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SCOOP is TIP's stitched-together tapestry of stories, insights, and updates. From industry trends to student and employee achievements, from alumni milestones to creative sparks, every thread weaves a connection across our community. Our signature yarn-ball OO's remind us that at TIP, learning, innovation, and inspiration are always intertwined.

INAUGURATING THE FUTURE:

LEARNING & INNOVATION HUB (LIH) OPENS AT TIP

Mrs. Margaret Majeed, Board member Mr. Nadeem Maqbool , Chancellor Nausheen Ahmad, President Dr. Zubair Bandukda along with donors, faculty, management and alumni at the event

On 14 February 2026, a new chapter began with the unveiling of the Learning & Innovation Hub (LIH); a vibrant space where imagination meets industry, and classroom ideas transform into real-world innovation. The launch brought together the very community that makes TIP thrive. Esteemed donors, including **Mrs. Margaret Majeed** of the Majeed Family, donor representatives from **Kaizen Paints, Soorty Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.** joined board members Mr. Nadeem Maqbool and Mr. Abid Omar**,** alumni, faculty, and students to mark the occasion.

The inauguration also celebrated the success of two hands-on, industry-focused workshops: *Tech Pack & Design Analysis* and *AI in Design Applications*, where 21 participants explored the tools and techniques shaping the modern textile landscape under the guidance of expert trainers.

Industry leaders from eight top textile and apparel companies joined the festivities, sparking conversations on future collaborations, curriculum innovation, and partnerships that promise to keep TIP at the forefront of applied learning.

As a special token of the milestone, attendees received a scarf inspired by TIP's landscapes and philosophy; a symbol of curiosity, creativity, and forward-thinking education, while Dunkin' Donuts kept the conversation flowing with coffee and donuts.

The launch of LIH is more than just a ribbon-cutting; it's the start of a new chapter for TIP, one that champions inquiry, applied learning, collaboration, and innovation at every step.

Thanks to the **Abdullah Foundation**, a Sapphire Group initiative, for their donation and support, in absentia at the ceremony.

As TIP continues its journey toward institutional transformation, LIH stands as a testament to what can be achieved when donors, industry, alumni, faculty, and students come together with shared purpose.

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Strategic Planning

Resource Development

FROM VISION TO ACTION: CASCADING TIP'S FIVE-YEAR STRATEGY

On 14 February, Textile Institute of Pakistan moved from vision to velocity.

In a focused Strategy Cascade Session led by strategic consultant Mr. Zaid Kerai, the Board-approved Five-Year Strategic Plan was translated from document to direction, from aspiration to departmental action. What had once lived in boardrooms was now mapped onto real workplans, real KPIs, and real accountability.

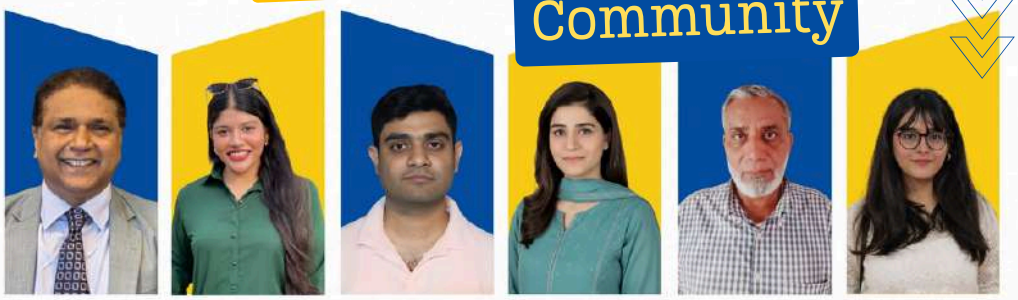
Dr. Salman Abbasi, Vice President, highlighted the strategic alliances strengthening TIP's growth trajectory, while Chancellor Ms. Nausheen Ahmad underscored a culture of measurable outcomes, reminding departments that progress must be tracked as rigorously as it is imagined.

Chancellor Nausheen Ahmad , President Dr. Zubair Bandukda, Vice President Dr. Salman Abbasi , Mr Zaid Kerai with faculty and management.

