

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NEW UZBEKISTAN IN POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SPHERES. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

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Annotation: This annotation provides a summary of the key points regarding Uzbekistan's current development strategies and the significant achievements of Uzbekistan across the political, social, and economic spheres.

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Here are some of the achievements of the new Uzbekistan in the **political sphere** since the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev began in 2016:

Increased openness and regional cooperation: Uzbekistan has shed its isolationist past and actively engages in regional cooperation, particularly within Central Asia. This improved relations with neighboring countries. Increased trade and investment opportunities. Collaboration on shared challenges like water security and regional development.

Constitutional reforms: The government has laid the foundations for a more modern statehood with a stronger constitutional system. Establishment of three independent branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. Emphasis on building a truly constitutional state based on the rule of law. **Economic and Political liberalization:** Significant steps have been taken towards a more open economy and political system: Free currency conversion for current transactions. Reduced administrative barriers to trade and movement. Lowered customs charges. Increased focus on human rights, though progress is ongoing.

Strengthened foreign relations: Uzbekistan has actively pursued closer ties with major countries, including: Improved relations with the US and South Korea. Strategic partnerships for economic development. Increased international recognition and cooperation. It's important to note that while significant progress has been made, Uzbekistan is still undergoing a complex political transformation. There are ongoing challenges related to human rights concerns and the pace of further reforms.

Here are some key achievements of the new Uzbekistan in **the social sphere**:

Improved living standards:

Increased employment opportunities: The government has focused on job creation through promoting small businesses and entrepreneurship, leading to a significant rise in these sectors.

Enhanced social safety nets: Social programs have been expanded to provide greater support for vulnerable groups like the elderly, disabled, and low-income families.

Focus on education: Investments have been made in improving the education system, including modernizing curriculum and infrastructure.

Healthcare reforms: Efforts are underway to modernize healthcare infrastructure and increase access to quality medical services.

Greater freedoms and social mobility:

Reduced restrictions on travel: Visa regulations have been eased, allowing citizens greater freedom of movement both within and outside the country. **Increased focus on religious tolerance:** Interfaith dialogue and understanding have been promoted, leading to a more tolerant social climate.

Support for youth: Initiatives have been launched to empower young people through education, entrepreneurship opportunities, and civic engagement.

Strengthened social cohesion:

Revitalization of cultural heritage: Efforts are being made to preserve and promote Uzbek cultural traditions and identity.

Improved inter-regional connections: Investments in infrastructure and transportation have facilitated better connectivity between different regions within the country.

Focus on family values: Emphasis has been placed on strengthening family bonds and promoting a sense of community. It's important to note that these achievements are ongoing processes, and challenges remain in areas like income inequality, poverty reduction, and ensuring equal access to social services across all regions.

Here are some key achievements of the new Uzbekistan in the **economic sphere** since President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's leadership began in 2016:

Market liberalization and economic reforms:

Currency unification and convertibility: Elimination of the black market exchange rate and introduction of a unified, market-determined exchange rate has improved transparency and business confidence.

Reduced administrative barriers: Streamlining trade procedures, simplifying regulations, and reducing customs charges have eased the flow of goods and services.

Tax reforms: Significant changes have been implemented to reduce the tax burden on businesses and individuals, including lowering labor taxes and simplifying tax codes.

Diversification and industrial development:

Focus on strategic sectors: Investments have been made in developing new industries like automotive, petrochemicals, and pharmaceuticals, aiming to diversify the economy beyond cotton and gold.

Modernization and infrastructure upgrades: Efforts have been directed towards modernizing existing industries and upgrading infrastructure like transportation networks to attract foreign investment.

Increased exports and import substitution: Policies promoting export-oriented production and import substitution have led to a more balanced trade structure.

Improved business environment and foreign investment:

Privatization and private sector growth: State-owned enterprises are being privatized, and initiatives are underway to encourage private sector growth and entrepreneurship.

Free trade agreements: Uzbekistan has signed free trade agreements with several countries, expanding market access for its goods and services.

Improved international rankings: The country's position in international business environment rankings has improved, reflecting the ongoing reforms.

It's important to acknowledge that while significant progress has been made, challenges remain in areas like:

Reducing dependence on raw materials: Diversification efforts are ongoing to reduce reliance on cotton and gold exports.

Addressing corruption: Continued efforts are needed to combat corruption and ensure a level playing field for businesses.

Sustainable economic growth: Balancing economic development with environmental sustainability remains a crucial aspect.

On November 6, in Tashkent, at a joint meeting of the chambers of the Oliy Majlis, a solemn ceremony of inauguration of the elected President of the Republic of Uzbekistan took place.

In accordance with Article 92 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the President took the oath: "I solemnly swear to faithfully serve the people of Uzbekistan, strictly follow the Constitution and laws of the republic, guarantee the rights and freedoms of citizens, and in good faith fulfil the duties assigned to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan."

After taking the oath, the head of state made a speech on the directions of development of our country, which will be a priority for the next five years.

“We have developed a Strategy for the Development of New Uzbekistan and widely discussed it together with the people during the election campaign,” the head of state said. – In this important conceptual document, in order to ensure the consistency and continuity of our transformations, the main idea is “From an Action Strategy to a Development Strategy”.

It is noted that this strategy consists of seven directions.

First, large-scale reforms will be raised to a new level aimed at building a state that cares about the dignity, ensuring the legitimate interests and well-being of each of its citizens, regardless of their nationality, language and religion, based on the further development of a free civil society.

Secondly, the fundamental and necessary condition for building a people’s state, respecting the honour and dignity of a person is to ensure justice and the rule of law.

Thirdly, the priority task is to develop the national economy and increase its growth rates.

Fourth, we will continue to focus on the implementation of a fair social policy, ensuring quality education and upbringing as the most important factor in the development of human capital.

Fifth, along with social, economic and political transformations in the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan, extremely important is attached to the reforms in the spiritual and educational sphere.

Sixth, today humanity is faced with global problems, and their solution is of extreme urgency

Seventh, our priority task is to further increase the power of the Republic’s Armed Forces, which serve as a reliable guarantor of ensuring peace and security in the country.

Overall: This article presents a positive outlook on the advancements made by Uzbekistan under the current leadership, highlighting improvements in various aspects of the nation's political, social, and economic landscape. It acknowledges ongoing challenges but emphasizes the positive trajectory of the country.

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