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Education in Pakistan

PhD holder and unemployed by Faisal Bari-in [DAWN](#)

In this article Dr. Faisal Bari talks about the current state of mismatch between PhD holders and Universities. He says “UNIVERSITIES, the 200 or so registered and formal ones, and many more institutions working as colleges, affiliated institutions and/or as coaching centres, find it hard to hire qualified and competent faculty. This is true of even the best of them.” Whereas “There are hundreds of people with PhDs who are not employed, while universities are desperately looking for faculty. If this is not a case of missing markets and information asymmetry (candidates do not know where the jobs are; universities are not advertising and thus unable to reach these candidates) — and clearly it is not, as jobs are well advertised and the scholars’ plight is well known now — it must be a case of mismatch” says Dr.faisal bari

Pilot project launched to 'revolutionise Pakistan's teacher education system'-in [DAWN](#)

The Karachi University (KU) has granted its affiliated Government Elementary College of Education (GECE), Hussainabad, the status of a pilot project, with "the goal of introducing innovations and global best practices in the teacher education system of Pakistan". In this project KU collaborate will collaborate with nonprofit organisations (NPOs) Durbeen and Zindagi Trust as well as Finland's University of Helsinki.

Efforts on for centralised education policy: minister-in [DAWN](#)

Federal Minister for Education Shafqat Mahmood says the government is taking measures to introduce a centralised education policy and uniform syllabus for all public and private universities of the country. During the Inter-provincial education conference, Shafaqat mahmood said “The government is focusing to improve the literacy rate of the country and all out-of-school children should be brought back to schools to restart their education. A comprehensive policy is being designed and recently 5,000 children out of 11,000 were given admission to schools in the federal capital.”

HEC Braces For Cuts in Budget For FY 2019-2020- in [The Academic Mag](#)

A special meeting of the Higher Education Commission was held on Friday under the Chairmanship of HEC Chairman Dr Tariq Banuri, to review implications of the ongoing fiscal crisis faced by the higher education sector, in particular budget-cuts for FY 2019-20. The commission was informed that the projected recurring budget demand of the higher education institutions for 2019-20 was Rs.103.550 billion, while development demand was Rs. 55 billion; however, the sector could face unprecedented budget cuts of up to 50 per cent. If this turns out to be true, it would bring about a massive disruption in the provision of higher education and conduct of research.

Infrastructure: The political costs and economic benefits of collaborating with China

PM Khan calls for tackling climate change, poverty as Pakistan, China enter next CPEC phase-in [DAWN](#)

Prime Minister Imran Khan in his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the second Belt and Road Forum in Beijing on Friday called for greater attention towards tackling climate change and poverty as Pakistan and China enter the next phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).#He suggested collaboration on five points: mitigating the adverse effects of climate change by launching an ambitious tree-planting project; establishing a BRI tourism corridor; establishing an office for anti-corruption cooperation; creating a poverty alleviation fund; further trade liberalisation and encouraging private sector investment.

CPEC helped resolve power crisis, revive dead projects, says Sayed-in [The Express Tribune](#)

The multibillion-dollar development corridor backed by China has started paying dividends with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) helping fix key failings of the country — such as the crippling power crisis, but it has also helped revive dead projects such as the Gwadar port and the Thar coal project while providing employment to thousands.

CPEC umbrella projects: Pakistan, China likely to sign three agreements-in [The Nation](#)

Pakistan and China are likely to sign three agreements related to CPEC umbrella projects, Rashakai Special Economic Zone (SEZ), socio economic development cooperation and agriculture cooperation, on April 28.

Reducing Pakistan's public sector: How can we maintain public services and minimize backlash while we make the cuts demanded by the IMF?

IMF folds package with more stringent conditions-in [The News](#)

The IMF has folded its bailout package with more stringent conditions as Islamabad have been conveyed to ensure guarantee from China that it will get rollover of \$5 to \$7 billion debt on account of deposits and commercial loans in order to meet its financing requirements during the programme period. The IMF has put the condition to bridge financing gap through “unidentified” avenues as Islamabad got deposits from China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE in the range of \$7 billion so far in the ongoing financial year. The commercial lending from Chinese banks alone amounted to \$5 to \$5.5 billion.

'IMF programme will kill Pakistan's economy'-in [The Express Tribune](#)

The current structure of the federal finance ministry is the weakest since the 1990s, remarked former finance minister Dr Hafiz Pasha. “They don't have the capacity nor do they have a senior professional economist who is specialised in fiscal policy,” he said. “The DG debt was hired after a gap of many months and it's not surprising; believe me we are running into a difficult economic state.”

Pakistan to begin talks with IMF from Apr 29-in [The Express Tribune](#)

The IMF mission, headed by Ernesto Ramirez Rigo, will reach Pakistan on April 29 and will be in the country till May 7. The mission will also visit various institutions during their time in the country. According to the sources, the Ministry of Finance issued a notification to all relevant ministries and institutions and sought data from concerned ministries, including the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). Nine-month economic data is also being compiled for discussion with the IMF mission.

Sources say IMF is asking Pakistan to increase the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 13.2 per cent, while the government has assured an increase by 12.7 per cent.

Civil Service Reforms in Pakistan

Plan out to wrap up 'superior services'-in [The News](#)

A proposal prepared by Dr Ishrat Hussain-led Task Force on Civil Service Reforms for cabinet consideration, will do away with the Central Superior Services, commonly known as CSS, system. It was said the concept of “Superior Services” is being replaced by equality among all cadres and non-cadres of public servants.

According to informed sources, the present CSS exam system would be changed in a manner that instead of one general examination for all cadres and services, the concept of specialised bureaucracy would be introduced.