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BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

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and Sustainable Progress



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Rotarians,

It is an honour to present the second issue of Karachi Rotarian for the Rotary year 2026–2027 as Honorary Secretary of the Rotary Club of Karachi and Editor of our monthly e-newsletter.

This month opened with a thought-provoking session by renowned model Ms. Nadia Hussain, who spoke to us on beauty and perception, offering a fresh and reflective perspective that resonated deeply with our members. We went on to host Mr. Azad Khan, Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi, whose address offered valuable perspective on policing and public safety in our city. We were equally privileged to welcome the President and Chief Executive Officer of Aga Khan University Hospital, whose remarks traced the institution's history and its present, continuing contribution to healthcare.

We also came together to celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day with a fellowship dinner on the 14th of August, graciously hosted by President Humayun Qureshi. It was a memorable evening of patriotism, camaraderie, and Rotary spirit.

As Editor, I remain committed to making Karachi Rotarian a platform that celebrates our members, showcases the impact of our service projects, strengthens fellowship, and inspires greater participation. I encourage every member to continue sending photographs, project updates, achievements, and stories so we can keep documenting the remarkable journey of the Rotary Club of Karachi.

I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to Trustee Aziz Memon for his mentorship and encouragement, and to District Governor Shahzad Sabir for his guidance and confidence. Finally, I thank our Board of Directors and every member of the Rotary Club of Karachi for their continued support. I look forward to another month of meaningful service, lasting fellowship, and shared accomplishments.

Yours in Rotary,

Bilal Mustikhan

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

One of our key priorities this year has been to make our Club more connected, active and engaging — and I am delighted to see that spirit growing week after week. Attendance at our regular Tuesday meetings has risen noticeably, and more members in the room has meant better speakers, livelier discussion and stronger fellowship. That momentum is ours to keep.

Fellowship has also flourished well beyond the podium. Our one-dish evening at my home turned out to be one of the warmest gatherings of the year — many members cooked themselves, the dishes that arrived were out of this world, and what followed was an impromptu sing-song session that reminded us fellowship is not an item on the agenda; it is the reason the agenda works. A recent visit to DEWA Trust gave us an equally memorable evening, as Azad Iqbal, grandson of Allama Iqbal, shared personal recollections of his grandfather that have never appeared in any book — a rare and moving glimpse into a life we thought we already knew.

Our newest Rotarians are being given real roles, not ceremonial ones — presenting mementos to speakers, leading Qirat, serving as Sergeant-at-Arms — while members represent RCK as ambassadors at forums across the city. The next generation is steadily finding its place through Rotary. Service, too, has taken us well beyond our usual venues: visits to Bhit Island and the Artificial Limb Centre gave members the chance to see community needs directly and witness the impact of our work first-hand. There is no substitute for standing where the service happens. Our committees remain active and delivering, and on a practical note, the Club now has a credit card machine, so members no longer need to carry cash.

A Club is not defined only by the projects it undertakes, but by the people who step forward to make those projects happen — and this month, so many of you did. My thanks go to every member who opened their home, cooked a dish, hosted a guest, mentored a new inductee, or simply showed up on a Tuesday; to our committees for their quiet, steady work; and to our Board of Directors for their continued support. Every idea shared and every hour volunteered adds another thread to the fabric of our Club. I encourage each of you to keep coming forward — the more we participate, the greater our impact; the more we connect, the stronger our Club becomes.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Humayun Qureshi

Humayun Qureshi
President,
Rotary Club of Karachi 2026–27

ROUNDUP

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AUGUST - 2026

WEEK - 01

August 04, 2026

Nadia Hussain

Renowned Model, Actor & Fashion Icon

WEEK - 02

August 11, 2026

Sulaiman Shahabuddin

President, The Aga Khan University

WEEK - 03

August 18, 2026

No weekly meeting took place in lieu of Fellowship Dinner

WEEK - 04

August 25, 2026

Azad Khan

Additional Inspector General of Police (AIGP)



Guest Speaker

Nadia Hussain

Renowned Model, Actor & Fashion Icon

Meeting #	:	4 of 2026-2027
Date	:	Tuesday, August 04, 2026
Topic	:	Anti-aging and Aesthetics
Participants	:	91



Nadia Hussain is a renowned Pakistani actress, supermodel, TV host, and beauty entrepreneur, with a distinguished career spanning more than 20 years in Pakistan's entertainment and fashion industry. She first gained recognition as a fashion model before successfully expanding into acting, television hosting, and business. Known for her professionalism, confidence, and modern outlook, she has remained a

