fostering a kinder future where pets find trusted homes and owners receive proper support.



ESGenta by Scitforte helps enterprises align with global sustainability goals by enabling reliable ESG tracking, reporting, and compliance with international standards.

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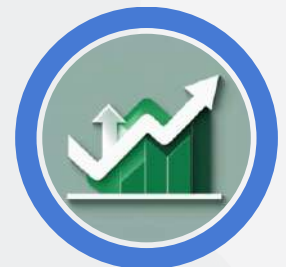
SOCByte delivers agentic cybersecurity with AI-driven automation that reduces alert fatigue, accelerates investigations, and empowers SOC teams to counter adaptive threats.

Sports Vector uses AI to deliver strategic insights from team selection to live tactics, helping players and coaches make faster, smarter game decisions.



Stellisys provides an easy cloud-based ERP for SMEs, integrating sales, finance, HR, inventory, and procurement to streamline operations and improve efficiency.

Stock Sense enables data-driven PSX investing by offering automated analysis, backtesting tools, and education to reduce speculation and enhance financial literacy.



Lendverse optimizes corporate transport with intelligent routing, centralized bookings, automated payments, and compliance monitoring, delivering efficient, safe mobility for business travel and employee commutes.

Three Shelves builds digital infrastructure for compliant pharma supply chains by unifying prescriptions, traceability, and reimbursements to strengthen safety and regulatory consistency.



## INTRODUCING COHORT 14 - 32 STARTUPS, INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

Cort offers premium, bookable travel services for individuals and businesses, prioritizing safety, convenience, and punctuality through chauffeur rides, airport transfers, employee mobility, and event transportation.



Wellfolks provides wellness programs for schools, universities, women, and individuals, delivering personalized preventative care and holistic well-being through structured, segment-focused health solutions.

WhatFlow automates Shopify customer engagement and order confirmations on WhatsApp without official API requirements, enabling seamless communication and improved post-purchase experience for online stores.



Fortanix protects banks and customers from fraud using identity-bound authentication that replaces vulnerable OTPs, eliminating phishing risks and ensuring secure, effortless fingerprint-based logins.

B-Fit Revo develops smart home-based rehab devices improving foot health for older adults, preventing diabetic complications, encouraging independence, and lowering long-term healthcare reliance.



Saheli is Pakistan's first AI-powered health companion supporting women through period tracking, pregnancy guidance, and preventive care personalized for every stage.



# Startup Success Blueprint

## Session 1: Master the Edge

Sameen Adil Sheikh, Executive Director – SHINE, shared practical strategies for entrepreneurs to enhance their leadership, creativity, and business acumen using MasterClass resources for personal and professional growth.



## Session 2: Design Thinking for Product Innovation

Danish Ejaz, Founder of Madzine & Madvertising, led an insightful session on building products users genuinely need by applying Design Thinking principles. Startups explored user-centered research, rapid prototyping, and testing methods to turn impactful ideas into real solutions.



# The Latest at NIC Karachi



## Civil Services Academy (CSA) Visits for Innovation Insight

A delegation of civil servants from the Civil Services Academy visited NIC Karachi to explore Pakistan's growing innovation ecosystem. The delegation was briefed on NIC's incubation model, startup support programs, and the National Incubation Network's role in driving youth-led digital transformation and economic growth.



## Hands-On with GenAI SDK

NIC Karachi collaborated with GDG Kolachi to host a hands-on workshop led by Hazika Farooq, AI and Embedded Systems Engineer at Monit, empowering participants to build intelligent generative applications using Google's GenAI SDK on Vertex AI Workbench. The session enabled developers to transform complex GenAI concepts into practical coding experience, exploring real-world use cases through guided exercises and live development.



## The Great AI Debate

NIC Karachi partnered with CWPk Academy for The Great AI Debate, a thought-provoking session exploring whether machines can truly invent. The event featured an engaging discourse between debaters Zeeshan Abbasi (Advocate) and Jawwad Paracha (Arguer), skillfully moderated by Aqsa Tariq (Arbiter), with an insightful keynote by Andeel Ali, Head of Planning & Development at NIC Karachi, on the future of invention, originality, and human-AI creativity.

# The Latest at NIC Karachi

## Pak Suzuki Motor Company Visit at NIC Karachi

NIC Karachi hosted senior leadership from Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited, including CEO & MD Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura and Head of Operations Mr. Muhammad Adnan Khan, to explore emerging innovations in mobility, industrial automation, AI, and IoT, while discussing collaboration opportunities with startups in the automotive sector.



