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[Sindh approves 18 education-related schemes worth Rs35 billion](#)

The Sindh Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) had approved 18 schemes worth Rs35 billion in the education sector for the current fiscal year. The scheme includes the establishment of the English-medium schools in all districts of Sindh. Additionally, Rs1.33 billion were allocated for establishing public schools in the province. Moreover, three schemes were approved under Sindh Technical Educational and Vocational Authority which include the establishment of vocational training centers in Kashmore district worth Rs.110.345m [*Dawn: 9 September 2018*].

[Private School Fee: Sindh High Court Order the Education Department](#)

Private school's fee raising more than 5 percent in a year is considered illegal by the Sindh High court. In this regard, the education department is ordered to make it sure that the decision is implemented well. The court had ordered private schools to refund the extra charged fees to parents/guardians of the students. The education department received the order. Private schools not complying with the order would be unregistered [*The News International: 11 September 2018*].

[Girls protested against the lack of basic facilities](#)

A girls' school near Khair Muhammad Areeja in Tulaka Baqrani/Larkana district lacks basic facilities like washroom, electricity and drinking water and there is only one teacher in the school. The school

building is also old enough that the students fear it may come down anytime. The school teacher also complained it to the relevant authorities but all in vain [*Kawish: 4 September 2018*].

[Protest: Primary school closed for two years](#)

For the last two years, a primary school in village Ahmed Saahir in Tharparkar district is closed because of unavailability of teachers. While protesting, the villagers told that the matter had complained to the relevant authorities for multiple times, but no action has been taken in response and because of that child in the village are compelled to do labor activities [*Kawish: 4 September 2018*].

[A girls' school closed](#)

In village Khorro Pasayo, girls' school is closed for many years because of the absence of teachers. Teachers never attended the school. While protesting, the villagers told that the appointed teachers had not visited the school even once. They said that there are around 50 girls of the school going age but are deprived of it because of the irresponsible attitudes of teachers [*Kawish: 5 September 2018*].

[Students and parents protested in front of the girls' primary school Moro](#)

In Noshero Feroz, students and parents protested in front of the girls' primary school Moro. The protestors complained that the headmistress's attitude was not good with students and their parents. They further complained that headmistress asked each student to pay Rs. 100 for the school identity card but the two months have passed,

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students were not provided the card. On the other hand, the headmistress said that students did not attend school (gosrroo) and as punishment, she had asked them to bring their parents among them, which, the headmistress claimed, has irked the parents [*Kawish: 5 September 2018*]. They continued to protest for three days against the school administration attitude, and on the 3rd day, they had staged a sit-in at the main road, which disrupted the traffic flow. They complained that the headmistress had thrown out (dispeled) more than 20 students from school without any reason. They further said that the District Education Officer Noshero Feroz was also supporting the headmistress's side and they both had threatened parents and students of filing false police cases against them [*Kawish: 7 September 2018*]. HWA believes that since the education of a girl is extremely important, and such incidences are depriving girl children of their right. Therefore, the school administration and the district education department should not take unwanted steps to bar girl children to get an education.

Principal tortured students and locked them up

Siddiq-ullah, principal of the government high school Rehmanabad, in Ghotki, tortured the students and then locked them up in the room just because they did not know for whom their parents had voted in elections. Parents of the students said that people informed them about the incident. On the other hand, the principal said that he has no interest in politics and neither he is affiliated to any political party/group; all this

is propaganda against him [*Kawish: 7 September 2018*].

Judge paid a surprise visit to the girls' school

Civil judge of district Qambar, Mr. Imran Maik, conducted a surprise visit to the girls higher secondary school Wagan and found that less than 10% students were present in school and seven teachers out of total 13, were absent. He then sent a letter to the secretary education to take strict actions against the situation [*Kawish: September 2018*].

School roof falls on students

Students of primary school Gazi Khan Mashwari protested against the ignorance of authorities in the renovation of the school. While the students were taking a class, big pieces of the roof fell upon them which caused stampede [*Kawish: September 2018*].

Primary School building in the worst condition

Primary school Gareebabad, Gambat, is in its worst condition and also lacks facilities. The building of the school is not renovated since it was built, because of that, falling off the big pieces of the roof is a matter of routine. There is a lack of basic facilities, like water and sanitation. Teachers and students protested against the miserable condition of the school and demanded from the relevant authorities to take prompt action [*Kawish: 9 September 2018*].

