

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

PRESS WING

\*

PR. No. 57/2021

PRESS RELEASE

Islamabad, May 18, 2021: President Dr Arif Alvi has called for promoting arts education to effectively project the soft image of the country. He said that the Government attached utmost significance to the education sector and was taking steps for the socio-economic progress of the country by focusing on human resource development. He made these remarks at a briefing on National College of Arts (NCA), Lahore, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today.

The Principal, NCA, Prof. Dr. Murtaza Jafri, briefed the President about the role of the college in promoting arts education in the country. The President urged the management of NCA to enhance outreach of the college by developing collaboration with international educational institutions of high repute. He emphasised the need to improve online education facilities which are cost-effective and provide easy access to students. The President also highlighted the importance of adopting new technologies of the 4th Industrial Revolution enabling Pakistan to join the ranks of technologically-advanced countries. He also stressed the need for implementation of disability quota and facilitation of persons with disability by providing them easy access to college's premises. The President appreciated the role of NCA in providing arts education and assured the Principal of every possible support for success of the College.

\*\*\*