

The Role Of The Spiritual Environment In The Development Of New Uzbekistan

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Abstract: This article highlights the critical importance of spiritual development in the progress of New Uzbekistan and focuses on the extensive reforms being implemented in our country in this regard, as well as their outcomes.

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Introduction: In recent years, great attention has been paid to the issues of spirituality and enlightenment as a priority direction of state policy. In particular, the President's resolutions "On Additional Measures to Increase the Effectiveness of Spiritual and Educational Work" dated May 3, 2019, and "On Measures for the Fundamental Improvement of the System of Spiritual and Educational Work" dated March 26, 2021, have played a crucial role in elevating efforts in this area to a new level. Furthermore, as a result of the ongoing changes and large-scale reforms being implemented in our country, the necessary political-legal, socio-economic, and scientific-educational foundations for building a New Uzbekistan have been established.

In particular, the adoption of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated January 28, 2022 "On the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" establishes the legal foundation for advancing all spheres of our society to a new level.

This legal document outlines the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026, which comprises 7 directions and 100 goals. Each of these directions and goals contributes to the further development of the economic, socio-political, scientific, and spiritual domains of our country. Specifically, the fifth direction of the New Uzbekistan Development Strategy, titled "Ensuring Spiritual Development and Elevating the Sphere to a New Level," encompasses 8 goals. Each of these goals encompasses reforms aimed at advancing the spiritual realm of our country to a new stage. These include:

1. Ensuring the stability of the socio-spiritual environment in society:
 - a) joint struggle against ideological attacks based on the national idea, strengthening the cooperation of family, school, and mahalla, and on this basis ensuring the continuity of spiritual education;
 - b) Implementation of interactive methods of education and upbringing to transform schools into true centers of spirituality, enlightenment, and culture;
 - d) introduction of new approaches to the preservation, wide popularization, and development of the national values and spiritual heritage of the Uzbek people;
 - e) Achieving coverage of all the main issues of ensuring the stability of the socio-spiritual environment in society with scientific and sociological research.
2. Wide popularization of masterpieces of Uzbek and world literature, development of reading culture in society and information and library services for the population:
 - a) Bringing the number of young readers to 5 million people;
 - b) creation of 100 best works of art and 50 fiction books for children and adolescents annually;
 - d) publication in the Uzbek language of the multi-volume "Treasury of Uzbek Literature," the 100-volume "Pearls of World Children's Literature";
 - e) Digitalization of the book fund of about 40 million.
3. Comprehensive development of modern theatrical and circus art, creation of stage works of a high artistic

and ideological level:

- a) repair and equipping of 40 theater buildings;
- b) construction of 6 new theater buildings, bringing the annual number of visits to state theaters to 5 million;
- d) creation of 2 new puppet theaters;
- e) Raising international cooperation in the field of modern theater and circus art to a new level.

4. Increasing the tourism potential of our country through the promotion of Uzbek national art:

- a) Holding at least 10 international festivals and conferences in the fields of maqom, bakhshi, dance, and theater;
- b) Involvement of at least 20 highly qualified foreign specialists in the field of education.

5. Further improvement of activities related to the protection, scientific study and popularization of cultural heritage:

- a) Transfer of more than 3 thousand archival materials from the archives of the Institute of Art History, the Institute of Uzbek Language, Literature and Folklore to a modern format;
- b) achieving the inclusion of at least 3 unique examples of intangible cultural heritage in UNESCO international lists;
- d) in-depth scientific research of more than 30 elements of intangible cultural heritage;
- e) carrying out work on the preservation of 158 cultural heritage sites;
- f) bringing the annual number of museum visits to 5 million;
- d) Digitalization of 2.5 million museum items.

6. Development of the activities of cultural organizations, improvement of their material and technical base and support for workers in the field, development of fine and applied arts:

- a) carrying out construction, repair, and equipping of 432 cultural centers in need of repair in 2024-2030 with the involvement of the private sector;
- b) equipping 13 children's music and art schools, bringing the number of clubs to 7 thousand;
- d) establishment of the activities of 64 modern summer cinemas and 24 book cafes in the cultural and recreational parks of the regions.

7. Development of national cinematography:

- a) placement of national films on the 10 most popular internet platforms in the world;
- b) production in 2024 - 2030 of a series of films consisting of 50 film projects reflecting the more than

three thousand years of history of the development of our statehood, the scientific, cultural, and spiritual heritage of our great ancestors, as well as their broadcasting abroad, in particular at film festivals and on television channels;

- d) Production of 10 animated films and series about national heroes.

In particular, in the process of societal development, one of the main priorities was the study of spirituality, spiritual development, the rich historical, scientific, and cultural heritage of our people, and national-religious values. Therefore, in this New Uzbekistan Development Strategy, it is especially emphasized that it is important to raise the spiritual thinking of our people to a new level, to transform a healthy worldview and creativity in society into a nationwide movement by widely promoting the idea "From the Action Strategy to the Development Strategy," based on the principles of goodness and humanism.

