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Tashkent Urdu is a leading international digital media platform based in Uzbekistan, dedicated to providing comprehensive and reliable coverage of both national and international news. Positioned at the crossroads of the historic Silk Road, the platform serves as a vital bridge between cultures and perspectives, bringing the stories of this vibrant and strategically significant region to a global audience. Tashkent Urdu caters to Urdu-speaking communities worldwide, featuring an inclusive perspective on events and developments. Its mission is to keep its audience informed and engaged with up-to-date breaking news, in-depth analysis, and feature stories that delve into the intricate social, cultural, and political dynamics of the Silk Road and surrounding regions. By focusing on regional and global issues, Tashkent Urdu fosters a nuanced understanding of the interconnected world and the critical role of Central Asia in the global scenario. Committed to high journalistic standards, Tashkent Urdu provides a diverse range of content tailored to the interests and needs of its audience. From political developments and economic trends to cultural heritage and human-interest stories, the platform provides a rich blend of content that highlights the diversity and complexity of the Silk Road and its neighboring regions. Leveraging modern digital tools and a user-friendly interface, Tashkent Urdu ensures accessibility for its growing audience. Its multilingual team of experienced journalists and analysts brings authenticity and depth to its reporting, making it a trusted source for Urdu-speaking audiences seeking insightful and balanced news coverage. As a voice for the Silk Road's past, present, and future, Tashkent Urdu continues to expand its reach, celebrating the historical significance of the region while addressing contemporary challenges and opportunities.



Uzbekistan's 35th Independence Anniversary Celebrated with Cultural Evening in Islamabad



On 29 August, on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the State Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan, a grand cultural and musical programme titled "Uzbekistan Pakistan Melodies of Friendship and Brotherhood" was organised by the Embassy of Uzbekistan at the Pakistan National Council of the Arts in Islamabad. The event became one of the highlights of the ongoing Uzbekistan Tourism Days in Pakistan's capital.

More than 300 guests attended the prestigious event, including representatives of the Government and Parliament of Pakistan, ambassadors and members of the diplomatic community, business and academic figures, media and cultural sector representatives, as well as Uzbek nationals residing in Pakistan. Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Aurangzeb Khan Khichi attended the event as the chief guest.

The programme began with the national anthems of Uzbekistan and Pakistan. During the event, special emphasis was placed on the centuries-old closeness between the Uzbek and Pakistani peoples. The two nations share deep historical and cultural roots, spiritual values, a rich intellectual heritage, and longstanding traditions of mutual respect.

Today, thanks to the strong political will and visionary leadership of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, these historic ties are evolving into a modern strategic partnership. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's state visit to Pakistan on 5 and 6 February this year gave fresh momentum to this relationship and opened a new chapter in bilateral cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, Federal Minister Aurangzeb Khan Khichi highly praised the wide-ranging reforms and development taking place in Uzbekistan. He noted that during his recent visit to Uzbekistan, the Center of Islamic Civilization in Tashkent and the renovated Imam Bukhari Complex near Samarkand left a deep impression on him.

The Federal Minister particularly commended Uzbekistan's remarkable efforts to preserve, study, and promote its outstanding historical, cultural, and intellectual heritage on the international stage.

"Uzbekistan is setting an example through its actions of how a great history can be preserved, presented to the world with dignity, and passed on to future generations," said the Federal Minister.

The highlight of the evening was a spectacular cultural and musical performance by renowned Uzbek artists. Traditional Uzbek melodies, songs, and vibrant folk dances mesmerised the audience, with Pakistani guests welcoming every performance with warmth and enthusiastic applause.

The evening reaffirmed an enduring truth: culture knows no borders, and genuine friendship is not measured by distance. It lives through shared historical memory, mutual respect, and a common determination to build a shared future.

From Tashkent and Samarkand to Islamabad and Lahore, the bridges of friendship connecting the peoples of Uzbekistan and Pakistan are stronger than ever.

Our rich past unites us, a firm friendship binds us today, and a great shared future lies ahead.

Long live the enduring friendship and brotherhood between the peoples of Uzbekistan and Pakistan!



