

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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Inaugural ceremony of Pre-Service Training (PST) of newly inducted Election Officer (BS-17) was held Federal Elections Academy, today. Honorable Chief Election Commissioner, Sikander Sultan Raja was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. Members Election Commission, Secretary Election Commission, Provincial Election Commissioners, officers of ECP Secretariat and members of development partners of the ECP participated in the ceremony.

Honorable Chief Election Commissioner officially inaugurated the Pre-Service Training Programme. In his address to the ceremony, the Honorable CEC congratulated the newly inducted officers. It is for the very first time that the ECP has inducted such a big number of officers through a very fair, transparent and merit based process, he said. To ensure merit, technology was used during the recruitment process, he added. Honorable CEC further said that to ensure implementation of section 12 (a) of Election Act, the ECP had started that training programme in the Federal Elections Academy. This 16 week long training programme is of unique kind which had been designed by the team of Federal Elections Academy by tirelessly working day and night, he said.

Secretary Election Commission while addressing the ceremony thanked Honorable Chief Election Commissioner and Members Election Commission for their support during the recruitment process and arrangements of the Pre-Service Training Programme. Secretary

Election Commission said that for 75 posts of Election Officers more than 100,000 applications were received and more than 50,000 candidates appeared in the written test. Short listed candidates had to appear in another written test and an interview after which 75 officers were finally recruited. Secretary ECP further elaborated that the Pre-Service Training Programme comprised 300 marks and inter-se seniority of the freshly recruited officers would be determined by their performance during the training.

Director Admin-FEA Ms. Mukhi Bano while introducing the training programme said that there are total 18 modules of the PST which would not only contain Electoral Laws and knowledge of Electoral Processes but also comprise Office Management, Leadership skills, International best practices, media management etc. Institutions like National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan Instt. of Parliamentary Services, Secretariat Training Institute, Information Service Academy and ECP's development partners would also assist the FEA in some modules, she added.

Members ECP and Provincial Election Commissioners while addressing the ceremony congratulated the freshly recruited officers and stressed on the importance of Pre-Service Training for the careers of the officers.