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8th MARITIME SECURITY WORKSHOP (MARSEW)

Secure Seas Prosperous Pakistan



**2 DEC-
11 DEC
2025**

**Maritime Centre of Excellence
(MCE) at Pakistan Navy War College
(PNWC) invites applications for 8th**

Maritime Centre of Excellence (MCE) at PNWC, Lahore is organizing 10 days Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW). The workshop is aimed at providing a platform to senior leaders from various segments of society for discussion on Maritime Security issues and Blue Economy. Participants of this workshop represent different segments of our society which includes parliamentarians, diplomats, civil servants, armed forces, academia, private and corporate sector.

Salient Features of Workshop

- * Interaction with fellow participants from various segments of society and backgrounds
- * Talks, seminars, discussions and brain-storming sessions by experts and policy makers
- * Field visits to Naval Headquarter (NHQ) & Maritime Organizations at Islamabad, Karachi, Coastal & Creeks Areas. This also includes a day trip at Sea on PN platforms
- * Engagement in Maritime Policy Formulation Exercise

Who May Participate?

Participants can be from academia, business-community, entrepreneurs and media having interest in Maritime affairs, Blue Economy, Elements of National Power, National Security & Maritime Policy

Pre-requisites

- * Pakistani Citizen
- * Preferably Masters degree and above
- * Proficiency in English Language

Accommodation

Available for outstation applicants on request

Submission of Application

Desirous participants to submit their applications by 20 Oct 2025 on form available on MCE website mcepk.org or can contact on WhatsApp: +92-332-3474517

For Further Information

Visit MCE Website mcepk.org or contact Director MARSEW, PNWC at 042-20060119/ WhatsApp: +92-332-3474517 or at dmarsew@pnwc.gov.pk

**Last Date for
Submission of
Applications**

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**OCTOBER
2025**

MARITIME CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (MCE), PNWC

REMEMBERING OPERATION DWARKA ON PAKISTAN NAVY DAY

Pakistan Navy Day stands as a proud reminder of the courage, resolve, and professionalism of our naval warriors who wrote a glorious chapter of history during Operation Dwarka on the night of 7-8 September 1965. This daring operation was a defining moment that showcased Pakistan Navy’s operational excellence and strategic acumen in the face of overwhelming odds.

With precision and audacity, a task group of Pakistan Navy ships struck the Indian radar station at Dwarka—an action that not only disrupted enemy surveillance but also demonstrated Pakistan Navy’s readiness, reach, and resolve to safeguard the nation’s maritime frontiers. The success of Operation Dwarka instilled a sense of pride and confidence in our naval forces, inspiring generations of officers and sailors to uphold the highest traditions of service and sacrifice.

As we commemorate this day, we pay rich tribute to the valiant men of Pakistan Navy whose unwavering commitment to duty and devotion to the motherland continue to strengthen Pakistan’s maritime defence. Their legacy remains a beacon of inspiration, reminding us that courage, discipline, and professionalism are the enduring anchors of Pakistan Navy’s strength at sea.



Left to Right (Standing): Cdr I F Quadir, Cdr K M Hussain, Cdr S Z Shamsie
Left to Right (Sitting): Cdr A Aslam, Capt M A K Lodhi, Cdre S M Anwar, Capt A Hanif, Cdr I H Malik

Roundtable Discussion on Ocean Governance

On 03 Jul 25, MCE hosted a Round Table Discussion on “Ocean Governance” at PNWC, Lahore. Eminent speakers including, Prof. Dr. Sikander Ahmed Shah (LUMS), Cdr (R) Jawad Akhtar (MoMA), and Cdr (R) Khalid Rashid SI(M) (NIMA), shared insights on the evolving concept of ocean governance, distinguishing it from the Law of the Sea for its inclusive and participatory approach aligned with UN SDG 14. The panel highlighted oceans’ global significance for trade, food security, and energy, while addressing challenges of overexploitation and maritime mismanagement. Emphasizing Pakistan’s untapped maritime potential, speakers urged immediate policy action to strengthen ocean governance and unlock the true potential of Blue Economy.