The message was clear: alignment is power, and SMART goals are the engine of institutional transformation.

As the formal session transitioned into an energetic networking exchange, conversations sparked around curriculum enhancement, collaborative research, and innovation-driven partnerships. Ideas flowed freely, many poised to evolve into future strategic initiatives that will further energize TIP's academic ecosystem.

Welcome to the Community



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BUILDING SYNERGY ACROSS TIP | TEAM BUILDING & COMMUNICATION RETREAT 2026

Ms. Fauzia Kerai Khan, President Dr Zubair Bandukda, Vice President Dr. Salman Abbasi with management and faculty

On 16 February, TIP pressed pause on routine and leaned into reflection. Our Team Building and Communication Retreat, held at the Campus and facilitated by Ms. Fauzia Kerai Khan of I&B, brought faculty and managers into a shared space of energy, honesty, and movement. Through experiential activities and open dialogue, teams stepped beyond titles and departments to examine how they communicate, collaborate, and carry collective responsibility.

Participants explored practical strategies to strengthen coordination and sharpen decision-making, leaving with more than insights, they left with alignment. The retreat reaffirmed a simple but powerful truth: at TIP, collaboration is not left to chance. It is designed, nurtured, and lived.

Walls softened. Conversations deepened. Silos gave way to synergy.

FROM IDEAS TO IMPACT: LIH WORKSHOPS TRANSFORM SKILLS ACROSS 8 COMPANIES

In the first months of 2026, Learning & Innovation Hub (LIH) transformed concepts into tangible skills. Two immersive workshops brought together **21 professionals from eight leading textile companies**, blending theory with hands-on practice. Certificates were presented during the LIH inauguration on 14 February, celebrating participants' commitment to growth and TIP's role in bridging the gap between academia and industry.

On 17 January , the Tech Pack Design & Analysis Workshop gave professionals from Sonic Textile Industries, Knittex Garments, Artistic Milliners, and Denim-E the tools to streamline communication across design, sourcing, and production. Guided by alumnus Mr. Aquil Halai (Ochre and Mumtaz) and Dr. Umair A. Siddiqui, participants tackled real-world challenges, turning collaborative learning into actionable workplace solutions..

On 7 February , the AI in Design Applications Workshop opened new frontiers in design innovation. Ten participants from Yunus Textile Mills, Mekotex, Union Fabrics, and Liberty Mills explored how AI can boost creativity and efficiency. With guidance from industry expert Mr. Arsalan A. Khan and TIP's Mr. Faisal Osman, attendees turned emerging technologies into strategies they could immediately apply in their organizations.

CAMPUS CONNECT : OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

This month, TIP's Campus Connect buzzed with energy, bringing 1,293 students from 10 colleges and universities onto one stage of curiosity and opportunity. Time Collegiate led the charge, while E-Complex College, NED University, Bravian College, and Fatimiyah College added their voices to a chorus of engagement. The mix of institutions highlights TIP's growing footprint and the rising excitement around its programs — proving that our reach is expanding, and our story is being noticed far and wide.

This outreach cycle boosted TIP's admissions pipeline, deepening ties with key colleges while expanding our reach - paving the way for stronger conversions in the next intake.

Highest Contribution

- Time Collegiate – 505 (≈39% of total)

Other Major Contributors

- E-Complex College – 190 (≈15%)
- NED University – 126 (≈10%)
- Bravian College – 110 (≈9%)
- Fatimiyah College – 100 (≈8%)
- Bel College – 78
- Concept College Thatta – 55
- Commecs College – 55
- Cadet College Steel Town – 37
- Madar-e-Milat College Steel Town – 37

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

- 1,293 total participants
- 10 institutions engaged
- 505 participants from Time Collegiate
- Engagement across both colleges and university-level institutions
- Strong pipeline potential for future admissions and partnerships

Academia

ACADEMIA X INDUSTRY UPDATES

On 4 February 2026, first-year students visited **Alkaram Textile Mills** as part of TIP's industry exposure program, getting a firsthand look at textile operations. The visit gave them a front-row view of real-world operations, turning abstract concepts into tangible learning and setting the stage for deeper understanding in their courses.