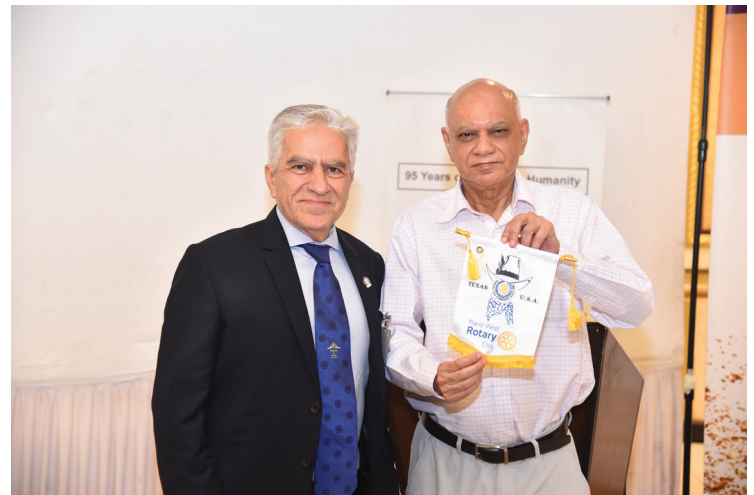
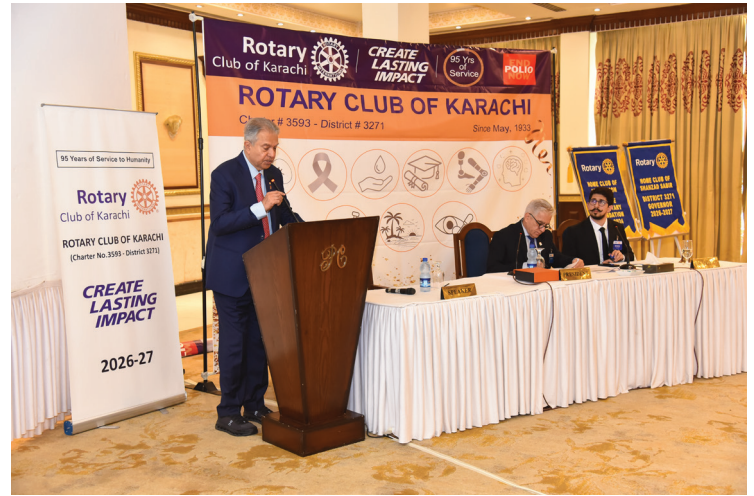
prominent figure in the media industry. Beyond entertainment, Nadia has established herself as a successful businesswoman in the beauty sector, with her own salons and beauty clinics offering professional beauty, skincare, and makeup services. She has also ventured into beauty products, contributing to the growth and development of Pakistan's beauty industry.

Meeting Proceedings

- The Invocation was followed by the National Anthem.
- Guests were warmly welcomed to the weekly meeting.
- Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Arshad Anis and Rtn. Samina Faisal, both on 1 August.
- Wedding anniversary greetings were conveyed to Rtn. Mehmood Parekh (28 July).
- Members were encouraged to contribute generously to the Sunshine Collection in support of the Club's literacy project.
- Project updates were shared: the Artificial Limbs Project provided services to 62 patients, while 620 dialysis treatments were provided during the past week. The Mental Health Project served 56 patients, bringing the cumulative total of patients treated to 6,250. A total of 33 bottles of blood were also collected during the Blood Donation Drive held at IDEAS on 3 August 2026.
- Trustee Aziz Memon was invited to deliver a brief address, followed by the induction of new member Muzzamil Abdul Ghafoor.
- The President welcomed the Speaker, Nadia Hussain, who then delivered a presentation on "Anti-aging and Aesthetics."
- A memento was presented to Nadia Hussain.
- The meeting concluded with the announcement of the Sunshine Collection, with Rs. 7,950 so far and Rs. 3,200 collected today.

Key Insights from the Talk

1. Nadia Hussain spoke about her journey of over 20 years and shared how she transitioned from modelling into acting and television hosting, embracing diverse professional opportunities.
2. She emphasised professionalism, consistency, continuous learning, and adaptability as essential to building a successful and lasting career.
3. Nadia discussed about entrepreneurship, establishing salons and beauty clinics focused on professional beauty services, skincare, and makeup.
4. She highlighted the importance of maintaining high standards and continuously improving service quality within Pakistan's beauty industry.
5. She encouraged aspiring models, young professionals, and entrepreneurs to develop their skills, explore new opportunities, and remain committed to their goals.
6. Her overall message emphasised that hard work, perseverance, professionalism, and a willingness to learn are key to achieving long-term success.



Guest Speaker

Sulaiman Shahabuddin

President, The Aga Khan University

Meeting #	:	5 of 2026-2027
Date	:	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Topic	:	AKU and the Future of Healthcare
Participants	:	87



Sulaiman Shahabuddin has served as President of The Aga Khan University (AKU) since 2021. Previously, he was Regional CEO of the Aga Khan Health Services in East Africa, overseeing five hospitals in Kenya and Tanzania serving more than one million patients annually. Born and raised in Pakistan, he spent the first 15 years of his career at AKU in Karachi. He holds an

MBA from the Institute of Business Administration, a Master's in Sustainable Development from Imperial College London, and a Doctorate of Health Administration from Central Michigan University. In recognition of his contributions to health and education, he was awarded Pakistan's Sitara-i-Imtiaz in 2024.

