# HUNAR MOACT



# THF & PPAF Celebrate Graduation of 189 Minority Youth!

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The Hunar Foundation (THF), in collaboration with the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), celebrated the graduation of 189 students from Hindu and Christian communities through the Economic Empowerment of Marginalized Communities through Technical and Vocational Skills project. The initiative equipped youth with in-demand skills in healthcare, digital technology, beauty, construction, and engineering.

Two impactful ceremonies were held at THF Hajiani Ashraf Khatoon Technical Institute (HAKTI) in Rashidabad and at Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, honoring graduates in the presence of senior dignitaries including Mr. Tarique Manzoor (Managing Director, STEVTA), Bishop Samson Shukardin, Mr. Sajid Ali Pahor (Additional Deputy Commissioner), and Mr. Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan (Chairman, Prime Minister's Youth Programme).

Mr. Nadir Gul Barech (CEO, PPAF) and Mr. Ghufran Khan (CEO – Sustainability, THF) addressed both events, emphasizing the program's role in poverty alleviation, social cohesion, interfaith harmony, and national development. Graduates shared inspiring stories of transformation and received certificates marking their achievements.

Looking ahead, Cohort 2 will expand to Islamkot, Faisalabad, and Multan include the Sikh community, and aim to double the outreach, furthering inclusive growth and economic resilience across marginalized communities.



#### **Events & Milestones**

## World-Class Training, Deep Local Impact: DMSTI Becomes City & Guilds Accredited!



The Hunar Foundation proudly announces that its Delhi Mercantile Society Technical Institute (DMSTI) has been officially accredited by City & Guilds, UK — a globally recognized benchmark in vocational education.

This prestigious accreditation, made possible with the invaluable support of NAVTTC, places THF among a select group of institutes in Pakistan offering skills training that meets international standards. More than just a validation of our training quality, this milestone unlocks global employment opportunities for our graduates — equipping them to step into the world as certified professionals, recognized and respected across borders.

Together, we're shaping futures—locally rooted, globally ready.



#### Strengthening Workplace Communication through Capacity Building!

To promote more effective and professional communication across the organization, The Hunar Foundation held an engaging employee training session on Mastering Email Communication at the Head Office in collaboration with SZABIST University. Led by expert trainers from SZABIST, the





session focused on enhancing clarity, tone, and structure in workplace emails, while addressing common pitfalls and best practices. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to nurturing a culture of clear, impactful, and respectful communication within THF.

#### Investing in Wellness: Free Health Screenings for THF Employees!

The Hunar Foundation (THF) recently organized a Free Medical Camp for its employees at the Feroze Fatima Technical Institute (FFTI), reaffirming its commitment to staff health and well-being. In collaboration with EZ Shifa, the camp provided a range of essential services - including vision and hearing screenings, dermatology consultations, medical check-ups, and general assessments. The initiative offered employees a convenient way to prioritize their health and created a supportive space for preventive care. THF continues to foster a culture where the well-being of its team is valued as a foundation for collective impact.



## **Visits & Partnerships**

#### Toward a Skilled Sindh: THF and STEVTA Align for Impact!

The Hunar Foundation (THF) was pleased to host Mr. Tarique Manzoor, Managing Director of STEVTA, Jumani, Director Contract Mr. Abeer Management PPP, at its Head Office. The visit included a tour of the RAAS Institute of Emerging Technologies (RIET) and Saeeda Naseem Technical Institute (SNTI) campuses, offering an in-depth look at THF's training infrastructure and academic model. Discussions focused on potential areas collaboration to strengthen vocational education across Sindh through shared resources, curriculum alignment, and industry engagement. The meeting marked a promising step toward a strategic partnership aimed at expanding access to quality technical training and enhancing youth employability across the province.



#### THF and OGDCL Explore a Skills - Driven Path to Women's Empowerment!



The Hunar Foundation (THF) Team visited the Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd. (OGDCL) Vocational Training Institute in Tando Alam Mari, Hyderabad, to explore a collaborative initiative focused on empowering women through high-impact vocational training. OGDCL expressed strong interest in revitalizing the institute and welcomed THF's support in enhancing its operations and aligning it with national industry standards. In response, THF proposed a modular NVQF - based training model

that integrates technical skills, soft skills, and job placement support. Proposed trades include Stitching, IT, Beautician, and Hospitality — designed to meet local demand and improve women's access to sustainable livelihoods. With shared objectives and complementary capabilities, both organizations are exploring a long-term partnership that could position the institute as a model hub for women's skill development in the region.



