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Education in Pakistan

- Austerity and education by Faisal Bari-in [DAWN](#)

FISCAL and foreign currency account deficits were destabilising the macroeconomic situation. The government, in a bid to acquire macroeconomic stability, has been trying to reduce both deficits. Devaluation and import duty changes are the main tools on the currency side. Additional taxation measures have been taken to raise revenues and an austerity drive has been initiated to reduce expenditures.

- Pakistan has highest gender wage gap in world –in [DAWN](#)

There is a broad consensus that no country can progress without the full participation of women in public life. The lack of participation is at the root of many of the demographic and economic constraints that Pakistan faces. Pakistan@100 initiative identified inclusive growth as one of the key factors to the country's successful transition to an upper-middle income country by 2047.

- How and Why to Educate our Children- in [Pakistan Today](#)

An able, educated and technology-savvy workforce can bring Pakistan out of its dire straits. According to Punjab Education Policy report, 2018 a lack of centralisation of data hinders decision-making and compromises efficiency is one problem. Also, the capabilities of school leadership and education management remain weak

- Wisdom at Higher Education Commission of Pakistan- in [Daily Times](#)

This article focuses on distribution and utilisation of research grants under NRPU as a model example. National Research Program for Universities (NRPU) funds up to 20 million for each project, however the average amount remains below than half of the upper threshold. So far, the NRPU is the highest rewarded research fund from HEC for research and capacity development for research and researchers. This article focuses on distribution and utilisation of research grants under NRPU as a model example.

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

- CPEC likely to contribute 3.5% to Pakistan's GDP-In [Express Tribune](#)

China's investment of over \$60 billion in Pakistan's infrastructure and power projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is expected to increase Pakistan's economic growth by around 3.5 percentage points, said Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) CEO Shahzad Dada.

- Pakistan eyes Far East markets via Malaysia- in [Express Tribune](#)

Dr Mohamad, Malaysian Prime Minister is visiting Pakistan at the invitation of PM Imran Khan. The visit largely aims at enhancing business-to-business contacts and using them for Pakistan's outreach to ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Razak Dawood, #Adviser to Prime Minister on Commerce, told a press conference in Islamabad. During the visit, he said, businessmen from the two countries would sign \$800 million worth of memorandums of understanding (MoUs) in the areas of "telecommunication, technology, automobiles and halal food".

- PTI govt clears Rs80b project for CPEC's western route- In [Express Tribune](#)

The Central Development Working Party (CDWP) recommended the doubling of track on the Kuchlak-Zhob section of N-50 highway for approval of the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecne), according to a statement issued by the planning ministry. The CDWP approved Rs67.6 billion for

the construction of road and another Rs11.4 billion for the procurement of land. The project involves doubling tracks and upgrading the existing two lanes, which have 305km length on the Kuchlak-Zhob section of N-50, to four lanes.

Civil Service Reforms in Pakistan

- [FBR: Restructuring-](#) in [Pakistan Observer](#)

Prime Minister Imran Khan has shown his concern about the capacity and ability of FBR. In the past many attempts were made to rationalize the institution with the help of foreign technical and financial assistance but nothing substantial could be achieved. World Bank worked seven years on Tax Administration Reform (TAR) project and finally gave up declaring unsuccessful.

[Administrative Reforms - Pakistan at 100: Twitter](#)

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