Cdre (R) M. Jawad Akhtar



Cdre (R) Khalid Rashid SI(M)



Dr. Sikander Ahmed Shah





Familiarization Visits

On 24 Jul 25, MCE hosted officers of the Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS) attending Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) at the Civil Services Academy (CSA).



Led by Dr. Faisal Zahoor, the delegation attended an interactive session chaired by Cdr (R) Faisal Shabbir, Director MCE, featuring briefings on MCE's vision, structure, and academic pursuits. MCE Research Associates Ms. Javaria Shaikh and Mr. Ahmad Ibrahim delivered presentations on "Pakistan's Maritime Potential" and "Traditional and Non-Traditional Security Threats to Pakistan in Maritime Domain", respectively. The visit concluded with a guided tour of MCE-PNWC.

On 28 Aug 2025, Bahria College Lahore visited MCE at PNWC for an interactive session on maritime strategy, defense, and leadership. In opening presentation, Ms. Hamna Ghais Sheikh highlighted Pakistan's maritime interests and Navy's role in safeguarding national interests.



Later, Cdr (R) Faisal Shabbir, Director MCE, in his talk, encouraged youth to explore the maritime field for research and career development. The visit showcased MCE's efforts in projecting maritime awareness, research, and civil-military harmony.

On 20 Aug 25, a delegation from the Center for Research and Innovation in Maritime Affairs (CRIMA), led by Prof. Dr. Sajid Mehmood Shahzad, Vice-Chancellor Minhaj University, paid a visit to MCE at PNWC.



During the visit, both think tanks shared their ongoing contributions and explored avenues for mutual cooperation. The meeting concluded with a commitment to pursue joint initiatives and foster continued knowledge exchange.

Session-I explored the transforming geopolitical environment in IOR by taking into account Pakistan's adaptive strategy amid intensifying Sino-US competition, the impact of evolving alliances on future of regional security architecture, efficacy of institutional framework for regional co-operation in IOR, and lessons from May 2025 crisis and Nuclear Tetraplex in IOR. Session-II deliberated on military outlook of IOR. Comprehensive deliberation on topics including emerging technologies in naval domain and its impact on deterrence stability in IOR, role of air and space power in naval domain, prospects and challenges for arms control environment in IOR.

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, Chief Guest Session-II, highlighted that the world is in a chaotic transition towards a new power order. She argued that the U.S.-China rivalry reflects hegemonic, not great power, contestation—where China seeks stability, not dominance. She praised Pakistan's strategic gains after Operation Sindoor for reshaping regional security perceptions.



Ms Hina Rabbani Khar HI



Air Cdre (R) Khalid Banuri SI, SI(M)

Air Marshal (R) Javaid Ahmed HI(M)

Brig (R) Dr Naeem Salik

V/Adm Khan Hasham Bin Saddiqui HI(M)



MCE CONFERENCE
SHIFTING TIDES REVISITED:
STRATEGIC REALIGNMENTS IN THE
INDIAN OCEAN REGION - ONE YEAR ON

Conference on “Shifting Tides: Strategic Realignments in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)- One Year On”



MCE held its 2nd annual conference titled “Shifting Tides: Strategic Realignments in Indian Ocean Region - One Year On” at PNWC on 25 Sept 25. Split into two sessions, the conference sought to re-evaluate the evolving geopolitical, geostrategic and technological developments in the IOR over the past year. President MCE, R/Adm Sohail Ahmed Azmi SI(M) welcomed the honorable speakers and worthy audience. Lt Gen (R) Kidwai, in his keynote address, warned about the growing military threat emanating from the sea, identifying it as a “strategic blind spot” in Pakistan’s traditional land focussed military calculus. Gen (R) Zubair, Chief Guest Session-I, cautioned that the Indian Ocean’s emerging multi-polar contest, and India’s assertive naval build-up and nuclear proliferation, poses existential threat to Pakistan. Reiterating Pakistan’s principled stance, he affirmed that Pakistan seeks no confrontation but will not accept coercion or encirclement.