Uzbekistan and Pakistan Agree to Enhance Cooperation in Digital Economy and Virtual Assets



Uzbekistan and Pakistan are expanding their partnership beyond traditional trade and investment into cutting-edge sectors such as the digital economy and virtual assets, announced Alisher Tukhtaev, the Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan.

In a statement shared on social media, the Uzbek envoy highlighted his meeting with Bilal Bin Saqib, Chairman of Pakistan's Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority. The discussion focused on potential avenues for collaboration between the two nations across modern technology domains.

According to the statement, Bilal Bin Saqib expressed keen interest in Uzbekistan's experience in regulating the crypto mining industry, specifically highlighting the "Busqala Mining Valley," a dedicated mining zone established in Karakalpakstan. The zone offers specialized facilities and regulatory frameworks for mining operations powered by renewable energy and other legally sanctioned power sources.

Ambassador Tukhtaev noted that Bilal Bin Saqib will attend the inaugural Silk Road Finance and Technology Forum, scheduled to take place in Tashkent from August 24 to 26. The visit will provide an opportunity to examine Uzbekistan's regulatory model in detail, discuss prospective joint ventures, and explore direct cooperation between the financial and regulatory authorities of both countries.

The ambassador concluded that both sides agreed to establish a framework for ongoing cooperation in blockchain technology, virtual assets, digital finance, and artificial intelligence, aligning their partnership with the key technology drivers shaping the future global economy.

Uzbekistan and Pakistan Leaders Review Bilateral Cooperation and Future Priorities

On 31 August 2026, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev met with Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif in Bishkek.

At the beginning of the meeting, the President of Uzbekistan warmly congratulated Pakistan on its forthcoming Chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

It was noted that the historic visit to Islamabad in February this year, along with the high-level meetings held during the visit, had raised bilateral relations to a new level.

The two sides exchanged views on further expanding cooperation in trade and the economy, investment, transport, and logistics.

Particular attention was also given to developing interregional cooperation and strengthening humanitarian and cultural ties. Preparations are underway to hold the Forum of Regions in Khiva later this year, while the Days of Uzbek culture and cinema are planned to be held in Pakistan.



The two sides also agreed to adopt a joint Roadmap to accelerate the implementation of projects in the textile industry, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and other priority sectors.





Uzbekistan Takes Major Steps to Increase Employment and Incomes

Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev reviewed proposed measures to boost employment, raise public incomes, and further reduce poverty in the Khorezm region. The President directed officials to accelerate the implementation of projects aimed at transforming Khorezm into a region free from poverty and unemployment.

According to the Uzbek Presidential Office, the incomes of 162,000 individuals in Khorezm have increased since the start of this year, with 29,000 citizens securing permanent employment and 37,000 informal jobs officially formalized. Over the same period, the financial standing of 127,000 people belonging to 29,000 families improved, leading to a drop in the region's poverty rate from 6.7% to 3.9%.

Currently, 39,000 citizens in Khorezm remain unemployed, while 102,000 individuals are working abroad as labor migrants. Officials highlighted that the gap between available job opportunities and the skills of job seekers remains a key challenge, prompting President Mirziyoyev to instruct that vocational training be aligned directly with labor market demands.

By the end of the year, a target has been set to lift 81,000 people from 18,000 low-income families out of poverty and to provide permanent jobs for 39,000 unemployed citizens. Under the plan, investments will target industry, services, tourism, transport, agriculture, and construction, alongside establishing 250 new business entities within micro-industrial centers.



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Uzbekistan Targets Top 50 Global Ranking in Artificial Intelligence by 2030



Uzbekistan has set an ambitious goal to elevate its global standing in artificial intelligence (AI), aiming to rank among the top 50 countries worldwide by 2030.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev was briefed on Friday regarding the country's AI progress and future strategic roadmap. According to officials, Uzbekistan has already advanced 25 places to rank 62nd on the Global AI Readiness Index.

The government announced plans to scale AI-based software and services to a valuation of $1.5 billion in the coming years, while launching over 200 new AI initiatives across the national economy. President Mirziyoyev stressed that rapid developments in AI require continuous monitoring of regional and global trends to ensure timely technology adoption.

