

## SOCIOLOGICAL ISSUES

### Becoming familiar with the Komi Language

Courses have begun in 40 daycare centers of Syktyvkar to teach the Komi language to children of various nationalities. The goal is to have the children acquire skills in conversational speech. The courses are taught on a volunteer basis with the agreement of parents.

Mini-museums and ethnic cultural rooms have been opened in numerous pre-school institutions in the city. These facilities house exhibits of folk art, needlework and clothing collections.

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### Why Women Specialists Have Difficulty Finding Work in Norilsk

Elizaveta Mutovina makes no secret of her economic interests: she came to Norilsk in the hope of earning money and establishing her life. A chemist by profession, she is not without work of course, and she found a job in engineering. In September of last year, after several years of employment, she was discharged in connection with a reduction in personnel. Since that time she has been unable to find work.

Unfortunately, this sort of situation is no exception for women in this arctic city. It is actually rather typical. Can a solution be found?