Also, in the fifth direction of this development strategy, entitled "Ensuring Spiritual Development and Raising the Sphere to a New Level," it is emphasized that one of the priority tasks is state support for the preservation, wide popularization, and development of the national values and spiritual heritage of the Uzbek people. Special attention is paid to such issues as the organization of legal and educational activities for the formation of legal culture among the population in conjunction with the study of the rich history, scientific and cultural heritage, national and religious values of our people.

In this regard, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said: "If the economy is the body of society's life, then spirituality is its soul and spirit," and we rely on two strong pillars in building New Uzbekistan. The first is a strong economy based on market principles, and the second is a strong spirituality based on the rich heritage of our ancestors and national values.

In this direction, a new stage of spirituality is the implementation of the concept of "New Uzbekistan - an enlightened society," joint struggle against ideological attacks based on the national idea, strengthening the cooperation of family, school, and mahalla, and on this basis, the formation of the skill of ensuring the continuity of spiritual education, the implementation of the theoretical and methodological aspects of ensuring the implementation of the idea of "New Uzbekistan - the Third Renaissance" under the motto "Youth - Builders of New Uzbekistan," raising our national spiritual development to a new level, bringing the rich spiritual heritage of our people to the consciousness of young people from a scientific point of view.

In particular, special attention is paid to the issues of further development of the study and promotion of the history of Uzbekistan, the implementation of the Concept for the Development of Historical Science until 2030. This, firstly, constitutes the political aspects of illuminating the scientific and theoretical foundations of the subject "History of Uzbekistan," teaching the philosophical and methodological foundations of our national history to our people, including young people, and secondly, serves to increase the role and status of social sciences and humanities taught in higher educational institutions.

In general, the New Uzbekistan Development Strategy for 2022-2026 forms the legal basis for raising the economic, socio-political, and spiritual spheres of our people to a new level, realizing the hopes and aspirations of our people, building a humane state by elevating human dignity and further developing a free civil society based on national interests, as well as bringing our national spirituality to a new level.

In the reporting period, the following work was carried out on the priority areas of the State Program for ensuring spiritual development and raising the sphere to a new level.

In order to transform a healthy worldview and creativity in society into a nationwide movement through the wide promotion of the idea "From the Action Strategy - to the Development Strategy," based on the principles of goodness and humanism:

- In order to ensure the implementation of the idea "New Uzbekistan - Third Renaissance" under the motto "Youth - Builders of New Uzbekistan," scripts for more than 10 multimedia products were prepared under the headings "Honoring One's Profession," "My Dombra," "School of Courage," "In the Layers of Our History."

The book-album "Heroes of Uzbekistan" was published in 25000 copies, and the "Dictionary of Spirituality" in 15000 copies.

During the reporting period, under the main idea "Enlightenment against Ignorance," more than 1400 spiritual and educational events, practical seminars, round tables, a series of meetings, and live dialogues were organized in more than 20 thousand organizations and agencies. More than 1.2 million people, including about 938 thousand young people, took part in these events.

In order to deeply study and widely promote the rich scientific heritage of our great ancestors:

Popular treatises dedicated to the life and work of 10 scholars, such as Imam Maturidi, Abu Hafs Nasafi, Sirajiddin Ushi, Imam Zandavisti, Alauddin Samarkandi, and Abulmuin Nasafi, have been published.

In order to strengthen the atmosphere of interethnic harmony and interreligious tolerance in society, in order to widely promote such noble universal values as high morality, love for knowledge, and devotion to the Motherland, glorified in the works of Imam Bukhari, an "Exhibition of Islamic Art Based on the Works of Imam Bukhari" was held in Italy, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and other countries.

On October 24-28, 2022, the IX Tashkent International Biennial of Contemporary Art was held, and 40 masters of fine arts and famous representatives from 35 foreign countries and 50 representatives of our republic took part in the IX Tashkent International Biennial of Contemporary Art;

On December 19-23, 2022, the International Children's Painting Biennale "Tashkent Joys" was held.

Artists from more than 20 foreign countries and our country participated in the Biennale with more than 2,500 creative works.

In order to further develop the sphere of culture and art, improve the material and technical base of cultural institutions and objects:

1) a draft resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers "On Approving the Regulation on the Procedure for Awarding the National Prize of Culture and Art "Yangi O'zbekiston yulduzlari"" has been developed;

2) In cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Academy of Arts of Uzbekistan, a draft resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Material Support and Improvement of Living Conditions for Representatives of the Sphere of Culture and Art, Creative Workers, as well as Professors, Teachers, and Employees Working in this Sphere" has been developed.

In order to develop national cinema art, a project concept for the creation of a modern film town with an area of at least 50 hectares in the Bostanlyk district of the Tashkent region was developed and presented to the Cabinet of Ministers;

A draft resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Measures for the Development of the National Animation Industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan," aimed at the formation and accelerated development of the national animation industry in the republic, has been developed.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the main goal of the wide-ranging spiritual and educational reforms being implemented in our country is to ensure peace and stability in our homeland, secure the well-being of our people in today's complex and dangerous times, and to raise our youth in the spirit of patriotism, dedication, and

creativity based on our national values.

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