

**2026 — THE YEAR OF MAHALLA DEVELOPMENT AND
SOCIAL PROGRESS**

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The declaration of 2026 in our country as the **“Year of Mahalla Development and Social Progress”** has further accelerated initiatives aimed at practical actions, tangible results, and the promotion of human dignity across the regions. The work being carried out in the **“Olatemir” mahalla of Shoʻrchi district** is a clear example of this.

Participatory Budgeting — Serving Public Satisfaction

In our country, the **Participatory Budgeting** program has become an important factor in improving the welfare of the population and developing social infrastructure. Through this mechanism, pressing local issues are being resolved based on the direct proposals of residents. This process is also yielding practical results in Fergana district.

In Olatemir mahalla, based on the initiative of residents and within the framework of the Participatory Budgeting program, the **Olatemir branch of the “Yalti” Family Medical Center** has been constructed. Now residents have the opportunity to receive quality medical examinations and consultations within their own community without traveling long distances.

“Previously, even for minor illnesses we had to go to the neighboring Yalti mahalla or to the district center,” says **Saltanat Safarova**. “This was especially difficult for elderly people and children. The distance was long, and transportation was not always easily available. Sometimes even for a simple cold or to check blood pressure we faced many difficulties.



Now a new modern medical point has started operating. Our doctors receive patients on time and provide the necessary medical consultations and treatments right here. Preventive medical check-ups are also regularly organized, which is very good. Most importantly, our health is under control. We can also bring our children without any difficulty. We are grateful to those responsible for creating such opportunities in our mahalla.”

Of course, such work is a practical manifestation of consistent reforms aimed at improving the quality of life and strengthening the health of residents even in the most remote areas. Most importantly, such noble initiatives primarily serve human interests, ensure public welfare, and contribute to building a healthy society.

Attention to Education — Investment in the Future

The **General Secondary School No. 16** in the mahalla has been fully renovated. Classrooms have been equipped in accordance with modern standards, creating a comfortable and safe environment for students.

“After the renovation and modernization, our students’ interest in lessons has increased even more,” says school principal **Khursanoy Gafforova**. “Previously, our students had to study in the second shift at School No. 68. Now classrooms are bright and warm, and laboratory equipment for theoretical and practical lessons has been renewed.

This certainly contributes to improving the quality of education. Most importantly, our students now have the opportunity to study in one shift in their own school. This creates favorable conditions not only for their studies but also for after-school activities and personal development, helping them grow into well-rounded individuals.”



Students themselves also emphasize their satisfaction with the conditions created.

“Our school has all the necessary facilities for students,” says student **Nilufar Safarova**. “Our classrooms are modernly equipped, and lessons are conducted using interesting and interactive methods. Various clubs have been organized at our school. We actively participate in science clubs, sports

sections, and creative activities. Each student can choose a club according to their interests, which helps us develop our talents. We aim to make the most of these opportunities and achieve high results.”

Infrastructure Is Improving

The roads in the mahalla have been asphalted, creating convenient movement for residents and vehicles. In addition, streetlights have been installed, illuminating the streets at night. Now the streets of the mahalla are not only well-maintained but also safe.

“Previously it was difficult to walk along the roads when it rained,” says resident **Urol Pardaev**. “Now the roads are asphalted and the streets are well lit. Our children can easily go to school and other activities.”



Water for Household Plots — A Source of Income

To irrigate household plots, **five wells** have been drilled in the mahalla. This has expanded opportunities for efficient land use. As a result, the production of vegetables and melons is expected to increase.

“Thanks to the wells, we are now using our household plot more effectively,” says **Nazira Qarshieva**. “Previously, due to water shortages, we could not fully utilize our land. Especially during the summer months, crops suffered from a lack of water, and yields were not as good as we hoped.

Now the water issue has become much easier. We irrigate our plots on time and have increased the cultivation of vegetables and melons. Earlier we grew crops only for our own needs, but now we also sell surplus products at the market. This positively affects our family income. It helps cover our household expenses and our children’s education. Most importantly, we are seeing the results of our hard work.”

As people say, where there is land and water in the countryside, there is prosperity. Today we are witnessing this ourselves. Thanks to the conditions created, the residents of Olatemir have strengthened their confidence in the future.



Human Dignity — The Highest Priority

The work being carried out in Olatemir mahalla is a practical expression of the tasks set within the “**Year of Mahalla Development and Social Progress.**” Measures aimed at improving healthcare, education, infrastructure, and employment are serving to enhance the well-being of the local population.

After all, **a prosperous mahalla is the foundation of a prosperous society.**