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Celebrating Women Empowerment

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October 2026 was a month of significant progress for the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), marked by strategic partnerships, digital transformation, institutional strengthening, and renewed efforts to empower vulnerable communities across Pakistan.

Under the leadership of Chairperson BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, the Programme continued to advance its vision of an inclusive, transparent and responsive social protection system, ensuring that financial assistance translates into meaningful opportunities and improved livelihoods for deserving families.

A key highlight was BISP's participation in the Asia-Pacific Social Protection Week 2026 in Manila, organized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Senator Rubina Khalid engaged with regional leaders, international development partners, and ADB's leadership to promote inclusive and resilient social protection systems while strengthening international cooperation and knowledge-sharing.

Digital transformation remained a major priority throughout the month. BISP advanced payment interoperability, strengthened collaboration with NTC and NADRA, and conducted extensive capacity-building initiatives for field staff across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJ&K, and Gilgit-Baltistan in partnership with UNICEF. These efforts aim to ensure secure, transparent, seamless and accessible payments for millions of beneficiary families.

Women's empowerment and sustainable livelihoods also remained central to BISP's agenda. Through the Benazir Hunarmand Programme (BHP), partnerships with BBSHRRDB (Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research & Development Board) and SZABIST ZABTech expanded skills development and employment opportunities. Collaborations with UN Women and WFP (World Food Programme) further strengthened the Programme's commitment to gender-responsive social protection and women's economic inclusion.

BISP also reinforced its commitment to maternal and child health through the Benazir Nashonuma Programme (BNP), working with UNICEF and GIZ to improve implementation and strengthen nutritional outcomes. The launch of the Federal Training of Trainers under BNP 3.0 marked another important step towards building institutional capacity and improving service delivery.

Beneficiary engagement and accountability remained equally important. The Chairperson's field visit to Peshawar and live E-Kacheri provided opportunities to hear beneficiaries' concerns directly and strengthen grievance redressal. The visit of First Lady Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari to BISP on 29th October further highlighted the importance of transparent, accountable, and equitable service delivery. Meanwhile, BISP's initiative to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into grievance redressal reflected its commitment to innovation and responsive governance.

As October comes to a close, BISP remains focused on building a modern, resilient, and beneficiary-centered social protection system. Through stronger partnerships, digital innovation, skills development, and improved institutional capacity, the Programme continues to advance its mission of reducing poverty and creating opportunities for Pakistan's most vulnerable families.

ADVANCING SOCIAL PROTECTION THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID MEETS NUTRITION INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY DIRECTOR DR. SHABINA RAZA AHEAD OF ADB SOCIAL PROTECTION WEEK



BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid met Nutrition International Country Director Dr. Shabina Raza on 1st October to strengthen strategic partnerships in social protection and nutrition. The meeting focused on advancing collaboration ahead of the ADB Social Protection Week.

BISP–NTC:
Strengthening Connectivity, Advancing Digital Social Protection





BISP and NTC join hands on 2nd October to strengthen digital connectivity and enhance service delivery. Advancing secure, seamless, and accessible digital social protection for beneficiaries across Pakistan.

FASTER PAYMENTS, SEAMLESS ACCESS: CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID LEADS PUSH FOR PAYMENT INTEROPERABILITY





Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid is spearheading efforts on 2nd October to strengthen payment interoperability for faster, seamless, and secure BISP payments. The initiative aims to enhance beneficiary convenience, expand access, and ensure efficient delivery of financial assistance.

REVIEWING PROGRESS, CHANGING LIVES: 5,000 BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE BISP–BBSHRRDB MOU



BISP and BBSHRRDB (Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research & Development Board) review progress on 5th October under their MoU, strengthening efforts to empower deserving beneficiaries through skills development and employment opportunities. With 5,000 beneficiaries covered, the partnership advances financial inclusion, self-reliance, and sustainable livelihoods.

BISP, UNICEF & GIZ JOIN FORCES TO TACKLE IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES IN SINDH'S BENAZIR NASHONUMA PROGRAM





BISP, UNICEF, and GIZ on 6th October join hands to address implementation challenges in Sindh's Benazir Nashonuma Programme. Strengthening coordination and collaboration to improve maternal and child health and nutrition outcomes.