SCALING COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Computing power remains the backbone of Uzbekistan's AI strategy. Last month, a new NVIDIA-powered supercomputer began operations at the Digital Government Data Center, ranking 321st globally in computing capacity.

Within its first month of operation, nearly 90% of the supercomputer's capacity was already utilized. To meet rising demand, the government approved $24 million for advanced computing hardware, alongside a proposed $70 million investment to expand existing infrastructure. Officials also briefed the President on plans to construct new data centers in Karakalpakstan in partnership with foreign investors.

PRIORITIZING DATA QUALITY AND INDUSTRY INTEGRATION

To power reliable AI systems, the government has ordered a comprehensive audit of ministry and public agency databases to ensure complete availability, accuracy, and system interoperability. High-quality datasets are also being developed across key economic sectors.

AI projects are already operational across healthcare, energy, transport, customs, legal services, public safety, ecology, and geology. The government plans to expand AI implementation to over 100 economic and social initiatives this year.

MASS AI LITERACY AND SKILL BUILDING

Over 1.5 million individuals in Uzbekistan have earned AI-related certifications to date. Training programs have also upskilled 900 managers, 3,000+ civil servants, 1,000 banking staff, and 200 advisors.

Over the next two years, the government will roll out the "5 Million AI Leaders" initiative, creating new AI educational resources for schools, universities, and the public. AI hackathons and competitions are currently underway in cities including Nukus, Samarkand, Termez, Bukhara, Fergana, Andijan, Gulistan, and Jizzakh, with directives to expand these events nationwide.

EMBEDDING AI LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT

To drive adoption within public administration, an AI Advisor initiative has been introduced across regional and municipal governments. Out of 500 applicants, 222 specialists were selected as advisors, with directives to recruit more overseas-educated young professionals. Their performance will be evaluated via standardized metrics monitored through a new digital platform.

Additionally, Uzbekistan recently joined the World AI Cooperation Organization (WAICO), which will facilitate partnerships with global tech firms and research institutes, expand access to Large Language Models (LLMs), and enhance local talent development.

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev concluded the session by directing officials to rapidly boost computing capacity, expand practical AI applications, establish centralized databases, incentivize local startups, and deepen international cooperation.

Uzbekistan Approves "Justice 2030" Strategy: Plan to Establish Nationwide Digital Courts

Uzbekistan has approved the comprehensive "Justice 2030" strategy to modernize its judicial system, focusing on expanding digital courts, establishing new interregional courts, introducing refined standards for criminal cases, and promoting arbitration and mediation. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev approved the strategy following a review of judicial and legal reforms. The plan encompasses 57 main objectives, an actionable program for 2026–2028 with 160 operational measures, and 33 key benchmarks to achieve by 2030.

Starting July 1, 2027, five new interregional courts will be established. Regional courts will retain appellate and cassation jurisdiction, while decision-review authority shifts to the new interregional courts to eliminate courts reviewing their own rulings. Public judicial services will move to a centralized "One-Stop Shop" digital system for information, applications, and digital services. Applications misfiled in the wrong court will now be transferred directly to the correct court rather than rejected.



The strategy introduces a "reasonable suspicion" standard in criminal cases and empowers investigative judges to review detention legality and preliminary evidence. Economic litigation will also be streamlined to eliminate redundant steps. To ensure consistency, an open Register of Precedents will be created, mediation and arbitration will be promoted, and court staff training will be enhanced. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev has signed the decree to execute these reforms.

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and US President Donald Trump

Hold Telephone Call, Agree to Further Strengthen Strategic Partnership



Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev held a telephone conversation with US President Donald Trump to discuss advancing the strategic partnership between the two nations, reviewing current bilateral cooperation, and exchanging views on key international issues. At the outset of the discussion, President Mirziyoyev extended his congratulations to Donald Trump once again on the 250th anniversary of US independence. President Trump noted that relations between Uzbekistan and the United States have reached an unprecedented level, characterized by close and trust-based communication between the leadership of both countries.

Both leaders expressed satisfaction with the ongoing implementation of high-level agreements and evaluated prospects to solidify the Uzbek-US strategic partnership. They commended the growing engagement across various sectors, referencing the three-year economic cooperation program, the inaugural meeting of the US-Uzbekistan Business and Investment Council, and expanding ties between Uzbek regions and US states.

