

## ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE KARSHI STATE UNIVERSITY INCUBATION CENTER THROUGHOUT 2023.

The Incubation Center was established by the order of the Rector of Karshi State University on May 29, 2023. The center has three employees: the head of the center and two IT specialists. The center offers computer literacy, web programming, graphic design, project management, and video and photo editing courses. The incubation center is equipped with a total of 33 modern computers of the latest model with an Internet speed of up to 80 Mbps (10 mb/s), two printers, and one monoblock with a total of more than 440 million material equipment.

Since the center's establishment, students participated in several competitions, won high places with their 42 projects, and were awarded cash prizes. For example, "Pitch Day" was held to select the best startups as part of the "Green" startup project support program, where Shahrizoda Shamsiddinova, a 3rd-year student of the University's Faculty of Chemistry and Biotechnology, received a grant in the amount of 60 million soums for further developing of her "Clean Water" project. In addition, aspiring students interested in the IT field participated in several projects, in particular, 14 students participated in "Women's First Step to Business", 46 students participated in "TechnoWays" Technological Development Marathon, 18 students participated in "Top 10 Innovator," 23 students in "Startup Projects of the Year," and 19 teams participated in the "Ideathon" competition of promising IT projects.

This year, talented students participated in the "Promising IT-projects" (Iheadon) selection competition organized for the prize of the mayor of

Kashkadarya region with four projects, and their selection stages are planned to be held in autumn.

On December 20, 2023, an extended video selector on the measures for further development of the field of digitalization in the regions and increasing the volume of exports and services provided in the IT sector was held under the leadership of President Sh. M. Mirziyoyev. During the event, the task of training 1000 students in IT as part of the "One million programmers" project was set. The administration of the KSU Incubation Center is creating a roadmap for ensuring access for students and local youth to the IT training scheduled in the Incubation Center. It is planned to cover more than 1000 young people in the IT study projects.