

## Caring for women and supporting them are under constant attention

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**On February 7, a meeting on issues of comprehensively supporting women and strengthening family institution was held under the chairmanship of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.**

Issues of ensuring the rights and interests of women, increasing their economic, social and political activity are identified as an important direction of state policy in Uzbekistan.

Significant work has been implemented in this direction over the past years, but an effective mechanism for realization of women's interests has not been created.

Women's Committee, makhalla and other public organizations limited themselves to holding various events and meetings for a number of years, and did not conduct effective work on providing real assistance to families, women and girls in a difficult social situation. As a consequence, many problems have been accumulated at places. Specific targeted measures have not been taken on solving them.

Last year, social control groups were organized, which examined problems of women. In 2017, meetings were held with more than 5 million families, measures were taken on addressing their concerns. In particular, the divorce of 22 thousand families was prevented, 36 thousand women were employed, 14,5 thousand people were assisted in obtaining preferential loans.

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