The leaders highlighted that Uzbekistan's introduction of a visa-free regime for American citizens is actively boosting business connectivity. The two nations are also collaborating on joint projects across civil aviation, automobile manufacturing, mining, infrastructure, energy, metallurgy, artificial intelligence, and digital technologies.

Addressing international affairs, both presidents underscored the importance of ensuring global security and continuing efforts toward the peaceful resolution of international and regional disputes. The leaders reviewed the schedule for upcoming bilateral and multilateral events and meetings. In conclusion, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev invited US President Donald Trump to pay an official visit to Uzbekistan at a mutually convenient time.

Azerbaijani President ILHAM ALIYEV to Pay Official Visit to Uzbekistan at Invitation of President SHAVKAT MIRZIYOYEV

At the invitation of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev will pay an official visit to Uzbekistan on August 23–24. During the visit to the capital, Tashkent, high-level negotiations and the third meeting of the Supreme Intergovernmental Council will take place under the co-chairmanship of the two heads of state.

The talks will focus on further strengthening and expanding the strategic partnership and allied relations between Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan. The agenda will also cover boosting bilateral trade, deepening business and regional cooperation, effectively utilizing transport and transit opportunities, and energizing cultural and humanitarian ties.

The Uzbek and Azerbaijani leadership will exchange views on key international and regional matters while reviewing cooperation across multilateral platforms. Following the negotiations, a series of important agreements and documents covering various sectors are expected to be signed, along with the launch of several joint economic and humanitarian initiatives. Concurrently, various joint events, including the Uzbekistan-Azerbaijan Regions Forum, are underway in Uzbekistan to foster interregional collaboration.



President Shavkat Mirziyoyev Meets US House of Representatives Delegation



President Shavkat Mirziyoyev met with a delegation from the US House of Representatives to discuss further strengthening the strategic partnership and expanding parliamentary cooperation between the two nations. The delegation included US Congress members Jason Smith, Greg Murphy, Ronny Jackson, and Ed Case. At the beginning of the meeting, the US lawmakers extended their congratulations to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and the people of Uzbekistan on the 35th anniversary of Uzbekistan's independence.

During the meeting, both sides expressed satisfaction with the positive momentum in bilateral relations, active high-level political dialogue, and the increase in mutual visits. The parties also discussed priority areas to further expand the strategic partnership, with a strong focus on deepening trade and economic cooperation. Bilateral trade between the two countries has grown by 20 percent since the beginning of this year, while major joint projects are being launched across energy, critical minerals, transport, agriculture, digital technologies, and industrial sectors under the three-year economic cooperation program.

The role of the US Congress in supporting Uzbekistan's ongoing, wide-ranging reforms and promoting constructive, mutually beneficial ties was highly appreciated. Both sides reviewed prospects for direct regional engagement and joint projects between Uzbekistan and the US states of Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, and Hawaii. Views were also exchanged on current regional and global developments, and the parties agreed to organize mutual visits of business delegations to further promote trade and economic collaboration.



ازبکستان میں 3.9 ارب ڈالر کے 163 صنعتی اور سماجی منصوبوں کا افتتاح

ازبکستان کے صدر شوکت مرزیایوف نے ملک بھر میں 72 بڑے صنعتی و خدماتی منصوبوں اور 91 سماجی سہولیات کے افتتاح کی تقریب کی قیادت کی۔ ان تمام منصوبوں پر مجموعی سرمایہ کاری تقریباً 50 کھرب سوم، یعنی لگ بھگ 3.9 ارب امریکی ڈالر رہی۔

گزشتہ ایک دہائی کے دوران ازبکستان کی معیشت ڈھائی گنا سے زیادہ بڑھی ہے۔ اس عرصے میں ملک نے تقریباً 160 ارب ڈالر کی براہِ راست غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری حاصل کی، جبکہ 76 ارب ڈالر مالیت کے 2 ہزار 163 بڑے صنعتی منصوبے مکمل کیے گئے۔ قومی روزگار پروگراموں کے تحت تقریباً 60 لاکھ مستقل ملازمتیں بھی پیدا کی گئیں۔

