

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)  
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**Participants of 6<sup>th</sup> National Parliamentary Development Course call on President Dr. Arif Alvi**

**ISLAMABAD; DECEMBER 19, 2019**: Parliament was the backbone for a strong and vibrant Pakistan and was the voice of the common man, said President Dr. Arif Alvi, while talking to the delegation/participants of 6<sup>th</sup> National Parliamentary Development Course at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad today. He also appreciated the role of the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services in imparting quality training to the participants.

The President emphasized that our founding fathers envisioned Pakistan to be a democratic country and highlighted that the constitution of Pakistan defines the role and functions of the President, Senate, National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies. Furthermore, he said that the Parliamentarians came from different backgrounds and this diversity was the beauty and the strength of our democracy. He hoped that the skills acquired in this course would be translated towards better conducting of official business of the Parliament.

The President also urged the participants to utilize the training to assist the Parliamentarians in discharging their work in a befitting manner and wished them best of luck with their course and for their future endeavours.

Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services was mandated to provide legislative, research and capacity building support to Honorable Members of Parliament. The Institute also offers capacity building services to officials working in the respective Secretariats to enable them to provide assistance to Parliamentarians for enhancing their performance in four core areas of oversight, legislation, representation and policy guidance, in a befitting manner.

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