## Moscow Export Center Visit at NIC Karachi

NIC Karachi hosted a business delegation from the Moscow Export Center to explore cross-border innovation opportunities. The discussion focused on co-acceleration programs, business exchange, and collaboration through initiatives such as the Moscow Digital School and Moscow IT Parks. With participation from Mr. Atif Rais Khan, Chairman & Group CEO of LMKR/LMKT, both sides expressed interest in developing joint initiatives that enhance market access and strengthen global startup linkages.





# BUZZ Board

**We love connecting our startups with industry legends.**

At the Allied Bank x LUMS Hackathon, NIC Karachi's Lendverse took 1st place, winning PKR 2,000,000!

Lendverse, an AI-powered Lending-as-a-Service platform, is transforming how lending works with smarter, faster, and more inclusive financial solutions.



At GITEX GLOBAL 2025 (October 13-17), NIC Karachi's Cohort 12 startups represented Pakistan at the Ignite Pavilion, showcasing their innovative solutions on a global stage.

Superbutler.ai, Asaan Ghar, and Haprow impressed international audiences and had the honor of meeting the Federal Minister for IT & Telecommunication, Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja.





# BUZZ Board



## Accelerating NIC Karachi!

Day 1 of Acceleration Cohort 2 at NIC Karachi kicked off with exciting startup pitches and engaging discussions on innovation and growth. This cohort features founders building traction and aiming to scale their ventures across FinTech, AI, sustainability, and digital transformation. Each startup showcased creative solutions with real-world impact. Our esteemed panel of judges, Naseeruddin Humayun, Afzal Shahabuddin, Danyaal Balkhi, Mehboob ul Haq, Nadia Patel Gangjee, and Aamir Ashraf, offered expert feedback to help founders refine their models and accelerate growth.



On Day 2, founders from Cohort 13 took the stage to pitch their ventures to a panel of experts. Startups showcased innovative solutions across FinTech, Retail, Sustainability, and Digital Services, highlighting their drive to scale and create impact. We thank our esteemed panel for their guidance and feedback: Furqan Qureshi, Zainab Hameed, Shadab Fariduddin, Dr. Huda Garib, Arif Lakhani, and Nimra Kamran. With every pitch, Cohort 13 startups continue to push boundaries, refining their business models and taking bold steps toward growth.



# Exclusives: From us to you

## Founder or Dreamer — Which Are You?



Take 10 minutes to explore your founder potential with the Upstarts Founders' Readiness Quiz. Pause, reflect, and answer honestly — it's a fun way to see how ready you really are to start your journey.

Small moments of reflection can help you understand your strengths, spot potential gaps, and think strategically about your next steps as a founder.

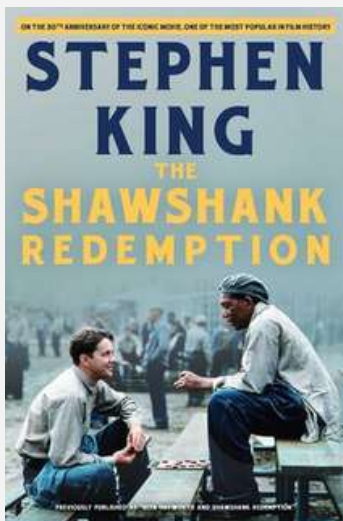
## Top News

[Global VC Funding Surges to \\$39B in October](#)

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[AI Infrastructure & Multimodal AI Scale Up](#)

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[Ecorobotix Raises \\$105M for Precision Ag-Robotics](#)

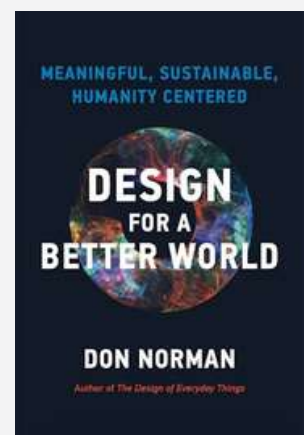
## Movie Recommendation



**The Shawshank Redemption** beautifully explores endurance, friendship, and the human spirit, showing that hope is the quiet force that can break even the strongest walls.

## Book Recommendation

**Design for a Better World** is a transformative exploration of how thoughtful, human-centered design can shape a more sustainable, meaningful, and compassionate future



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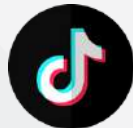
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