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IMPLEMENTATION OF SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL REFORMS IN CURRENT UZBEKISTAN: CONTENT, PRIORITIES AND PRACTICAL RESULTS

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Annotation: : This article scientifically analyzes the role of spiritual and educational reforms in the development strategy of New Uzbekistan, their content and essence, and practical implementation mechanisms. It also highlights the normative and legal framework of the spiritual and educational policy being implemented in the country, its importance in reforms in the education system, youth education, the development of national values, and the formation of civil society. The article provides scientific conclusions on the results of spiritual and educational reforms and future tasks.

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In the 21st century, along with economic factors, spiritual development is also gaining importance in ensuring the development of the state and society. Especially in the context of the acceleration of globalization processes, a sharp increase in information flows and the intensification of various ideological threats, strengthening the spiritual immunity of society has become a strategic task. In the process of large-scale democratic reforms implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan in recent years, the spiritual and educational sphere has been recognized as a priority area. The idea of \u200b\u200b“New Uzbekistan” put forward by the Head of State Shavkat Mirziyoyev is aimed at glorifying human dignity, harmonizing national and universal values, educating young people in the spirit of patriotism, and forming an enlightened society. Today, the effective implementation of spiritual and educational reforms is one of the most important directions of state policy, covering the activities of education, culture, science, the media, and civil society institutions.

Theoretical and methodological foundations of spiritual and educational reforms in new Uzbekistan: Spirituality is a complex social phenomenon that expresses a person's inner world, moral views, beliefs and cultural level. Enlightenment is a factor that ensures personal development through knowledge, thinking and a scientific worldview. In the development model of new Uzbekistan, issues of spirituality and education are interpreted as an important condition for the development of the state. The main reason for this is that the stability of economic development depends, first of all, on the quality and spiritual potential of human capital. As our President Shavkat Mirziyoyev noted: "If the body of society's life is the economy, then its soul and spirit are spirituality." This conceptual approach finds its expression in all areas of spiritual and educational policy. The methodological foundations of spiritual and educational reforms are as follows:

- glorification of human dignity;
- harmony of national and universal values;
- combating ignorance through education;

- preservation and promotion of historical heritage;
- strengthening the spiritual education of youth;
- development of civil society.

Regulatory and legal framework for spiritual and educational reforms: In recent years, a number of legal documents have been adopted aimed at developing the spiritual and educational sphere.

In particular:

✓ Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
✓ Law "On Education";
✓ Law "On State Youth Policy";
✓ Development Strategy for 2022–2026;

Presidential decrees and resolutions aimed at increasing the effectiveness of spiritual and educational work. These documents made it possible to systematically organize spiritual and educational activities, strengthen cooperation between state bodies and public organizations, and introduce modern approaches to youth education. Also, the improvement of the activities of the Republican Center for Spirituality and Enlightenment strengthened the institutional foundations of spiritual and educational policy. Implementation of spiritual and educational reforms in the education system: The education system is one of the most important areas of spiritual and educational reforms. Because the worldview, civic position, and spiritual image of the younger generation are formed precisely in the educational process. In recent years: the scope of preschool education has been expanded; the quality of general secondary education has been increased; the number of higher educational institutions has been increased; the credit-module system has been introduced; educational standards in line with international ratings have been developed. In addition, topics related to national values, patriotism, legal culture and spiritual education have been widely included in educational programs. "Spiritual Hours", "Five Important Initiatives", reading projects and various educational events are regularly organized in schools. Special attention is paid to developing critical thinking of young people, increasing media literacy and forming ideological immunity in educational institutions.Youth policy and spiritual education issues: The fact that young people make up a large part of the population of Uzbekistan requires attention to their spiritual development at the level of state policy. The main areas of development of spiritual education of youth are:

- forming a sense of patriotism;
- developing a reading culture;
- promoting national values;
- strengthening religious tolerance and interethnic harmony;

protecting young people from the influence of various foreign ideas. Mechanisms such as "Youth Notebook", "Youth Affairs Agency", "Five Important Initiatives" serve to meaningfully organize the leisure time of young people and develop their intellectual potential. The role of the family is also important in the system of spiritual education. Because the initial spiritual views of a person are formed in the family. Therefore, today a number of programs are being implemented to improve the pedagogical culture of parents.

The importance of restoring national values and historical heritage: The issues of national identity and the restoration of historical memory are becoming a priority in the policy of New Uzbekistan.

- In recent years, the following activities have been carried out:

- studying the heritage of great ancestors;
- restoration of historical monuments;
- establishing research centers;
- promoting folk art and national traditions.

International scientific centers have been established to study the heritage of Imam Bukhari, Imam Termidzi, Bahouddin Naqshband, Alisher Navoi, Mirzo Ulugbek and other great scholars. Preservation of historical heritage is an important factor in the formation of national pride, patriotism and historical memory in the younger generation.

The effectiveness of spiritual and educational reforms and existing problems

- As a result of the reforms being implemented today:
- the spiritual environment in society is improving;
- the social activity of young people is increasing;
- the reading culture is developing;
- civil society institutions are becoming more active;
- respect for national values is increasing.

However, there are also some problems: the increase in harmful information on the Internet; the low effectiveness of educational activities in some regions; differences in young people's interest in reading books; insufficient improvement of the criteria for evaluating spiritual and educational activities. To solve these problems, it is necessary to widely use innovative pedagogical technologies, develop digital educational platforms, and further strengthen cooperation between state and public organizations.

In conclusion, the spiritual and educational reforms being implemented in the new Uzbekistan are an important component of the country's development. These reforms serve to develop human capital, strengthen national identity, educate young people as well-rounded individuals, and develop civil society. The effective implementation of spiritual and educational policy depends on the mutual cooperation of state bodies, educational institutions, civil society institutions, and the family. In the future, by further improving the work being carried out in this direction, it is possible to ensure the spiritual development of the New Uzbekistan.

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