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GHAZAL NIGHT



Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz
President PACC

PACC arranged a soulful Ghazal Night, featuring a captivating main performance by the renowned singer Karam Abbas Khan, along with other talented singers. The evening also marked the debut performance of his son, Ali Abbas, which was warmly appreciated by the audience.



A view of audience

The event proved truly mesmerizing as PACC members immersed themselves in classical raag-based compositions and timeless ghazals, creating an atmosphere rich in melody, nostalgia, and musical excellence.



Karam Abbas Khan
Singer



Ali Abbas Khan
Singer



Narmila Meghani
Singer



Samina Aslam
Host



CMDR. Tariq Umar presenting shield to Karam Abbas along with Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz and Haider Jafri

Blanket Distribution Ceremony

A blanket distribution drive was organized by Challenger Lions Club to support needy people during the cold season. Blankets were distributed to underprivileged individuals to help them stay warm and safe. The initiative aimed to provide comfort and relief to those facing harsh weather conditions. It was very well organized by Project Chairperson Lion Bashir Ayub and PDG Abdul Rehman.





Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz,
President PACC

PACC organized a soulful Musical Night, featuring Muhammad Waseem, the acclaimed singer visiting from the USA, as the main performer.

His powerful vocals set the tone for an enchanting evening. The event was graced by Amjad Shah, GM PTV, as the Chief Guest. Two additional singers, Anjuman Irfan & Hanif Ikhlq, added variety and made the evening truly memorable.

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Amjad Shah
GM PTV



QAWWALI NIGHT

PACC organized a mesmerizing Qawwali Night featuring the acclaimed duo Ayaz Nizami and Faizan Nizami, who paid a heartfelt tribute to their late father, Ustad Anees Nizami.

Belonging to the illustrious gharana that traces its roots back to the founders of Qawwali, the Nizami brothers delivered a soul-stirring performance infused with classical depth and spiritual devotion. Trained in the rich musical tradition inspired by Amir Khusro, their renditions captivated the audience, making it a truly unforgettable evening celebrating the legacy of Qawwali.



42ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGENDARY PAKISTANI ACTOR

WAHEED MURAD

PACC observed the 42nd death anniversary of Waheed Murad, the iconic "Chocolate Hero" of Pakistani cinema. The evening featured a heartfelt documentary screening and an engaging discussion on his artistic legacy. The Chief Guest of the event was his daughter, Mrs. Aliya Sajjad, who shared touching reflections and memories from his remarkable life.

Waheed Murad's Journey:

Born on 2 October 1938 in Karachi, Waheed Murad went on to redefine romance, charm, and modern style in Pakistani films. His finest movies – including Armaan, Doraha, Anjuman, Ehsaan, Heera aur Pathar, and Andleeb – remain evergreen classics.

With his unique screen presence and versatile performances, he became the most celebrated superstar of his era. Waheed Murad passed away on 23rd November 1983, but his influence continues to shape Pakistani cinema.



MRS. ALIYA SAJJAD
DAUGHTER OF WAHEED MURAD



SYED MAKHDoom ALI RIAZ,
PRESIDENT - PACC



MR. JILANI YOSUF
CHAIRMAN CULTURAL



MR. SHAKIL JAFRI
PRESENTER



MR. MUJEEB JAMAL
PRESENTER



DR. NAAZIR MEHMOOD
PRESENTER



Mr. Javed Qavi



Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz
President PACC

MUSICAL NIGHT JAVED QAVI *Blast from the past*



PACC arranged a soulful Musical Night with Javed Qavi (Chicago), a gifted vocalist renowned for his soulful renditions of classic Pakistani songs from the 1960s to the 1990s. He beautifully recreated the charm of a golden musical era, delivering a nostalgic evening that was warmly enjoyed by all. His exceptional performance received high praise from the attendees



Mr. Nusrat Vohra



A view of audience



Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz (President PACC) presenting bouquet to Javed Qavi



BUILDING A GROWTH MINDSET

PACC, in collaboration with The Linkers, organized an insightful talk on “Building a Growth Mindset” by Faizan Arafat. The session focused on developing positive thinking, resilience, and self-improvement strategies to help individuals achieve personal and professional growth.

The engaging discussion inspired participants to embrace challenges as opportunities for learning. The event concluded with a pleasant hi-tea served to all attendees.



Mr. Faizan Arafat
Speaker



Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz
President PACC



Syed Nusrat Ali
GB Member



Mr. Jilani Yosuf
GB Member



Mr. Ibnul Hasan Rizvi
GB Member



Ahsen Husain
Linkers Member



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- Plantation Ceremony With Mr. Ahmad Iqbal Baloch, Chairman VSH News & President - Gawadar Gym Khana**

Mr. Ahmad Iqbal Baloch expressed his feelings as:

"I am truly grateful to PACC President, Mr. Makhdoom Riaz, and the entire governing body for inviting me to participate in the plantation initiative. This is indeed a commendable and impactful step. *Thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity.*"



- Plantation Ceremony With Mr. Anwar Maqsood, Renowned Scriptwriter**

Mr. Anwar Maqsood expressed his feelings as:

"I am honored to be present at PACC's event in Karachi, a place I have been visiting since 1960, where I have held seven exhibitions and performed many plays, and what makes it truly special is that everyone who comes here leaves with a smile, a sense of awareness and joy, symbolizing hope, and I congratulate everyone on this gracious achievement, wishing you continued happiness and success in your work."



