

# Telecom

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# Message



On behalf of Universal Service Fund allow me to extend my heartfelt felicitations, on the occasion of our 61st Independence Anniversary. The revolution in the telecom sector is becoming an increasingly important component of the economy. This has been driven by the dynamism in the telecommunications market globally. Telecommunications related services can provide means for creating greater opportunities and access to work for people living in far off locations – provided such areas are served with telecom services.

Universal Service Fund aims to promote development of telecommunication services in un-served and under-served areas throughout the length and breadth of the country, to make affordable voice telephony and data services available to progressively greater proportion of the population at or near their home locations. Starting from October 2007, USF has launched seven projects to provide telecom services in remote areas of Pakistan thus creating opportunities not only for the normal population but also for disabled individuals so that they get equal access to ICT facilities. USF is currently working on projects to spread Broadband and extend Optic Fiber Connectivity to each and every Tehsil of the country – which will help spread all kinds of ICT services to every corner of Pakistan. Among other services, education and health are going to be the top priorities.

On this auspicious occasion, USF once again resolves to continue consistent efforts and with the support of the government (Ministry of IT), undertake even more challenging and productive programs for playing a vital role in enhancing the growth of telecommunications in the country.

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