

REAPPRAISAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

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Abstract

No society has prospered without significant and sustained investment in education. In the ongoing world where the interconnectivity between the countries is on the finger tips of human being, Higher Education plays the pivotal role in the development and honing of intellectual faculties of an in particular and nation in general thus paving the way for development and economic prosperity of a nation. History is testimony of the fact the nations who have shown sincerity in the acquisition and planning of education have always remained at the forefront of world. Since its inception Pakistan had a checker board history. Despite being the land housing immense potentials, talent and quest to excel in every field, inconsistency in policies remained the major hurdle in its way to reach to the desired ambitions. Education sector was one of the major sufferer in this regard. Decade of neglect have drawn Universities in Pakistan and in particular the Higher Education sector to levels which are incompatible with the ambitions of the country to develop as a modern society and competitive economy. Lacks of commitment, conviction and dedication have brought the Higher Education to a level where the students seemed ill prepared for the challenges lying ahead. Although every Government aimed at to develop this sector but it remained only to lip service. The problems are well known, the diagnosis is identified and well documented but what lacks is the sheer will and execution.

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