- Plantation Ceremony With Mr. Rana Mehmood Ul Hassan, Chairman Cabinet Committee Senate of Pakistan**

Mr. Rana Mehmood Ul Hassan expressed her feelings as:

"I have arrived at PACC on the invitation of Makhdoom Riaz Sahib, and his team requested my presence here. We planted a tree as part of a plantation activity. We wish for the entire Pakistan to become green and for the country to prosper. I am grateful especially to Makhdoom Riaz Sahib of President PACC, and generally to all his colleagues, for inviting me here, bringing me here, and honoring me with their respect. I am very thankful."



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- Plantation Ceremony With Mr. Ejaz Ali Chhajro, Chairman International Peace Committee for Interfaith Harmony**

Mr. Ejaz Ali Chhajro expressed his feelings as:

'I would like to express that I have come here on the kind invitation of my dear brother, President Makhdoom Riaz Ahmed, on behalf of PACC. This plantation activity is a commendable initiative. It represents greenery and prosperity, a spirit of love and affection, and a symbol of peace and brotherhood.

Our organization also works with the same commitment to promoting peace and harmony. We wish to take this initiative further and encourage everyone to participate in plantation activities.



- Plantation Ceremony With Mr. Irfan Ali Sodhar, Coordinator - Emergency Operation Center for Polio Eradication & Immunization**

Mr. Irfan Ali Sodhar expressed his feelings as:

“Assalam-o-Alaikum.

I am delighted to be at PACC today on the kind invitation of Makhdoom Riaz Sahab and the Executive Committee. The manner in which they are promoting this plantation and green drive is truly commendable. PACC has consistently demonstrated excellence—whether in the education sector or in the cultural sector.

I believe these are the areas in which cooperation between countries should continue to expand. As PACC is a long-standing institution that has been contributing for more than seventy years, its efforts deserve the highest appreciation.

My sincere wishes are that this valuable work continues—particularly their commitment to social service and the promotion of intercultural harmony. It is essential for our youth to understand their own culture as well as the cultures of others. Moreover, learning foreign languages is undoubtedly an important skill that enhances future employment opportunities.

I am thankful to PACC for inviting me and allowing me to be part of this meaningful initiative.

Thank you very much.



Theater Festival

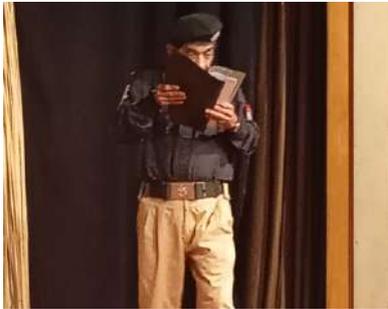
7 Days of Artistic Excellence 🎭🎨

The 7-Day Theater Festival at PACC has been successfully concluded, featuring daily performances from 21st to 28th December at 6:00 PM. Each production showcased exceptional talent, compelling storytelling, and remarkable stage performances that were warmly received by the audience.

The enthusiastic participation of students and the dedicated efforts of performers and organizers contributed significantly to making the festival a memorable success. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who played a role in this vibrant celebration of the performing arts.

DAY 1 : Be-Bas

The drama **“Bebas”**, written and directed by Zahoor Malik, is a compelling story that explores the emotional struggles, relationships, and societal pressures faced by its characters. With a powerful ensemble cast including **Hunny Khan, Shanzay Wardah, Manzoor Malik, Nasra Noor, Kamal Idrees, Sapna Ghazal, Abdullah Lala, Jalil, Sawera Shah, Erma Ahmed, Zulfi, Hashim, and Khaliq**, the drama brings depth and authenticity to the screen. Through strong performances and impactful storytelling, Bebas highlights themes of resilience, sacrifice, and the complexities of human emotions, making it a must-watch production for audiences seeking meaningful entertainment.



DAY 2 : PALNA

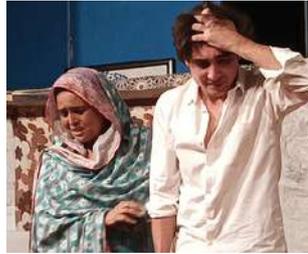


The drama **“Palna”**, directed by Jamal Mujeeb, presents a heartfelt narrative centered around family bonds, emotional journeys, and the values that shape our lives. Featuring a talented cast including **Khan Sadiq, Yousuf Khan, Sapna Ghazal, Sehar Ghazal, Hebaya, Laiba, and Jamal Mujeeb**, the production delivers strong performances that bring depth and realism to the story. Palna beautifully portrays themes of love, responsibility, and personal growth, offering viewers an engaging and meaningful viewing experience.