#### The Rotary Club and THF Align to Shape Futures!



The Hunar Foundation welcomed past President Mr. Yasin Siddik, Mr. Mian Abrar Ahmed, and Mr. Khalid Hamid, from the Rotary Club Karachi, for a meaningful exchange on empowering underprivileged youth through vocational training. The discussion focused on mobilizing Rotary's vast chapter network to support student sponsorships and engage members in THF's mission of skills-based transformation. With Rotary's global reach and THF's proven training model, both organizations see a powerful opportunity to create long-term pathways for youth advancement and scalable social impact across Pakistan.

#### Wheels of Change: THF & Pink Riders Champion Women's Mobility!

In a bold step toward women's empowerment and greater mobility, The Hunar Foundation (THF) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with



Pink Riders, an organization dedicated to training women in professional motorcycle riding. As part of this pioneering partnership, a pilot program has been launched with 25 THF female students. The training covers road safety, traffic rules, and hands-on motorcycle riding under the guidance of expert instructors. Upon completion, participants will receive learner's driving licenses — opening doors to education, employment, and personal freedom. With plans to expand the initiative nationwide, this collaboration reaffirms THF's commitment to equipping women with practical, life-changing skills.

# THF and Patient Aid Foundation Align to Build a Future-Ready Skilled Workforce!

The Hunar Foundation (THF) welcomed representatives from the Patient Aid Foundation (PAF) to explore a strategic partnership focused on workforce development in both technical and healthcare sectors. PAF expressed interest in upskilling its internal staff — including electricians, AC technicians, and sanitary workers — through THF's RPL-based training programs. In turn, PAF has offered structured internships, on-the-job training,





and employment opportunities for THF graduates across departments such as MEP, patient care, and infection control. Plans are also underway to enhance the capabilities of physiotherapists and support staff at PAF's healthcare facilities. Both organizations are working toward a long-term collaboration that includes guest lectures, industrial visits, and joint certifications — aligning training with real-world application and advancing shared goals of impact, inclusion, and excellence.

## Siemens Pakistan Engages THF Students for Industry Placements!

A team from Siemens Pakistan visited The Hunar Foundation's Delhi Mercantile Society Technical Institute (DMSTI) to conduct interviews with students from key technical trades, including Machinist, CNC operator, Plumber, Welder, and Industrial Electrician. The visit aimed to identify skilled talent for industry placement, reflecting THF's dedication to producing job-ready graduates aligned with market demands. THF is proud to announce that 17 of its students have been hired by Siemens — a testament to the institute's mission of transforming skills into careers and aspirations into achievements.



#### **Global Support Driving Local Impact!**

We gratefully acknowledge the continued support of THF USA, THF UK, and THF Canada, whose contributions have been instrumental in expanding our reach, strengthening program delivery, and ensuring no community is left behind. Their dedication fuels our mission across Pakistan.



# Igniting Entrepreneurial Journeys: THF Emerge Cohort III Grand Finale Takes Center Stage!

The Hunar Foundation's Emerge Incubation Center Cohort III culminated in a dynamic pitch day, where 11 promising startups presented their ventures to a room full of industry leaders, heads of incubation centers, and potential investors. The cohort featured a diverse mix of business ideas — Kaamwala, offering skilled technician services; FoodMoods, focused on nutritious home-based meals; and digital innovation ventures such as CodeBytes and Multisphere Solutions.





After careful review, Mr. Mahboob Shar, CEO and Founder of iCreativez, announced ShelT, led by Rekhta Menahil, as the winning startup. Her initiative aims to empower women—especially single mothers—through digital and financial literacy training, enabling them to become economically self-reliant. The event showcased not only the creativity and commitment of young entrepreneurs but also THF's growing role in fostering inclusive, impact-driven innovation in Pakistan's startup landscape.

### Voice of Impact: Donor Reflection!

I commend The Hunar Foundation for its exceptional work in empowering the youth of Pakistan through quality vocational training. Their commitment to transforming lives by equipping individuals with market-relevant skills is not only admirable but also essential for the development of our nation.





### **Champions of Change!**

The Hunar Foundation shows its gratitude to the following organizations for standing by us in transforming lives and building a more inclusive tomorrow.









#### **Heroes of HUNAR!**

Atiba Ansari, turned her love for beauty into a meaningful livelihood. Through THF's Beautician Level 2 and 3 programs, she honed her craft and joined Faiza's Salon, and built her own home-based clientele. Today, Atiba stands not just as a skilled professional — but as a woman in charge of her future.





Adan Gulzar, joined THF's Fashion Designing course to sharpen his tailoring skills. While working at a local shop, he learned advanced techniques like pattern making and stitching. Today, he applies these skills confidently, earns more, and dreams of opening his own tailoring business — turning passion into a purposeful career.

#### **THF Impact!**





16 Institutes



40<sup>+</sup> Skill Paths



50%<sup>+</sup> Female Students



66% Economically Engaged



15% Pursuing Higher Education



650<sup>+</sup>
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