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# Dr. Najeeb Khan CEO PEN Visit To Sambrial (District Sialkot)



Dr. Muhammad Najeeb Khan CEO PEN visited Govt. Primary School Nagrian Wala Tehsil Sambrial District Sialkot to engage with the faculty to discuss the importance of innovation, literacy, critical thinking and bridging the gap between the classroom learning and future career opportunities.

The visit was hosted by Cluster Manager Ifthikar Ali & Head Teacher Ms. Maham Noor who featured a dynamic itinerary designed to expose students to real world application for their studies.

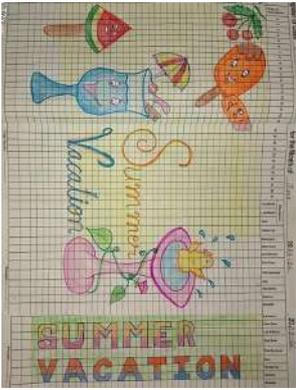
CEO delivered a keynote address to staff focusing on the path from passion to profession or how technology is reshaping our daily lives.

CEO toured the school, grounds and classrooms and remarked: it is inspiring to witness the energy and curiosity of these classrooms and the challenges of tomorrow will be solved by the students sitting here today. Our commitment just not innovation but to investing in the intellectual capital of the next generation. we strive to show the our students that their education is a direct pipeline to success. This direct interaction highlighted foundational knowledge and provided them invaluable mentorship.

At last, CEO PEN expressed deepest gratitude to teachers for their dedication and untiring efforts in bringing the school to its present position. Their contribution in moulding the students cannot be overlooked.

# School Activities

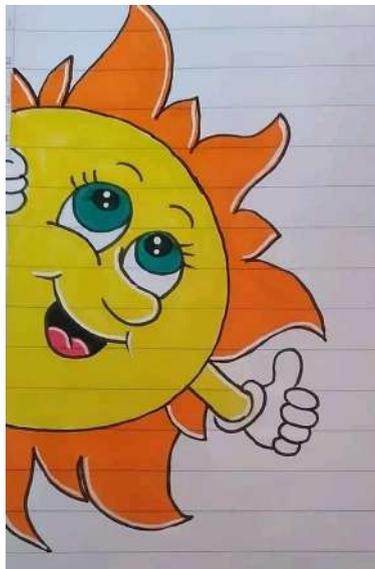
## Art Work



We are incredibly proud of all our PEN student artists. The dedication, creativity, and self-expression displayed in every piece are truly inspiring. It takes courage to share something creative, and we applaud all students for their outstanding efforts. This wonderful showcase, diverse talent, and hard work is truly commendable.



Recycling offers a multitude of benefits for both the environment and education. By transforming waste into reusable materials, recycling contributes to a more sustainable world while fostering valuable skills in students. Students learn to analyze problems, brainstorm creative solutions, and apply practical skills, which enhances their ability to tackle complex tasks.





# Teachers Professional Development Program In Aligarh Model High School Multan



Aligarh Model High School successfully concluded its annual faculty professional training program collaboration with the Beacon House marking a significant investment in instructional excellence and future ready education. The program was designed to equip the educators with the latest pedagogical research, digital tools and strategies necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving educational landscape.



Dedicated time was allocated for school to collaboratively align new strategies with existing curriculum map, ensuring immediate and consistent implementation across all subject areas.



Teachers are the engine of innovation at the school. This program reflects our unwavering commitment to providing them with the best resources and continuous learning opportunities. By investing in our faculty, we are directly improving the quality of education and ensuring every student receives a world class experience

The success of the professional training program reinforces Aligarh School's mission to foster an environment of continuous growth for both its students and staff.



# Library Shelves Distribution In PSRP-I



Shelving is arguably the most essential piece of physical infrastructure in a school library, serving far beyond just holding books. Well-designed and organized shelves directly impact a student's ability to find resources, fostering a love for reading and independent learning.

PEN arranged Library Shelves to organize the collection of books. This structure is the key that enables students to navigate and locate specific resources independently. When books are correctly placed and clearly labeled on shelves, it saves both students' and staff's time and energy. Users can quickly identify the area or book they need without prolonged searching.

Effective shelving solutions optimize the use of floor space, allowing the library to house a large, diverse collection of books, magazines, and multimedia materials in a compact area. Flexible and adjustable shelving systems are useful as the school's collection expands. They allow the librarian to reorganize and shift books to accommodate new acquisitions without constantly needing new units.

The design, color, and height of the shelves is customized for PEN students to contribute significantly to the overall ambiance of the library. Attractive, well-maintained shelves create a stimulating, organized, and inviting space that encourages students to enter and stay.



# PEIMA-PSSP Reallocation Spell-XI Schools MOU Signed



This Memorandum of Understanding is made on August 23, 2025 in PEIMA office signed by CEO PEN Dr. Muhammad Najeeb Khan and GM PEN Mr. Imran Shoukat. Progressive Education Network, a nonprofit and tax-exempted company providing free quality education to all. PEN is committed to corporate social responsibility and community development, with a specific interest in improving the quality of public education.