On 9 February 2026, TIP's fourth-year Textile Science students went behind the scenes at **SGS Pakistan**, witnessing how global standards come to life. From testing and inspections to certifications and quality checks, they saw classroom theory transform into real-world practice; a firsthand glimpse into the standards shaping the textile industry worldwide.

On 11 February 2026, TIP's third-year Textile Design and Technology students visited **The Green Ark,** witnessing recycled waste turn into yarn, resin, film, and durable bricks. The experience brought sustainable production and circular design concepts to life, offering hands-on insight into eco-friendly innovation.

Learning meets experience through industry visits, preparing our graduates for the global stage.

ORIC

ORIC X UGWAO

On 5 February 2026, TIP's team stepped onto Ugawo Agritech Farmhouse, turning a simple visit into a journey of discovery. Every corner sparked ideas; from testing the soil for **sisal cultivation** to exploring plantation models and fiber extraction techniques. Conversations flowed around sustainable practices, commercial viability, and innovative applications, giving the team hands-on insight into how natural fibers can shape the future of textiles. The visit not only strengthened academia-industry collaboration but also brought TIP's vision of sustainable, next-generation textile innovation vividly to life.

Strategic Initiatives

STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS

TIP X IBA CEE

TIP has partnered with IBA's Centre for Executive Education to launch a Diploma in Textile Leadership & Management. This strategic alliance, in collaboration with OPEN Karachi, aims to strengthen the country's textile talent pool. The program, set to begin in April 2026, will equip professionals with the skills and insights needed to lead the industry into the future.

TIP X ARE VENTURES

On 24 February , TIP signed an MoU with ARE Ventures to collaborate on alumni engagement and brand partnerships. The agreement introduces exclusive discounts for TIP students, alumni, and faculty across affiliated brands. It also paves the way for joint marketing initiatives and promotional activities. This partnership strengthens industry linkages while creating added value for the TIP community.

EVENTS

15TH GLOBAL WOMENS SUMMIT

On 3 February 2026, TIP participated in the 15th Global WOMEN'S SUMMIT organized by New World Concepts, where international and local leaders discussed women's inclusion in industry. Nausheen Ahmad, Chancellor TIP, moderated a panel, while senior leadership contributed to conversations shaping gender equity in the corporate world.

IBA CEE - MEET AND GREET

On 13 February 2026, TIP stepped into IBA-Centre for Executive Education's Meet & Greet at the Services Mess, a vibrant gathering of trainers, faculty, industry experts, and partners. President TIP and senior academic leaders joined the conversations, forging connections and sparking new opportunities for collaboration between the two institutions.

SCALING ACCESS AND IMPACT

Donation Highlights

- Lead contribution: Majeed Family Office
- Major institutional support: Abdullah Foundation
- Infrastructure sponsorship: Kaizen Paints Pvt Ltd
- Recent addition: Soorty Enterprises Pvt Ltd
- LIH symbolizes renewed industry confidence in TIP's strategic direction.

