

KEY TOPICS



- Governor Igor Orlov spoke about the preparation of the region for the International Arctic Forum
- Eight Yakutia districts to be included in the Arctic zone
- Second production line of LNG plant commissioned in Yamal

NEWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM

2 August 2018, Izvestia

International Arctic Forum is to take place in Arkhangelsk on 9–10 April 2019

Governor of Arkhangelsk Region Igor Orlov spoke about the preparation of the region for the business event. “Building on the valuable experience of the 2011 and 2017 forums, we were able to improve the preparation of this seminal event significantly and to schedule a large amount of work to improve the infrastructure of Arkhangelsk and the Forum sites.”

According to the Governor, work is currently underway to create infrastructure facilities: the construction of the congress and exhibition complex Nord Expo, the preparation of the NARFU dormitory, as well as the reconstruction of the buildings for the events of the Forum. Transport and energy infrastructure and urban improvement works are also in progress. A particular priority is given to the development of the hotel sector: a new four-star hotel Novotel Arkhangelsk opened in July 2018 and before that such hotels as Serafima, Severnitsa and Admiral.

<https://iz.ru/773674/2018-08-02/mezhdunarodnyi-arkticheskii-forum-proidet-v-arkhangelske-v-2019-godu>

STATE POLICY IN THE ARCTIC REGION

30 August 2018, TASS

Finland allocates EUR 1.7 million to the Baltic and Arctic cooperation

“The current international situation highlights the importance of regional cooperation. Additional funding is allocated to the promotion of security and wellbeing, the state of the environment as well as to mitigation of climate change and economic activities in the neighbouring areas,” Finland’s Foreign Ministry explained.

According to the Minister for Foreign Affairs Timo Soini, “Finland is currently chairing the Arctic Council, and we have taken an active role, among other things, in efforts to reduce black coal emissions. This funding will strengthen Finland’s position as an Arctic actor.”

<http://tass.ru/obschestvo/5504898>

29 August 2018, IA REGNUM

Vladimir Putin: Arctic is an integral part of Russia

According to Russian President Vladimir Putin, the proposal to transfer the Russian part of the Arctic under the international control is not only unpatriotic but also unsafe for the country. Answering the question of the delegate from the Kola Peninsula at the meeting with the secretaries of the primary branches of the United Russia Party about the proposal to transfer the Arctic under the international control, Vladimir Putin declared, “The Arctic is an integral part of Russia. So it was and so it will be.”

Mr Putin also noted the region’s development potential, highlighting a comprehensive approach. “The Arctic is not only the reserves of hydrocarbons and other raw resources but also the shortest transit route from the West to the Pacific. Our Northern Sea Route, which is not becoming more accessible for vessels, draws much interest from all over the world. Considering that Russia has the world’s largest icebreaking fleet, we will develop and use this economic advantage.”

<https://regnum.ru/news/1715500.html>

21 August 2018, RIA NOVOSTI

Eight Yakutia districts to be included in the Arctic zone

It is necessary to include eight Yakutia districts in the Russian Arctic zone additionally, and this matter will be resolved at the federal level before the year is out, Chairman of the Republican State Committee on Arctic Affairs Prokopy Nikolayev told journalists.

<https://ria.ru/society/20180821/1526931109.html>

NEW DEVELOPMENT MECHANISMS FOR THE ARCTIC: SUCCESS STORIES

27 August 2018, IZVESTIA

Russia began construction of an air defence base in the Arctic

The construction of a military town for members of the armed forces of the Northern Fleet's air defence began in Yakutia's Tiksi port.

"Today, during the work trip to Tiksi (Yakutia) garrison, the commander of the Northern Fleet, Admiral Nikolai Evmenov, took part in the ceremony of installing the first pile of the modern block-modular town for the servicemen of the Air Force and Air Defence unit of the Northern Fleet," the Northern fleet press service stated.

<https://iz.ru/782293/2018-08-27/v-arktike-nachalos-stroitelstvo-rossiiskoi-bazy-pvo>

13 August 2018, TASS

Cape Zhelaniya is going to develop a multifunctional centre for scientists and tourists

Doubling the capacity of the scientific base in the Russian Arctic national park has become the first stage of its development. According to the Director of the Russian Arctic National Park Alexandr Kirillov, this complex is to become the centre of scientific research of the national park and to allow for the development of tourism in the northern part of Novaya Zemlya, as it will make this part of the Arctic more accessible logistically.

"According to the plan there are going to be one more house apartment building for 50 residents, a machinery garage, utility buildings, two helipads, a fuel storage and a logistics centre," noted Mr Kirillov, specifying that currently the sites for these facilities are being identified.

<http://tass.ru/obschestvo/5451382>

9 August 2018, Channel One Russia

Second liquefied natural gas production train of the plant launched ahead of schedule

The first train allowed the production of 5.5 million tons of LNG per year. The second train brings the total capacity in operation to 11 million tons. The third train is under round-the-clock construction.

According to experts' forecasts, in a couple of decades, demand for liquefied gas may increase by about 70%. Next year YAMAL LNG will reach its full capacity. Gas supplies are contracted for years ahead. Ninety-six per cent of the future production of the plant has already been pledged.

Construction of the third train is on round the clock. The launch is scheduled for the end of the year. Moreover, the next construction site for the fourth train is already set up. With its commissioning, the capacity of the plant will grow to 17.5 million tons of gas per year. To put that in context: this amount of liquefied gas is enough to heat a northern country like Sweden for 20 years.

<https://www.1tv.ru/news/2018-08-09/350169->

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE ARCTIC REGION

28 August 2018, TASS

Russian Geographical Society sends expedition to monitor Arctic polar bears

Members of the Russian Geographical Society (RGS) Yamal branch departed from Arkhangelsk to Arctic islands to test new digital communication and to monitor the polar bear's population.

"The travellers will spend more than a month in the Arctic and will visit the islands, near which the legendary Fram ship drifted during the expedition led by a Norwegian explorer Fridtjof Nansen 125 years ago. After the Dikson Island, the route goes through the islands of Firnley, Cape Chelyuskin, Tyrto Island, Rozmyslov Island, Nansen Island, Scott-Hansen Island, the Islands of the Arctic Institute and Sibiryakov Island," the RGS's branch said.

<http://tass.ru/obschestvo/5496755>

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Today, its annual programme includes events held from Montevideo to Vladivostok, offering an opportunity to bring together global business leaders, experts, the media, and government officials in one place, creating favourable conditions for dialogue and the promotion of new ideas and projects, and assisting in the creation of social enterprise and charity projects.

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