

APRIL 2020

## KEY TOPICS:

**INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN THE ARCTIC REGION**

**ECONOMY OF THE ARCTIC**

**INDIGENOUS SMALL-NUMBERED PEOPLES**



## STATE POLICY IN THE ARCTIC

15 April 2020, TASS, Rossiyskaya Gazeta, Interfax-Russia.

### **Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East started the selection of investment projects in the Arctic**

The Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East began admitting applications from investors who plan to implement investments projects in the Arctic and who will receive help from the state to build the infrastructure. According to the ministry's statement, the selection process will last until 1 June.

Those who invest no less than 300 million roubles in Arctic projects will be able to apply for a nonrepayable subsidy worth up to 20% of the amount of their investments. The selection procedure was approved by the Government of the Russian Federation in March.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/8251073](https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8251073)

14 April 2020, RIA Novosti, TASS, Vesti and other.

### **State Duma enacted a law on expanding the resource base for LNG export**

This will allow to involve four deposits with total reserves of over 1.5 trillion cubic metres of gas into LNG production and increase the loading of the Northeast Passage where LNG can account for at least 70 million tonnes of loading by 2030. These are Novatek's Verkhnetiuteyskoye, Zapadno-Seyakhinskoye, Shtormovoye and Soletsko-Khanaveyskoye fields.

Today, Gazprom, Gazprom Export, Rosneft and Novatek's subsidiaries Yamal LNG, Arctic LNG-1, Arctic LNG-2 and Arctic LNG-3 have the rights to export LNG. Novatek also plans to build another export centre (Obsk LNG) based on Verkhnetiuteyskoye and Zapadno-Seyakhinskoye fields.

[ria.ru/20200414/1570022466.html](https://ria.ru/20200414/1570022466.html)

13 April 2020, TASS

### **Expected amount of investment for projects in the Arctic region exceeds 200 billion roubles**

"The expected amount of investment in promising investment projects in the Arctic regions of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) that can be eligible for this infrastructure support exceeds 200 billion roubles, over 30% of which is private investment. More than 2,000 new jobs are to be created," said the region's press office.

The largest projects to be implemented on the territory of Yakutia's Arctic zone are deposit development projects: rare earth metals at Tomtorskoye deposit, stream tin at Tirekhtyakh deposit, silver at Prognoz deposit (Polymetal company), ore gold at Kyuchus deposit, and diamonds at Molodiskaya and Ebelyakhskaya deposits (Almazy Anabara company).

[tass.ru/ekonomika/8227087](https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8227087)

## **ECONOMY OF THE ARCTIC REGION**

21 April 2020, TASS

### **Five companies to become residents of the Capital of the Arctic ASEZ in Murmansk**

Five companies plan to become residents of the Capital of the Arctic ASEZ in Murmansk by investing almost 140 billion roubles. If the project is approved, it will become the first ASEZ under the Ministry outside the Far Eastern region.

It was reported earlier that the Government of the Russian Federation granted the authority to manage ASEZs in the Russian Arctic to the Far East Development Corporation.

[tass.ru/ekonomika/8300139](https://tass.ru/ekonomika/8300139)

6 April 2020, Interfax, Maritime News of Russia and other.

### **LASH carrier Sevmorput delivered over 20,000 freight units to Arctic LNG-2**

The nuclear-powered container ship Sevmorput delivered materials and equipment for Arctic LNG-2 project to the Gyda Peninsula, according to the Atomflot press service.

In total, over 20,000 freight units of breakbulk cargo was delivered to Utrenneye deposit, including reinforced concrete structures, tubulars, metal structures, construction machines and equipment.

Sevmorput left the port of Arkhangelsk on 17 March and arrived in the Gulf of Ob on 22 March. The unloading on the coast ice was completed on 4 April. The next day the carrier departed to Murmansk.

The passage from Arkhangelsk to the Gyda Peninsula was the first one in 2020 for Sevmorput. [interfax-russia.ru/northwest/news/lihterovoz-sevmorput-dostavil-dlya-arktiki-spg-2-bole-20-tys-frahtovyh-edinic-gruza](https://interfax-russia.ru/northwest/news/lihterovoz-sevmorput-dostavil-dlya-arktiki-spg-2-bole-20-tys-frahtovyh-edinic-gruza)

## DEFENCE AND SECURITY

26 April 2020, Rossiyskaya Gazeta, TASS, RIA Novosti and other.

### **Russian paratroopers for the first time landed from an altitude of 10,000 meters in the Arctic**

A group of Russian paratroopers become the first in the world to jump from 10,000 metres in Arctic latitudes.