DR. ASIM IJAZ TAKES SOCIAL PROTECTION TO THE GLOBAL STAGE AT ADB'S ASIA-PACIFIC SOCIAL PROTECTION WEEK 2026 IN MANILA





Dr. Asim Ijaz on 6th October represents Pakistan's social protection vision at ADB's Asia-Pacific Social Protection Week 2026 in Manila. Advancing inclusive social protection through regional collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and innovative solutions for vulnerable communities.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION: SENATOR RUBINA KHALID AT THE ASIA-PACIFIC SOCIAL PROTECTION WEEK FORUM





Senator Rubina Khalid joins regional leaders and global partners at Asia-Pacific Social Protection Week on 7th October to advance inclusive and sustainable social protection. BISP reaffirms its commitment to empowering vulnerable communities through equitable access to social protection and improved social welfare.

BISP SINDH STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNICEF, WHO & WFP TO ADVANCE SOCIAL PROTECTION





BISP Sindh strengthens collaboration with UNICEF, WHO, and WFP to advance social protection and improve community well-being on 8th October. Together, these partnerships aim to enhance programme delivery and ensure inclusive support for vulnerable communities.

BUILDING RESILIENCE. EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY. SECURING FUTURES. ASIA PACIFIC SOCIAL PROTECTION WEEK 2026 | MANILA, PHILIPPINES





Senator Rubina Khalid joins regional leaders in Manila on 8th October for Asia Pacific Social Protection Week 2026, advancing inclusive and resilient social protection systems. Building resilience, expanding opportunities, and securing a brighter future for vulnerable communities across the Asia-Pacific region.

PUTTING SOCIAL PROTECTION AT THE HEART OF RESILIENCE | SENATOR RUBINA KHALID AT THE ADB FORUM IN MANILA



Senator Rubina Khalid champions inclusive social protection and resilient communities at the ADB Forum in Manila, 8th October. Reaffirming BISP's commitment to empowering vulnerable populations through stronger, more responsive social protection systems.

BISP–ADB PARTNERSHIP: CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID MEETS ADB DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERALS





BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid met with ADB Deputy Director-Generals on 8th October to strengthen collaboration and advance social protection initiatives. The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment to improving the welfare and financial inclusion of vulnerable communities across Pakistan.

STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION



BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid met with Mr. Rex Gatchalian, Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippines, during her visit to Manila, 8th October.

BISP EMPOWERS TEAMS TO DRIVE THE DIGITAL WALLET REVOLUTION –TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL WALLET SYSTEM - 9th October







BISP strengthens its teams with the skills and knowledge to accelerate the Digital Wallet revolution. Driving innovation, transparency, and secure, convenient payments for millions of deserving families across Pakistan.

EMPOWERING WOMEN, BREAKING POVERTY CYCLES: SENATOR RUBINA KHALID CHAMPIONS SKILLS, FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE – 13th October





Senator Rubina Khalid champions women's empowerment through skills development, financial inclusion, and sustainable livelihood opportunities. BISP continues to empower women towards economic independence and break the cycle of poverty.

BUILDING SKILLS. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES. EMPOWERING FUTURES.
JOINT SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMMES UNDER THE BENAZIR HUNARMAND PROGRAMME (BHP) – 14th October



Through joint skills training under the Benazir Hunarmand Programme (BHP), BISP is equipping beneficiaries with market-relevant skills. Creating pathways to employment, self-reliance, and a brighter, more empowered future.

BRINGING IDENTITY SERVICES CLOSER TO RURAL WOMEN IN SOUTH PUNJAB – BISP & NADRA JOIN HANDS ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN



BISP and NADRA join hands to bring free identity services closer to rural women across 12 districts of South Punjab. Empowering women through accessible documentation and essential services on the International Day of Rural Women, 14th October.

EMPOWERING BISP FIELD STAFF. ENABLING SEAMLESS DIGITAL PAYMENTS – 16th October









BISP strengthens field staff capacity to ensure efficient, transparent, and seamless digital payments. Empowering frontline teams to deliver improved services and greater convenience to beneficiaries.

BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID REACHES SAEEDABAD, DEIR COLONY, PESHAWAR – CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES, STRENGTHENING SUPPORT



BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid visits Saeedabad, Deir Colony, Peshawar, engaging directly with local communities on 16th October. Strengthening community connections and reaffirming BISP's commitment to inclusive social protection and public welfare.

BISP, UN WOMEN & WFP: EMPOWERING WOMEN, ADVANCING GENDER-RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION IN PAKISTAN – 19th October





BISP, UN Women, and WFP join hands to empower women and advance gender-responsive social protection in Pakistan. Together, we are strengthening women's rights, inclusion, and access to equitable social protection services.

YOUR VOICE, YOUR CONCERNS, HER COMMITMENT: SENATOR RUBINA KHALID LEADS LIVE E-KACHERI AT BISP HEADQUARTERS





Senator Rubina Khalid leads a live E-Kacheri at BISP Headquarters on 20th October, listening directly to beneficiaries' concerns and addressing their grievances. Her commitment: ensuring transparency, responsive service, and timely resolution of public complaints.

BISP & NADRA JOIN FORCES TO STRENGTHEN DIGITAL SECURITY AND BENEFICIARY PROTECTION – 20th October



BISP and NADRA strengthen collaboration to enhance digital security and safeguard beneficiaries' data. The partnership reinforces cybersecurity, data protection, and secure delivery of social protection services.

BISP AND UNICEF PAKISTAN STRENGTHEN FIELD STAFF CAPACITY ON THE NEW DIGITAL PAYMENT SYSTEM IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



BISP and UNICEF Pakistan join hands to strengthen field staff capacity on the new digital payment system in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The initiative on 20th October was aimed to promote transparent, efficient, and beneficiary-friendly payments for deserving families.

AJK GOES DIGITAL: TRAINING FIELD STAFF FOR SEAMLESS DIGITAL PAYMENTS
22nd October



BISP is strengthening digital payment systems in AJK by training field staff for efficient, transparent, and seamless transactions. This initiative empowers front-line teams to ensure secure and convenient payment services for beneficiaries.

ADVANCING ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION: BISP CHAIRPERSON SENATOR RUBINA KHALID MEETS CEO ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SOHAIL CHAUDHRY



BISP Chairperson Senator Rubina Khalid met with CEO Economic Affairs Sohail Chaudhry on 22nd October to strengthen economic cooperation for social protection. The meeting focused on enhancing collaboration to advance inclusive development and improve the welfare of vulnerable communities.

EMPOWERING SKILLS
UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES



Chairperson BISP, Senator Rubina Khalid, meets the Benazir Hunarmand Programme Team on 26th October at BISP, Headquarters

CHAIRPERSON RUBINA KHALID DRIVES SEAMLESS INTEROPERABILITY FOR BISP







Chairperson BISP Senator Rubina Khalid chaired a meeting with BISP officials on 26th October at BISP Headquarters to strengthen interoperability and coordination. The meeting focused on improving system integration and ensuring seamless, efficient service delivery to beneficiaries.

BISP AND UNICEF PAKISTAN CONDUCT TRAINING ON THE NEW DIGITAL PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR FIELD STAFF IN GILGIT-BALTISTAN



BISP and UNICEF Pakistan conducted training on 26th October for field staff in Gilgit-Baltistan on the new digital payment system to strengthen implementation and service delivery. The initiative aims to promote transparent, efficient, and beneficiary-friendly payments for vulnerable families.

BENAZIR NASHONUMA PROGRAMME (BNP) 3.0: FIVE-DAY FEDERAL MASTER TRAINERS' TRAINING OF TRAINERS (ToT)







The five-day Federal Training of Trainers under Benazir Nashonuma Programme (BNP) 3.0 started on 27th October. The initiative reinforces BISP's commitment to building a healthier, better-nourished future for Pakistan's most vulnerable families.

BISP HOSTS TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON AI INTEGRATION IN GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL WITH SUPPORT FROM GATES FOUNDATION, KARANDAAZ AND ADB







BISP hosts a two-day workshop on integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into grievance redressal, on 28th October. The initiative aimed to enhance complaint management, improve service delivery and ensure faster, more transparent responses to beneficiaries' concerns.

BISP AND SZABIST ZABTECH JOIN HANDS TO PROVIDE SKILLS TRAINING TO 50 WOMEN FROM BENEFICIARY FAMILIES



BISP and SZABIST ZABTech join hands on 28th October to equip 50 women from beneficiary families with market-oriented skills and training opportunities. The initiative aims to promote women's economic empowerment, self-reliance, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

BISP AND UNICEF PAKISTAN CONDUCT TRAINING ON THE NEW DIGITAL PAYMENT SYSTEM



BISP and UNICEF Pakistan join hands on 28th October to strengthen capacity on the new digital payment system, promoting transparency, efficiency, and secure payments. The initiative reinforces their commitment to ensuring seamless and accessible financial assistance for deserving families across Pakistan.

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The First Lady Bibi Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, visited BISP HQ, Islamabad on 29th October and interacted with beneficiaries, listening to their experiences and highlighting the importance of transparent and accountable service delivery. She emphasized strengthening public awareness and ensuring that assistance reaches deserving families effectively and equitably.