DAY 3 : PANAAH

The drama **“Panaah”** written by Adam Rathore and directed by Ilyas Nadeem, presents a captivating storyline that delves into the complexities of relationships, emotions, and social realities. With a talented cast including **Warda Shanzay, Zaid Khan, Nasra Noor, M. Salman, Shouki Mastana, Hooriya, Sawera Shah, Afsar Yab Khan, Irma Ahmed, and Parveez Siddiqui**, the production delivers powerful performances that bring the narrative to life. Through compelling direction and strong character portrayals, the drama offers viewers an engaging and emotionally resonant experience.



DAY 4 : BANDAR ROAD SE KIMAARI

The drama **“Bandar Road Se Kimaari”**, written by Sohail Abbasi and directed by Farrukh Darbar, presents a comedy drama. Featuring a dynamic cast including **Sehar Ghazal, Faisal Masood, Hammad Ghani, Danish Balooch, Iqbal Qureshi, Hoorya, Waseem Ahmed, Syed Faisal Syed Masood, Hanzala Umair, M. Moiz Siddiqui, Shamir Rahi, Hunain Usman, M. Naeem, and Aijaz Hussain Solangi**, the production brings authenticity and strong performances, Bandar Road Se Kimaari captures the diverse experiences of its characters, offering audiences a meaningful and engaging viewing experience.



DAY 5 : WAH SAEEN WAH

“Wah Saeen Wah” is a lively comedy drama written by Rasheed Sabir (Late) and directed by Rizwan Sabir. The production brings together a talented cast including **Javeed Akhtar, Muneer Ahmed Sangrah, Nasreen Naz Ameen, Abdul Ghafoor Burhro, Muhammad Waqar, Ghulam Mustafa, Gul Muhammad Lashari, Asma Ali, and Muhammad Sajawal Sinjrani**. With its humorous storytelling and engaging performances, Wah Saeen Wah offers light-hearted entertainment while subtly reflecting everyday social situations, making it an enjoyable experience for audiences of all ages.



DAY 6 : SAAS NA AYI RAAS

“*Saas Na Ayi Raas*”, written and directed by **Adam Rathore**, is a compelling drama that explores the delicate dynamics of family relationships, particularly the bond between a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. Featuring a talented cast including **Shanzay Warda, Sapna Ghazal, Abdullah Lala, Samina Kauser, Master Salar, Nida Qureshi, Eeman, and Kamal Idrees**, the production delivers strong performances filled with emotion and realism. Through engaging storytelling and relatable characters, *Saas Na Ayi Raas* highlights the challenges, misunderstandings, and heartfelt moments that shape family life.



DAY 7 : ZEVAR KA KHOT

The drama, written and directed by **Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz**, offers a thought-provoking narrative that sheds light on the commercialization of education in today's society. Featuring a talented cast including **Shenzay Warda, Shahid Aziz, Eeman, Haroon Chand, Ilyass Nadeem, Bazad Khan, Afsar Yab Khan, Shouki Mastana, Sawera Shah, and Hamza Rajput**, the production delves into how education has increasingly been treated as a business rather than a fundamental right. Through compelling storytelling and impactful performances, the drama explores the challenges, ethical dilemmas, and societal implications of this shift, prompting viewers to reflect on the true value of learning in a profit-driven world.



THE END

THE TEMPEST

A THEATRICAL TRIUMPH BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDENTS.



“We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep.” – William Shakespeare, The Tempest.

The Tempest

The auditorium of the Pakistan American Cultural Center (PACC) came alive with magic, music, and mesmerizing performances on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, as the PACC English Language Students brought to life Shakespeare’s timeless masterpiece, The Tempest... A Tale of Magic, Revenge, and Forgiveness.



The play follows Prospero, the exiled Duke of Milan, who uses his potent magic to rule a remote, enchanted island with his daughter, Miranda. He conjures a powerful storm, or “Tempest”, to shipwreck his treacherous brother and the King of Naples on his shores. Over the course of the day, Prospero orchestrates events to take revenge, secure his daughter’s future with the King’s son, and finally, choose forgiveness over vengeance, promising to abandon his magic and return to Milan.



The hour-long performance, the first grand production of the newly launched PACC English Language Theatrical Society, transported the audience to Prospero’s enchanted island through captivating acting, elegant costumes, and spellbinding backdrops. The sets shimmered like starlit dreams, perfectly capturing the mystical essence of Shakespeare’s world.

The event was graced by Mr. Makhdoom Ali Riaz, President PACC, Mr. Muzaffar Arif, Executive Director, Mr. Syed Nusrat Ali, ELP Chairperson, and Mrs. Merzieh Shah, ELP Manager, whose encouraging presence added warmth and pride to the occasion.

The students’ performances were met with admiration and applause, their command of language and expression a true testament to their learning journey at PACC. The celebration concluded with a delightful feast of biryani and firni, leaving both hearts and appetites full.

With The Tempest setting sail as its first voyage, the PACC English Language Theatrical Society has begun a new and inspiring chapter — where language, art, and imagination unite on stage.