They jumped from Il-76 aircraft over the archipelago of Franz Josef Land. Paratroopers used cutting-edge equipment, including new-generation special parachute systems, oxygen masks and navigation equipment developed for extreme Arctic conditions.

[rg.ru/2020/04/26/reg-szfo/vdv-rossii-vpervye-v-mire-desantirovalis-s-vysoty-10-km-v-arktike.html](https://rg.ru/2020/04/26/reg-szfo/vdv-rossii-vpervye-v-mire-desantirovalis-s-vysoty-10-km-v-arktike.html)

## INDIGENOUS SMALL-NUMBERED PEOPLES

27 April 2020, TASS, RIA Novosti, Rossiyskaya Gazeta and other.

### **Yandex.Translate started translating from Yakut**

Yandex.Translate service, with the support of the National Library of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), started translating the Yakut language into 98 languages and back. The service is available both on the website and in the mobile app. This happened right before the Republic Day which is celebrated annually on 27 April.

[tass.ru/obschestvo/8337379](https://tass.ru/obschestvo/8337379)

16 April 2020, Izvestiya, TASS, Argumenty i Fakty and other.

### **Young Reindeer Herder programme to be launched this year in Yakutia**

Implementation of Young Reindeer Herder and Arctic Teacher programmes for supporting residents of Yakutia's Arctic regions is to begin this year. Over the period of less than 10 years the number of people involved in reindeer herding almost halved.

The Young Reindeer Herder programme will be funded from the regional budget. Residents under 35 will be able to receive up to 1 million roubles to improve their living conditions. The programme requires that a reindeer herder must stay in the region and have working experience. The money can be spent on housing construction or buying housing on the secondary market.

[iz.ru/1000443/2020-04-16/programmu-molodoi-olenevod-zapustiat-v-etom-godu-v-iakutii](https://iz.ru/1000443/2020-04-16/programmu-molodoi-olenevod-zapustiat-v-etom-godu-v-iakutii)

## ECOLOGY OF THE ARCTIC REGION

20 April 2020, IA REGNUM, TASS, Lenta.Ru and other.

### **Russian Arctic National Park switched to solar panels**

The Russian Arctic National Park switched to alternative energy due to the beginning of the polar day.

“From May to October the Omega polar station will be powered by solar panels. The main advantage of green energy use is producing no harmful emissions into the atmosphere. During summer months, the park saves up to 2.5–3 tonnes of fuel by using only solar panels,” said the head of Russian Arctic A. Kirillov.

In the future the park plans to switch the Omega all-year station entirely to this green energy, which means using no diesel even during the dark winter months.

[regnum.ru/news/society/2922686.html](http://regnum.ru/news/society/2922686.html)

16 April 2020, Rossiyskaya Gazeta, IA REGNUM, National Geographic Russia and other.

### **Yakutia counted its polar bears**

On the coast of the East Siberian Sea, the study of the polar bear and its life during the spring was finished.

Over the period of two weeks, experts covered more than a thousand kilometres on snowmobiles and an all-terrain vehicle along the Kolyma River and on the ice of the Kolyma Gulf. During the expedition they registered traces, met polar bears, found their family lairs. Also they collected biomaterials for genetic tests.

“This year we registered five family lairs. Judging by traces and encounters, we can say that during the spring there were at least 20 polar bears on the islands, including cubs,” tells expedition leader V. Nikiforov.

[rg.ru/2017/04/17/reg-dfo/v-iakutii-poschitali-belyh-medvedej.html](http://rg.ru/2017/04/17/reg-dfo/v-iakutii-poschitali-belyh-medvedej.html)

### **For reference**

The **Roscongress Foundation** is a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of international conventions; exhibitions; and sporting, public, and cultural events.

The Foundation was established in 2007 with the aim of facilitating the development of Russia’s economic potential, promoting its national interests, and strengthening the country’s image. One of the roles of the Foundation is to comprehensively evaluate, analyse, and cover issues on the Russian and global economic agendas. It also offers administrative services, provides promotional support for business projects and attracting investment, and helps foster social entrepreneurship and charitable initiatives.

Each year, the Foundation’s events draw participants from 208 countries and territories, with more than 15,000 media representatives working on-site at Roscongress’ various venues. The Foundation benefits from analytical and professional expertise provided by 2,500 people working in Russia and abroad. In addition, it works in close cooperation with 122 economic partners; industrialists’ and entrepreneurs’ unions; and financial, trade, and business associations from 69 countries worldwide.

### **ROSCONGRESS.ORG**

ORGANIZER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM