

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, May 20, 2021: President Dr Arif Alvi has underscored the need for early development of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) to increase the overall efficiency of the electoral process as well as ensure transparency in the elections. He said that modern technologies could help in making the voting process more convenient for the citizens as well as building public trust in the electoral process. He made these remarks while chairing a meeting on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today. Federal Minister for Railways, Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Science and Technology, Senator Shibli Faraz, Secretary M/o IT&T, Mr Nadeem Irshad Kayani, Acting Chairman NADRA, Brig (R) Khalid Latif, Director General IT, Election Commission of Pakistan, Mr Khizer Aziz, and senior officials of the Government attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the progress with regard to manufacturing of indigenous EVM with latest security features and specifications. Ministry of Science and Technology updated the meeting about the development of prototype EVM. The President asked the concerned organizations to set timelines and finalize specifications for EVMs at the earliest so that the machines could be used in the upcoming General Elections in 2023.
