

Murmansk Port

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About Murmansk Port

- The seaport of Murmansk is one of the largest **ice-free ports in Russia**.
- It is located on **the Kola Peninsula** at the **coast of Barents Sea**.
- It is about 2,000 km **northwest of Moscow**.
- The port is navigated all year round. The dimensions of vessels calling at the port of Murmansk are not limited.
- The main port capabilities **are located on the western coast of Kola Bay**, among them the mooring berths of the commercial port (including passenger area), fishing port, ship-repair yard, shipyard, oil terminal, and FSUE Atomflot premises.
- On the eastern coast of Kola Bay there is a number of small fish and fleet maintenance terminals.

Key facts about Kola Peninsula

- It is **situated in northwest Russia** which is one of the most important economic regions in the circumpolar North.
 - The region **contains valuable natural resources**, including a wide variety of mineral and fish resources, and is proximate to the large gas fields of the Barents Sea.
 - A large population, industrial complexes, and military infrastructure are also characteristic of the region.
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Q1) What is Arctic Council?

The Arctic Council is an intergovernmental forum that promotes cooperation and coordination among Arctic states and indigenous communities on issues related to the Arctic region. It was established on September 19, 1996, with the signing of the Ottawa Declaration.

Source: India accounts for 35% of cargo handled by Murmansk this year

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