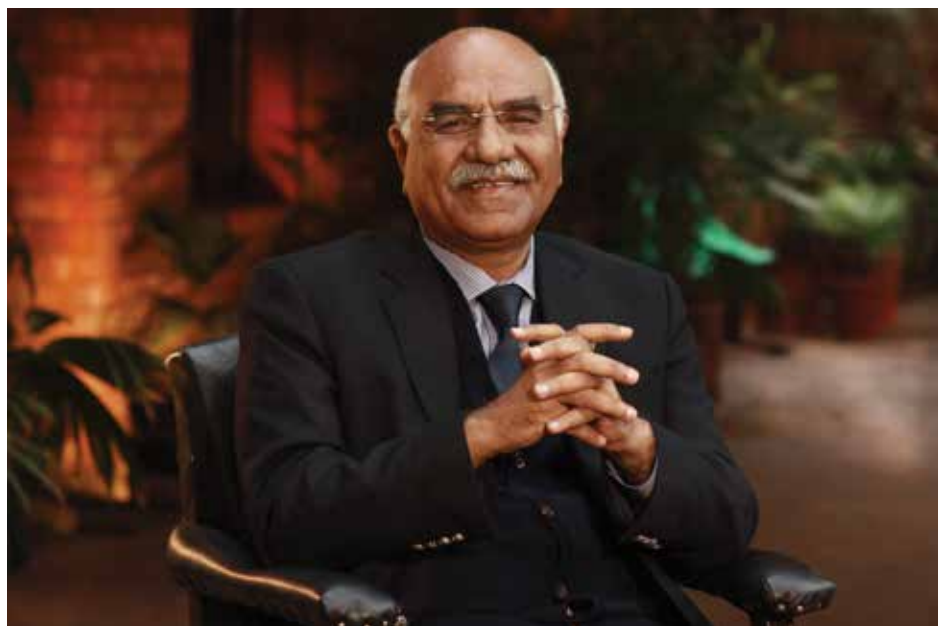




# NJV NEWSLETTER

“Knowledge is coupled with deed”

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“Akhuwat is no less than a movement now, and the way it has been institutionalized, I would want to see Akhuwat one day, hopefully not too far in the future, being acknowledged as an organization

that contributed majorly in alleviating poverty from this country.”

**Dr. Amjad Saqib**  
Executive Director Akhuwat

## Overview of NJV High School

In 2015, Akhuwat adopted NJV School, with the support of Government of Sindh and SEF, to

restore it back to its original grandeur. Our mission is to equip our students with world class education, so they become compassionate leaders, independent thinkers and creative problem solvers of tomorrow.

## Life at NJV High School



Spacious, beautiful classrooms



Home Economics Classes



Football Ground



Afterschool Activities



Fully renovated auditorium



School Bus

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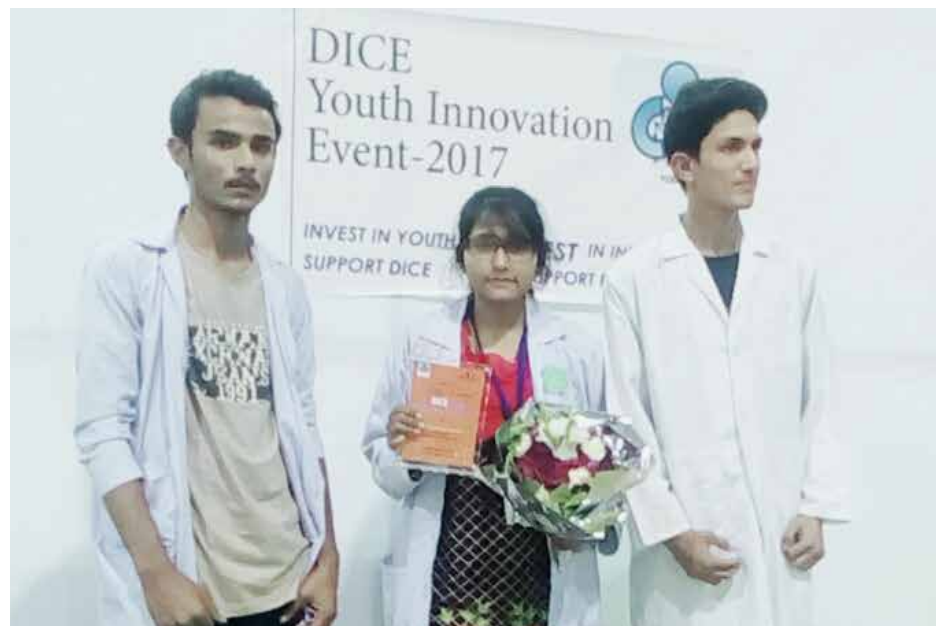