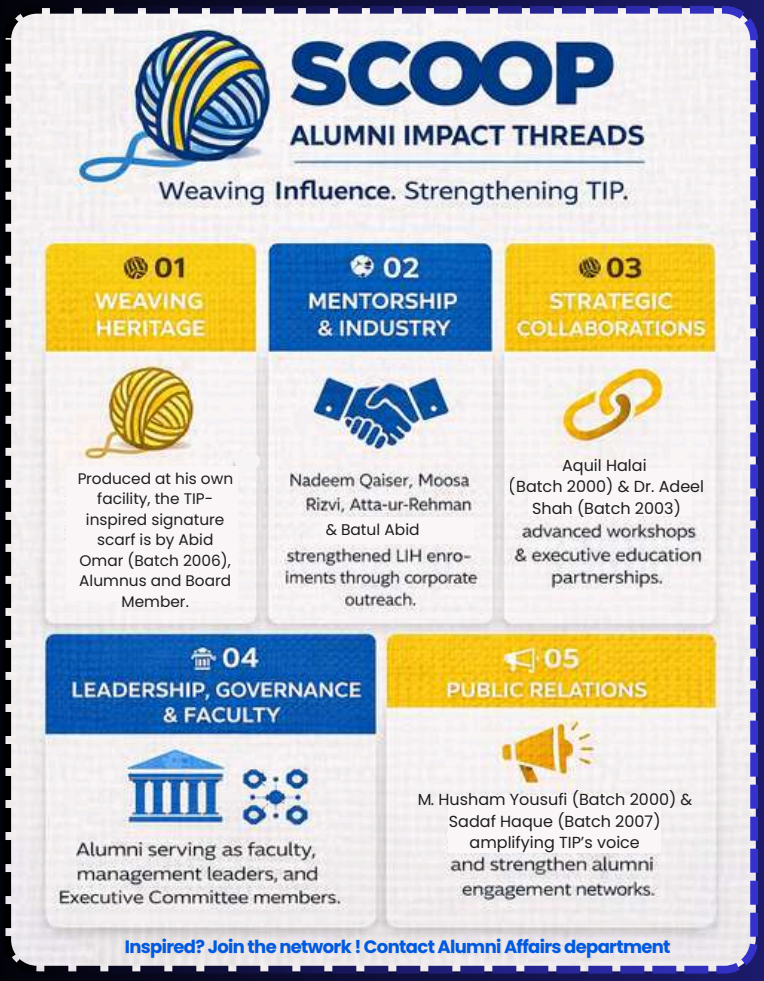
Gender Progress Snapshot

25th Convocation | 24th Jan 2026

- 127 total graduates
- 55% female graduates
- 37 academic medalists
- TIP is not just educating women — it is shaping a more inclusive future for the textile sector

Resource Mobilization Update

- 25 new scholarships committed
- 15 students funded through alumni giving
- Approx. PKR 2 million mobilized in alumni contributions
- Immediate first-year intake impact

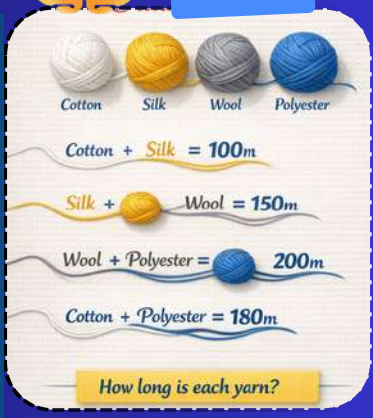


BASANT - SPRING FESTIVAL

On 16th February, the Textile Institute Students Forum (TISF) brought vibrant energy to campus with a joyful Basant celebration, marking the arrival of spring. Dressed in colorful traditional attire and festive accessories, students came together for an afternoon filled with kite flying, lively games, music, and laughter. The event fostered strong interdepartmental bonding and cultural pride, turning the campus into a lively canvas of tradition, togetherness, and youthful spirit.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Brain Teaser



GOT THE ANSWER? SCAN TO SUBMIT

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

REIMAGINING PAKISTAN'S TEXTILE FUTURE: FROM COST ARBITRAGE TO STRATEGIC COMPETITIVENESS

Pakistan's textile industry has long relied on cost advantages: abundant cotton, low labor costs, and preferential trade access. That model has reached its inflection point. Today, the future will be shaped not by cheap inputs, but by institutional capability and strategic coherence.

Globally, textiles are evolving fast. Sustainability compliance, digital traceability, and regionalized supply chains are now key. The European Union's (EU's) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), evolving Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards, and mandatory traceability mean buyers now evaluate emissions intensity, water footprint, and supply chain transparency alongside price and delivery. Competitiveness has gone systemic.

The numbers are stark. China leads with 33.37% of global textile exports (USD 292.05B), while Bangladesh (4.87%), Vietnam (4.3%), India (4.3%), and Türkiye (3.56%) hold significant shares. Pakistan, despite textiles making up 58.32% of national exports, captures only 1.78% of the global market (USD 17.51B). Bangladesh, where textiles constitute 88.92 percent of exports, ships more than three times Pakistan's value. The bottleneck isn't cotton, we're the world's fifth largest producer, it's value addition, scale, and institutional strength.

