

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)  
PRESS WING**

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**ISLAMABAD; April 19, 2019:** President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that research in the field of Information Technology (IT) is pivotal for socio-economic development and poverty alleviation in the country. He underscored that the Government is cognizant of the potential and significance of IT sector and has made it a national priority.

The President said this during a briefing by Prime Minister's Task Force on IT & Telecom, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Friday. Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, was also present.

The President said that the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution is changing the way that we live and work. Emphasizing that new technologies are powerful agents of good, he underlined the need for new ideas and initiatives to meet the requirements of these new technologies.

The President underscored that the basic objective of the Task Force is to reduce poverty and expand business by reviewing the existing IT & Telecom structure and making recommendations for its improvement. He assured the Task Force of every possible support in fulfilling its mandate.

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