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Education in Pakistan

Education is not a solution by Anjum Altaf- in [DAWN](#)

The author argues about the current economic development in Pakistan by arguing the lack of development in Pakistan is not due to low education investment but rather insists that good schooling would provide a platform but sensible economic and social policies would be needed to spur growth leading to appropriate skill acquisition.

The author starts by giving the example of developed countries like Britain where he compares mass education and development. “In countries, we consider developed today, mass education followed development, not the other way around. Countries did not wait until they were fully educated before they began to develop. Rather, they began to develop which created the need for the spread of education. Great Britain became a global empire when there was relatively little mass education. Today, with universal education, it is a minor player in the global system. There is no linear relationship between education and development and certainly the former does not cause the latter.” writes Anjum Altaf

Out of school, out of sight by Faisal Bari-in [DAWN](#)

Pakistan faces a stark situation with 22 million five to sixteen years old out-of-school children. What will it cost the government to get all children to school? The author answers this question and writes about the stock and flow issue faced by the education system in Pakistan and how the government should take the necessary budgetary and policy measure to address the issue. According to the author the issue of out-of-school children keeps coming up in various conversations however, none of the governments has started to think about this issue seriously. “There is no work being done on any actual plans to address it. There is no thinking about where the resources to address it will come from, and what sort of programming is required. We are, in fact, not even in a position to ensure all five-year-olds get to go to school. Issues related to illiteracy will remain with us for a very long time to come.” writes Faisal Bari.

Ministry of HR starts ‘street children’ education project –in [APP](#)

To provide quality education to street children Ministry of Human rights has initiated “Education for Street Children” project in collaboration with Pakistan Institute for Rehabilitation Centre. The project aims to impart technical and formal education to street children in the country. The project targets federal capital and other parts of the country.

CPEC and Pakistan

Largest transportation infrastructure under CPEC completed –in [Xinhuanet](#)

The construction of the 392-km Sukkur-Multan Motorway under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has been completed after the National Highway Authority (NHA) presented a substantial completion certification to the constructor China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC).

The motorway, which is known as M5 in Pakistan, is a part of the country's Peshawar-Karachi Motorway and was completed two weeks ahead of contract due date. The M5 was designed for speeds of up to 120 kmh with a total investment of around 2.89 billion U.S. dollars.

It is the largest transportation infrastructure project of the CPEC and one of its early harvest projects. The project officially started in August 2016 and was completed ahead of schedule on July 23 this year.

IMF and Pakistan

Pakistan's budget has lost credibility: World Bank –in [Express Tribune](#)

Pakistan's budget has further lost its credibility and the public finance management system has also deteriorated, according to a draft report of the World Bank that has downgraded the country's ranking on almost all 31 fiscal management-related indicators.

The Washington-based lender shared the final draft of the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) report with the Ministry of Finance in June. The report carries an objective assessment of Pakistan's public finance management system and its budgets from the fiscal year 2015-16 to 2017-18. But the findings reflect the extremely poor performance of the Ministry of Finance that failed to carry out its responsibility and let the fiscal rules violated

The public finance management performance has been gauged based on seven pillars of budget reliability, transparency of public finances, management of assets and liabilities, policy-based fiscal strategy and budgeting, predictability and control in budget execution, accounting and report and external scrutiny and audit.

Civil Services Reforms

Bill on retirement age increase gets KP Assembly's nod amid opposition's walkout- in [DAWN](#)

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly passed an amendment bill to increase the retirement age of employees from 60 years to 63 years after easily defeating two amendments proposed by the opposition.

The government defended the bill insisting that the move will save up to Rs80 billion in the next three years. The opposition rejected the bill arguing that the law is being amended to facilitate a small number of officials, who are on the verge of retirement.

Regulatory framework issues by Foqia Sadiq Khan –in [Daily Times](#)

“At the de jure level, most of the regulatory bodies in the country established through the parliamentary legislation were meant to perform independent of the line ministries and other governmental agencies. However, at the de facto level, the independence of these regulatory institutions is restricted through numerous ways. One such measure was to put these regulatory bodies under de facto Cabinet Division's control as they needed to seek substantial 'input' from the central government to hire their senior management and in the management of financial matters. Such ways to control the regulatory bodies undermines their independence and does not bode well for the spirit behind the establishment of a regulatory framework in the country” writes Foqia Sadiq