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## DICE Youth Innovation Event 2017

We sent our students off to Dice Youth Innovation event (Michigan), an inter-city competition on 24th December 2018, with projects they spent months working on! To our

utmost pleasure, they secured 1st position despite the tough competition. We're proud of our achievers!



## New Year's Celebration and Winter Day

Our energetic Primary Warriors brightened our New Year with their dance and play performances on 5th January 2018. Their performance was an amalgam of New Year's Celebrations and Winter Day. Therefore, students also gave suggestions like wearing jackets in the cutest manner possible!



## Moon sighting on NJV rooftop

NJV conducted a Moon Sighting activity for its students on 31st January 2018 to spot the Super Moon. Students from DCTO School were also invited. Our student enjoyed getting briefed about why the moon appears 14% bigger and 30% brighter. Later, the night ended with a friendly football match on astro turf.



## Project Making Day

Project Making Day for the Primary Section was held on 25th January 2018. Students demonstrated their creativity by making projects of NJV School, Mazar-e-Qaid and Plant cycle.

They delivered amazing presentations, and their confidence was commendable!



## Kashmir Day

Kashmir Day was held on 3rd February 2018 at NJV High School by our Primary Warriors. The objective was to give them awareness about the Kashmir issue.

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest.  
'Til your good is better and your  
better is best.”





## Admissions at NJV High School 2018

Admissions for the new term took place in February. This year, NJV made history and broke all records by having admission registration of

over 1170 candidates. Tests took place on 10th February. The huge turnout of talented marginalized students was promising for NJV!



## KGS Olympiad 2018

Karachi Grammar School Science Olympiad was held on 17th-18th February 2018. Students from O-A Levels and Colleges participated with NJVians being the only Government School.

Regardless, NJV Government Higher Secondary School secured 3rd position in the construction and engineering module. Congratulations to the students! You make us proud!



## NJV Carnival: Bandar Road se Kemari

NJV School hosted a Fundraising Carnival on 18th February 2018 between 10:00 AM-8:00 PM. The theme of the Carnival was Bandar Road Se Kemari, so our audience could enjoy and relive the old aspects of Karachi, like desi food, dances, and plays from Lyaari, Kemaari, Empress Market and different areas. Toffee Tv, Sania Saeed and Rumana Husain were invited for the story telling sessions. Our students also got an opportunity to showcase their talents to a much bigger and diverse audience and contributed in providing our audience with the pleasure of food, fun and arts. Apart from other stalls, our home economics department also set up their own Akhuwat Café mentored by Chef Kausar Z. Ahmed, where the

students sold cupcakes, pasta and sandwiches which were made by them. The ambience around our arts corner was vibrant and colorful. Students demonstrated their artistic, creative talent on easels. NJVians also performed through plays and performances. All in all, it was a lovely day for our students!

Mohammad Yazdan from class VI-A says: "Mera favourite Akhuwat Cafe tha, wahan ki cheezein khayi thi, cheese sandwich best tha."

Mohammad Aliyan from KG-II says: "Carnival acha tha. Maza bhi aya mene tableau mein perform kia tha or sherwani peheni thi."



## Science World Day

Our primary section demonstrated much zest and energy in creating their projects for Science World Day. It was held on 24th February, 2018.

**"Love of beauty is taste. The creation of beauty is art." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson**



### Paint with LED light workshop

Paint with LED lights, a unique workshop held at NJV School from 3rd October 2018-6th October 2018, with new media artist from Berlin, Wolfgang Spahn.



### Karachi Biennale

KB17 was Pakistan's largest international contemporary art event that took place from 22nd October-5th November 2017. NJV High School was amongst the 12 free public exhibition venues.



