

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)

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ISLAMABAD; NOVEMBER 13, 2018: The President Dr. Arif Alvi has asked all Governors to setup a fund for payment of less than 100 thousand fine of those prisoners who have served their sentences but are languishing in Jails due to nonpayment of fines. He directed the Governors to collect necessary data of such prisoners in order to initiate and complete the process effectively.

The President said this while presiding over the Governors' Conference in Islamabad this afternoon. The Governors of all four provinces and Gilgit-Baltistan were present on the occasion.

The President directed the Governors to take the onus of providing clean drinking water in all prisons. The President also asked the Governors to establish laboratories for testing Hepatitis in prisons for the prisoners as well as policemen. He further underscored the need for establishing Citizens Police Liaison Committees in all provinces on the patron of Sindh.

The President urged the Governors to take leadership role in their respective provinces to resolve issues of water, population, health and primary, secondary and higher education. The President said that the Governors must take up the 'Clean and Green Pakistan' mission in their provinces in coordination with relevant departments. The Governor KPK proposed that the cultivation of olive could be useful in protecting environment.

The President also asked the Governors to keep in close contacts with the Chief Justices of their respective High Courts in order to help judiciary in the provision of expeditious justice to the needy. He further urged the Governors to identify at least one University in their province for affiliation with Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology. The President directed the Governors to provide land for establishing the campuses of National Defence University in all provinces.

The Governor KPK informed the Conference that 95% of the process of merger of FATA has already been completed and the work on remaining 5% is expeditiously being completed. The Governor Gilgit-Baltistan requested the President for support in establishing a Women University to which the President assured his full support. The President also directed the Governors to ensure that the Offices of all Provincial Ombudsmen work more effectively in order to redress the grievances of the public.
