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## **SECTION: SCHOOL**



**24 Mar [New Indian Express] Educational institutions in Pakistan to remain shut till April 11: Education Minister.** ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has decided to keep the educational institutions closed until April 11 in coronavirus hotspot areas, Education Minister Shafqat Mahmood said on Wednesday. <u>LINK</u>



**24 Mar [NDTV] Education Minister To Launch Comic Books For Students Of Classes 3 To 12.** The Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will launch comic books on topics based on NCERT syllabus for the students of Class 3 to Class 12 today. LINK



**25 Mar [Diplomat] Which Central Asian Students Can Return to Russia to Study?** Tajik students, for now, are not among those being allowed to return to their studies in Russia. LINK



**26** Mar [Malay Mail] Secondary schools to reopen as scheduled, says education minister. BATU PAHAT — The face-to-face school sessions for the secondary level scheduled to begin on April 4 and 5 will continue although there are 41 Covid-19 clusters originating from educational institutions since Jan 1, said Senior Education Minister Datuk Dr Radzi Jidin. LINK



**28 Mar [Malaysia Kini] Critics never had to deal with a pandemic - education minister.** Senior Minister (Education) Mohd Radzi Jidin has taken a swipe at critics of the ministry's decisions made in reaction to the Covid-19 pandemic, pointing out that their "advice" was never based on any real experience. LINK

# **SECTION: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**



26 Mar [CSR Journal] CSR Campaign To Improve a Father's Role in a Child's Early Learning & Overall Development. Historically women have taken up the responsibility of child rear and care. The role of mothers in a child's upbringing is considered to be of utmost importance. However, the role of fathers is not given due significance. LINK

### **SECTION: SPECIAL EDUCATION**



**23 Mar [Knop News] Special Education programs helping students throughout pandemic.** NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (KNOP) -Last year, many students in the North Platte Public School district transitioned from a conventional classroom environment to remote-learning. LINK



**24 Mar [Sonoma West] Special-needs children still seek help after year adrift.** One year after schools shuttered, the fears of many parents of California's special-needs students have been realized. LINK

### **SECTION: STUDENT ASSESSMENT**



**24 Mar [Live Mint] Union Education Minister to launch CBSE assessment framework today.** Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will launch the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) assessment framework for Science, Maths and English today at 5 PM. <u>LINK</u>



**25 Mar [Romania] RO education minister: National exams to go ahead as planned.** The national exams will take place according to the already set schedule, education minister Sorin Cîmpeanu announced. <u>LINK</u>



**25 Mar [Malay Mail] Education minister: Well-conducted SPM 2020 despite Covid-19 pandemic.** BANTING — The Education Ministry (MOE) has successfully conducted the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) 2020 examination in a smooth, orderly and safe manner despite the Covid-19 pandemic, as a result of the commitment and dedication of its members. LINK



**26 Mar [UNICEF] New global tracker to measure pandemic's impact on education worldwide.** NEW YORK- The COVID -19 pandemic has disrupted education for 1.6 billion children worldwide over the past year. <u>LINK</u>



**26 Mar [UN News] 100 million more children fail basic reading skills because of COVID-19.** According to the study from the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), One year into COVID: Prioritizing education recovery to avoid a generational catastrophe. <u>LINK</u>

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# **SECTION: UNIVERSITY**



**22 Mar [Mail Guardian] Long-term solutions needed for South Africa's higher education.** Transforming the higher education sector in South Africa has a long way to go, although some ground is getting covered. <u>LINK</u>



**24** Mar [COE] New Best Practice Programme in Promoting Academic Integrity. The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted the entire higher education sector causing closures and interruption of classroom-based teaching and learning, and such a sudden shift to online education may have had further implications for academic integrity. <u>LINK</u>



25 Mar [Europa] Erasmus+: over €28 billion to support mobility and learning for all, across the European Union and beyond. With a budget of €26.2 billion, (compared to €14.7 billion for 2014-2020), complemented with about €2.2 billion from EU's external instruments, the new and revamped programme will fund learning mobility and cross-border cooperation projects for 10 million Europeans of all ages and all backgrounds. LINK



**26** Mar [Arab News] Saudi king orders all second-semester exams be moved forward. RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's King Salman on Thursday ordered this year's second-semester exams at all levels to be moved forward from their scheduled dates so that they conclude before the start of the Eid Al-Fitr holiday, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported. LINK



26 Mar [Channel News Asia] Graduates of universities, polys and ITEs in 2021 can take free continuing education modules. SINGAPORE: Students graduating from institutes of higher learning this year will have access to free continuing education and training (CET) modules from their schools from April. LINK



**28 Mar [India Today] University exams to be conducted in May, not April: MP Higher Education Minister.** The university exams in Madhya Pradesh, which are usually conducted in April, will be conducted in May this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. LINK

## SECTION: TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL



**23 Mar [BWorld Online] ADB calls for reforms in PHL technical, vocational education.** THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) said the Philippines needs to upgrade its technical and vocational education training (TVET) system to better adapt to industry developments after the economic downturn caused by the pandemic. LINK



**24 Mar [Business Mirror] ADB urges Tesda to scale up TVET amid Industry 4.0.** Industry 4.0 may worsen the existing inequalities in the Philippines, according to the latest report released by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). LINK



**25 Mar [The Star] Politicians need to promote TVET, change attitudes.** A public education campaign needs to be undertaken to inform parents and members of the community about TVET as a viable post-school option. <u>LINK</u>

## **SECTION: TEACHERS & STAFF**



**25 Mar [EU Reporter] Education: Commission publishes overview report on teachers in Europe.** The European Commission has published the report 'Teachers in Europe'. It sheds light on several key aspects of teachers' professional life, from careers and professional development to their wellbeing, in particular of lower secondary education teachers. LINK



25 Mar [Channel News Asia] 50,000 workers in education sector invited for COVID-19 vaccination, more than 80% made appointments. Of these, more than 80 per cent of those invited made appointments, and some have taken their first dose, said Mr Wong in a Facebook post. <u>LINK</u>

### SECTION: DIGITALIZATION



**25 Mar [Conversation] After a year of digital learning and virtual teaching, let's hear it for the joy of real books.** We know COVID-19 and its associated changes to our work and learning habits caused a marked increase in the use of technology. <u>LINK</u>



**26** Mar [India Today] Importance of blended learning in the era of digital education. Opportunities like blended learning in the education sector have emerged to ensure a much more practical and convenient learning experience. <u>LINK</u>



28 Mar [India Education Diary] The Draft Text Of The UNESCO Recommendation On The Ethics Of Artificial Intelligence Discussed At The Arab Regional Level. Within the framework of the elaboration of a global UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Egypt in collaboration with UNESCO hosted an Arab regional multi-stakeholder consultation on the draft text of the recommendation. LINK