

## Media Tracking Report

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### Education in Pakistan

- HEC plans to change policy of funds transfer to universities-in [The NEWS](#)

Under the newly designed rules and regulations by the government HEC will formulate new policies for transfer of funds to all public sector universities. To finalise the policy regarding fund transfers a new committee has been constituted consisting of Vice Chancellors and representatives of HEC.

- R&D and knowledge-sharing – Pakistan can learn from European model-in [The Express Tribune](#)

The success of R&D is contingent upon development of skilled human capital, emphasis must be on academic quality, but more importantly on skill enhancement, and more funded training programmes is the need of the hour.

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

- Govt to finance provision of gas, electricity to all SEZs – in [DAWN](#)

The government has decided to finance the cost of provision of gas and electricity to all the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) out of the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) and withdraw provincial mark-up support and federal freight subsidy to SEZs under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

- Only 3.84 percent of budgeted amount released so far -in [Business Recorder](#)

The CPEC was budgeted to receive a total of Rs 64.7 billion for 24 projects under the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2018-19 but so far it has received only Rs 2.49 billion with no disbursement for 5 projects.

- Pakistan entering CPEC Phase-II in [The Nation](#)

The government has planned to carry out the CPEC phase-II with China. With this phase the government aims to work on projects which as socio economic impact such as poverty alleviation, agri research and production, relocation of labour and establishment of new economic zones. Under CPEC phase-II four economic zones would be set up in the country under the second phase of this mega development project, which is part Beijing's One Belt One Road initiative

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

- Biggest ever IMF package likely-in [Pakistan Today](#)

A recent report released by Fitch Solutions reveals Pakistan and IMF will soon reach an agreement of potential bailout size of \$12billion, one of the highest bailout in the history of any Pakistani government. The international lending and rating agencies have given a dark picture of the economic outlook for the next two years.