Gen (R) Zubair Mahmood Hayat
NI(M)



Lt Gen (R) Khalid Ahmed
Kidwai NI, HI, HI(M)



Rear Admiral Sohail Ahmad
Azmi SI(M)



Prof. Nicholas J-Wheeler



Vice Adm (R)
Ahmed Saeed HI(M)

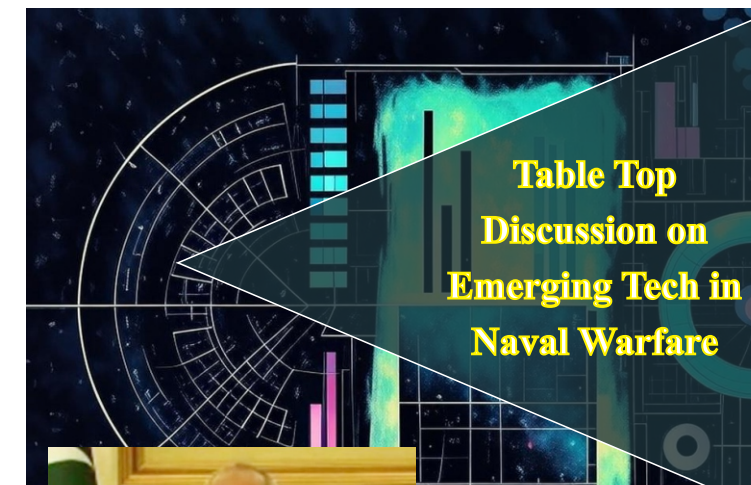
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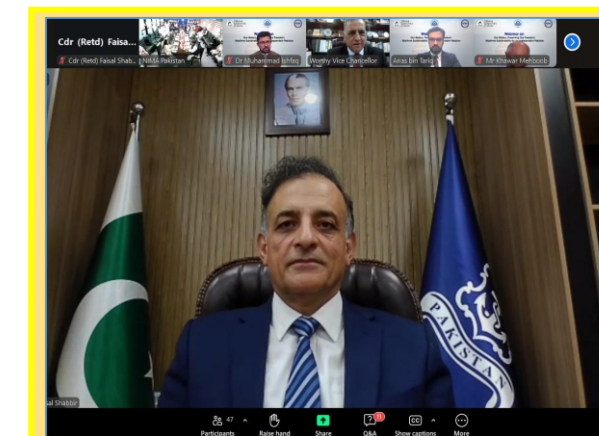
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Ms. Syeda Fizzah Shuja appeared in the podcast by CRIMA titled “Ocean Literacy in Pakistan: Building a Maritime Nation” on 17 Jul 25. She deliberated upon the importance of ocean literacy, why it matters for Pakistan’s future, and what steps are needed to cultivate a maritime-aware society.



On 28 Jul 25, MCE hosted a Table Top Discussion under the 6th Executive Leadership Course (XLC). Dr. Rabia Akhtar, Dean, University of Lahore, spoke on “Emerging Technologies in Naval Warfare,” highlighting the impact of AI, autonomous systems, and cyber capabilities on naval modernization. R/Adm Javed Iqbal HI(M), Deputy President NDU, discussed maritime hybrid warfare and the rise of grey-zone operations in the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region. The session concluded with an interactive discussion with XLC led by Dr. Marriyam Siddique and Dr. Maira Afzazze, faculty at MCE, on IR Concepts and Strategic Domains.



On 13 Aug 25, Cdr (R) Faisal Shabbir delivered a talk on “Protecting Our Waters, Preserving Our Freedom: Maritime Sustainability for an Independent Pakistan” during a webinar organized by CRIMA-MUL in collaboration with MCE and NIMA. He emphasized the strategic value of Pakistan’s maritime resources, threats to the Indus Delta, and the need for Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) to align sustainability with security and regional cooperation.



**Roundtable Discussion
on “SCO Summit
2025: A Watershed in
Global Order”**

MCE, in collaboration with BNU’s Centre for Policy Research (BCPR), organized a RTD titled “SCO Summit 2025: A Watershed in the Global Order” on 18 Sep 25, featuring scholars, diplomats, and experts. Prof. Victor Gao (CCG) highlighted China’s commitment to peace and partnership with Pakistan. Amb (R) Mansoor Ahmed Khan (BNU-BCPR) emphasized China’s role in the Global South and the need to address global imbalances. Dr. Hassan Daud Butt called for resilience through digital and green initiatives and stronger regional linkages.

Amb (R) Babar Amin discussed reforms, new trade mechanisms, and Pakistan’s upcoming SCO chairmanship (2026–27). The session focused on strengthening collective security, economic resilience, and regional cooperation.



Maritime Centre of Excellence (MCE) at Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC), Lahore, in collaboration with Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS), Islamabad, hosted a workshop on “Strategic Matters” on 29 Jul 25. The workshop's primary objective was to enhance participants’ understanding of critical issues related to strategic stability, nuclear deterrence and non-proliferation.

SESSION-I

The first session focused on Pakistan's strategic environment, evolving trends in nuclear proliferation regime, a comparison of Pakistani and Indian nuclear postures, and impact of nuclearization of the Indian Ocean. V/Adm Bilgrami emphasized that evolving geopolitics, emerging technologies, and India’s aggressive posturing are transforming South Asia’s security landscape.

He reaffirmed Pakistan’s commitment to credible minimum deterrence, regional stability, and a modernized naval posture amid the nuclearization of the Indian Ocean.



Vice Admiral Ovais Ahmed Bilgrami HI(M)
Vice Chief of Naval Staff



Air Cdre (R) Dr Waseem Qutab

Amb Ali Sarwar Naqvi

Cdr (R) Faisal Shabbir T Bt

Amb Tahir Andrabi

Capt (R) Dr Aqeel Akhtar



8th September, 1965

GUARDIANS OF THE SEA VICTORIOUS

PAKISTAN NAVY

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

FLEET STRENGTH

Frigates = 09
Corvettes = 05
Missile Boats = 08
Submarines = 08

Airwing comprising of
Maritime Patrol
Aircrafts, Antisubmarine
Warfare helicopters, and
variety of unmanned
aerial vehicles.

The Pakistan Navy etched history with a daring
Dwarka operation against India — showcasing
unmatched courage, precision, and dominance at
sea.

Today, we honor their legacy.

Pakistan Navy — A Silent Sentinel of Sovereignty and Guarantor of Freedom

INTERNATIONAL
THE NEWS

Cdre Ehsan Ahmed Khan SI(M) (Deputy President, MCE)

Pakistan Navy, born with meager resources in 1947, transformed from an overlooked coastal force into a resilient maritime power, proving its mettle in wars through unmatched courage and professionalism. Today, it stands as a credible multi-domain force—securing Pakistan’s trade routes, deterring adversaries, and serving as a true sentinel of sovereignty and guarantor of freedom.

MCE MEDIA APPEARANCE

Lt Cdr Dr. Sufian Ullah PN represented MCE on Radio Pakistan and City @10. He highlighted the Pakistan Navy’s decisive role in Operation Dwarka and its enduring valor in safeguarding maritime frontiers.

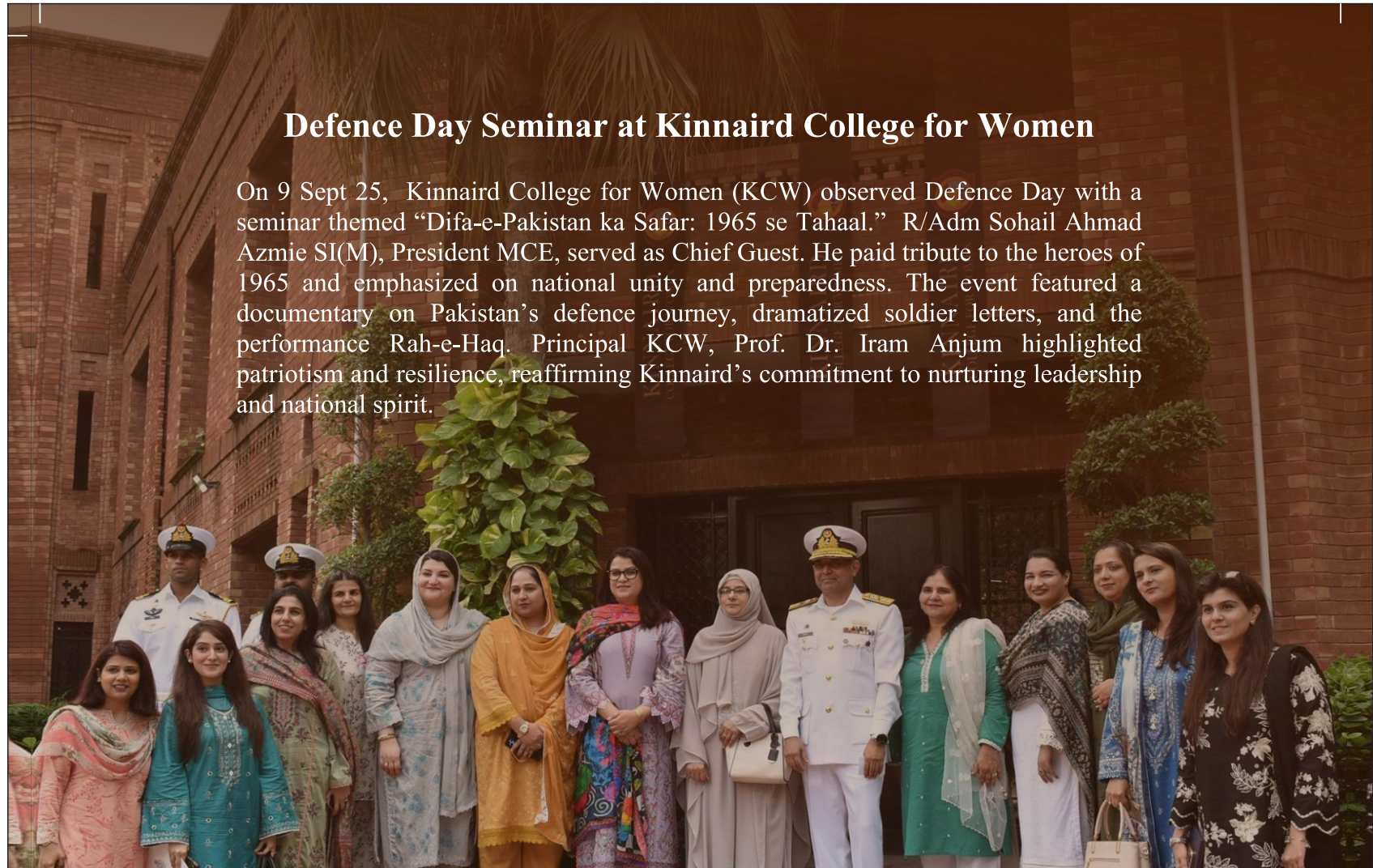


Cdr (R) Faisal Shabbir, Director MCE, appeared as special guest on multiple shows on Express News, GNN, and Turkiye Urdu . He discussed the Pakistan Navy’s legacy of courage, professionalism, and strategic deterrence.

Ms. Javaria Shaikh, Research Associate at MCE, joined “The Academia Magazine” Defence Day podcast. She emphasized the Navy’s strategic role in national defence and maritime security.

