

1. BISP HELPS TACKLE EXTREMISM: MARVI

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ISLAMABAD: Schemes such as the Benazir Income Support Programme have not only provided stability to 5.2 million women and their families but have also helped in tackling extremism in the country, said BISP Chairperson Marvi Memon during her visit to Oxford University on Monday.



According to a press release, Ms Memon met Dr Ngaire Woods, the dean of the Blavatnik School of Government and spoke about the BISP at the institute. During her meeting with Dr Woods, Ms Memon briefed the dean on the steps taken by the government to manage poverty through the BISP.

She said the government was focusing on economic policies with an emphasis on poor and vulnerable women. She invited the school to collaborate in developing poverty exit strategies for the government.

The dean said poverty management programmes should be complemented by exit strategies in order to achieve positive impacts on the economy.

While welcoming Pakistan's suggestion to develop research cooperation with the school, she suggested potential areas of collaboration,

including the government's capacity building and parliamentary research.

She also talked about an ongoing project with the United Kingdom government to provide high performance leadership training to top 100 civil servants and suggested the possibility of similar cooperation with Pakistan.

Ms Memon spoke to the students and policy researchers at the Blavatnik School on BISP's working and methodology. This was followed by a question and answer session.

The BISP chief also met Victoria Schofield, the acting chairperson of the Oxford Union and Dr Karin von Hippel, the director general of the Royal United Service Institute.

(The News, Frontier Post, Express, Nawaiwaqt, Dunya, Naibaat, Jinnah and Pakistan also carried the story and picture)