Girls' primary school building about to collapse

In Islamkot taluka, a girls' primary school's building is in worst condition; the roof is

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falling in pieces, which has injured many students. The school was built in 1990, and since then it is not renovated. Water drips from the roof and walls during rain. There is a lack of enough furniture and water and sanitation facilities. Only three teachers are available for 130 students. There are no sweepers, cleaners, and peons in the school [Kawish: 9 September 2018].

Children are compelled to study under the open sky



Girls' primary school Ghulam Hussain Laghari is closed because the building is in its worst condition, there is only one teacher for the school, and that too is on maternity leave for the last 40 days; there is no facility of water and sanitation. The school building is based on only one room with a boundary wall, which is already broken. Complaints have sent to the education department offices, but they never respond. Same is the case of the primary school of village Allahdino Mirjat near Faiz Ganj [Kawish: 12 September 2018].

Education is like a dream for children of Keti Bandar

Children of Keti Bandar are compelled to spend their time in labor, like catching and

selling fish because of poverty and unavailability of schools [Kawish: 10 September 2018].



Boys' primary school is closed for the last two years

In Bhiria city, Nausheroferoz, for the last two years, the main boys' primary school of village Jalal Mahar is closed because of the unavailability of teachers. 150 children of school going age are deprived of education. The building of the Higher secondary school, Hayaat Pitaafi village, has not been completed, which was started 11 years ago. The partially built does not have water and sanitation facilities, no electricity connection. Relevant authorities have been complained about the matter, multiple times but no action is yet taken by them [Kawish: 13 September 2018].

Parents and students protested against the unavailability of teachers

Parents and students of village Allahbachayo Nahrri protested in front of the Press club Mirpurkhas. They complained that the teacher had not been appointed after the previous teacher's retirement and because of that their children's education/schooling is disrupted [Kawish: 13 September 2018].

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No teachers for the last ten years: students and parents protested

In Tharparkar, Bheel community of village Poonjo Ji Dhaani protested in front of the press club because of unavailability of teacher since last ten years and because of that reason, children are compelled to go to the other schools which are located at a distance of 7km. Many complaints have been sent to the education department, but they never pay attention. Near Mirpurbathoro, Faqeer Yousuf girls' primary school is closed since last five years. More than 200 girls have deprived of education [Kawish: 14 September 2018].

Civil judge paid a surprise visit at boys and girls schools near Hala city

In Taluka New Saheedabad, district Hala, it was found by the civil judge that many schools are closed, including, government boys high school Shahmeer Raho, Boys Primary and girls primary school. Same is the situation of schools in a village of district Ratodero [Kawish: 14 September 2018].

Education sector officers have closed down a school in Daharki

In Daharki, the education department has closed down the primary school situated in

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Muslim colony; because of that, around 207 students (boys and girls) are deprived of education [Kawish: 14 September 2018].

Parents and teachers protested in Naushehroferoz



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Principal and teachers of the main Sindhi Primary School of village Muhajireen in Bhiria Road, Naushehroferoz are absent for the last eight months, and the school is closed, and because of that, many children are deprived of education. While protesting, the parents and students revealed that the teachers had opened their business/shops in the city, therefore, despite the biometric system in the school, teachers remain absent [Kawish: 15 September 2018].

Buildings of 25 schools are incomplete since ten years in Umerkot

In Umerkot district, 25 buildings of schools are in the process of construction since last ten years. The work was stopped a few years ago by the education department because of the lack of funds. The officers of education have already sent a revised budget and summary to the relevant authorities for the release of funds [Kawish: 16 September 2018].

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Buildings of three schools incomplete

The building of main girls primary school of village Arib Palijo and Hamal Jokhio in Jungshahi, Thatta are incomplete for the last ten years [Kawish: 17 September 2018].

Schools lack basic facilities in Setharja, Khirpur

In village Gulamullah Shar near Setharja, Kahirpur, a school was approved five years ago but yet it lacks basic facilities like, building, teachers, furniture, water and sanitation and because of that more than 150 children are deprived of education [Kawish: 19 September 2018].

Pano Aqil Primary Teachers protested

Teachers protested and complained that they



passed the examination for confirmation of their jobs eight years ago but yet they have not received any letter from the relevant authorities [Kawish: 19 September 2018].

Students protested against the closure of a primary school

In village Fazal Wadho, near Malkani Shareef in Malkani Shareef, Badin, the primary school is closed, and because of that, around 150 children are deprived of

education. The school building has not been renovated for 20 years, and there are no teachers in the schools [Kawish: 24 September 2018].

