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### THE YOUTH AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. YOUTH POLICY IN UZBEKISTAN

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#### Annotatsiya

Ushbu maqola O'zbekiston yoshlarining mamlakat kelajagini shakllantirishdagi faol rolini o'rganadi va ularning ta'lim, sport, madaniyat va innovatsiyalar sohasidagi yutuqlarini ta'kidlaydi. "Oltin avlod" sifatida tanilgan o'zbek yoshlari mamlakatni tez sur'atlarda rivojlantirishga hissa qo'shmoqda, bu global Yoshlar Rivojlanish Indeksidagi yuqori o'rinlari va BMT yoshlar tashabbuslari bo'yicha yetakchi pozitsiyalari bilan tasdiqlanmoqda. Asosiy yutuqlar orasida xalqaro musobaqalardagi 900 dan ortiq oltin medal, IT va moliya texnologiyalari startaplari orqali milliardlab dollar sarmoyalar jalb etish hamda milliy o'ziga xoslikni boyituvchi madaniy hissalar kiradi. Ushbu muvaffaqiyatlarning markazida O'zbekistonning 2025-yilgacha rivojlanish Kontseptsiyasi va batafsil Yo'l xaritasi asosidagi keng qamrovli yoshlar siyosati turadi. Prezident Shavkat Mirziyoyev rahbarligida ta'lim, tadbirkorlik, bandlik va raqamli xavfsizlikka qaratilgan tashabbuslar vatanparvarlik va global hamkorlikni rivojlantirmoqda. 2025-yilgi Milliy Yoshlar Bayonoti yoshlar tomonidan ishlab chiqilgan siyosiy takliflarni jamlaydi, qashshoqlikka qarshi kurash va iqtisodiy o'sishni rag'batlantirish uchun inklyuziv imkoniyatlarni ta'minlaydi. Raqamli tahdidlar va bandlik bo'shliqlari kabi muammolar maqsadli dasturlar orqali hal etilmoqda, teng huquqli rivojlanishni ta'minlab. Maqola yoshlarni quvvatlash nafaqat ularning yutuqlarini nishonlaydi, balki O'zbekistonni Markaziy Osiyoda barqaror yoshlar siyosati modeli sifatida joylashtirishini ta'kidlaydi. Global standartlarni mahalliy qadriyatlar bilan birlashtirish orqali mamlakat 21-asrga tayyor, mustahkam va innovatsion jamiyat qurmoqda.

#### Annotation

The Youth and Their Achievements: Youth Policy in Uzbekistan This article explores the dynamic role of Uzbekistan's youth in shaping the nation's future, highlighting their remarkable achievements across education, sports, culture, and innovation. As the "golden generation," Uzbek youth have propelled the country to rapid progress, evidenced by its ascent in the global Youth Development Index and top rankings in UN youth initiatives. Key accomplishments include over 900 gold medals in international sports competitions, breakthroughs in IT and fintech startups attracting billions in investments, and cultural contributions that enrich national identity. Central to these successes is Uzbekistan's comprehensive youth policy, outlined in the Concept for Development until 2025 and complemented by a detailed Roadmap. Under President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's leadership, initiatives emphasize education, entrepreneurship, employment, and digital safety, fostering patriotism and global engagement. The 2025 National Youth Statement encapsulates youth-led policy suggestions, promoting inclusive opportunities to combat poverty and drive economic growth. Challenges such as digital threats and employment gaps are addressed through targeted programs, ensuring equitable development. The article argues that empowering youth not only celebrates their achievements but also positions Uzbekistan as a model for sustainable youth policies in Central Asia. By integrating global standards with local values, the nation is building a resilient, innovative society ready for the 21st century.

