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Investor Summit 2026

The National Incubation Center Karachi hosted the Pakistan Investor Summit 2026, 12th Edition, bringing together startups, investors, venture capitalists, and ecosystem leaders for two days of networking, investment discussions, and collaboration.

NIC Karachi proudly showcased startups from Cohorts 13 and 14, who pitched their solutions, participated in one-on-one investor meetings, and connected with industry stakeholders throughout the summit.

The event also marked the signing of three Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with CHAP, Sohail University, and Data Vault, strengthening collaboration across industry, academia, and the startup ecosystem.

The summit provided startups with opportunities to showcase their innovations, explore investment and partnership opportunities, and reinforce NIC Karachi's commitment to advancing Pakistan's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Startup Success Blueprint

Design Thinking: Building User-Centric Product

Danish Ejaz led a hands-on design thinking session at NIC Karachi, helping founders explore user needs, validate ideas, and refine solutions for more practical, market-aligned product decisions. Participants engaged in interactive exercises focused on empathy mapping and problem-solving.



Council Meeting

NIC Karachi hosted a Women in Tech Council meeting, bringing together women founders, industry leaders, and ecosystem enablers for meaningful discussions on strengthening women's participation in the technology sector. The session was led by Fizzah Khan, Naumeena Suhail, Sidra Shakeel, Ambreen Kokab Shah, and Rabia Saleem, PMP

The session focused on exploring opportunities, addressing key challenges, and identifying collaborative pathways to support and scale women-led innovation across the startup ecosystem. Participants shared insights and experiences aimed at improving access, visibility, and leadership opportunities for women in tech.



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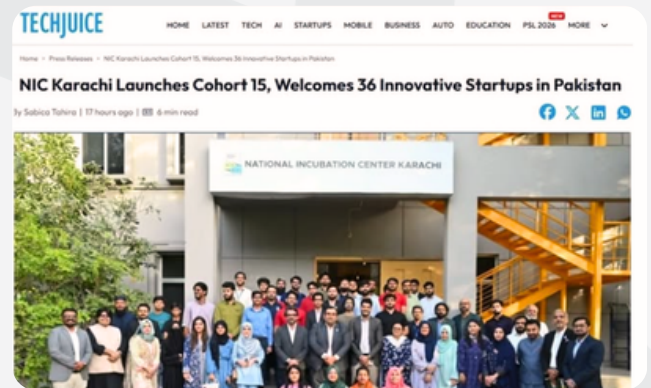
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Media Spotlight

Business Recorder highlighted NIC Karachi's Graduation Ceremony of 28 startups from Cohort 13, marking a significant milestone in their entrepreneurial journey. The event recognized founders' dedication, innovation, and growth while showcasing the impact of collaboration and ecosystem support in strengthening Pakistan's evolving startup landscape.



TechJuice spotlighted NIC Karachi's Cohort 15 Orientation, introducing the latest cohort of founders and the innovative startups joining the incubation program. The article showcased a diverse portfolio of ventures tackling real-world challenges across multiple sectors, reflecting the strength of Pakistan's emerging entrepreneurial talent and the growing momentum of the NIC Karachi startup ecosystem.



NIC Karachi startups Farmdar and Crop2X were featured on **Geo News**, showcasing their growing contribution to Pakistan's agritech ecosystem. The feature spotlighted how both startups are leveraging technology-driven solutions to address critical farming challenges, empower farmers with data-driven insights, and enhance agricultural productivity through modern digital tools. Their recognition reflects the growing impact of NIC Karachi startups in driving innovation and transforming Pakistan's agricultural sector.



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Media Spotlight

NIC Karachi's **Pakistan Investor Summit 2026** was featured by various news channels and online publications, which brought together founders, investors, and industry leaders to discuss startup growth and innovation. The summit emphasized building sustainable ventures, solving real-world problems, and strengthening collaboration across Pakistan's entrepreneurial ecosystem through meaningful industry engagement.



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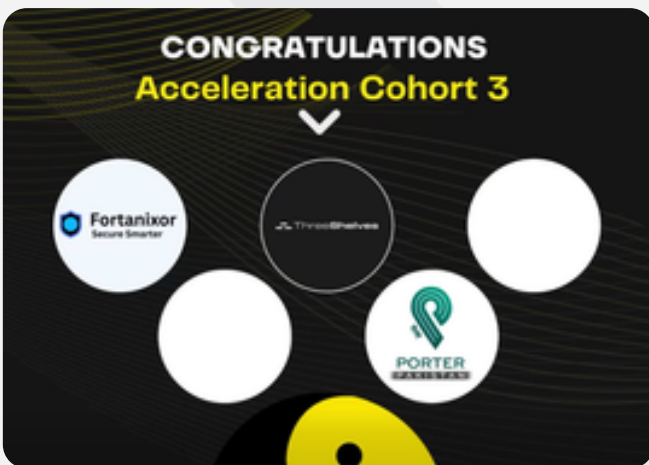
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Foundry Orientation Ceremony 2026

NIC Karachi proudly welcomed a diverse lineup of startups to **Foundry 2026**, marking the beginning of their journey to build, innovate, and scale. Representing sectors including AI, climate tech, edtech, fintech, and more, the cohort reflects the ambition and diversity of Pakistan's growing startup ecosystem as founders begin transforming bold ideas into impactful ventures.

NIC Karachi x Orbit Ventures Acceleration Program



Cohort 3 Acceleration

NIC Karachi proudly welcomed five high potential startups to its Acceleration Program, powered by **Orbit Ventures**. Selected for their innovation and growth potential, the startups will receive hands-on mentorship, investor readiness support, and opportunities for market validation, equipping them to scale their ventures and accelerate their entrepreneurial journey.

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Pakistan Investor Lab 2026

The National Incubation Center Karachi (NIC Karachi) hosted the **3rd Pakistan Investor Lab**, bringing together investors, founders, and ecosystem leaders for a two-day program on early-stage startup investing.

Through expert-led sessions and interactive workshops, participants explored key topics including angel investing, startup evaluation, deal structuring, valuation, due diligence, and portfolio management, gaining practical insights into informed investment decision-making. The program reinforced NIC Karachi's commitment to strengthening Pakistan's startup investment ecosystem through knowledge-sharing and capacity building.



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Cohort 13 Graduation Ceremony

The National Incubation Center Karachi (NIC Karachi) celebrated the graduation of 28 startups from **Cohort 13**, marking the successful completion of their incubation journey.

The event showcased the founders' innovation, resilience, and achievements while highlighting the collaborative efforts of partners and ecosystem stakeholders in supporting startup growth. The milestone was also featured by Business Recorder, recognizing the impact of the graduating cohort.

The celebration reinforced NIC Karachi's commitment to nurturing high-potential startups and strengthening Pakistan's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.



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Cohort 15 Orientation Ceremony

The National Incubation Center Karachi (NIC Karachi) welcomed 36 startups to **Cohort 15**, marking the beginning of their year-long incubation journey.

Selected from over 500 applications and 160 pitches, the founders came together on Orientation Day to connect, collaborate, and begin building scalable ventures with the guidance of NIC Karachi and its ecosystem partners.

The program reinforced NIC Karachi's commitment to empowering high-potential startups through mentorship, resources, and a supportive innovation ecosystem, with the support of Ignite, LMKT, Lucky Landmark Pvt. Ltd., and Orbit Startups.



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Coaching Session



CEO Creative Brains Production, **Fizzah Khan**, conducted one-on-one startup coaching sessions with Laundry X360, Wellfolks, and Stellisys, offering tailored guidance on strategy, business challenges, and growth opportunities. The sessions helped founders refine their direction, strengthen execution, and build scalable ventures with greater clarity and confidence.

MOU Signing



Tawha Technologies signed an MoU with **Fulflit** to strengthen eCommerce financing through Lendverse, marking a significant milestone in their growth journey. Facilitated by NIC Karachi, the partnership reflected a shared commitment to fostering innovation, enabling collaboration, and creating meaningful impact within Pakistan's evolving digital commerce ecosystem.

Exclusives: From us to you

You're safe. We'll help you find your next, best move.



What helps startups turn ideas into successful ventures? Explore how customer validation, market research, feedback loops, and agile improvements enable founders to refine their products, solve real problems, and build scalable businesses that create lasting value.



Must-Watch Movie

My fourth entrepreneurship-themed film recommendation is **Tetris**, which I discovered and watched by chance. Before that, I had never looked into the story behind Tetris.

Top News

[50 Startups to Watch in 2026](#)

[Top Fintech Startup Ideas That Can Make Millions in 2026](#)

[7 Inspiring Story About Business Success to Read in 2026](#)

[24 Fastest Growing Companies & Startups \(June 2026\)](#)

Book Recommendation

Lost and Founder offers a brutally honest look at the challenges, failures, and lessons behind building a startup. Rand Fishkin shares his real entrepreneurial journey, covering growth struggles, leadership challenges, and startup pitfalls.



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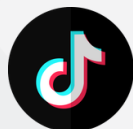
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