In Khanpur Mahar Girls' high school is in the worst condition

In Khanpur Mahar, Ghotki, girls' high school's building, which was constructed 20 years ago is in its worst condition because of lack of maintenance. The furniture of the school, windows, and tiles are stolen, the grass is growing in rooms and courtyard of the school [Kawish: 24 September 2018].

Schools in Faiz Ganj, Kunri, lack basic facilities



Schools near Pakachaang and Kunro are also deprived of basic facilities like water and sanitation, and furniture and buildings are in worst condition because of that, students are compelled to study under the open sky and sit on the floor [Kawish: 25 September 2018].

DEO Jacobabad paid surprise visits to schools in Thul

DEO and other education officers paid surprise visits to schools in Thul including,

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Government Higher Secondary School, Girls and Boys High School Mirpur Burrio, etc. and found more than 20 teachers absent [Kawish: 26 September 2018].

School is closed since last 12 years in Tando Masti, Khairpur

A school in Kumbhar Mohalla of village Sheikh Tayab is closed for the last 12 years because of the unavailability of staff, and building of the school is in the worst condition, people of the area have written many times to the relevant authorities, but no action has been taken to date [Kawish: 27 September 2018].

Students protested against the worst condition of the school building



ميرپور ماثيلو: اسڪول جي عمارت نه هئڻ ۽ استادن جي ڪوت خلاف ٻارڙا احتجاج ڪري رهيا آهن

In Mirpur Mathelo, students and parents protested against the delay of the renovation of the school building, and only four teachers are available for 300 children [Kawish: 28 September 2018].

Subject tourism to be added in curriculum, says education minister

The minister of education and culture, Syed Sardar Shah has said that the subject of tourism will be added to the curriculum on schools and college levels [Kawish: 6 September 2018]. He also asked the parents, students and teachers/community to come

together and help in making the education system better [Kawish: 8 September 2018]. On another occasion, he said that “corruption will be not tolerated in the education department and he stopped all the transfers of teachers that were done, during the caretaker government, based on corruption. He said that students should be the priority of teachers and educators, but unfortunately, the situation is the opposite [Kawish: 11 September 2018]. Shah said that Sindh needs quality schools. He said that there are 47,000 schools in Sindh but only 20,000 are providing quality education. Therefore, extra schools will be closed, and need-based schools will be upgraded. Around 3,500 school buildings are being used as animal shelters. In Sindh, there is an uneven enrollment of students, 80% of schools have 20% students and vice versa. He said that he would announce a policy to bring reforms to the education system [Kawish: 20 September 2018].

Corruption in the education department of Benazirabad district

Corruption case of Rs. 806,000,000 has been filed against 60 officers of education department including more than 40 Principals, four sub-accountants of treasury office and three taluka education officers have been booked in the corruption of 6 crores and 80 lac rupees in the education department, by the anti-corruption [Kawish: 9 September 2018].

Govt. needs details of the closed IDs of employees of the education department

IDs of most of the Sindh School education departments’ 10,000 dead and retired employees have been found open. Out of

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10,000; 107 were from Karachi, 275 were from Hyderabad, 1202 were from Larkana, 1751 were from Mirpurkhas, 1374 were from Shaheed Benazirabad and 1461 retired teachers were from Sukkur and because of that, it had become difficult to check the vacancies [Kawish: 10 September 2018]. After that, the Sindh government has decided to open the IDs of teachers only on the evidence of physical presence and attendance at school [Kawish: 18 September 2018].

Notification for the placement of assistant professors promoted in grade 18

A notification has been issued for the placement of assistant professors promoted to grade 18. Also, the forms have been issued about the promotion of HST and OT teachers to grade 16. The forms will also



mention the available vacancies. Details have also been asked for the eligible teachers to be promoted in 17-grade subject specialist cadre [Kawish: 15 September 2018].

Actions to be taken against the private school

The Government of Sindh's Institute of Registration and Inspection (for schools) has decided to take action against the private schools that are not teaching the Sindhi language. The registration certificate for schools has the clause which binds the school to teach the Sindhi language to its students. Letters are sent to all the schools to appoint teachers for teaching Sindhi language and provide free education to 10% students [Kawish: 24 September 2018].



HWA Star Model School Nawabshah: On International Day of Girl Child

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