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NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION



CHAIRMAN: HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BENNY MARIO TRAVAS

FROM THE DESK OF CEO

Dear Reader,

As we return from the Christmas and New Year season, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you; our students, families, staff, clergy, and partners. I hope this sacred season has been a time of rest, joy, and renewal, filled with the peace that Christ's birth brings to our hearts and homes.

Christmas reminds us that God is present among us—Emmanuel—calling us to live with hope, compassion, and love. As we begin this new year together, we are invited to carry that light forward into our classrooms, offices, playgrounds, and communities.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff and leaders for their unwavering commitment to CBEs/DBE and schools. Your care for the academic, spiritual, and personal growth of every child is a true ministry. To our families, thank you for your trust and partnership. And to our students, welcome back, we look forward to seeing you grow in faith, knowledge, and service in the weeks ahead.

The start of a new year offers us an opportunity to reflect and to renew our purpose. Guided by our Catholic identity, we remain committed to forming young people who are not only skilled learners, but also people of integrity, kindness, and hope, ready to serve others and contribute positively to the world.

May this term be one of renewed energy, collaboration, and joy. Let us continue to support one another, grounded in prayer and united in our shared mission. I pray that God blesses our Bishops, our board members and collaborators, our schools and each member of NCEC and our CBEs/DBE with health, wisdom, and peace in the year ahead.

With every good wish and continued prayers,

Sincerely,

Asher Javaid



NCEC ADMINISTRATIVE DESK

16TH MEETING OF THE CBE/DBE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

The Secretaries of Catholic Boards of Education gathered on October 8, 2025, at the NCEC office in Lahore to discuss issues affecting Catholic/Diocesan Boards across all dioceses. His Grace Archbishop Benny Mario Travas, Chairman of NCEC, chaired the session. Participants shared updates, exchanged best practices, and explored avenues to deepen collaboration and address shared challenges.

Key outcomes:

- Strengthened commitment to collaboration, accountability, and holistic education grounded in faith and service
- Identified priority areas for seamless diocesan coordination and resource sharing
- Agreed on next steps to implement best practices across boards
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The meeting underscored the shared mission of delivering high-quality Catholic education that nurtures faith, character, and service to the broader community.



NCEC ACADEMICS DESK

BEBRAS COMPETITION 2025 NCEC CHAMPIONS COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) successfully facilitated the Bebras Competition 2025, an international challenge dedicated to fostering logic and problem-solving skills across diocesan schools in Pakistan. This year's event saw a remarkable turnout of 515 students from 24 schools, signaling a significant rise in digital literacy within our academic community.

 NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION SHOWCASING STUDENTS' BRILLIANCE AND DEDICATION				
TOP 10 ACHIEVERS OF BEBRAS TEST 2025				
We proudly announce the outstanding achievements of our top 10 performers in the Bebras Test 2025				
Position	Full Name	School Name	Diocese	Score
1	Huzafa Zubair Zubair Aslam	St. Mary's Academy	DBE	95
2	Shimron Massey William Sheraz William	St. Philip High School	CBE-K	92
3	Mustafa Afzal Sher Afzal	Islamabad Convent School H-8/4	DBE	91
4	Anoshay Wasam Wasam	St. Anthony's High School Faisal Town	CBE-L	91
5	Faria Noor Ashfaq	St. Philip High School	CBE-K	90
6	Mariam Dilshad Dilshad	St. Philip High School	CBE-K	90
7	Mariam Abdul Ghani Abdul Ghani	St. Philip High School	CBE-K	88
8	Dua Waleed Waleed Siddique	Sacred Heart Cathedral High School	CBE-L	88
9	Hasala Bint-e-Faisal Faisal	St. Anthony's High School Faisal Town	CBE-L	87
10	Hassan Kashif Kashif	St. Anthony's High School Lahore Cantt	CBE-L	87
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This success was made possible through the unwavering support of our teachers, parents, and school administrations. As NCEC continues to advance STEM education, we celebrate these young thinkers who are paving the way for a future of innovation.

Congratulations to all participants and winners!

NCEC ACADEMICS DESK

CELEBRATING FAITH AND CREATIVITY

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of the Christmas Art Competition 2025. Under the theme "Celebrating the Birth of Christ through Colors of Faith and Joy," this initiative provided a national platform for our students to express their spiritual reflections through artistic excellence.

The competition saw spirited participation across two categories, with students from Catholic Boards nationwide showcasing remarkable talent:

Group I The Journey of the Three Wise Men



1st Position
Yashib Munawar
St. Bonaventure's High School
CBE - Hyderabad



2nd Position
Miguel Marek
St. Paul's English High School
CBE, Karachi



3rd Position
Adnan & Group
St. Paul's English Medium High School
CBE, Lahore

Group II Through the Window on My Christmas Eve



1st Position
Sehram
St. Jude's High School,
Umeed Pur - CBE, Multan



2nd Position
Johnthan Nadeem
St. Anthony's High School,
Sheikhupura - CBE, Lahore



3rd Position
Daniyal Jawed
St. Bonaventure's High School
CBE, Hyderabad

To honor these achievements, the winning artworks have been featured in the NCEC Yearly Calendar 2026. This gesture reinforces our commitment to nurturing the creative and spiritual growth of our youth.

NCEC extends its sincere congratulations to the winners, participants, and the dedicated teachers and administrations who supported this endeavor. Together, we continue to inspire our students to grow intellectually and spiritually.

Congratulations to our young artists!



NCEC ACADEMICS DESK

CULTIVATING DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP THROUGH DISC TRAINING

Effective leadership in education is about more than management; it is about understanding the diverse personalities that drive a school's success. Recognizing this, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), in partnership with The International Leadership Training Institute, recently hosted a transformative two-day training session focused on the DISC Personality Profiling Test.

On October 23rd and 24th, 2025, thirty school principals and administrative leaders from CBE-Lahore and the NCEC Secretariat gathered to delve into the complexities of human behavior. The session moved beyond theory, engaging participants in interactive discussions and hands-on activities centered on the four DISC pillars: Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, and Compliance.



The feedback from participants was resoundingly positive. Many noted that the self-awareness gained during the workshop would immediately change how they approach staff meetings and one-on-one mentorship. "This training provided the mirror we needed to see our own leadership styles clearly," shared one participant.



NCEC remains committed to this path of continuous professional development. By equipping our leaders with modern psychological tools like DISC, we are ensuring that our schools are led by individuals who are not only academically proficient but also emotionally intelligent and interpersonally skilled.



NCEC ACADEMICS DESK

EMPOWERING NCEC MASTER TRAINERS IN ISLAMABAD

In a strategic move to standardize and elevate educational delivery across Pakistan, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) recently concluded a high-intensity, three-day training session for Master Trainers. Held in Islamabad from December 1st to 3rd, 2025, the program was conducted in collaboration with The International Leadership Training Institute (TILTI).

The initiative brought together 20 selected Master Trainers from various dioceses, focusing on the shift from traditional instruction to modern, learner-centered facilitation.



The workshop was designed to ensure that quality and consistency are maintained across all regional training programs. Key focus areas included:

- Mastering presentation skills and interactive techniques to engage diverse learning groups.
- Introducing innovative instructional strategies and contemporary digital resources.
- Equipping trainers with the tools to effectively replicate and deliver these sessions in their respective regions.



The sessions were characterized by active involvement and practical simulations, providing the participants with a "tool-kit" for nationwide leadership and capacity building. By investing in this core group of 20 experts,

NCEC is creating a sustainable ripple effect that will eventually benefit thousands of students and teachers across the country.

We extend our sincere gratitude to TILTI and our dedicated Master Trainers for their commitment to academic excellence and professional growth.

