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**BHITAI' S MESSAGE OF LOVE, TOLERANCE AND HUMANITY VITAL FOR
PEACE: MARVI**

To be human is to be fair with other humans and not to hurt them. This is the core message of Sufism that is not being practised in true sense that's why Pakistan is unable to achieve peace and harmony. It is high time to revitalize the spirit of Sufi teachings for the betterment of the society. Bhitai's message of peace, patriotism, humanity, integrity, sincerity, love for land and its people are the guiding principles that can serve as a beacon of light in current situation in which terror elements are trying to usurper peace and harmony. This was stated by Minister of State and Chairperson BISP MNA Marvi Memon during her visit to Bhit Shah where the Urs of Hazrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai is underway. Besides a large number of devotees, the Urs was attended by Sajjada Nasheen Bhit Shah, Hazrat Syed Waqar Hussain Shah, Sajada Nasheen Dargah Khawaja Moeenud-din Chishti, Hazrat Bilal Shah and a number of other Sajjada Nasheens of various dargahs from across Pakistan.

On the occasion, the Minister expressed deep grief over the loss of innocent lives in an attack at Dargah Shah Noorani at Hub. She said that the Government stands with the families of the deceased and the injured and perpetrators would be brought to the task soon.

Ms. Memon stated that the shrines are a place of peace and comfort for the dejected and worrywart. They serve as a fountain of inspiration and humanity for the masses and terror attacks cannot keep the public away from their source of hope and tranquility. We are a resilient nation that has been fighting the terror menace for more than a decade and cowardly attacks like this have failed badly in blocking our progress towards development.

Chairperson BISP reiterated that the implementation of the philosophy of great mystic poets like Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai, Hazrat Ali Hajvari Data Ganj Bakhsh and Bari Imam could root out terrorism from the world with restoration of the spirit of love, peace, humanity, affection and brotherhood. We need tolerance to co-exist and love to show care to everyone irrespective of caste, creed and religion. Referring to the verses from Bhitai's poetry she stated that patience, humanity and forbearance bring joy and peace whereas anger and hatred can do no good to humanity. She added that we need to follow the message of Bhitai's message of love, tolerance and humanity for prosperity and peace.