Meeting Proceedings

- The Invocation was followed by the National Anthem.
- Guests were warmly welcomed to the weekly meeting.
- Birthday greetings were extended to Rtn. Mohammad Abdullah Feroz (10 August), Rtn. Ayaz Rafique (10 August), and Rtn. Habib Paracha (11 August). Wedding anniversary greetings were conveyed to Rtn. Raza Tabish Farooqui (10 August) and Rtn. Shoab Ismail (11 August).
- Members were encouraged to contribute generously to the Sunshine Collection in support of the Club's literacy project.
- Project updates were shared: the Artificial Limbs Project provided services to 57 patients, 650 dialysis treatments were provided, and 52 patients received mental health services, bringing the cumulative total to 6,302 patients.
- Members were informed about the Club's Independence Day and One-Dish Fellowship Dinner, scheduled for 15 August 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the residence of President Humayun Qureshi. Members were requested to register themselves and their spouses at the RCK office.
- The induction of the new member, Muzzamil Abdul Ghafoor, was also announced.
- The President welcomed the Speaker, Sulaiman Shahabuddin, President of The Aga Khan University, who then delivered a presentation on "AKU and the Future of Healthcare."
- A memento was presented to Sulaiman Shahabuddin.

- The meeting concluded with the announcement of the Sunshine Collection, with Rs. 11,150 collected so far and Rs. 4,600 collected today.

Key Insights from the Talk

1. AKU is investing heavily in women's leadership; women comprise 67% of AKU students/alumni but 38% of trustees, highlighting a developing leadership pipeline.
2. AKU is advancing educational equity in Gilgit-Baltistan through teacher training, girls' education, and home-schooling initiatives.
3. The University is bridging innovation with implementation through EHRs, AI-powered clinical tools, gene therapy, and digital health applications.
4. AKU is strengthening climate-health resilience while expanding its academic and research impact through 45+ degree programmes, 70+ residencies and fellowships, and 22,000+ graduates across 50+ countries.
5. Strong research output: top 2% globally for 27 researchers, \$100M+ funding, high citation counts, and policy influence with WHO/World Bank.
6. AKU serves approximately 14 million patients annually across Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kenya, and Tanzania.
7. Significant scale and economic footprint in Pakistan: 8 campuses, 21 hospitals, 20,000 employees, \$1.8B annual economic impact.



Guest Speaker

Azad Khan

Additional Inspector General of Police (AIGP)

Meeting #	:	6 of 2026-2027
Date	:	Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Topic	:	Public Dealing by Police
Participants	:	64



Mr. Azad Khan currently serves as the Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi, a post he has held since January 2026. A member of the Police Service of Pakistan's 25th Common batch, he joined service in 1998 and brings over 27 years of law enforcement experience. He holds a B.E. (Electrical) from N.E.D. University Karachi, an M.A. in International Relations from Karachi University, and an LLM in Criminal Justice from the University of Nottingham, UK. His

career spans senior roles including District Police Officer, Badin; Additional Director, FIA (Counter Terrorism and Anti-Human Trafficking); Range DIG across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh; and Joint Director General, Intelligence Bureau, Sindh. He has trained with the FBI, Canadian Police College, and UNODC, and holds several professional and gallantry awards.

Meeting Proceedings

- The Invocation was followed by the National Anthem.
- Guests were warmly welcomed to the weekly meeting.
- Birthday greetings were extended to PP Pervez Madraswala (16 August), Rtn. Madiha Sikander (17 August), and Rtn. Murtaza Saya (23 August).
- Wedding anniversary greetings were conveyed to Rtn. Jamil Akbar (16 August).
- Members were encouraged to contribute generously to the Sunshine Collection in support of the Club's literacy project.
- Project updates were shared: the Artificial Limbs Project provided services to 63 patients, the Dialysis Project provided treatment to 620 patients, and the Mental Health Project served 27 patients, bringing the cumulative total to 6,329 patients.
- The induction of a new member was announced.
- The President welcomed the Speaker, Azad Khan, Additional Inspector General of Police (AIGP), who then delivered a presentation on "Public Dealing by Police."
- A memento was presented to Azad Khan.
- The meeting concluded with the announcement of the Sunshine Collection, with Rs. 15,750 collected so far and Rs. 4,150 collected today.

