



Press Release

## **Expanding e-Rozgaar Centres Across Punjab Says Minister IT & HED Raja Yasir Humayun**

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The Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and Youth Affairs, Sports, Archeology & Tourism (YASAT)'s joint project, "eRozgaar Program" held a combined graduation ceremony of June'19-September'19 Batch graduating 540 candidates from 3 e-Rozgaar centres in Lahore. The graduation ceremony held at Auditorium of Chemical Department, UET Lahore was graced by the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Yasir Humayun Minister IT & HED, Prof. Dr. Mansoor Sarwar Vice Chancellor UET Lahore, Mr. Azfar Manzoor Chairman PITB, Director General Sports Board Mr. Adnan Arshad, Mr. Sajid Latif DG e-Governance PITB, Director PITB Salman Amin and Dr. Shagufta Naz Dean LCWU.

The Minister of IT and HED Yasir Humayun were given a tour of eRozgaar lab in UET where he addressed the trainees and lauded PITB's efforts of empowering students and jobless graduates to make their earnings through freelancing by using their full potential. While addressing the graduates of eRozgaar program in the ceremony he congratulated and further added that the government will replicate this program across 36 districts of Punjab. This program has enabled the youth to acquire employment opportunities, extensive exposure, enhance their skills and made them financially independent. Referring to Chairman PITB he stated that we intend to add more disciplines in the program to attract large number of individuals to get vocational training in various fields.

Vice Chancellor UET Prof. Dr. Mansoor Sarwar further elaborated that eRozgaar has not only empowered a person but the entire family as skill cannot be confined to one individual. It has impressively created outstanding impact among the youth in terms of improving their creative, technical and non-technical skills. He further informed that the graduates of this program, which was specifically designed for the jobless graduates through freelancing activity. eRozgaar graduates from UET, PU & LCWU have earned USD 12,689 (PKR 1,996,765) including 193 (36%) male and 347 (64%) females, during the course of their training.

eRozgaar center at University of the Punjab, University of Engineering & Technology (UET) and Lahore College for Women University Lahore graduates were distributed their completion certificates. The program has yet produced 13 thousand freelancers in creative, technical and non-technical disciplines that helped them earn PKR 180 million so far.

Candidates trained in the eRozgaar program shared their success stories and freelancing experience that helped them monetize their skills and acquire a sustainable earning with the attendees. The day ended on the distribution of graduation certificates among the graduates by VC PU, VC UET VC LCWU representative. Souvenirs were awarded to VC UET, Chairman PITB, VC PU and others by Yasir Humayun.