Innovation in Teaching Techniques - FJR

The English Language Program (ELP) continually innovates teaching techniques to strengthen students' confidence and command over the target language. As part of this ongoing effort, monthly grammar initiatives are designed to actively engage all ELP students in meaningful and enjoyable learning experiences. December witnessed the following innovative approaches:

a. Visual Voices!

On December 11, 2025, the car park area of the PACC FJR Campus was transformed into a vibrant hub of interactive learning. The Beginner Level students of Ms. Shahnaz Khanani, hosted a "Mini Picture Talk Fair" that proved language learning can be both fun and functional. Creative sentence-building stations, engaging visual prompts, including challenging word searches & puzzles kept the ELP students engaged.

b. Change the Mindset, Change Your Life. Empowering the Leaders of Tomorrow.

On December 8, 2025, the PACC FJR Campus buzzed with energy as the students of Advanced 1, under the guidance of Ms. Fauzia Saad, hosted a transformative motivational session. The classroom became a hub of inspiration, proving that a shift in perspective can truly change your mind set and change your life. This was a motivational session in which students of Advanced-One made participants aware of their thoughts and beliefs that they possess without being aware. It is actually not our own way of thinking but has been embedded into our systems by the environment and our family traditions. The activity was presented by sharing a questionnaire about a fixed mindset.

c. Poverty is the mother of Crime! A Dramatic Exploration of Social Realities.

The open stage at PACC FJR Campus was transformed into a powerful theatrical venue on December 8, 2025. "Poverty is the Mother of Crime." It started with creative story-telling regarding social concepts related to poverty. It was well- executed by the students and the audience were thoroughly involved in the concepts.



Celebration Success in The Winter Sun! - FJR

A delightful garden party was arranged by the ELP Faculty and office staff to celebrate Mrs. Merzieh Shah's promotion as Senior Manager, ELP (All Centers). The December weather was simply glorious, perfectly complementing the warm and cheerful atmosphere of the midday gathering.

The lunch was a true feast, prepared potluck-style, with each host and hostess bringing a signature dish. The result was impressive—an array of delectable dishes and desserts. From spicy specialties to sweet temptations, there was something for every palate, and more than enough for everyone to "just try a little bit more".

The colourful chairs, bright garden umbrellas, and fresh flower bouquets added a vibrant charm to the event, making the lawn look as though it had been styled by nature itself—with help from enthusiastic ELP staff. The entire setting filled everyone with pride and the laughter, warm wishes, and friendly teasing made the celebration even more memorable.



Cricket Match. A Roaring Success! - FJR

The month of December started with the ELP- Sports Society setting the cricket pitch ablaze with friendly rivalry on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at Sport-One, Clifton. The two formidable teams, the White Tigers and the Black Panthers battled it out in an exciting 5-Over showdown that had everyone on the edge of their seats. The White Tigers won the tournament.

The air was electric, fueled by the enthusiastic presence of PACC dignitaries, Syed Makhdoom Ali Riaz- President, PACC, Chairman ELP Committee- Syed Nusrat Ali, Governing Board Member- Ms. Fatima Naqvi, Executive Director- Mr. Muzaffar Arif Khan and the Senior Manager – ELP, Ms. Merzieh Shah.

The cricket match initiative transformed the afternoon into a massive, unforgettable hit. The students and faculty members added the zest & fervor to the sporty afternoon with cheers and sighs.

The action was non-stop!

With 9 talented members on each side, the match was smoothly guided by the umpire, Tayyab Arif, while the commentator, Umar Muzaffar, kept the energy level going with his lively commentary. The score-keeper, Andrea Lawrence, kept a vigilant eye on the singles, fours and sixes.

A special moment came when the Executive Director, Mr. Muzaffar Arif Khan, took to the crease, briefly reliving his boyhood cricket days by hitting two sixers. He exhibited his bowling techniques to the youngsters too.

What a fantastic display of teamwork and enthusiasm. Truly a sixer for PACC- ELP!



Sunset on our Classroom Wall! - FJR

Level 2 students recently worked on an engaging project from their course book titled “Colors of the World.” With the permission and guidance of their teacher, Ms. Nakhoda, ten students collaborated to paint a beautiful sunset scene on one of the classroom walls. The mural was completed with great care and creativity, reflecting the students’ artistic abilities.

As part of the activity, each student shared why they chose to paint a sunset—explaining what the colors, the scene, and the idea of a sunset meant to them personally. Their reflections added depth to the project and highlighted their growing confidence in expressing themselves in English. Overall, it was a vibrant and memorable project that encouraged teamwork, creativity, and meaningful communication among the students.



PACC CELEBRATES THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS (DIWALI) - FJR

Light over darkness, hope over despair, and knowledge over ignorance — that is the spirit of Diwali." On Friday, October 17th, 2025, the Pakistan American Cultural Center (PACC) glowed with warmth and joy as the English Language Program celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights. The celebration brought together faculty, students, administrative and support staff in a beautiful spirit of inclusivity and harmony.

