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**MARVI MOTIVATES MEDICAL GRADUATES IN THEIR PURSUIT OF SERVING
HUMANITY DURING GOLD MEDAL DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY**

Medicine is a noble profession which requires hard work, dedication and a passion to serve the humanity. The presence of these young medical graduates proves that they are ready to take on the sacred mission of serving humanity and contributing in the progress of the country. This was stated by Minister of State and Chairperson BISP MNA Marvi Memon in her address as chief guest during the gold medal distribution ceremony at Khyber Medical College (KMC), Peshawar. The successful medical graduates from KMC and its affiliated institutes, vice chancellors, professors, bureaucrats and politicians attended the ceremony.

On the occasion, Chairperson BISP also said that doctors have contributed a lot in KP which has



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been at forefront in fighting the menace of terrorism.

She stated that doctors work in crisis and they must remain calm, focused and have a strong belief to win against all challenges.

She said that the current Federal Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the Army Chief are committed to eradicate terrorism and bring peace in the country. In this scenario, the role of doctors is of paramount importance and the successful graduates have the responsibility to lead from the front.

During her address, Chairperson BISP also talked about the relevance of doctors' job with that of BISP as both aim to reduce the pain of those who are in difficult situation in their lives. She said that BISP is providing financial assistance to 5.3 million poorest of the poor and she expected the young doctors to volunteer themselves to serve the poor BISP beneficiaries.

While talking about poverty and its remedies, the Minister told that in 5 agencies of FATA, total eligible beneficiaries of BISP are 226930, out of which 158454 are active beneficiaries who are receiving payments while 68476 are pending beneficiaries. She said that in the rest of two agencies, survey in 2010-11 under last government could not be undertaken due to security situation. She further said that the new poverty survey of BISP will cover the whole of FATA since the security situation has improved as a result of Operation Zarb-e-Azb.



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The Minister also stated that the pilot phase of BISP's new poverty survey started from Haripur in June 2016 where Desk Approach (Self-Registration) has been adopted. She informed that the pilot phase of resurvey includes 16 districts across the country. Desk Approach will be employed in 4 districts while in 12 districts, Door to Door Approach will be utilized. 12 districts of Door to Door survey in pilot phase include Mohmand Agency from FATA and Lakki Marwat and Charsadda from KP. National roll out of resurvey will be followed by the Pilot phase.

Principal KMC Professor Ijaz Hussain, during his welcome note, appreciated Ms. Marvi Memon for gracing the occasion and said that she always stood by the people of KP, whether there was a sorrowful incident or a cheerful event like this. Other speakers who spoke on the occasion included Chairperson Chief Minister Inspection Team Akhtar Ali Shah, Additional Secretary IPC Tipu Mohabbat Khan, Vice Chancellor Swabi University Ms. Noor Jehan, MPA Mahmood Jan, MD Health Foundation Dr. Umar Ayub Khan, Dean PGMI Professor Riaz Anwar and Dr. Marina Khan.