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## ISSUES OF SPIRITUAL UPLIFT IN NEW UZBEKISTAN

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### Abstract

The fundamental basis of the radical reforms being implemented in the new Uzbekistan is the implementation of state policy aimed at creating conditions for human and spiritual living, and the historical significance of the strategic programs adopted by the head of state and their results are analyzed in this article.

**Key words:** national identity, spirituality, spiritual value, national value, historical thinking, ancestral heritage, spiritual theory.

### Introduction

Our people have earned respect and recognition among other nations for centuries, thanks to their excellent children who have made a worthy contribution to the development of world civilization, and their scientific and spiritual heritage. In Eastern education and upbringing, virtues such as honor, decency, patience, tolerance, striving for knowledge and enlightenment, leaving behind a good name and good deeds, were as important thousands of years ago as they are today. People whose hearts were illuminated by the light of knowledge and enlightenment refrained from immoral actions, did not give in to arrogance or greed, and lived with a belt of humility around their waists. There are many wise stories in this regard in the spiritual heritage left to us by our great scholars. Generosity, tolerance, meritorious charity work, striving for spiritual perfection in any situation, raising children with faith and convictions are ingrained in the blood of our people. In recent years, under the leadership of our President, many programs have been implemented that provide for a wide range of tasks aimed at ensuring sustainable development, raising the spirituality of our people to a new level, raising a spiritually mature generation and providing comprehensive support. At the same time, the main criterion of our work in the field of spirituality is to widely disseminate the New Uzbekistan Strategy among representatives of all nationalities, ethnicities, and social classes living in our country, to transform its creative spirit into a general social movement, and to strengthen their confidence in the future. This historical and objective socio-political process creates an extremely important and necessary basis for the creation and implementation of strategic principles and practical programs that determine the current and future development of Uzbekistan in the spiritual and educational direction.

### Discussion

Reforms are being carried out in our country aimed at building a democratic legal state and a free civil society, a strong economy based on market principles, and a strong spirituality based on the rich heritage of our ancestors and national values. The conceptual and challenging idea of "From national revival to national elevation" is increasingly penetrating our lives. On this basis, we are taking important steps towards fundamentally improving the lives of our people, ensuring human rights and freedoms, the rule of law and social justice, and innovative development. From this point of view, the development of a strategy for spiritual renewal aimed at increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of spiritual and educational work in the process of renewal in the social, economic and political spheres, and strengthening the sense of belonging to the reforms being implemented in the hearts of young people remains an important scientific and research topic. The goal of building a legal state, civil society, and a new spiritual space in our country, the "Dream of a New Uzbekistan", "Creating the Foundation of the Third Renaissance" inspires all of us with a new spirit. However, spiritual and educational work is not an area that can be engaged in for a certain period of time and then left to its own devices. When setting grand goals and tasks for bringing the country's development to a new level, of course, the first task is to improve the spiritual and educational spheres. As the head of our state put it, "If the body of society is the economy, then its soul and spirit are spirituality. Since we have decided to build a new Uzbekistan, we rely on two strong pillars. The first is a strong economy based on market principles. The second is the rich heritage of our ancestors and strong spirituality based on national values." A solid building is built on a solid foundation. Thus, the rich spiritual her-

itage left to us by our ancestors nourishes the roots of the thinking and spirituality of our people, gives it spiritual support and creative strength. The resolution of our President "On Radical Improvement of the System of Spiritual and Educational Work" of March 26, 2021, sets out important tasks ahead of us in this area. In particular, the transformation of a healthy worldview and creativity into a nationwide movement in society through the widespread promotion of the idea of "From National Revival to National Upliftment", ensuring the coherence of spiritual education in the family, educational organizations, and neighborhoods, have been identified as priority areas for radically improving the system of spiritual and educational work. The above tasks also include organizing work in the field of propaganda and education on a scientific basis, increasing the effectiveness of scientific and methodological research in the field, introducing a permanent monitoring system aimed at strengthening the stability of the socio-spiritual environment, and implementing comprehensive measures aimed at eliminating such vices as indifference to the fate of the nation, localism, tribalism, corruption, disregard for family values, and irresponsibility for the upbringing of youth. The unprecedented development of information technologies has radically changed human life. The "mirror of the world", which clearly reflects the whole world, has become an important part of our life and work. We live under the influence of the information flowing from it. Therefore, this resolution also pays special attention to the tasks of increasing the culture of the population in using the Internet, strengthening their ideological immunity against ideological and information attacks. By achieving the primacy of spiritual and moral criteria, national and universal values in culture, literature, cinema, theater, music and all types of art, publishing and printing products, and the media, we will protect ourselves from the influence of alien, destructive ideas that are intruding from outside. In the process of spiritual and educational work, it is always relevant to systematically study geopolitical and ideological processes, conduct an effective ideological struggle against terrorism, extremism, ideological fanaticism, human trafficking, drug trafficking and other dangerous threats, and develop international cooperation in this regard.

## Analysis and results

The "Festival of Spirituality" has been traditionally held in all regions of the republic. 18 social projects and promotional campaigns are being held during it. From April 1, 2021, the position of the first vice-rector for youth affairs and spiritual and educational affairs has been introduced in higher educational institutions. In order to show due respect to talented young people, as well as their parents, a republican conference was organized under the slogan "My child is the pride of Uzbekistan!" Last year, 70 talented young people and their parents were awarded with valuable gifts.

A total of more than 10 thousand creative works were submitted to the competitions organized within the framework of the project "My Contribution to the Development of the Motherland". These works were studied by a panel of judges, and the creative works of a total of 126 talented young people were selected and awarded with valuable prizes. More than 200 artistic and journalistic works, scientific articles, and modern media propaganda projects were created within the framework of this competition, which was held on the development of science, creativity, literature and art, and information technologies.

Starting from June 2022, the organization of "Spiritual Caravan" – cultural and educational propaganda events has been launched across the regions. To date, these events, held in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Khorezm, Kashkadarya, Fergana and Samarkand regions, have attracted more than 1,500 leading scientists, educationists, and representatives of the literary and artistic spheres. With their participation, cultural and educational events, roundtable discussions, and artistic evenings were held in all neigh-

borhoods.

It is natural to ask what this gave to the population, to ordinary villagers. First of all, it brought reforms and popular grand politics closer to the people. People living in remote, remote areas once again felt that the President also paid attention to them, that the state itself cared for them. Also, in an era of spiritual uplift, the sense of belonging to changes in society increases. The speeches of representatives of art and literature gave them a new spirit, a sense of creativity, and a sense of gratitude. Of course, events in this regard will continue systematically.

## Conclusion

The promotion of national spirituality and culture in the context of universal dialectical communication, the strengthening and development of cultural ties with the peoples of the world constitute a priority direction of our country's policy, and the strategic reforms carried out in this direction are of great importance and multifacetedness, which reflects the essence of the strategy of spiritual renewal. Today, Uzbekistan actively cooperates with international organizations in order to establish intercultural dialogue in the world community, thereby successfully introducing our national spirituality and culture to the peoples of the world. In this regard, the essence of the activities in the field of developing international cultural ties with UNESCO and preserving our universal and national heritage is explained. It is of scientific and practical importance to study whether philosophical ideas, views and teachings, imbued with national and universal ideas and common goals, serve the democratic development of humanity and are valuable and appreciated as a philosophical heritage. In the development of a democratic society, the calculation of the strategy of spiritual renewal and its foundation on universal principles is a complex process, inextricably linked with the recognition and implementation of the objective laws of social development.

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