Press Release

# PITB's Online App OCAS Receives 246,544 Applications by 651 Colleges

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Out of 716 public colleges registered for online admission, **651** colleges across Punjab have received 245,806 applications since the launch of admission cycle 2017 on July 27, 2017 through Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) Online College Admissions System (OCAS) developed for Higher Education Department (HED) of Punjab for processing intermediate admissions applications for their FA, FSC, ICS programs. OCAS had processed almost one million applications during the past few years. For cycle 2017 among 246,544 online admission applications, 82,062 applications were submitted online while 164,482 were uploaded in the system by the respective colleges.

Dr. Umar Saif, the founding Vice Chancellor Information Technology University (ITU) Punjab, Chairman PITB and Advisor to the CM Punjab observed that the initiative has helped in improving and formulating the education policy through the monitoring of trending interest in various subjects and to establish new institutions and assessing the required needs including manpower while it has also enhanced the efficiency and ensured the transparency, eliminated the hazard of long queues and facilitated the youth to search online the choice of subjects and college by applying from home.

Free of cost availability of college broachers and online admission forms is an added feature of the system while it has considerably reduced the visits of students and their parents to colleges, ensuring timely compilation of applications and merit list.

According to the monitoring of OCAS Dash board, till to date applications with gender and program segregation recorded 55,310 applications for ICS (59% male-41 % female), 51,267 for Fsc Pre Medical (71 % female-29 % male), 73,829 for FA (64 % female-36 % male), 38,650 for Fsc Pre Engineering (68 % male- 32 % female), 18,677 for ICom (69 % male-31 % female), 5,547 for D Com (92 % male-8 % female) and 3,360 for General Science (64 % male-36 % female). ***(As on August 24, 2017 at 12.45 pm)***

Online College Admission System (OCAS) provides a web-based facility for applicants to submit admission application(s) online. Online College Admissions System (OCAS) is built to provide easy, convenient, efficient and reliable access to students for admissions in the government colleges for higher education. The solution is based upon a collaborative relationship between Higher Education Department, Nine (9) Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) of Punjab, Bank of Punjab and Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB).

The salient features of the system include 24/7 access, apply from any place with internet access, track admissions application status via college website, integration with BISE results, minimizing data entry and reducing errors.