

SECTION : EDUCATION SYSTEM



12 Mar [Malay Mail] Education groups say MoE not engaging on important matters, leaving many issues unresolved. KUALA LUMPUR—Groups involved with the nation's education system today said their suggestions and requests for discourse with the Ministry of Education (MoE) have garnered little to no response [LINK](#)



13 Mar [Hindustan Times] Haryana announces free education for all students in all govt schools. State education minister Kanwar Pal said the concept of free education was already in place till middle school but now the state has decided to extend it up to Class-12. [LINK](#)



14 Mar [Xin Hua] China allocates 931.6 bln yuan for developing balanced education over 2016-2020. BEIJING - China allocated 931.6 billion yuan (about 143.7 billion U.S. dollars) for advancing the balanced development of compulsory education during the 13th Five-Year Plan (2016-2020) period, the country's finance ministry said. [LINK](#)

SECTION : SCHOOL



8 Mar [The Journal] Northern Ireland pupils return to school for first time since December. The first children to return to school since December will re-enter classrooms across Northern Ireland today. [LINK](#)



8 Mar [Independent] All clear for primary pupils and 5th years to return to school next Monday. All primary pupils and 5th year students will return to school next Monday, the Dept. of Education confirmed. [LINK](#)



10 Mar [The Conversation] Disasters interrupt schooling regularly in parts of Africa: here's a solution. Schools are among the worst institutional casualties of complex disasters. [LINK](#)



10 Mar [AA] Pakistan to close educational institutions for 2 weeks. Government withdraws earlier decision to end COVID-19 restrictions, shuts down educational institutions in 10 cities. [LINK](#)



12 Mar [Ed] U.S. Department of Education Continues Aggressive Plan to Safely Reopen Schools. Will Help Schools Navigate Reopening, Share Best Practices, and Access Billions in Funds to Support Safe School Reopening Through the American Rescue Plan. [LINK](#)



12 Mar [Climate Change News] Signify calls for implementation of LED and smart school lights for brighter learning. As schools return, Signify calls for all educational buildings in the EU to switch to LED lighting by the end of 2030 in a move to save energy, create jobs and further Europe's digital future. [LINK](#)



13 Mar [Wion] Opinion: Education for All can't be achieved without eliminating gender-based violence in school. Schools and their psycho-social interactions and spaces are an important part of young people's lives. [LINK](#)

SECTION : ECCE



8 Mar [The Irish Times] Early-learning providers 'confident' return to classrooms will be a success. Pre-schools to reopen for children registered with the State's Early Childhood Care and Education scheme. [LINK](#)



11 Mar [India Education Diary] Early Childhood Care And Education: DIET Jammu Hosts Workshop For GN Zone Teachers. A very dynamic and resourceful speaker, Hushyar Singh (HOD) delivered insightful and impressive session on ECCE. [LINK](#)

SECTION : SPECIAL EDUCATION



12 Mar [Catholic News] Pandemic has presented challenges to provide special education. WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the World Health Organization declared a global COVID-19 pandemic March 11, 2020, the world shuddered, then shuttered. [LINK](#)



14 Mar [Borgen Magazine] Sightsavers Advocates for Inclusive Education Amid COVID-19. NEW YORK, New York — UNESCO reports that with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, children with disabilities are at a greater risk of being further excluded from education as distance learning solutions are not often designed to include them. [LINK](#)

SECTION : TVET



11 Mar [University World News] President set on an increase in tertiary enrolments. Worried about the low level of gross tertiary education enrolment in Ghana, the government is implementing wide-ranging measures to increase enrolment from the current 18.8% to 40% by 2030, including the establishment of an Open University and changes to student loan requirements. [LINK](#)



11 Mar [Daily Mirror] TVET sector massively impacted by COVID-19 disruptions, says ADB study. Sri Lanka's technical and vocational education and training (TVET) took a massive hit during the COVID-19 pandemic, a study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has revealed. [LINK](#)



13 Mar [India Education Diary] Empowering Women In Chad Through Literacy And Vocational Training. Chad's education sector faces many challenges to achieving SDG4, including a lack of qualified teachers, few technical and vocational training opportunities, disparities between rural and urban education opportunities in terms of access and quality, and a low literate population. [LINK](#)



14 Mar [Sunday Observer] The unique significance of vocational education. Of late 18th century, progress and prosperity have been predominantly identified with the economic growth. [LINK](#)

SECTION : HIGHER EDUCATION



8 Mar [Council of Europe] Higher education response to COVID. The Council of Europe has just published Higher education's response to the COVID-19 pandemic - Building a more sustainable and democratic future. [LINK](#)



11 Mar [University World News] Government promises autonomy for universities. In a rare televised cabinet meeting in February 2021, Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed revealed the government's readiness to grant full autonomy to universities in an effort to reduce their financial dependence on the government. [LINK](#)



12 Mar [AP] South African official pledges to fund university students. JOHANNESBURG - In an effort to quell violent protests at universities, South Africa's education minister has vowed to make more money available to enable thousands of students to register for the 2021 academic year. [LINK](#)



12 Mar [PIE News] Ireland focuses on UK/EU relationship in three-year higher ed strategy. The Irish government has pledged to "promote continuing linkages and deeper connections" between higher education institutions in Ireland and the UK, as well position itself as a leading knowledge economy, it has said as it set out its 2021-23 higher education strategy. [LINK](#)



12 Mar [University World News] Gender inequality in higher education persists. Female enrolment in higher education has tripled globally between 1995 and 2018. [LINK](#)



13 Mar [University World News] Could COVID-19 improve North-South collaboration? In June 2020 University World News reported on the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for higher education capacity building efforts in the Global South. [LINK](#)

SECTION : TEACHERS



10 Mar [Relief Web] Teachers in Asia-Pacific must be among first to be vaccinated for COVID-19 after priority groups. Save the Children calls for millions of teaching staff to be among the first in line to be inoculated once frontline health workers and vulnerable populations are vaccinated. [LINK](#)



10 Mar [Market Brief] Teachers Should Not Carry the Weight of Education Alone. Last spring, no one knew how much chaos the pandemic would impose on our lives, or how long the pain would last. [LINK](#)

SECTION : DIGITAL LEARNING



8 Mar [Tech in Asia] Edtech firm that caters to SEA's K-12 market nets \$12m in series A round. NPX Point Avenue, an education technology firm headquartered in Singapore, announced that it has raised US\$12 million in its series A funding round, which was led by Hong Kong-based private equity firm Gaw Capital. [LINK](#)



8 Mar [Channel News Asia] Why are kids so motivated to learn Math on this e-learning platform? With blended learning becoming the new normal, e-learning platform KooBits has the winning formula to help primary schoolers learn and love Math on their own. [LINK](#)



13 Mar [[India Today] Can digital learning be a substitute for traditional learning methods? This article sees how digital learning can be a suitable substitute for the traditional methods of seeking education. [LINK](#)



14 Mar [Eurasia] Pandemic Emphasizes Need For Digital Literacy Education. Parents would never give their children the keys to the car without supervised training and driver's education. [LINK](#)