The evening sparkled with Phuljharis, firecrackers, and laughter, while colorful Rangoli made from flowers and clay lamps adorned the space. Chilli lights added to the festive sparkle, creating an effervescent atmosphere filled with joy. Informative speeches helped students understand the significance of Diwali in the Hindu community, enriching their cultural awareness. Leading the celebration, ELP Manager, Mrs. Merzieh Shah, encouraged students to embrace the values of unity, respect, and diversity — the true spirit of PACC. The event concluded with sweets, smiles, and a shared sense of togetherness that illuminated the night.



TALES FROM TINY THINKERS – CHILDREN’S WRITING COMPETITION - FJR

On Saturday, October 18th, 2025, the classrooms of PACC’s Saturday School buzzed with creativity and imagination as young writers took part in an exciting Writing Competition. Guided by their teachers’ encouragement and fueled by their own ideas, the children poured their hearts onto paper, crafting delightful stories, poems, and essays that showcased their budding talent.

The activity was not only a competition but also a joyful celebration of self-expression and creative thinking. From whimsical adventures to heartfelt reflections, the young participants produced true masterpieces, leaving their teachers deeply impressed and proud.

The event captured the spirit of PACC — nurturing young minds to think, imagine, and express themselves confidently through the power of words.

A Quick Stroll to the Beach

Feeling bored at home, I decided to take a quick stroll to the beach. As I walked down the sandy path, I could already hear the soft sound of the waves calling me. The first thing that struck me was the gentle waves splashing against the shore. The sky matched the color of the sea, and it looked as if they were both fusing into each other like a painting.

There were not many people on the beach—mostly kids building sandcastles and laughing while their parents sat nearby, enjoying the cool breeze and the beautiful view. I noticed some litter scattered around, so I decided to clean up a bit. After a while, the beach looked much cleaner and brighter.

When I looked closely at the sand, I saw tiny shells shining in the sunlight. I began to collect them one by one, carefully choosing the most colorful ones. The sun was beginning to set, and the sky turned orange and pink, reflecting on the water.

Soon, I headed home with my hands full of shells. I washed and dried them and used them to make a pretty wind chime that now hangs by my window, reminding me of my lovely evening at the beach.

Written by Rania Qazi, Age: 12

Running Dictation - FJR

A Sprint to Success: Running Dictation at PACC!

What happens when you mix grammar practice with a good old-fashioned footrace? You get the incredibly fun and educational Running Dictation!

Today, Thursday, November 6, 2025, the PACC-open stage area was transformed into an arena of learning as different levels of the English Language Program (ELP) participated in this lively game.

It was more than just running; it was a lesson in teamwork and communication. A designated "runner" from each class dashed to the teacher, quickly memorized a sentence, and sprinted back to dictate it to their classmates.

Students learned first-hand the crucial importance of active listening, the impact of tone and clarity, and the thrill of picking up new vocabulary. Their writing and listening skills got a phenomenal workout!

The event was a massive hit. Students absolutely loved the out-door, high-energy format and took time to reflect on the skills they gained.



ELP @ FJR hosts a Baby Shower for Mariam Saleem! FJR

English Language Program (ELP) @ FJR hosted a delightful baby shower for Mom-to-be, Mariam Saleem, who is a wonderful and very popular faculty member, which was expertly organized by ELP Manager, Mrs. Merzieh Shah.

The afternoon was filled with laughter and fun games, including guessing baby pictures of teachers, nursery rhyme charade, and the dress-the-baby challenge.

A scrumptious lunch, courtesy, Merzieh Shah, was served with the delectable Burmese dish Khao-suey, Persian Soya Pulao, Shirazi salad & Russian Salad with delightful desserts- Lotus Cake and Shahi Tukray.

A highlight was the presentation of a special 'Book of Predictions'. This beautifully crafted keepsake, lovingly made by Ms. Andrea Lawrence, was presented by Mrs. Merzieh Shah to Mariam. It was filled with wishes and fun predictions (by the teachers) for the new baby and mom.

It was a truly warm, memorable, and fun get-together for the ELP family! We send our warmest wishes to Mariam!



ELP Students Trade Desks for Discovery in the "Talk & Trek" Scavenger Hunt! - FJR

Ditch the desks and forget the flashcards! The Advanced Conversation and Level-5 & 6 students at PACC recently took their English skills on a wild outdoor adventure with the "Talk & Trek Scavenger Hunt." This was a 20-task linguistic gauntlet designed to make our students think and speak fluently and creatively in the real world.

The Treks & The Talks:

From nature's geometry to architectural opinions, teams found objects and used complex grammar to discuss them.

Students armed with curiosity and teamwork, stepped outside to complete creative and real-world tasks: finding something man-made but used in nature, the smallest leaf of flower, and smooth vs. rough textures. They debated pollution clean-up, argued a moral dilemma about picking a flower, and discussed a misunderstood rule in a staff interview.

The hunt demanded creativity, requiring three-line poems, compelling conditional opinions, and persuasive arguments for "The Perfect Spot".

