



# 3<sup>rd</sup> All Pakistan DICE Textile Innovation event and International Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Textiles at National Textile University

**National Textile University, Faisalabad organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> All Pakistan DICE Textile Innovation Event and (IETEX) International Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Textiles on 06th and 07th March 2018.**

The main objective of this platform was to promote and collaborate on innovations related to textile sector, commercialization of innovations, textile engineering capacity building, leveraging knowledge of expatriates around the world, providing access to Pakistan Textile Industry to international markets and to help the Government of Pakistan in textile policy making.

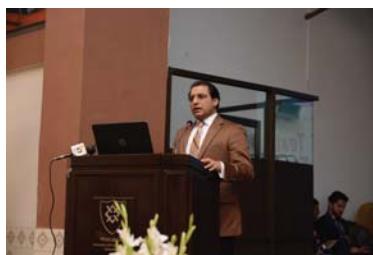
It was one of the biggest gathering of academia and the textile industry in

Pakistan, with 180 projects presented by students and faculty members from 35 universities nationwide. The CEOs and representatives from more than 120 industries visited this event. A total of 0.5

million rupees was awarded to different projects based on the innovation and usefulness to address different textile industry issues.











In addition, 10 projects were selected by different industries for commercialization, and 1.6 million rupees were granted on the spot for the said purpose. Panel discussions were arranged under the head of National Innovation Basket on the second day of this event. Experts from different segments of textile industry participated and discussed the potential challenges and opportunities for the textile industry of Pakistan. President DICE Foundation USA appreciated the efforts of NTU management for organizing such a mega event, especially Rector Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Dr. Yasir Nawab and Mr. Muzzamal Hussain. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Rector NTU who showed a commitment to making NTU one of the best institute of Pakistan.

A large number of visitors, delegations from 40 universities, 150 student/faculty groups and more than 120 industries/CEOs made this event once again successful.

Dr. Yasir Nawab, Chair DICE Textile (Pakistan) was awarded with first ever DICE Leadership Award 2018 for his untiring efforts to bring academia and industry together at the DICE Textile platform.

This award was awarded as a token of appreciation by the President DICE Mr. Saad Elahi for successfully arranging the DICE Textile innovation event at National Textile University for the last three years with the largest participation from the industry and academia ever in the history of Pakistan textile sector. Mr. Saad Elahi highly appreciated Dr. Yasir Nawab for making DICE Textile the most vibrant event of all DICE events.

### IETEX 2018

The 1st International Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Textiles (IETEX 2018) is organized by NTU in collaboration with DICE Foundation, USA, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan and Interloop Pvt. Ltd. Pakistan.

Chairperson of the Executive Board and Chief Operating Officer of Interloop Limited, Mr. Navid Fazil was the Chief Guest of the event. Many CEOs, government officials, students, experts from textile industry and academia attended the conference. Honourable chief guest appreciated the efforts of Professor Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Rector NTU, Dr. Sheraz Ahmad, Chairman Department of Materials & Testing and Dr. Yasir Nawab, Chairman Fabric

Manufacturing Department, for organizing such a successful and fruitful event. Professor Dr. Arshad Ali, Executive Director HEC graced the closing ceremony and expressed his views about the event, he also distributed the prizes and shields among the winners of DICE Textile.

The major objective of this conference was successfully achieved by providing a comprehensive platform to the experts/representatives from the textile industry, academia and government to discuss how our local textile industry could be improved to enhance its exports' share. The researchers and scholars from the textile field shared their research work

about growing diversity in technology and its range of applications, they also discussed the ideas and opportunities for entrepreneurship in textiles. ♦

