

Media Tracking

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Education in Pakistan

- Ministry initiates several projects for uplift of education sector – in [The News](#)
The education ministry in its framework has identified four key areas in education sector including improving quality education, enrolment of out of school children, imparting skills development to youth and introducing uniform education system. A National Curriculum Council had been planned based on educational experts to develop a consensus for uniform syllabus.
- Moot calls for reforming system of education – in [The News](#)
Paigham-e-Pakistan should be made part of curriculum being taught at different religious seminaries in the country in order to bring the madrassah students to national streamline which will in turn help promote peace and inclusiveness and help eradicate violence, terrorism and extremism from the society.
- Uniform education policy in Pakistan by 2020: Murad Raas – by Umer Jamshaid in [Urdu Point](#)
Government would introduce a uniform education policy for class 1 to class 5 in all provincial schools from March 2020.
- Real education reform – by Jamila Razzaq in [The News](#)
Some miles have already been covered through establishing independent school monitoring systems in both provinces, improved infrastructure and facilities in Punjab and the teacher induction programme in KP.
- FDE to set up new model colleges, schools in federal capital – in [The News](#)
Last year, several students could not get admissions in the schools due to lack of space, however; with the establishment of new institutions maximum number of children would be able to get benefit from public sector institutions

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

- Future probabilities, CPEC and Pakistan – by Naveed Aman Khan in [Pakistan Observer](#)
The Corridor is not one road but a network which would enhance Pakistan's capacity in different sectors of development. It would have a profound impact on the economic growth of Pakistan. To Pakistan it is a destination and a pathway for many services.
- Archaeologist suggests role of heritage resources in creating opportunities for socio economic – by Sadia Abbas in [Urdu Point](#)
Kashmir remained center of attraction for pilgrims and monks who entered through number of routes and connecting passes of great Silk Road and left their marks in the form of rock inscriptions and other culture material.

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

- Why will Pakistan go to the IMF again and again – by Kaiser Bengali in [Global Village Space](#)
We can immediately ban the import of all non-essential consumer items. That could immediately save more than a billion dollars a year. On the domestic side, the budget deficit can either be reduced by raising taxes or by reducing non-development expenditure.
- Fitch report fears slide in Pakistan's growth rate – in [ARY News](#)
According to the report, Pakistan's economy is faced with growing challenges that will adversely hit the life of the common man. The CPI-based inflation reached a four-year high at 6.78 per cent in Oct, 2018 before easing to 6.2pc in December. The report also said that the rising inflation has come on the back of depreciation in the Rupee against the US dollar
- Consumptive luxuries continue to consume economy – by Mansoor Ahmad in [The News](#)
Citizens must forgo consumption today in return for higher standards of living tomorrow. This bargain will be accepted only if the country's policymakers communicate a credible vision of the future and a strategy for getting there. It is regrettable that unfortunately the current economic team is yet to spell out its economic strategy.

Reforming the civil service Pakistan

- Civil service reforms plan face resistance – in [Gulf Times](#)
A common perception is that most governance and administrative reform efforts have faced resistance from civil servants themselves and primarily from amongst the DMG or PAS officers.
- Hanging on to deadwood – by Khaleeq Kiani in [DAWN](#)
Mr Bernard Gladieux, a US consultant hired by Pakistan in the 1950s, remarked that 'regardless of their personal and professional qualifications, no democracy can afford to entrust its administrative destiny to any single cadre or group, class or service. To do so is to run the risk of creating and maintaining a civil service oligarchy. He believed the technical and professional officers also had administrative expertise and should be given top positions.