It culminated with a powerful use of the future perfect tense to predict the area's look in 50 years.

This high-energy trek was a powerful reminder that the best way to learn is by talking, and laughing—all at the same time. The students didn't just find objects; they found their voices, confidence, and a new level of fluency! Way to go, ELP students!



Board Game - KMB

A large Snakes & Ladders board with discussion questions was placed at the center of the students. Each student rolled the dice in turn and spoke five sentences in response to a question. The activity sparked humorous and spontaneous replies, including one from Zaeema, who shared that she had never traveled outside Karachi.

Questions covered topics such as favorite music bands, role models, vlogging vs. blogging, and opinions on AI. The activity encouraged impromptu speaking, helping students use the target language confidently and without hesitation.



“A Splash of Fun: Colourful Tie & Dye Adventure!” - KMB

The Level -1 students eagerly dived into the Tie and Dye activity, turning the classroom into a colorful (and slightly chaotic) art studio! They learned how to twist, fold, and dye fabric to create amazing patterns — and also discovered that dye has a sneaky way of finding its way onto hands, faces, and even shoes! Working in teams, they laughed through the mess, shared ideas, and realized that teamwork sometimes means rescuing a friend’s shirt from turning into a rainbow disaster. In the end, their creativity shone as brightly as their multi-colored fingers, and everyone proudly showed off their masterpieces with smiles and giggles all around.

POVERTY!



Oh Poverty! Do you remember when you crept into our once-happy home over three decades ago, uninvited and shamelessly settled yourself in? You were never welcomed, yet you made yourself a permanent guest, robbing us of joy and filling our lives with misery. Though every member of our family despised you, we were forced to tolerate your hateful presence. You seemed to take delight in our suffering, smiling cruelly at our pain instead of showing an ounce of decency and leaving us in peace.

Whenever we faced hardship, you rejoiced. Our children’s tears and unfulfilled wishes became your satisfaction. You deprived them of happiness and acted innocent, pretending you had no hand in their sorrow. We knew your cunning nature too well — you can turn the rich poor in no time, just as you did to us. Truly, “Wolves may lose their teeth but not their habits” — and so it is with you.

But now, your reign is ending. Our days of trial are fading, and we can almost hear your jealous sighs as we rise again. Are you still here, Poverty, or have you already left in shame? If so, good riddance! Farewell, Poverty — may you never return to cast your shadow on our home again.

By S.Z. Ahmed
Officer -In-Charge, KMB



Life of a Samosa on Social Media Platforms!

Twitter – I am eating a samosa

Facebook – I like samosa

YouTube – This is how I eat my samosa

LinkedIn – My skills include samosa eating

Instagram – Here is a classic photo of my samosa

Blog – Here is my Samosa experience

Pinterest – Here's a samosa recipe

Written by Manal Batool, age: 12

ACROSTIC POEM

"SUNSET"

Sky turning shades of orange and pink

Under the horizon the sun sinks low

Night slowly begins to appear

Stars peak through the fading lights

Evening breeze feels calm and cool

Trees stand quietly against the glowing sky.

Written by a Saturday School Advanced Class Student

Debate Contest - KMB

The level-3 students enthusiastically participated in a debate contest on the thought-provoking topic, "Is the mobile a curse or a blessing for the new generation?" The participants expressed strong arguments from both sides, showcasing their growing confidence and command of English. Those in favor highlighted how mobile phones connect people, aid learning, and provide access to information, while the opposing team emphasized the negative impact of excessive screen time and social media addiction. The audience listened keenly, enjoying the lively exchange of ideas. The activity not only improved students' speaking and critical thinking skills but also encouraged them to express opinions clearly and respectfully.





GRADUATION CEREMONY - HYD

The Graduation Ceremony at Pakistan American Cultural Center (PACC- HYD) was a memorable celebration of dedication, growth, and success. The event honored the hard work and achievements of students who completed their English Language Diploma. The ceremony was hosted by Manager-HYD, Sadia Syed. The Chief Guest was Prof. Dr. Amjad Ali Arain, Vice Chancellor of Government College University, Hyderabad. It was truly an evening filled with pride, joy, and hope for brighter futures!



Ms. Sadia Syed
Manager-HYD



Prof. Dr. Amjad Ali Arain
Chief Guest



Ms. Sadia Syed - Manager-HYD
presented a bouquet to
Prof. Dr. Amjad Ali Arain



FEMALE EDUCATION - HYD

The students of PACC-HYD staged a powerful drama on female education on Oct. 9th, highlighting its importance in building a progressive and balanced society. Through their inspiring performances, they portrayed the struggles faced by girls in pursuing education and emphasized how learning empowers women to achieve their dreams and contribute towards national development. The play delivered a strong message that educating a girl means educating an entire generation, leaving the audience deeply moved and motivated to support equal educational opportunities for all.



School Scholarship Program Communication Skills Course -

HYD

The 20 -hour Scholarship Program for students and teachers successfully commenced on 7th November. Scholarship Holders were very excited to be taking the conversation classes at PACC-HYD. A total of 51 students attended it.