**Аннотация**

Эта статья исследует динамичную роль молодёжи Узбекистана в формировании будущего страны, подчёркивая их выдающиеся достижения в образовании, спорте, культуре и инновациях. Как «золотое поколение», узбекская молодёжь обеспечивает быстрый прогресс нации, что подтверждается подъёмом в глобальном Индексе развития молодёжи и ведущими позициями в инициативах ООН по молодёжи. Ключевые успехи включают более 900 золотых медалей на международных спортивных соревнованиях, прорывы в IT и финтех-стартапах, привлекающих миллиарды долларов инвестиций, а также культурные вклады, обогащающие национальную идентичность. В основе этих достижений лежит всесторонняя молодёжная политика Узбекистана, изложенная в Концепции развития до 2025 года и дополненная детальной «Дорожной картой». Под руководством президента Шавката Мирзиёева инициативы акцентируют внимание на образовании, предпринимательстве, занятости и цифровой безопасности, способствуя патриотизму и глобальному вовлечению. Национальное заявление молодёжи 2025 года суммирует предложения по политике, разработанные молодёжью, продвигая инклюзивные возможности для борьбы с бедностью и стимулирования экономического роста. Проблемы, такие как цифровые угрозы и пробелы в занятости, решаются целевыми программами, обеспечивая равномерное развитие. Статья утверждает, что поддержка молодёжи не только празднует их достижения, но и позиционирует Узбекистан как модель устойчивой молодёжной политики в Центральной Азии. Интегрируя глобальные стандарты с местными ценностями, страна строит устойчивое, инновационное общество, готовое к вызовам XXI века.

**Kalit soʻzlar:**

*Yoshlar siyosati, Oʻzbekiston yoshlari, yutuqlar, taʼlim, sport, innovatsiyalar, 2025 Kontseptsiyasi, tadbirkorlik, bandlik, raqamli xavfsizlik, vatanparvarlik, oltin avlod, Milliy Yoshlar Bayonoti, Markaziy Osiyo.*

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*youth policy, Uzbekistan youth, achievements, education, sports, innovations, 2025 Development Concept, entrepreneurship, employment, digital safety, patriotism, golden generation, National Youth Statement, Central Asia.*

**Ключевые слова:**

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**Introduction**

In recent years, Uzbekistan has emerged as a dynamic model in Central Asia for prioritizing its youth, recognizing them as the driving force behind national progress and sustainable development. With over 60% of the

population under the age of 30, the country has positioned young people—often referred to as the "golden generation"—at the heart of its reform agenda. Under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, a comprehensive state youth policy has

been implemented, culminating in the Concept of State Youth Policy Development until 2025 and its accompanying Roadmap. This strategic framework emphasizes education, entrepreneurship, employment, digital literacy, cultural engagement, and patriotism, while addressing challenges such as digital threats and social vulnerabilities. Uzbekistan's youth have achieved remarkable successes that reflect the effectiveness of these policies. In education, the number of Master's students has increased seven-fold, with female participation in such programs rising eleven-fold through state-funded initiatives. Over two million young people have engaged in foreign language learning in recent years, contributing to a five-fold increase in high IELTS scores and greater access to top global universities—Uzbekistan now leads Central Asia in admissions to the world's top 500 institutions. Innovation thrives through programs like "One Million Coders," which has trained hundreds of thousands in digital skills, and youth-led startups in IT, fintech, and AI that attract significant investments. In sports and culture, young athletes have excelled internationally, while creative endeavors enrich national identity and promote global engagement. Internationally recognized, Uzbekistan ranks among the top 10 countries actively implementing the United Nations' "Youth 2030" strategy and is one of the fastest climbers in the global Youth Development Index. Initiatives like the "Yoshlar Daftari" (Youth Notebook) have halved youth unemployment, tripled young entrepreneurs, and provided targeted support to vulnerable groups. As the country concludes the 2025 Concept era, with Tashkent designated as the CIS Youth Capital and ongoing efforts in

cyber safety and green economy, empowering youth remains central to building a resilient, innovative, and prosperous New Uzbekistan. This introduction sets the stage for exploring how these policies and achievements are shaping the nation

### **The main part**

Uzbekistan's state youth policy is grounded in a robust legal and strategic framework designed to harness the potential of its young population, which constitutes over 60% under the age of 30. The cornerstone is the Concept of State Youth Policy Development until 2025, approved in 2021, along with a detailed Roadmap for implementation. This policy builds on the Law "On State Youth Policy" and aligns with global standards, including the UN's Youth 2030 Strategy, where Uzbekistan ranks among the top 10 most active implementing countries.

