MISCELLANEOUS

Balloon Crossing of Taimir Peninsula Planned

Only an aerostat is capable of flying to the Putorana (Nature) Preserve, insist representatives of the "Phoenix" centre for scientific and technical creativity of youth, which specializes in aerostatics. In was they who inititated the international ecology flight "Enisei-90". Members of the expedition will be crossing the Taimir Peninsula in a balloon.

"It was no accident that we selected a relatively unknown area," says expedition member engineer Sergei Grishin. "Unfortunately, here too one can already see the traces of human activity. Irreversible changes lie before your eyes in the tundra. Destruction of the natural vegetation, noise pollution, and high energy costs today make it impossible to view all-terrain vehicles and the helicopter as irreplaceable transport devices. The goal of our flight is to demonstrate the possibility of using lighter-than-air devices in the North. The expedition will get under way in mid-July. In a parallel operation, a scientific research group will spend approximately one month working in the Putorana Preserve.

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TRANSPORT - AIR

New Air Link Naryan-Mar-Moscow

Naryan-Mar. In forging a new air link between Naryan-Mar and Moscow aviators have brought this trans-Arctic city significantly closer to the centre of the