Vlogging - **HYD**

The students' vlog activity beautifully captured their learning, creativity, and sense of purpose. Through their videos, they shared moments of discovery, teamwork, and personal growth in a fun and authentic way.



Heroes in Action - **HYD**

The students at PACC took part in a fun ESL activity by performing a character show, bringing heroes like Batman and Superman to life. They thoroughly enjoyed it and want to do another set of characters.



Children's English language Program Graduation Day -

HYD

The English for Kids Program concluded with joyful smiles, confident young speakers, and proud little learners. On graduation day, these little angels delighted everyone with their skits and heartfelt speeches, sharing their journey and wonderful experiences at PACC. It was a truly memorable celebration of their growth and achievements.



Poster Presentation - **HYD**

The poster presentation held at PACC Hyderabad was an engaging and vibrant academic event where students confidently showcased their research work. The atmosphere was energetic, with participants discussing ideas, explaining their findings, and answering questions from teachers and visitors.



Winter Camp for Kids - FJR

PACC offers an 18-hour Creative Writing Winter Camp for Kids, specially designed to nurture young imaginations and build confident writers. The camp runs from December 22 to January 2, 2026, providing a joyful and engaging learning experience during the winter break.

Through age-appropriate activities, storytelling, fun writing tasks, group discussions, and guided creativity, children will explore the art of expressing ideas, emotions, and imagination in words. The camp encourages originality, language development, and self-confidence in a warm, supportive environment. We let the child turn winter holidays into a journey of creativity, expression, and learning—only at PACC.



Ajrak Day Celebrated at KMB

December 12th brought a beautiful Ajrak day celebration at the Karimabad Campus. It was a late afternoon engagement highlighting a focused effort to celebrate regional heritage through student participation and community gathering.

Dressed in Ajrak Chaadars and Sindhi Topi got the vibe going. Students spoke about the importance of Sindhi Culture Day and shared the history behind Ajrak; its roots trace back to 4000 years to the Indus Valley Civilization. The crimson red and indigo blue colors in geometric patterns are mandatory. It is made through a 20-step “resist-dyeing” process and its hand printed colors and design. It is regarded as a symbol of respect and honor.

The program concluded with an engaging quiz contest, a formal thanking note by S.Z Ahmed, OIC-KMB, group photographs and refreshments.



Visit to TDF MagnifiScience Center - HYD

TDF Trip – 2nd December, 2025 was a day filled with curiosity, discovery, and excitement as PACC organized an educational visit to the TDF MagnifiScience Center. The trip transformed classroom learning into a hands-on experience, allowing students to explore science through interactive exhibits and engaging activities. The visit sparked curiosity, encouraged critical thinking, and created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and wonder. Overall, the trip proved to be an enriching and memorable learning experience for all participants, blending education with enjoyment in a truly inspiring way.



Rotary Club of Karachi Metropolitan and Inner Wheel Annual Debate Contest.

“SOCIAL MEDIA IS DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD FOR THE YOUNG GENERATION”

The Rotary International Metropolitan Club, Karachi, and the Inner Wheel Metropolitan Club, held its 23rd Annual Inter-School Debate Contest at the Mövenpick Hotel. Mrs Merzieh Shah was invited as a Judge and Tabulator at the event which was organized under the expert leadership of Ms. Tayaba Ahad- a PACC Alumnus and the wife of the famous Architect, Ejaz Ahad, who designed Habib University and the Ahad Block for ELP @ FJR. Tayaba has successfully managed this prestigious competition for 23 consecutive years, fostering eloquence and critical thinking among young debaters.

Thirteen prominent O-Level schools took part in the heated debate on the topic “Social Media Is Doing More Harm Than Good for the Young Generation.” Among the participants were Karachi Grammar School, Convent of Jesus and Mary, St. Joseph’s Convent, St. Patrick’s High School, Mama Parsi School, and several other well-known institutions.

After a close contest, Karachi Grammar School clinched the first position, while Mama Parsi School impressively secured both the second and third places.



Badminton Competition - KMB

The Badminton Competition for Level 3 students was successfully organized and conducted by Syed Munawwar Ali, providing an excellent opportunity for students to engage in a healthy and competitive sporting activity. The class was divided into two groups, and each student played against an assigned opponent, ensuring that everyone had a chance to showcase their skills and enthusiasm for the game. Throughout the event, students demonstrated great sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination, making the competition both enjoyable and inspiring. The overall response from participants was highly positive, with many expressing appreciation for the well-organized and engaging nature of the activity. After careful evaluation and scoring on the points table, four students emerged as the top performers and were declared winners: Abdul Hai, Kashif Khan, Baseera, and Urooj. Their dedication, performance, and competitive spirit were duly recognized, making the event a memorable and motivating experience for all involved.



PAKISTAN GLOBAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS (PGMUN) - HYD

PACC Hyderabad organized an awareness session in collaboration with the Pakistan Global Model United Nations (PGMUN). The event took place on October 28, 2025, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the PACC Auditorium, Hyderabad.

