

## God helps those who helps themselves

The winner of Amtu – UL – Raqib Award, Mr. Amir (Nari) is a devoted and hard worker personality. He belongs to transgender community but did not adopted the traditional work associated with transgender. He was trained for beauty parlor and started his business by setting up beauty parlor. Unfortunately, on March 24, 2020, the government of Pakistan impose lockdown and all activities/businesses were closed due to COVID-19 breakout.

Mr. Amir (Nari) immediately switched his business from beauty parlor to trading of animal. He shared that he invests his prize money for trading of animal and initially he bought animal from one market on cheaper rates and sold in another by marginalizing his profit. At present Mr. Amir has three (03 Nos.) big animals to sale he looks after animals and daily clean them to make neat and get more money against sale.

Mr. Amir (Nari) proves himself farsighted and start another business of selling household items e.g. fans, crockery, electronics etc. on installments. He is less educated but according to his skills he record all sold items and customer's ledger. He shared that he maintains his inventory of items according to the need of his natives and they are also happy for buying household items from neighbors that saves their expenditures on fare to visit bazars.

Nari is self-sustained in meat and eggs he fulfills his requirements from eight hens. Furthermore, he is involved in kitchen gardening and sow seasonal vegetables.

In short, Mr. Amir is continuing his business plans go forward and increasing his income day by day on this day of visit, he has his own house of 310 yards.

Telling his story Mr. Amir (Nari) quoted;

*"I never thought that I could not do anything, once I decided to earn I got training from MOJAZ Foundation and I'm thankful to PPAF for acknowledging my efforts and awarding me RS. 175,000/- as prize. I invest my prize in my business immediately after shutdown of my business during COVID-19 lockdown and now earning lot. I urge all transgender to come forward get training for any of the business they are ease with and earn not only for them but also put their share in country's economy"*

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