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THE YOUTH AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. YOUTH POLICY IN
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***Abstract:** This comprehensive article delves into Uzbekistan's dynamic approach to youth empowerment and development. It provides a detailed overview of the achievements and initiatives driven by the country's youth, underpinned by a strategic youth policy framework. The article aptly showcases how Uzbekistan's youth are actively contributing to various sectors, including entrepreneurship, community development, academia, and research. This section highlights the vibrancy and creativity of young Uzbeks in driving innovation and societal progress. The article outlines Uzbekistan's National Youth Policy, offering a structured overview of its core components: education, employment, health, and civic engagement. It effectively communicates the government's commitment to providing young people with the necessary resources and opportunities to thrive. The supplementary information provided in the article offers a deeper understanding of Uzbekistan's youth policy. Key aspects such as digital transformation, cultural preservation, gender equality, sports, and environmental sustainability underscore the holistic nature of the policy framework. The article emphasizes Uzbekistan's engagement in international partnerships to broaden horizons for its youth. This global perspective highlights the country's openness to learning from and contributing to the international community. Overall, this annotation underscores the significance of Uzbekistan's youth policy in fostering a generation of skilled, empowered, and socially responsible individuals. It reinforces the notion that investing in youth is crucial for sustainable development and nation-building. The article effectively captures Uzbekistan's progressive vision for its youth and provides valuable insights into the country's evolving socio-economic landscape.*

Key words: Uzbekistan, youth empowerment, youth policy, achievements, entrepreneurship, community development, academia, research, education, employment, health, civic engagement, digital transformation, cultural preservation, gender equality, sports, environmental sustainability, international collaboration.



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In the vibrant landscape of Uzbekistan, a country rich in history and potential, the role of youth is being actively recognized and cultivated through a progressive youth policy. With a burgeoning population of young people eager to contribute and innovate, Uzbekistan's approach to empowering its youth is both strategic and visionary. This article delves into the achievements of the youth in Uzbekistan and explores the contours of the country's youth policy, highlighting its impact on the nation's development.

Uzbekistan's youth, representing a significant demographic portion of the country, are driving forces behind various sectors of society. From entrepreneurship and technology to arts and culture, young Uzbek talents are making waves domestically and on the international stage. In recent years, Uzbekistan has witnessed a surge in youth-led initiatives and startups. The government's support for entrepreneurship and innovation has created fertile ground for young minds to turn their ideas into successful ventures. Platforms like the Youth Union of Uzbekistan and the Agency for Youth Affairs are pivotal in fostering this entrepreneurial spirit and providing necessary resources and guidance.

Moreover, the youth are actively engaged in community development and social initiatives. Volunteerism and civic participation among young Uzbeks are on the rise, reflecting a commitment to social responsibility and collective progress. This involvement not only addresses pressing societal issues but also instills a sense of ownership and pride in shaping the nation's future. In academia and research, Uzbek youth are excelling across various disciplines. Investment in education and scientific research has led to remarkable breakthroughs by young scientists and scholars. Uzbekistan's universities are hubs of innovation, nurturing the next generation of thinkers and problem-solvers.

Central to Uzbekistan's progress is its comprehensive youth policy, which places the empowerment and development of young people at its core. Under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Uzbekistan has embarked on transformative reforms aimed at harnessing the potential of its youth. The National Youth Policy of Uzbekistan, adopted in 2017, outlines a holistic framework to address the multifaceted needs of young people. It emphasizes education, employment, health, and participation in decision-making processes. Key components of this policy include: Education and Skills Development: Ensuring quality education and vocational training to equip youth with relevant skills for employment and entrepreneurship. Youth Employment: Creating job opportunities and promoting youth employment through targeted programs and incentives for businesses. Health and Well-being: Prioritizing youth health with access to healthcare services and promoting healthy lifestyles. Civic Engagement: Encouraging active participation of youth in civic and political life, fostering a culture of democracy and inclusivity. International



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Cooperation: Facilitating international exchanges and partnerships to broaden the horizons of young Uzbeks and promote global citizenship. The government's commitment to youth inclusion is evident in initiatives like the "Youth is Our Future" program, which aims to engage young people in shaping policy agendas and contributing to national development strategies.

As Uzbekistan progresses on its path of reform and modernization, the role of youth remains pivotal. With the right support and opportunities, young Uzbeks are poised to drive innovation, foster social progress, and shape a prosperous future for their country. The successes achieved by Uzbekistan's youth underscore the importance of proactive youth policies and investments in the next generation. By empowering and engaging its youth, Uzbekistan is not only securing its own future but also laying a foundation for sustained growth and resilience in a rapidly changing world. Uzbekistan's youth policy is characterized by a forward-looking approach that recognizes the potential of young people as agents of change and development. Beyond the achievements and initiatives highlighted earlier, here are some additional facets that exemplify Uzbekistan's commitment to its youth:

Recognizing the pivotal role of technology in shaping modern economies, Uzbekistan has prioritized digital literacy and innovation among its youth. Programs like "Digital Uzbekistan" aim to equip young people with digital skills and promote the growth of the country's tech sector. This emphasis on digital transformation opens new avenues for youth employment and entrepreneurship in emerging industries. Uzbekistan boasts a rich cultural heritage, and efforts to preserve and promote this heritage are integral to the youth policy. Initiatives supporting arts, crafts, and traditional skills not only foster cultural pride but also create opportunities for young artists and artisans to thrive in a globalized market. Uzbekistan's youth policy emphasizes gender equality and inclusion, striving to ensure equal opportunities for young women and men. Programs promoting women's entrepreneurship, education, and leadership empower young women to contribute actively to the country's development. Sports play a vital role in youth development, fostering discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being. Uzbekistan encourages youth participation in sports through infrastructure development, training programs, and support for talented athletes. Recognizing the importance of environmental stewardship, Uzbekistan's youth policy integrates sustainability education and initiatives. Youth-led projects focusing on renewable energy, waste management, and conservation contribute to a greener future for the country. Uzbekistan actively engages in international cooperation to broaden opportunities for its youth. Partnerships with organizations like the United Nations and regional youth networks facilitate exchanges, training programs, and capacity-building initiatives for young Uzbeks.



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In conclusion, Uzbekistan's youth policy reflects a holistic and inclusive approach aimed at nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped to contribute meaningfully to society and the economy. By investing in education, entrepreneurship, health, and civic engagement, Uzbekistan is empowering its youth to realize their full potential and drive the nation's progress in the 21st century. As the country continues on its path of transformation, the role of youth as catalysts for change remains central to Uzbekistan's vision of a prosperous and dynamic future.

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