The PGMUN is a renowned academic simulation of the United Nations that gathers students and young leaders from various institutions to discuss significant global issues, diplomacy, and international relations. This initiative aims to strengthen participants' communication, negotiation, public speaking, and leadership skills while promoting awareness of global challenges and fostering international cooperation.

Students from different educational institutions joined the session. They along with PACC students represented various UN member states, engaging in formal debates and discussions on international affairs.



Pink Ribbon Day- HYD



On Oct. 20th, an enlightening Breast cancer & HIV awareness session featuring Dr. Nasreen Inayat, a researcher from Canada conducted the session. She emphasized on the importance of early detection, prevention and community awareness. The session inspired participants to take proactive measures towards better health and well-being.



Dr. Nasreen Inayat



Ms. Sadia Syed - Manager-HYD presented a bouquet to Dr. Nasreen Inayat



In Grateful Remembrance

Remembering Zuleika Agha

Zuleika Agha's association with the Pakistan American Cultural Center spanned over four decades, from 1972 to 2012, during which she served in several key leadership roles including Director ELP, Director Cultural, Officer-in-Charge ELP, In-Charge of the Test Cell and as an ELP facilitator. Her work was marked by vision, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to academic and assessment excellence. She played a pivotal role in shaping systems, strengthening standards, and mentoring teams across departments. Her legacy continues to guide the values of professionalism and dedication at PACC, and she is remembered with deep respect and gratitude.



In Memoriam: Hamida Usman

Hamida Usman served PACC with dedication from 1977 to 2010 for over three decades as an ESL facilitator and a corporate trainer. An educator at heart, she brought clarity, patience, and purpose to every classroom she entered. Her contribution to corporate training helped extend PACC's educational reach beyond traditional learning spaces, while her work with ESL learners reflected her deep commitment to language education. Colleagues and students remember her for her sincerity, professionalism, and enduring influence on countless learners.



A Legacy of Leadership: Rehana Ursani

Rehana Ursani's remarkable 31-year association with PACC, from 1978 to 2012, stands as the longest tenure as Officer-in-Charge, Hyderabad. An accomplished trainer and steadfast administrator, she led with consistency, resilience, and an unshakeable sense of responsibility. Through changing times, she upheld institutional values, supported faculty, and ensured a stable learning environment for students. Her leadership left an indelible mark on the Hyderabad center, and her legacy remains a benchmark of dedication and service.



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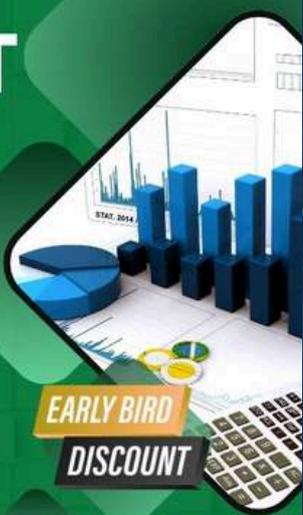
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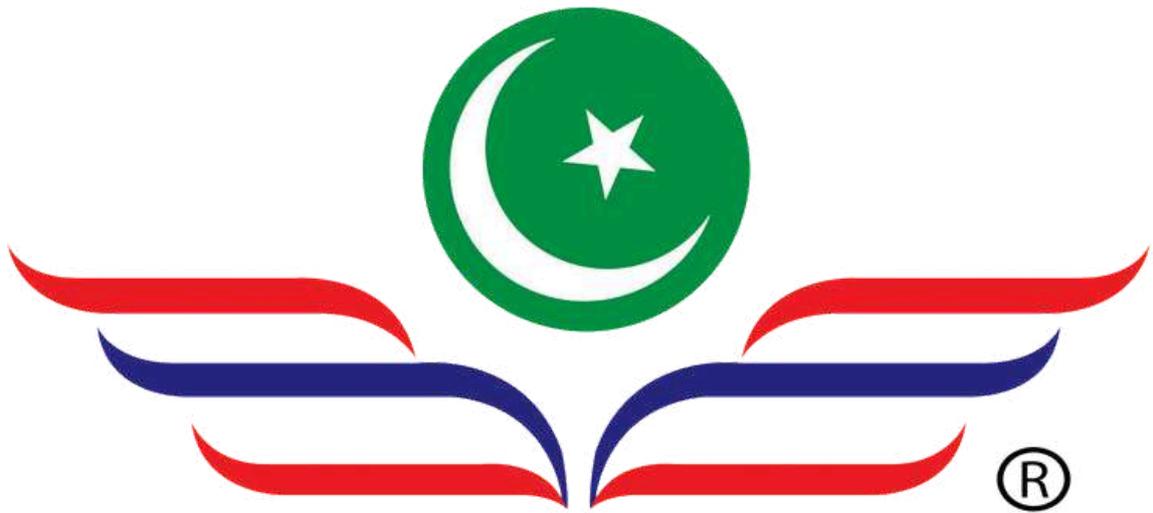
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