



Press Release

e-Rozgaar Program Scaling Up Rapidly to Train Online Freelancers- Dr. Umar Saif

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e-Rozgaar Program, a joint project of Youth Affairs, Sports, Archeology & Tourism (YASAT) and Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) is scaling up rapidly to train the graduates for online freelancing in Pakistan, which has now started contributing to the national exchequer. Dr. Umar Saif Chairman PITB observed while reviewing the progress of the project here today.

The meeting was informed that similar Centers in the 21 districts of the Punjab Province have already been established in, which has enrolled 2700 students and among them 1694 have been successfully graduated. The top 15 % students have already earned US \$ 112,000 through online freelancing and Faaiz Zulqurnain has made US \$ 7000 to date in the shortest span of time, it was briefed.

e-Rozgaar has partnered with Facebook, incorporating their well sought trainings into e-Rozgaar's curriculum. Through Facebook course track, e-Rozgaar is educating trainees by sharing tools, knowledge, tutorials and basic skills which eventually help them to become expert developers. Facebook provides free vouchers to Master Trainers to become Blueprint certified. On clearing the learning path, candidates receive Facebook certification apart from the certification received from e-Rozgaar Program.

Other than Facebook course track, Facebook Developer Circles and PITB have come together since the beginning of January 2018 with the objective to 'educate, enable and empower' local communities for developers (Web/App/Gaming/Robotics). The developer circles have been established under the supervision of e-Rozgaar Program in three cities (Gujrat, Sahiwal and Faisalabad) and expected to expand to three more in future. The three local communities conducted periodic (monthly) meetups at designated meet up centers (Gujrat, Sahiwal & Faisalabad). e-Rozgaar has also partnered up with CrossOver to produce high end freelancers and get jobs at their portal.

So far 21 centers are functioning successfully at the University of Engineering and Technology, University of The Punjab, Lahore College for Women University, Centers at FAST Chiniot, Government College Women University Faisalabad, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, University of The Punjab Gujranwala, University of Gujrat, University of The Punjab Jhelum, Lahore College for Women University, University of The Punjab Lahore, University of Engineering and Technology Lahore, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, NFC IET Multan, University of Engineering and Technology Taxila, University of Gujrat Rawalpindi, COMSATS Wah Cantt, COMSATS Sahiwal, University of Sargodha, Government College for Women University Sialkot, University of Education Vehari, COMSATS Attock and University of Education Khushab.