Key Insights from the Talk

- 1 Azad Khan highlighted police attitude and public dealing as key causes of public distrust, introducing the "Your Respect, Our Responsibility" reform campaign.
- 2 The reform focuses on respect for every citizen, responsiveness to complaints, transparency in procedures, and zero-tolerance accountability for misconduct.
- 3 Officers will receive training in communication, conflict de-escalation, FIR procedures, and handling vulnerable groups.
- 4 Public outreach will include community meetings, schools, social media, posters, and "Here to Help" badges.
- 5 Uniform, conduct, and Duty Officer identification standards will be strictly enforced.
- 6 Public dealing procedures and accountability will be strengthened through inspections, audits, complaint tracking, helplines, and QR feedback.
- 7 Public confidence will be built through strict anti-bribery enforcement, formal recognition of good policing, and citizen engagement forum
- 8 A three-phase roadmap will cover training, monitoring, and institutionalisation, supported by leadership commitment and sustained accountability.



Basic Education and Literacy



Education is one of the most powerful drivers of individual opportunity, community development, and sustainable progress. Recognising its importance, Basic Education and Literacy remains one of Rotary International's core areas of focus, with an emphasis on strengthening communities, improving literacy, reducing gender disparities, and expanding access to quality education for children and adults.

The global challenge remains significant, with more than 775 million people over the age of 15 unable to read or write. Rotary's efforts therefore extend beyond providing access to schools, encompassing teacher training, adult literacy programmes, educational materials, and initiatives that enable communities to develop sustainable education systems.

Pakistan continues to face considerable challenges in this area. According to the Economic Survey 2025–26, the literacy rate for individuals aged 10 and above increased from 61 to 63 percent, with male literacy at 73 percent and female literacy at 54 percent. The disparity is more pronounced in rural communities, where overall literacy stands at 55 percent, compared with 74 percent in urban areas. While approximately 68 percent of children are enrolled at the primary level, enrolment declines sharply to 40 percent at middle school and 30 percent by matriculation. At around 1.7 percent of GDP, Pakistan's education spending also remains among the lowest allocations in South Asia.

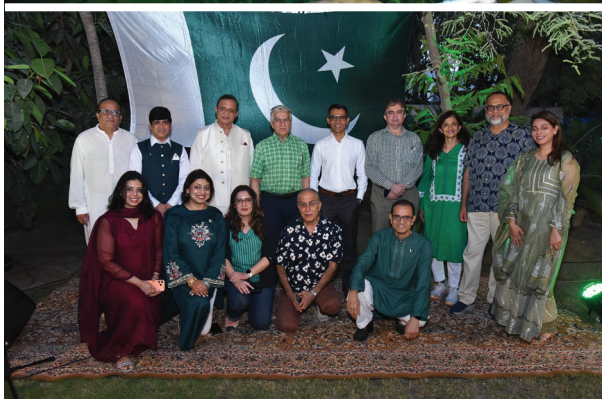
Against this backdrop, Rotary's role in advancing education and literacy becomes increasingly important. The Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group (BELRAG), established in 2011, brings together Rotarians, Rotaractors, and partners who share a commitment to addressing illiteracy and strengthening literacy education worldwide. Working alongside Rotary Clubs and Districts, BELRAG helps develop effective projects, build partnerships, increase awareness, and strengthen the capacity of communities to deliver education and literacy programmes.

Rotary's global initiatives reflect the scope of this commitment, from establishing schools and supporting girls' education to training tutors, introducing innovative teaching methods, upgrading school health facilities, and strengthening education systems for marginalised communities.

Ultimately, literacy is not simply about learning to read and write; it is about creating the ability to participate, progress, and contribute. By investing in education today, Rotary helps communities build stronger foundations for generations to come. Through collective action and sustained commitment, Basic Education and Literacy can become a pathway to greater opportunity, equality, and lasting community impact.

14th August Fellowship Dinner

A memorable 14th August Fellowship Dinner was hosted at the residence of Mr. Humayun Qureshi, bringing Rotarians together in a spirit of fellowship and celebration. The evening was filled with festive moments, warm conversations, and reflections on Pakistan's journey, the sacrifices of those who contributed to its independence, and the memories associated with the nation's history. Members came together to honour the spirit of independence while enjoying an evening of camaraderie, celebration, and shared pride in Pakistan.



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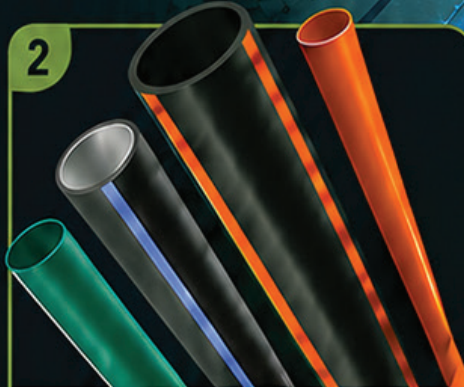
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