### New Media Art discussion & Reading by Prolific Authors

It was an educational program, organized by Karachi Biennale, on 27th October 2017. The aim was to spark young minds through visual literacy and learning adventures.



### Acrylic Painting Workshop By Nasreen Haroon

NJV had arranged a painting workshop with Nasreen Adaya Haroon, an internationally acclaimed LA based artist on 7th March 2018. Our Art fanatic NJVians thoroughly enjoyed the workshop!





## Students Day

Students Day was held on 14th October 2017. 9 speakers from different professional backgrounds were invited to deliver a motivational or educational lecture based on their interests.

## Moving from Good to Great!

“Moving from Good to Great”, a speaker session delivered by Edris Khamissa was held on 14th November 2017. Edris Khamissa is an international educationist and trainer. Our staff and students both attended it.

## Better Primaries, More Secondaries

By Uzair Qarni, Director of Academics

The data on Sindh education speaks for itself: 51% of children in Sindh are out of school.<sup>1</sup> For the roughly 4 million children enrolled, attendance averages 67%.<sup>2</sup> Sindh literacy rates hover at 58%, down by 4% from 2015 and egregiously missing the Millenium Development Goal of 88%.<sup>3</sup> Even those considered literate consistently lag behind: 58% of class 5 students cannot read a simple Urdu story meant for class 2.<sup>4</sup> A worrisome list of other disastrous

## Humans of NJV

Mohammad Sahib Sadiq from Class VB, has 2 sisters and 1 brother, and his father is a carpenter. He got enrolled last year. He says:

“ NJV School is very nice. Teachers are very good. Classrooms are colorful. This year I learnt that all planets move take rounds around the sun.”



## Mothers Program

Mothers' Program were 2 months classes held at NJV School for the mothers of our students. English, Hygiene and General Knowledge was taught in it.

“What is the essence of life?  
To serve others and to do good” - Aristotle



### Cedar College

Cedar College regularly sends a passionate team to NJV School to help sort our antique literature for the NJV library.



### KGS Peer Tutor Society

KGS peer tutor society visits NJV School 3 days a week to tutor NJV students. This month, they helped them prepare our students for their final exams by teaching them Math, English and Science.

Nusrat Abdullah from Grade 8 says, “Hamay unsay bohut help mil jaati hai. Achi koshish hai yeh bohut.”



### OPEN Karachi organized Annual Dinner 2018

OPEN Karachi organized Annual Dinner 2018 on 19th January 2018 in collaboration with Akhuwat Foundation, hosted by Dr. Essa Laboratory and Diagnostic Centers. History was created that day, as NJV Endowment Funds was launched. Mr. Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar (Minister for Education & Literacy, Government of Sindh) was invited as the Chief Guest and Dr. Amjad Saqib Founder and Chairman of Akhuwat Foundation was the Guest of honor and Keynote Speaker.



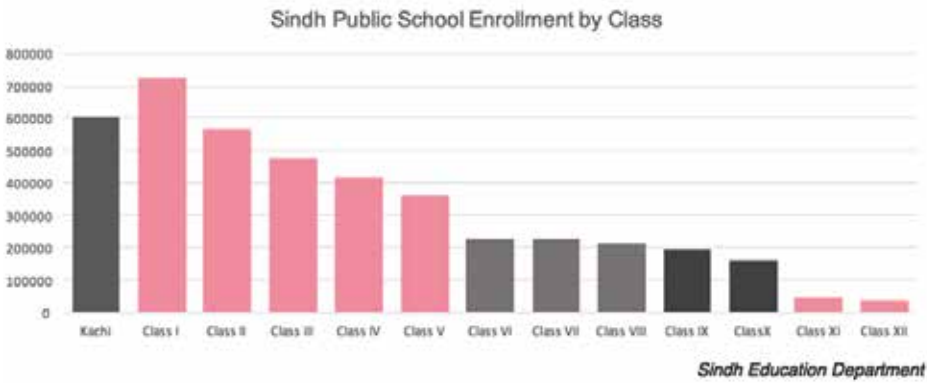
### Mega Interest-free Loans disbursement at NJV School

On 24th February 2018, Akhuwat held a Mega Loan Disbursement at NJV School. An amount of Rs. 12.84 Million was distributed among 481 beneficiaries. Total Number of attendants were 700+. To the 481 beneficiaries.



