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NIC Karachi Cohort 15 Induction

NIC Karachi Incubation Cohort 15 – Founder Fit Pitching Week marked a significant milestone in the incubation journey, where aspiring founders were evaluated through five days of pitching their technology-driven solutions. Each day brought forward startups addressing real-world challenges, demonstrating strong problem-solution alignment, clarity of vision, and an understanding of the markets they aim to serve. The process reflected the energy, ambition, and entrepreneurial spirit that continue to shape Pakistan’s evolving startup ecosystem.

As part of NIC Karachi’s incubation process, Founder Fit extends beyond evaluating ideas to assessing the resilience, adaptability, and mindset required to transform ideas into execution. Throughout the week, founders showcased thoughtful preparation, commitment, and the drive to build scalable, impact-driven ventures. This structured evaluation ensures that selected startups are not only innovative but also equipped with the foundation necessary to grow within the incubation program and beyond.

Cohort 15 Induction Day 1

National Incubation Center Karachi hosted the Induction Final Pitching for Cohort 15, bringing together a distinguished panel of industry leaders and professionals to evaluate promising startups competing for a place in the incubation program. The judging panel featured Sheema Siddiqui, Shah Abdullah Raza, Fahad Ahmed, and Nida Tanzeel, who contributed valuable insights and industry expertise throughout the evaluation process. Their engagement encouraged meaningful discussions around innovation, scalability, and the potential of technology-driven ventures addressing real-world challenges across Pakistan's evolving startup ecosystem.

Founder Fit Pitching Day 1 reflected the ambition, resilience, and determination of emerging founders working to build impactful solutions through innovation and technology. Startups presented ventures focused on solving pressing challenges while demonstrating strong problem-solution alignment, clarity of vision, and the mindset required to transform ideas into execution. The pitching sessions highlighted the adaptability, commitment, and entrepreneurial drive of Cohort 15 applicants as they advanced in their startup journeys, reinforcing NIC Karachi's continued mission to support founders building the next generation of scalable and purpose-driven ventures.



Cohort 15 Induction Day 2

NIC Karachi continued the Induction Final Pitching for Cohort 15 by bringing together an accomplished panel of industry leaders and experts to evaluate innovative startups competing for a place in the incubation program. The judging panel featured Momina Kazim, Athar Khan, Dr. Danish ur Rehman Khan, Ahsan Jabbar, Wasif Khan, and Komal Kenneth Shakeel, whose expertise and insights contributed significantly to the evaluation process and founder discussions. Their diverse industry perspectives provided valuable guidance to emerging entrepreneurs building innovative and scalable solutions for the future.

Day 2 of the Action Hour Pitching reflected the growing strength, creativity, and determination of Cohort 15 applicants as startups presented their ideas, innovations, and long-term vision to the judging panel. The sessions highlighted founders who demonstrated clarity of purpose, strong execution potential, and a commitment to solving meaningful challenges through technology and innovation. The thoughtful feedback and engagement from the judges created an encouraging environment for founders to refine their ventures and continue progressing in their entrepreneurial journeys, further strengthening NIC Karachi's mission to support the next generation of impactful startups in Pakistan.



Cohort 15 Induction Day 3

NIC Karachi hosted engaging round of the Cohort 15 Induction Final Pitching, bringing together industry leaders and startup founders for a dynamic evaluation session.

The judging panel featured Anas Ahmed, Anita Ashfaq Lodhi, Riaz A., Prof. Dr. Rabia Noor Enam, Noor Afshan Rizavi, and Hamza Nasir. Their collective expertise and industry experience contributed valuable perspectives to the evaluation process, helping founders refine their ideas and strengthen their entrepreneurial vision.

Day 3 of the Action Hour Pitching showcased another group of promising startups presenting innovative solutions, forward-looking ideas, and scalable business visions. Founders demonstrated determination, creativity, and a strong commitment to addressing real-world challenges through technology and innovation. The pitching sessions created an engaging environment for constructive dialogue, meaningful feedback, and founder growth, while the judges' thoughtful insights and encouragement played an important role in guiding startups as they continued progressing through their entrepreneurial journeys. The sessions further reflected NIC Karachi's commitment to fostering innovation and supporting the next generation of impactful ventures in Pakistan.



Cohort 15 Induction Day 4

NIC Karachi continued the Cohort 15 Induction Action Hour Pitching by bringing together a distinguished panel of industry leaders and experts to evaluate innovative startups competing for a place in the incubation program. The Day 4 judging panel featured Asif Pervez, Moaz Nasir, Inam ur Rahman, Jamil Ur Rehman, and Azka Rehman. Their expertise and diverse industry perspectives played an important role in evaluating startup potential, fostering meaningful discussions, and providing valuable guidance to emerging founders.

