

## Dr. Raheal Ahmad Siddiqui as Chairperson Punjab Revenue Authority

The recently appointed Secretary to the Chief Minister, Punjab Dr. Raheal Ahmad Siddiqui has been transferred from Chairperson, Punjab Revenue Authority where his services will be remembered for long.

Upon his joining PRA as Chairperson back in the end of FY 2014-15, the collection of sales tax on services faced first time dip & stood at PKR 43.6 billion with meager tax base of 10,000 registered taxpayers. From nowhere to the height of leading provincial revenue collecting agency, PRA collected PKR 110 Billion under his able guidance in FY 2017-18. Through his efforts, the meager tax base of 10,000 taxpayers swelled to 50,000 taxpayers. Dr. Raheal took lasting steps and enhanced physical outreach of PRA to five divisions of Punjab. Now PRA has operational offices in Lahore, Gujranwal, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Multan including District offices in Sargodha, Sahiwal and Murree.

Taxpayers engagement and rewarding feedback through RIMS Amanat Scheme, youth engagement through Senior & Junior Internship Programme, Digitalization of tax management system, declaration of 10<sup>th</sup> April as Tax Day, inclusion of Tax Awareness Chapter setting up e-Courts, establishment of PRA's Training Academy & virtual learning center, tax surveys, tax clinics and establishment of Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee remained his major initiatives.