### Nisar A. Memon's Book Launch on 4th March, 2018

Nisar A. Memon, Senator from 2003-2009 and also an NJV Higher Secondary School Alumni, recently wrote a book “Insight into the Senate of Pakistan” and decided to launch it at NJV School on the 4th of March. All proceeds from the sales of the books were gifted to the NJV School to educate the marginalized. We welcomed around 150 guests, who were excited to buy the books and benevolent in contributing to NJV School. We thank all for their generosity!



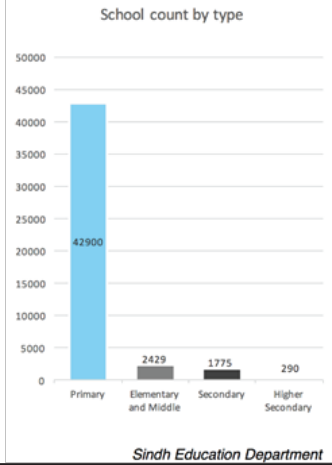
The graph above show enrollment by class. In the first block of red are primary schools. High student enrollment in Class I suggests a desire to seek education. However, primary schools fail to inspire and retain students; over half drop out before reaching secondary schools. Enrollment from class VI to X, while low, is fairly stable, indicating that primary schools are the front line in keeping students in school.

The graph below represents the distribution of government schools by type, perhaps the most oft-quoted statistic in Sindh government education, again taken from the Sindh Education Department. Primary schools utterly dominate, representing 91% of all government schools.<sup>5</sup> Keeping in mind the data above, the problem with primary schools is lack of quality, not

statistics on infrastructure, education levels, attendance, teacher quality, corruption, and more has been omitted for the purposes of minimizing reader hopelessness.

Problems abound; however, a cursory analysis reveals potential for simple solutions. The data below originates from the Sindh Education Department and has been graphed with pretty colors.

access or size. The average primary school is tiny, with 69.1 students and 2.25 teachers.<sup>6</sup> This highly distributed system makes improving primary through centralized training nearly impossible. However, if empowered, such a system could rapidly evolve into a hotbed for divergent experimentation.



In stark contrast, only 4% of government schools are secondary and higher secondary schools.<sup>7</sup> These schools, despite low overall enrollment, tend to retain students. While quality issues undoubtedly exist, the core problem with secondary and higher secondary schools is access.

Thus, through conducting a simple analysis of the most commonly available data, we can make some basic conclusions about steps the government can take:

- Primary schools are where the student loss occurs. We need to increase quality and retention.
- Centralized training initiatives for such a distributed system will be basically impossible. Decentralized models must be considered.
- Secondary and higher secondary schools are retaining students through matriculation and inter (whatever the means), but access is low. We need to increase quantity (and, to be frank, also increase quality, a topic outside the scope of this article).

1. Alif Ailaan, “The State of Education in Sindh”  
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**NJV GOVERNMENT HIGHER  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**



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<b>Educate-a-Child</b> <b>PKR 3000/month 36,000 Annually</b> Books and Supplies Cost of Education	<b>Educate-a-Child</b> <b>KG-to-Matric PKR 396,000</b> Books and Supplies Cost of Education	<b>Support a Primary Teacher</b> <b>PKR 40,000/month</b> Training costs and Materials Developing SMART skills
<b>Sponsor a set of textbooks</b> <b>PKR 30,000</b> School textbooks for one class	<b>Support a Smart-Classroom</b> <b>PKR 220,000</b> Smart boards Other Equipment's	<b>Sponsor E-learning</b> <b>PKR 50,000</b> Projector Other Equipment's
<b>Contribute to Endowment Fund</b> <b>PKR 10,000 - 10 Million</b> Education cost Total operations	<b>Transport a Child to school</b> <b>PKR 3000/month</b> Conveyance cost Fuel and maintenance cost	<b>Sponsor a school Bus</b> <b>PKR 7.5 Million</b> Purchasing cost Maintenance cost

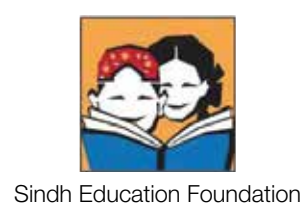
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