Both parties are agreed to collaborate under a school adoption program to achieve the objectives to enhance the physical infrastructure of the school, including classrooms, sanitation facilities, and playgrounds, To improve the academic performance of students through the introduction of supplementary learning materials, technology, and teacher training, to foster a conducive safe and motivating learning environment for all students and staff and to promote a holistic development including skills and extracurricular activities.

## Documentary on Hygiene with IPAC Collaboration



PEN Academy made a documentary on hygiene with the collaboration of IPAC maintaining high standards of cleanliness in schools. It is a foundational pillar of students health, attendance, and academic success. In a school environment, where students interact closely throughout the day, diligent personal and communal hygiene practices are essential to minimize the spread of illness and maximize learning time. When students consistently practice good habits, they actively protect themselves and allow their immune systems to stay strong and focused on learning.

***Cleanliness is next to godliness***

# 14th August Celebration In PEN Head Office



All departments of PEN Head Office gathered to celebrate the Independence Day ceremony with great enthusiasm and pride by blowing balloons, singing National Anthem, National songs and praying for the prosperity of Pakistan under the national flag with the spirit of patriotism. Team commemorates the day when Muslims sacrifices for the separate independent home land in the name of Islam and everyone gave their verdict about the future of Pakistan and promise not to repeat mistakes and will play a positive roll in the up coming years.

“CEO PEN Dr. Muhammad Najeeb Khan addressed on the occasion, this day is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom and the boundless opportunities that freedom has given us. It inspires us to continue striving, not just for corporate success, but for excellence that contributes meaningfully to our national growth. The spirit of Independence is deeply rooted in innovation, self-reliance, and the courage to build something new. In that spirit, I am exceptionally proud of the groundbreaking work you have delivered.”



# Chrome Books Distribution In Balochistan

Chromebooks were distributed across all seven PEN schools of Balochistan to enhance digital literacy. Students and teachers can now integrate technology more effectively into daily lessons. This step marks significant progress toward modern, tech-enabled education. The initiative will support research, learning apps, and collaborative activities in classrooms.

Chromebooks provide a robust, affordable, and easily manageable platform that allows schools to focus less on IT maintenance and more on innovative teaching and learning. Chromebooks have become a popular and effective choice for schools globally and significantly less expensive and easy for younger students to carry between classrooms, home and school than traditional laptops.



## Road safety Activity In Tando Muhammad Khan (Sindh)

As children grow, they naturally seek more independence. Knowledge about safety empowers students to make decisions when walking and cycling without adult supervisions. It teaches essential skills for using public transport safely, waiting at bus stops, and behaving responsibly as passengers. Instilling good habits ensures that they become responsible drivers and pedestrians later in life, contributing to a safer community overall.

***Alert Today-Save Tomorrow***





# Health & Hygiene Activity In Sindh (TMK)

Health & Hygiene Awareness sessions were conducted to educate students about cleanliness and personal care. Teachers demonstrated proper handwashing techniques and explained the importance of staying clean to prevent illnesses. Students actively participated in discussions and practical activities. The initiative aimed to foster healthy habits early in life.

Good health habits lead to sustained energy and better cognitive function, allowing students to concentrate in class and retain information more effectively.



## Independence Day In Balochistan

Independence Day celebrated in PEN schools with enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. Students performed tableaux, speeches, and national songs highlighting the sacrifices behind Pakistan's freedom. Flags, decorations, and special assemblies enriched the environment. The events strengthened the students' sense of national pride.

Celebrating Independence Day is an annual act of reaffirming the sacrifices of the past, the unity of the present, and the collective hope for the future.





# Plantation Drive In Sindh (TMK)

A Plantation Drive was organized in PEN schools to promote environmental responsibility. Students planted saplings around the school premises while learning about the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance. Teachers guided them on how to care for plants. The activity encouraged students to contribute positively to the environment.

Plantation drives turn the school grounds into a living laboratory, integrating various subjects with real world application. The activity connects to multiple subjects: Biology (life cycles), Mathematics (calculating growth rates), Geography (understanding soil types), and Environmental Science (sustainability).

Plants act as natural air purifiers, absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, directly benefiting the respiratory health of humans. Green spaces are proven to reduce stress, improve concentration, and enhance overall mental well-being. A beautiful, green campus provides a calmer and more attractive learning environment.

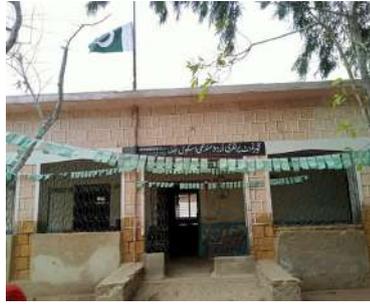




# Independence Day Celebrations In Sindh (TMK)

PEN students learn about the immense struggles and sacrifices made by freedom fighters and founding fathers to achieve independence. This fosters respect and gratitude for their national heroes.

