



UZBEKISTAN IN THE QUESTION OF ENSURING THE COMPREHENSIVE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

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Abstract

The article deals with the issue of achieving gender equality, ensuring the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of women, strengthening their role in the life of society and the state, which is one of the priorities of the new state policy of Uzbekistan. The basis of this topic is the strategy of actions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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The development of an effective and progressive state depends on a variety of variables. In this process, women's active involvement in social and political affairs, as well as the protection of their rights and freedoms, is crucial to the nation's economic growth and the democratization of society.

On the foundation of any social system, women play an unparalleled role in the creation and development of a new generation. In order for equality of rights and opportunities for all people to exist, some guiding principles must be followed. These include adherence to the law, democracy, gender equality, the prohibition of discrimination based on a person's gender, and openness and transparency. The role of a woman in society, her political and legal culture in the growth of the state, and her rightful place on the global stage and in the international community are of particular importance.

The contribution of women to the development of the next generation's active citizenship in light of the time's many problems and quickly evolving conditions is more crucial than ever in the current process of globalization. In order to ensure that women actively participate in socio-political processes, the major goal of the reforms is to foster the development of women as leaders with innovative ideas and initiatives. And this is conceivable under the condition that the reverence of women and a respectful attitude toward them serve as the primary means by which a person's honor and dignity are elevated.

We won't be inaccurate if we state that the changes are carried out as a result of the women who live in our nation with a sense of contentment. Today, we are taking brave efforts to create the basis of the third Renaissance in New Uzbekistan.

The advancement of science and the vitality of national spirituality are the two main determinants of the new Renaissance era. With a thorough awareness of how reality is evolving, new possibilities are being created for women to participate in research and education. The Society of Women Scientists was established with 50 billion soums from the State Budget given to support and further boost the new organization's operations in order to encourage women to pursue careers in science. This fueled many women's ambitions to work in science[1].



According to the President, the proverb "By teaching one girl, you are teaching the whole nation" that has permeated society since ancient times is more true than ever[2].

Reforms to secure women's full involvement in the administration of society and public affairs, as well as their socioeconomic and legal support, are examples of social justice and equality in the nation. In other words, there have never previously been such circumstances and rewards, which are a manifestation of high state policy attention to the fate, present, and future of countrymen.

Comprehensive policies that safeguard citizens' rights and legitimate interests, enhance their social contributions, and uphold the institution of the family have reached a new qualitative level in recent years. All of the major international agreements that protect women from discrimination are signed by Uzbekistan. As an example, international documents can be cited: the Convention on the Protection of Maternity; conventions on the political rights of women on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women; Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and others[3].

The Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022–2026 includes a number of aims and objectives for the fulfilment of the rights and legitimate interests of women as a natural continuation of the efforts. The Development Strategy's five aims, in particular, establish goals for the problem of women and girls. In order to ensure women's rights and legitimate interests, aim 69, "Support for women and further expand their engagement in society," calls for the development of an environment that is intolerable to oppression and violence against women.

The accomplishments made today in the service of fellow citizens are closely related to a substantial upgrade of the institutional landscape in this regard. With the creation of a distinct governmental organization, the Women's Committee, at the commencement of democratic reforms in 1991, the significance of the problem of gender equality and the role of women in society in the first era of independence was once again underlined.

A Committee on Women and Gender Equality has been established in the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, greatly enhancing the institutional structure in this regard. The State Trust Fund for the Support of Women was first established, and on March 1, 2022, it was renamed the State Trust Fund for the Support of the Family and Women by Presidential Decree. The Oliy Majlis Chairman of the Senate Tanzila Narbayeva served as the Republican Public Women's Council's initial leader. Later, the Republican Commission was established to address issues related to strengthening the family, gender equality, and the role of women in society.

The role of a women's activist has also been established in order to focus primarily on promoting women's entrepreneurship, population employment, and poverty alleviation. For individuals who desire to launch their own business, the Center for Women's Entrepreneurship, which aids fellow citizens in finding their position in society, has emerged as a valuable resource.

The protection of women's rights and legitimate interests in our nation are among the top priorities of state policy and the outcome of changes made in this regard. The improvements outlined in the Comprehensive Action Plan are intended to increase the participation of women in the nation's political, social, and economic life.



Six directions form the foundation of New Uzbekistan's singular experience

1. Protection of the rights and legitimate interests of women - creation of a legal definition of "persecution of women" in national legislation; administrative accountability for using physical force or other forms of violence against young students; introduction of a required process for parents who frequently travel abroad to name a guardian or custodian for their children;

- The Hague, Netherlands, November 23, 2007: Accession to the Convention on the International Procedure for the Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Support;

-creating a system that pays benefits for pregnancy and childbirth to women who are legally employed by self-supporting businesses and organizations, helping to create a socio-spiritual climate in the homes of women who have been released from prison;

-researching the implementation of laws passed in accordance with the conventions on the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women, protecting motherhood, and protecting the rights of mothers;

2. Increasing economic, social, and political activity;

-taking measures to increase the number of women employed (140 000 in 2022 and 150 000 in 2023); assisting women in finding employment through participation in paid public service (66 000 in 2022 and 74 000 in 2023)[4];

-assisting women in finding employment through the allocation of subsidies (17 062 in 2022 and 19 020 in 2023); and creating the platform "National Dialogue of Women Leaders" in the republic and regions;

- bringing up to 30 percent of the proportion of women in the total number approved for studying at the magistracy of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, up to 30 percent - participating in the One Million Programmers initiative[5].

3. Assistance to individuals in need of social security

- the provision of one-time material assistance to 6,000 women in need of housing who reside in non-residential premises listed in the "women's notebook";

- the payment of compensations to 14,000 women on rent for housing, the placement of 12,000 in social housing on the basis of the conditions of social rent;

- offering one-time financial aid to at least 100,000 people who are mentioned in the "women's notebook"[6];

- Performing work to buy construction supplies and fix 30,000 women's homes that needs repair;

- Free comprehensive medical examinations for 484,333 deserving moms;

- arranging for 12,919 elderly moms to receive treatment in organizations' and unions' sanatoriums; - putting 300,000 jobless women in need of social protection to work through the "women's notebook" system [7].

4. Supporting the family as an institution

- preferred guidance (once a year) based on the itinerary for 1,000 economically disadvantaged and low-income families traveling domestically;

- enhancing the institution of mediation's function in preventing family divorces;



- creation of draft suggestions for the concept of Uzbekistan's demographic sustainability for the years up to 2030 [8];

- the establishment of the national site "Demography" based on the laboratory, as well as coverage of the advancements and accomplishments of scientists working in this field.

5. Prevention of crime and delinquency among women

- Improving the function of civil society organizations in defending women's rights;

- improving the efficiency of the "family and educational institution" interaction mechanism while dealing with young females;

- working individually with women who are on preventative records to complete preventive activities.

6. Organizational structures that guarantee the consistency and stringent oversight of the aforementioned priority duties as they are carried out. This would surely help to provide women greater possibilities to lead happy lives and to hold powerful positions in their families and society.

As the President stated, taking care of a mother's and child's health also means taking care of our society as a whole and our future. In order to do this, a system for the free distribution of seven types of vitamins and medications for parasitic illnesses to pregnant women and children under the age of 15 has been established as of 2021. Last year, these festivities reached 11 million compatriots [9].

With the preservation of human rights, freedoms, and dignity, the state assumes a central reforming role. A crucial requirement for the development of the third Renaissance generation in New Uzbekistan is to strengthen the position of women in society and defend their rights in the political, legal, and social arenas.

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