صرف 2026 میں 1.7 ارب ڈالر مالیت کے 56 بڑے صنعتی اور خدماتی منصوبے فعال کیے گئے، جن سے 8 ہزار 800 بہتر اجرت والی ملازمتیں پیدا ہوئیں۔ اسی دوران ریاستی بجٹ سے 46 کھرب سوم خرچ کر کے 385 اسکولوں، 113 کنڈرگارٹنز، 81 ہسپتالوں، 7 ہزار 500 کلومیٹر سڑکوں اور 3 ہزار 200 کلومیٹر پانی و نکاسی آب کے نظام کی تعمیر، مرمت اور بحالی کی گئی۔

نئے افتتاح شدہ منصوبوں سے 15 ہزار نئی ملازمتیں پیدا ہونے اور سالانہ تقریباً ایک کھرب سوم اضافی بجٹ آمدن حاصل ہونے کی توقع ہے۔ یہ منصوبے بجلی، زراعت، خوراک کی تیاری، دھات سازی، گاڑی سازی، برقی انجینئرنگ، تعمیراتی مواد، کان کنی اور ٹیکسٹائل سمیت کئی اہم شعبوں پر مشتمل ہیں۔

علاقائی سطح پر بھی بڑے منصوبے مکمل کیے گئے ہیں۔ سیر دریا میں 1 ہزار 573 میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے کی صلاحیت شامل کی گئی، جبکہ قراقلپاکستان میں 200 میگاواٹ کا ونڈ پاور پلانٹ اور 100 میگاواٹ توانائی ذخیرہ کرنے کا نظام شروع کیا گیا۔ نوائی میں قابلِ تجدید توانائی کے منصوبوں سے سالانہ 657 ملین کلوواٹ گھنٹے بجلی پیدا ہونے کی توقع ہے۔

سمرقند اور تاشقند کے علاقوں میں دھات سازی کے نئے منصوبے شروع کیے گئے جن کا مقصد مقامی پیداوار بڑھانا اور درآمدات پر انحصار کم کرنا ہے۔ اندجان، نمنگان اور جیزاخ میں ٹیکسٹائل، نٹ ویئر اور قالین سازی کے نئے یونٹس فعال کیے گئے تاکہ برآمدات میں اضافہ کیا جا سکے۔

سماجی شعبے میں 36 کنڈرگارٹنز، 43 اسکول، سات اعلیٰ تعلیمی ادارے اور تین ہسپتال افتتاحی منصوبوں میں شامل تھے۔ نیو تاشقند میں 10 ہیکٹر پر قائم نیواز بکستان یونیورسٹی کا نیا کیمپس مکمل کیا گیا، جہاں 7 ہزار طلبہ تعلیم حاصل کر سکیں گے۔ یہاں ہارورڈ یونیورسٹی کے تعاون سے ریکٹرز اسکول، آکسفورڈ یونیورسٹی کے تعاون سے انتظامی تربیتی مرکز اور یکم اکتوبر سے مصنوعی ذہانت کا ادارہ بھی شروع کیا جائے گا۔

نیو تاشقند میں پانچ منزلہ اور 30 ہزار مربع میٹر پر مشتمل نئی قومی لائبریری بھی قائم کی گئی ہے، جہاں بیک وقت 1 ہزار 500 افراد مطالعہ کر سکیں گے۔ قرشی میں 400 ارب سوم کی لاگت سے یونیورسٹی آف اکنامکس اینڈ پیڈاگوجی کا افتتاح کیا گیا، جو 3 ہزار طلبہ کو تعلیم دے گی اور 700 مقامی ملازمتیں پیدا کرے گی۔

فرغانہ میں ایک نیا طبّی مرکز بھی قائم کیا گیا ہے جو سالانہ 60 ہزار مریضوں کو علاج فراہم کرے گا اور 30 ہزار خواتین کی صحت کی جانچ کرے گا۔ تقریب کے اختتام پر صدر شوکت مرزائیوف نے علامتی بٹن دبا کر ملک بھر کے تمام 163 منصوبوں کو باضابطہ طور پر فعال کر دیا۔



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