




INFORMATION DIGEST: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCTIC

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KEY TOPICS

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and speakers is updated on the official Forum website at www.forumarctica.ru

NEWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM

12 July 2018, TASS

Arkhangelsk to host the ‘Arctic: Territory of Dialogue’ Forum on 9–10 April 2019

The Forum is a biennial event and the largest platform for discussing the problems and prospects of the Arctic region at the global level.

“The International Arctic Forum has become a significant platform for an open dialogue on the current Arctic agenda, focusing on improving the lives of Arctic residents, preserving its unique ecological potential, ensuring sustainable socio-economic development of the polar territories and strengthening international cooperation,” said the Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation and Executive Secretary of the Organizing Committee for the Preparation for the International Arctic Forum ‘Arctic: Territory of Dialogue’ Anton Kobayakov.

<http://tass.ru/obschestvo/5367790>

STATE POLICY IN THE ARCTIC REGION

27 July 2018, TASS

Murmansk to build two docks for drilling platforms bases production

This was announced by Andrey Shishkin, Vice President for Energy, Localization and Innovation of PAO NK Rosneft addressing the plenary session of the first International Far Eastern Maritime Show in Vladivostok.

According to him, one of the priorities for ensuring oil and gas projects on the Arctic continental shelf of the Russian Federation is the establishment of infrastructure at the ‘82 Sudoremonty Zavod’ (shipyard) of Murmansk. “Today the company implements the project of drilling platform bases production at the shipyard. Two docks 200 by 200 [each] are to be built there for the production of concrete bases for drilling platforms fit for the Arctic,” said Andrey Shishkin.

<http://tass.ru/v-strane/5407686>

24 July 2018, TASS

Icebreaking navigation this year has become one of the longest in the Russian Arctic

This year the Arctic icebreaking season has turned out to be the longest of the recent years. The Atomflot press service reported, winter-spring navigation usually ends in mid-June, but this year it lasted “much longer than usual” and ended on 22 July.

The atomic icebreaker Taimyr has finally ended the navigation by escorting the Pskov tanker from the Ob Bay to the Cape Zhelaniya area.

In eight months, from December 2017 to July 2018, atomic icebreakers of Atomflot escorted 253 vessels along the Northern Sea Route. Icebreakers increasingly ensure the passage of gas tankers with a capacity of up to 80,000 tons vs. small cargo ships. “This is a new leap forward of the Arctic fleet,” the company notes.

<http://tass.ru/v-strane/5397813>

12 July 2018, URA.ru

The Russian Arctic to become one of the world’s largest data centres

The expert of the Project Office for Arctic Development PORA, Associate Professor of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration Alexander Vorotnikov made this statement. According to Mr. Vorotnikov, the natural cold is important for the operation of large information storages and ‘we should take advantage of it’.

<https://ura.news/news/1052342529>

5 July 2018, RIA Novosti

The government to set up a steering board for the development of the Arctic

This was announced by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev in an interview with RIA Novosti. With the new Cabinet he is in charge of the development of the Arctic and Far Eastern Regions. “We will establish some kind of a steering body that is necessary for the coordination of efforts,” stated Yury Trutnev.

<https://ria.ru/economy/20180705/1523968249.html>

NEW DEVELOPMENT MECHANISMS FOR THE ARCTIC: SUCCESS STORIES

19 July 2018, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

Polar bears of Yamal assist the Arctic climate study

On Yamal, a group of specialists from Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution was the first to put satellite collars on polar bears of Shokalsky and Vilkitsy Islands. Through these devices, researchers track climate change in the Arctic area, the press service of the district government reports.

According to Andrei Baryshnikov, director of the Russian Centre for Arctic Development, scientists track the migration of polar bears in the Arctic for quite a while, but for the first time they managed to 'outfit' Yamal bears. Interestingly, the population of polar bears living on the coast of the Kara Sea is the least researched today.

<https://rg.ru/2018/07/19/reg-urfo/klimat-arktiki-izuchat-s-pomoshchiu-belyh-medvedej-iamala.html>

11 July 2018, Kultura TV channel

Arctic floating university on to an expedition

Arctic floating university left on to the next, tenth expedition in a row. This time its route passes through the waters of the White, Barents and Kara Seas. Scientists will explore the northeastern coast of the Novaya Zemlya archipelago.

"We do not distinguish between the expeditions; just like in the past years, it is a scientific and educational trip. Training young researchers is one of the priorities of this tenth expedition," says Alexander Saburov, a researcher at the Arctic Centre for Strategic Studies NARFU.

https://tvkultura.ru/article/show/article_id/269946

3 July 2018, TASS

Arkhangelsk to test a unified Arctic navigation and communication system

A special unified secure system for navigation, communication, cargo control and passenger traffic for all types of transport in the Arctic will get tested in the Arkhangelsk region. According to the press office of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies of the region, it was chosen as a pilot area for testing the system.

One of the system's purposes is to ensure the functioning of an effective transport corridor for the development of the Arctic and the Northern Sea Route.

The system is still under development. The Arkhtelecentre of Arkhangelsk, the operator of the regional navigation and information system of the Arkhangelsk Region, will host the new system.

<http://tass.ru/v-strane/5343712>

3 July 2018, Lenta.ru

The first air expedition embarked upon nine Arctic countries from Russia

In 40 days, after about fifty landings along the way, three Russian amphibian airplanes LA-8 and Borey should cover 20 thousand kilometers. They will fly at a speed of 200 kilometers per hour at an altitude of no more than 3,000 meters. Six of the seven participants of the expedition are Russians. The seventh is French pilot of hydro aviation Loïc Blaise

According to one of the pilots, the route will pass over the cities Urai, Surgut, Norilsk, then over the Arctic Ocean to Cape Schmidt and Providence Bay, further on to the territories of Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

The expedition is the first stage of the global project 'Twenty Thousand Leagues Above the Sea' intending a flight over four continents, three oceans and seven seas.

<https://lenta.ru/news/2018/07/03/samara>

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