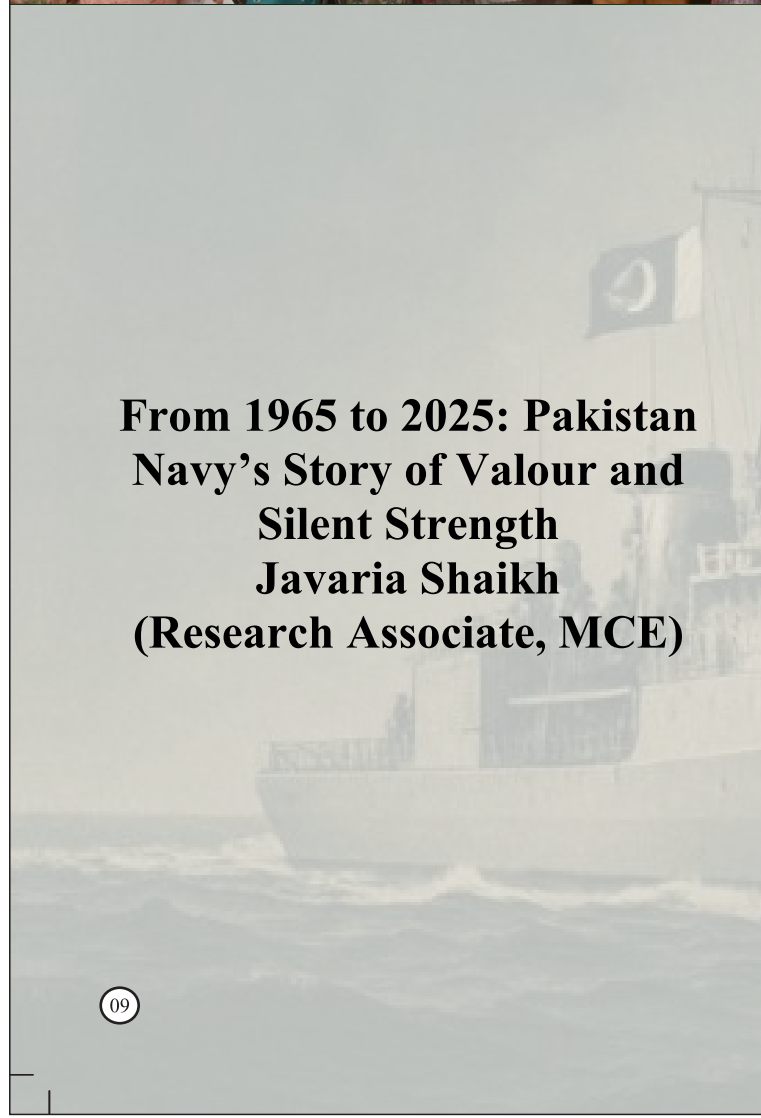


Mr. Ahmad Ibrahim, Research Associate at MCE, was featured in “The Wide Side” podcast. He analyzed naval power dynamics in the Indian Ocean and compared the evolving fleets of Pakistan and India.



Defence Day Seminar at Kinnaird College for Women

On 9 Sept 25, Kinnaird College for Women (KCW) observed Defence Day with a seminar themed “Difa-e-Pakistan ka Safar: 1965 se Tahaal.” R/Adm Sohail Ahmad Azmie SI(M), President MCE, served as Chief Guest. He paid tribute to the heroes of 1965 and emphasized on national unity and preparedness. The event featured a documentary on Pakistan’s defence journey, dramatized soldier letters, and the performance Rah-e-Haq. Principal KCW, Prof. Dr. Iram Anjum highlighted patriotism and resilience, reaffirming Kinnaird’s commitment to nurturing leadership and national spirit.



From 1965 to 2025: Pakistan Navy’s Story of Valour and Silent Strength
Javaria Shaikh
(Research Associate, MCE)

Pakistan Navy's 60-years story, from Dwarka 1965 to 2025, shows how as the guardian of the Arabian Sea, it has time and again turned the tide against a numerically superior adversary. PN stands not just as a naval force but as the nation’s shield and sword, silently safeguarding Pakistan’s sovereignty, trade lifelines, and destiny at sea.



Maj Gen (R) Syed Shahab Shahid (DG ACDA)

The second session deliberated on emerging challenges to deterrence, specifically focusing on the May 2025 crisis and its impact on strategic stability, strategic communication during the crisis, and the influence of emerging technologies on regional strategic stability. Maj Gen (R) Shahab Shahid emphasized that the intensifying global rivalries, the collapse of arms control regimes, renewed nuclear competition as key threats to international stability, with India’s militarization and hegemonic ambitions destabilizing South Asia. He asserted that Pakistan’s Full Spectrum Deterrence has preserved regional balance, demonstrated resilience during the May 2025 conflict, and will continue ensuring a firm response against any future Indian aggression.

SESSION-II



Dr Bilal Zubair

Air Cdre (R) Khalid Banuri

Dr Anum Riaz

Air Cdre (R) Dr Adil Sultan

Ms. Anum A. Khan



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