### **Key priorities include:**

- Quality education and skills development
- Entrepreneurship and employment
- Digital literacy and cyber safety
- Patriotism and cultural engagement

### **Social protection for vulnerable youth**

The Youth Affairs Agency, in coordination with ministries, drives these efforts. Programs like the "Yoshlar Daftari" (Youth Notebook) provide targeted support, halving youth unemployment and tripling the number of young entrepreneurs through subsidies, training, and financial aid. In 2025, as the Concept concludes, new initiatives focus on green economy integration and environmental protection, declared as the theme for the year.

**Achievements in Education and Skills Development** Education remains

a flagship area of success. The number of Master's students has increased seven-fold, with female participation rising eleven-fold due to state-funded programs. Over two million young people have engaged in foreign language learning in recent years, leading to a five-fold increase in high IELTS scores. Uzbekistan now leads Central Asia in admissions to the world's top 500 universities, with students enrolled in top-10, top-100, and top-300 institutions. Digital skills have seen explosive growth through the "One Million Uzbek Coders" initiative (also referred to as One Million Programmers). By 2025, over 325,000 young people have completed training, with millions registered and certified across foundational and advanced courses in data analysis, web development, and AI. This program, in partnership with platforms like Udacity and Coursera, has empowered schoolchildren (90% of participants) and girls (nearly half), fostering a new generation of IT professionals.

**Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Contributions** Young innovators are driving Uzbekistan's digital economy. Youth-led startups in IT, fintech, AI, and green technologies attract billions in investments. Programs like "Yoshlar – Kelajagimiz" (Youth – Our Future) support business ideas with funding and tax incentives. A dedicated Youth Entrepreneurship Development Fund allocates significant resources, including \$100 million for innovative projects. In 2025, 8,300 investment projects worth \$35 billion are set to create 292,000 new jobs, many targeting youth employment. Creative industries benefit from preferential tax regimes until 2030 and new business schools. Standout examples include AI-powered

tools and Industry 4.0 training stands developed by young engineers, positioning Uzbekistan as a regional innovation hub.

**Excellence in Sports and Culture** Uzbek youth excel internationally in sports, contributing to national pride. Young athletes have secured numerous medals at Asian Games and other competitions. The designation of Tashkent as the CIS Youth Capital and Bukhara as the Turkic World Youth Capital in recent years highlights cultural achievements. Initiatives promote mass sports engagement, with facilities expanded under programs like "Obod Qishloq" and "Obod Mahalla." Cultural contributions enrich national identity, with youth active in arts, literature, and media. Awards like "Kelajak Bunyodkori" (Builder of the Future) medal and "Mard O'g'lon" state prize recognize outstanding talents in various fields.

**Addressing Challenges:** Digital Safety and Inclusive Development

**Conclusion**

As Uzbekistan marks the successful conclusion of its State Youth Policy Concept until 2025, the transformative impact of prioritizing its young generation is undeniable. Often hailed as the "golden generation," the youth of Uzbekistan—comprising over 60% of the population under 30—have not only benefited from forward-thinking policies but have actively propelled the nation toward sustainable development, innovation, and global competitiveness.

The achievements speak volumes: dramatic improvements in education access and quality, with exponential growth in advanced degrees, foreign language proficiency, and admissions to top world universities; a booming digital ecosystem fueled by initiatives like "One

Million Uzbek Coders," producing skilled programmers and attracting substantial investments into youth-led startups; remarkable successes in sports and cultural spheres that enhance national pride; and significant reductions in youth unemployment through targeted programs like the "Yoshlar Daftari." Uzbekistan's rapid ascent in the global Youth Development Index and its leadership among countries implementing the UN's Youth 2030 strategy further affirm the effectiveness of this approach.

At the core of these successes lies a comprehensive, inclusive youth policy under President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's leadership—one that balances modern skills and global integration with deep-rooted patriotism, cultural values, and social protection. By addressing challenges such as digital threats, employment gaps, and vulnerabilities among rural and female youth, the policy ensures no one is left behind. Looking ahead, the empowerment of youth will remain the cornerstone of building a New Uzbekistan: resilient, innovative, and prosperous. As the nation transitions beyond 2025 with renewed strategies emphasizing green development, cyber resilience, and entrepreneurial spirit, its young people stand ready to lead. Uzbekistan's youth-centric model not only celebrates current accomplishments but also serves as an inspiring example for Central Asia and beyond, proving that investing in the potential of the younger generation is the surest path to a brighter national future.

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