These ceremonies emphasize core values such as **unity**, **peace**, **liberty**, and **progress**. These lessons help shape responsible citizens who understand their rights and responsibilities.



## Quiz Competition In Sindh (TMK & BSK)

The preparation for quiz competitions sharpens several skills in PEN students. It makes them quick learners and quick thinkers, enhances information retention, improves their concentration, helps them to recognize, all these things facilitate learning.

Quiz competitions prepare students to receive more knowledge. When well-prepared and receptive students are exposed to a sea of knowledge, they get the most mileage out of it.

Quiz competitions give children the confidence to stand up and speak boldly in front of an audience. They also learn to trust their capabilities in solving difficult problems and face challenges. This confidence goes a long way in shaping their personality.





# Girls Empowerment Sessions In Sindh Schools



Girls' empowerment through learning and education is one of the most powerful catalysts for positive change, impacting not just the individual but also her family, community, and nation. The session focused on key areas like empowerment & education, health & well-being, safety & boundaries, rights & respect, and career & future. It aimed to equip girls with essential life skills, knowledge, and confidence for their overall development and well-being, promoting self-worth, goal-setting, and mutual respect.

Education is key to challenging deep-rooted gender stereotypes and discriminatory social norms. It helps level the playing field between genders, leading to a more equitable society.

Educated women are more likely to understand their rights, vote, engage in civic life, and take on leadership roles in their communities and government, leading to more inclusive governance.

Education equips girls with the skills to help their communities adapt to and mitigate the effects of major global issues, such as climate change and natural disasters.



# Sports Week In Sindh Schools



Sports Week brought energetic participation across all grades. Students engaged in races, team sports, and fun physical challenges designed to promote teamwork and fitness. The atmosphere remained lively throughout the week, encouraging healthy competition. Teachers and students together celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship.

The importance of sports and physical education in schools extends far beyond just physical fitness; it is a critical component of a student's holistic development, impacting their academic success, mental health, and social skills.

Sports are a natural stress reliever, helping students manage the pressure of academic demands and exams by releasing endorphins. Studies consistently show that students who participate in sports often have higher grades and better test scores, in part due to improved cognitive function and the need to maintain academic eligibility.

In essence, school sports are not just an extracurricular activity; they are an integral part of the educational process that helps shape well-rounded individuals ready to face life's challenges.



# Evening School Program

Providing quality education to all its citizens is quite challenging for Pakistan. Poverty, cultural norms, and the remoteness of educational facilities keep many children in rural and urban communities out of formal schools for regular school attendance. Roughly half of our population is illiterate.

To fill this gap, PEN has introduced non-formal schools in Sargodha, Mianwali, Bhakkar and Khushab to provide alternate learning opportunities particularly in underserved communities providing them books, notebooks. It may not have formal recognition or a standardized curriculum, but its worth is in its accessibility, inclusiveness, and the opportunity it brings to people to learn, earn and better their lives without being tied down to a typical academic journey.

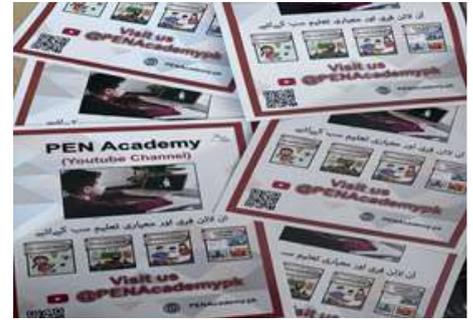
Apart from academic achievements, non-formal education helps grow personally through self improvement. It instill qualities like independence, self confidence and critical thinking. It is confidence building and it provides a life time learning as we carry on supporting individual growth and community development.

A country like Pakistan, one where formal education is not readily available to all sections of the society, non-formal education significantly contribute towards reducing illiteracy, and providing social mobility.





# PEN Academy Visits In Schools



The purpose of the PEN Academy visit was to train teachers and head teachers on how to effectively utilize the PEN Academy YouTube channel to enhance digital learning in classrooms. PEN Academy pamphlets were distributed to all participants and guided to display in classrooms and corridors. The aim was to raise awareness among students that PEN Academy offers a free, high-quality digital learning platform that can be accessed anytime and anywhere.

The visit was highly productive and received positive feedback from the participants. Teachers showed their interest in incorporating digital content into their teaching strategies. This initiative is expected to significantly improve student engagement and learning outcomes. All participants were encouraged to subscribe PEN Academy YouTube channel to stay connected with updated academic content and make most of these free digital learning resource.

Students who engage actively with the PEN Academy content understand concepts more clearly. The use of visual and interactive content helps in building a strong foundation and increasing interest in learning.





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