

## Media Tracking Report

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### Education in Pakistan

- 'Ehsas': PM Khan launches ambitious social safety, poverty alleviation programme-in [DAWN](#)

'Ehsas' a poverty alleviation programme has been launched by PM Imran Khan for the welfare of Public. The first change that will be brought under the poverty alleviation plan would be amending Article 38(D) of the Constitution which included a clause regarding providing people with food, shelter, clothing, education and taking care of their health. But this provision is only a policy recommendation the government would need to bring an amendment in the Constitution and make it a "fundamental right" so the state can guarantee these five things to the people of Pakistan noted the PM.

- Call to measure disability prevalence in Pakistan –in [The NEWS](#)

Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA) organised two dialogues on issues of equity, inclusion and gender equality, #to prioritise inclusive and equitable education as a mainstream agenda. #findings from a disability prevalence survey, conducted by ITA, showed that 15.15 percent of the 8,345 surveyed children (of age 5-16 years) were found to have a moderate/severe disability.

- Govt plans to launch “Startup Pakistan Programme” for youth-in [TechJuice](#)

In order to increase technical and vocational skills among the youth of Pakistan, the Prime Minister Youth Programme has planned to launch “Startup Pakistan Programme” for the youth according to the state-owned news agency APP (Associated Press of Pakistan).

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

- ECNEC approves dualisation of key western CPEC route-in [The NEWS](#)

The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved the construction of western route project for dualisation of Kuchlak-Zhob section of N-50 from two to four lanes along with the acquisition of land for the scheme at a total estimated cost of Rs78.98 billion.

- Shanghai Electric interested in expanding investment in Pakistan-in [The Express Tribune](#)

There exists a huge potential for private and foreign direct investment in the power sector value chain including generation, transmission and distribution, said Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform Makhdoom Khusro Bakhtiar.

- China Gifts Pakistan with a \$2.2 Billion Loan –in [State bank of Pakistan](#) Twitter account

State Bank of Pakistan has received RMB 15 billion value today equivalent to \$2.2 billion as proceeds of the loan obtained by Government of Pakistan from China.

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

- IMF bailout package likely by mid-May, says finance minister-in [DAWN](#)

Pakistan is likely to secure a bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of between \$6 billion and \$12bn by the middle of May, says Finance Minister Asad Umar.