NCEC ACADEMICS DESK

HONORING EXCELLENCE NCEC MASTER TRAINER'S AWARD CEREMONY

On December 3, 2025, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) held a special ceremony to honor the driving forces behind our recent successes. In a heartfelt gesture of appreciation, commemorative shields were presented to our dedicated Master Trainers and the Core Committee members.



These awards serve as a testament to their unwavering commitment, tireless hard work, and the visionary leadership they brought to the Leadership Program. Their collective efforts were instrumental in ensuring the program was not only effective but truly transformative for all participants.

We extend our deepest gratitude to these exceptional individuals for setting a benchmark of excellence and for their continued devotion to the NCEC mission.



NCEC ACADEMICS DESK

NCEC CONDUCTS CENTRALISED EXAMINATIONS FOR CLASS IX

This massive initiative brought together 397 ambitious students from three key dioceses: CBE Lahore (14 schools), CBE Faisalabad (3 schools), and CBE Multan (3 schools). By unifying these institutions under a single assessment umbrella, the NCEC has reinforced its commitment to academic standardization and collective growth.

A Strategic Roadmap The Centralised Examination is not merely an assessment; it is a diagnostic tool crafted to empower both students and educators. The initiative focused on five pillars of academic success:

- Gauging how prepared students truly are for their final board hurdles.
- Ensuring that a student in Multan is held to the same high academic standards as a student in Lahore.
- Using data to pinpoint exactly where students need more support before it's too late.
- Providing educators with the "remedial roadmap" needed to focus their revision sessions effectively.
- Familiarizing students with a formal examination environment to replace anxiety with confidence.



The smooth execution of these exams is a testament to the seamless collaboration between the diocesan offices, school administrations, and our dedicated teaching faculty. The result is a clearer picture of our academic landscape and a stronger foundation for our students.

As these 397 students move closer to their final board exams, they do so with a clearer understanding of their strengths and a focused plan for improvement. The NCEC extends its deepest appreciation to everyone involved in making this vital academic milestone a resounding success.

NCEC FINANCE DESK

FINANCE OFFICER'S VISIT TO CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION - HYDERABAD

An internal evaluation of CBE Hyderabad was conducted by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) on November 14, 2025, at 549 Bait-ul-Mariam, Saddar, Hyderabad. During the evaluation, the institution's financial records, compliance audit documents, and ERP system implementation were thoroughly reviewed. The assessment was carried out by Mr. Rizwan John, Finance Officer, NCEC, and focused on evaluating financial transparency, accuracy of documentation, and adherence to established policies and procedures.



ONE-DAY TRAINING SESSION FOR ACCOUNTANTS IN HYDERABAD



One-day training session titled "Brush Up on the Basics & Beyond" was organized on November 14, 2025, at 549 Bait-ul-Mariam, Saddar, Hyderabad. Facilitated by Mr. Rizwan John, Finance Officer, NCEC

The training focused on core accounting principles, effective documentation and record management, application of standardized Chart of Accounts and budgeting formats, and best practices for managing inventories and fixed assets.



The session significantly enhanced participants' understanding of standardized accounting practices and reinforced the importance of financial transparency and efficiency in diocesan schools.

NCEC FINANCE DESK

LEADERSHIP TRAINING ON CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AT CBE-HYDERABAD

A pivotal moment in safeguarding education unfolded at CBE-Hyderabad on November 15, 2025, as 15 school principals gathered for a focused training on the Child Protection Policy, at St. Bonaventure's High School, City Campus - Hyderabad.

The session was led by Mr. Asher Javaid, CEO of the National Catholic Education Commission, whose insights set a clear, proactive tone for the day. In a candid, collaborative atmosphere, participants explored the foundations of child protection, from rigorous safeguarding policies and codes of conduct to safe recruitment, confidential reporting, and the meticulous handling of concerns. The principals left with a shared sense of responsibility and concrete action plans tailored to their schools, ready to align local practices with national guidelines.



The day concluded with each principal drafting individualized steps to publish and enforce child protection policies within their schools. This initiative marks a significant stride in our collective commitment to nurturing safe, secure educational spaces for all students.