Where to focus:

- ***Value chain deepening:*** *Invest in technical textiles, performance fabrics, and man-made fiber integration to meet global demand.*
- ***Green transformation:*** *Energy efficiency, renewable integration, wastewater management, and certified sustainability are now critical for market access.*
- ***Knowledge integration:*** *Institutions such as the Textile Institute of Pakistan must function as innovation bridges, aligning applied research, export analytics, sustainability modeling, and industrial collaboration. Structured collaboration between academia and industry can accelerate process innovation, product diversification, and sustainability benchmarking.*

This isn't a temporary slowdown; it's a competitiveness recalibration. The global textile market rewards scale, sustainability, and sophistication. Pakistan has the industrial depth and entrepreneurial talent; now it needs strategic coherence to move from cost reliance to lasting competitiveness.

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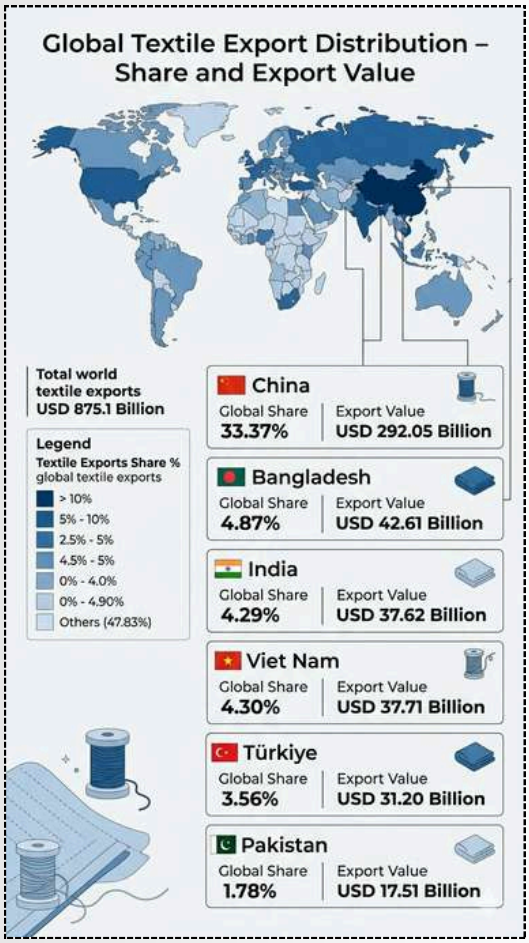

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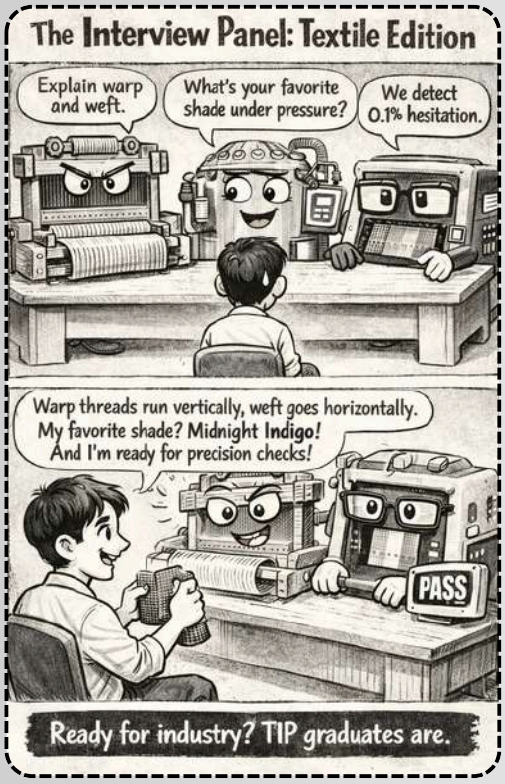

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