Day 4 of the Action Hour Pitching showcased another dynamic group of startups presenting innovative ideas, scalable business models, and technology-driven solutions aimed at addressing real-world challenges. Founders demonstrated confidence, strategic thinking, and a strong commitment to transforming their visions into impactful ventures. The pitching sessions encouraged constructive dialogue and insightful feedback, while the judges' engagement and mentorship further strengthened the experience for participating startups. The event reflected NIC Karachi's continued commitment to nurturing entrepreneurship, innovation, and the next generation of high-potential startups in Pakistan.



Cohort 15 Induction Day 5

National Incubation Center Karachi continued the Induction Final Pitching for Cohort 15 by bringing together a distinguished panel of industry leaders and experts to evaluate innovative startups competing for a place in the incubation program. Conducted online via Zoom, Day 5 of the pitching sessions featured an accomplished panel including Sehrish Mujtaba, Moaz Nasir, Fatima Arshad, Mahwish Saad Khan, and Rabia Saleem. Their collective expertise and industry insights contributed significantly to the evaluation process, offering founders valuable perspectives on innovation, scalability, and business growth.

Day 5 of the Action Hour Pitching showcased another promising group of startups presenting technology-driven solutions, forward-thinking ideas, and impactful business models aimed at addressing real-world challenges. Founders demonstrated resilience, strategic clarity, and a strong entrepreneurial mindset throughout the sessions, reflecting their commitment to building scalable and sustainable ventures. The constructive feedback and engagement from the judging panel created a collaborative environment that encouraged learning, refinement, and founder growth, further reinforcing NIC Karachi's mission to support and empower the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs in Pakistan.



The Latest at NIC Karachi

Exploring New Innovation Partnerships

Media Spotlight



AbbTakk News featured NIC Karachi for successfully hosting the 3rd Pakistan Investor Lab, which brought together investors, startup founders, and ecosystem leaders for two days of collaboration, learning, and meaningful networking opportunities.

The event served as a platform for insightful discussions, ecosystem engagement, and strategic relationship-building, further contributing to the development of a more connected, innovation-driven, and growth-focused startup and investment ecosystem in Pakistan.

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OPEN Karachi Catalyzes Deal Flow at Pakistan Investor Summit 2026

As part of the prestigious Pakistan Investor Summit 2026 hosted at NIC Karachi, **OPEN Karachi** successfully organized its highly anticipated Investor/Startup Meet & Greet on March 30, 2026. The exclusive gathering brought together visionary startup founders, institutional and angel investors, and key leaders from Pakistan's innovation ecosystem for an afternoon focused on networking, collaboration, and strategic engagement.

The meticulously curated session created a dynamic environment designed to encourage meaningful conversations and high-value interactions between startups and investors. Moving beyond traditional pitching formats, the meetup enabled direct and organic engagement between early- and growth-stage startups and active investors, fostering deeper discussions around innovation, scalability, and investment opportunities. These interactions contributed to accelerating deal flow and strengthening cross-border dialogue within the regional startup and investment ecosystem.

Open to both registered members and the wider entrepreneurial community, the event reflected OPEN Karachi's continued commitment to supporting Pakistan's startup ecosystem through collaboration, mentorship, and access to strategic networks. By connecting local founders with experienced investors and global market insights, OPEN Karachi continues to play an important role in promoting innovation-driven growth and contributing to the advancement of Pakistan's digital economy.



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Building a successful startup means turning a new business idea into a thriving company by making smart decisions, staying adaptable, and focusing on real needs in the market. The process involves validating your solutions.



Must-Watch Movie

The Inventor: Out for Blood in Silicon Valley is a 2019 documentary by Alex Gibney exploring Elizabeth Holmes, Theranos, and one of Silicon Valley's most notorious startup fraud scandals.

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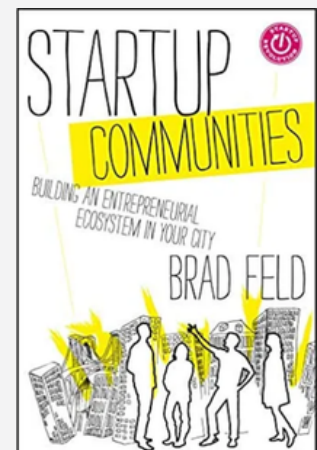
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Book Recommendation

Written by Brad Feld, **Startup Communities** presents a practical blueprint for building successful entrepreneurial ecosystems. A key takeaway is Feld's "Leaders vs. Feeders" model, which explains how entrepreneurs drive ecosystem growth while institutions such as universities, corporations, and governments provide critical support and resources.



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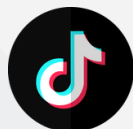
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