



Press Release

40 CM e-Rozgaar Centers at the cost of Rs.547 million in Punjab to Give Free training for freelancing- - Dr. Umar Saif inaugurates UET, Taxila Center

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The Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and Youth Affairs, Sports, Archeology & Tourism (YASAT)'s joint project, "Chief Minister's eRozgaar Program" will provide free training to the selected candidates throughout the province of the Punjab in 40 CM e-Rozgaar Centers, being established at an estimated cost of Rs. 547 million in eleven universities of the province. The Advisor to the Chief Minister Punjab, Chairman PITB and the founding Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University (ITU) Punjab Dr. Umar Saif said while inaugurating the third Centre at University of Engineering & Technology (UET), Taxila here today.

Dr. Saif further said that e-Rozgaar Centers would nurture the country's intellectual capital to make a perfect blend of the creativity and self-sustainability to make them value creating personals of the society. The training would equip the youth of Punjab to have a range of avenues to generate self-sustainable income through online freelancing for various sites around the globe in technical, non-technical and creative areas, he added.

Pakistan has vast potential in IT sector and together with these training programs the business of freelancing was being regulated and organized and it would also eliminate the chances of fraud being practiced by fake sites, he said.

Dr. Umar Said added that 60 % of Pakistan's population was below than 35 years age and we produce 250,000 graduates every year while only 50,000 job opportunities every year were not enough to meet the requirement. In the present world almost all tasks were being out-sourced and our youth can monetize their education on internet by working for various websites around the globe, which was now a trillion dollar economy, he said.

Earlier, under CM e-Rozgaar Program, Centers at University of Gujrat and Government College Women University Faisalabad have been recently successfully launched by PITB.

Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad, Sitara-e-Imtiaz Vice Chancellor UET expressed his gratitude for establishing e-Rozgaar Center at UET, which was established in 1993, with 10,000 passed out graduates' strength currently having 5000 plus students and 300 faculty members among them 100 PhDs. The e-Rozgaar Lab at UET was renamed after the name of Dr. Umar Saif as Umar Lab.

PITB registered 33105 applications from the young graduates and on the basis of merit, selected candidates will be given three months training in three phases for freelance self-employment in technical, non-technical and creative areas at 40 training centers by high profile trainers. Among these centers five centers are dedicated for female candidates. In the first phase 10,000 candidates selected on merit through a transparent process, will be trained in three different batches during the current year. These Centers are being established in eleven (11) universities of the Punjab.

Since the concept and awareness of earning through the internet and taking freelancing as a serious profession is very new in the smaller cities of Punjab, the Program has taken upon itself to guide and groom graduates from a variety of backgrounds. The training will enable the youth to generate income approximately from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 80,000 per month while working from home.