

# A to Z: 2018 with Alexei Dyumin

2 February will mark the 3rd anniversary for Alexei Dyumin as the head of the Tula Region. At KP, we have composed the «Governor's ABCs» for the most important events of the year 2018

## AIC

The agricultural industry is growing in the Tula Region. The Region

is the leader in producing potatoes and rape, and is increasing meat and dairy production. In the last three years, they have repurposed more than 130,000 hectares of land for agriculture. There are 30 major ongoing agricultural projects which cost more than RUB 100 billion in total. Over the course of three years, they will create nearly 6,000 jobs.

## "Big Water"

A unique government-private partnership project with immense value for the region. This project boosted the quality of water in the homes of 130,000 residents of Novomoskovsk. The issue of quality drinking water is essential in other districts within the region, too. Work in this area continues.

## Volunteers

2018 was the Year of the Volunteer in Russia. To celebrate it, Tula hosted various events. Volunteers helped to organise forums and festivals, environmental actions, sports and social events. Volunteers assisted people with disabilities and helped find missing people. In 2018, the number of volunteers increased by 2.5 times and currently exceeds 5,500.

## Governor's Skating Rink

Initiated by Alexei Dyumin, it is definitely one of Tula's biggest winter attractions. In 2018, the area for the skating rink grew significantly and it is now open 12 hours a day. It is still free for all, and the rink can hold 250 people at one time. During the New Year's holiday, Tula's

residents and visitors were able to enjoy a fantastic ice show with star Russian skaters one more time.

## Kindergartens

They are building new kindergartens and repairing old ones, so that the queues to get into them will become shorter. Four new kindergartens appeared. Five more are on the way. Now, every kid from 3 to 7 who wants to attend a kindergarten will have a chance to.

## United Team

Improving the mechanisms for interacting with citizens of the Tula Region is one of Alexei Dyumin's priorities. Everyone can now address him with a problem and be sure that a solution will be found. The governor starts every weekly briefing with citizen requests. Tula citizens can send their petitions via digital receptionist, a hotline, social media or mass media.

## Housing and Utilities

The Federal Housing Agency formed the updated ranking of public utility offices in 2018. In total, it included 170 companies. We are happy to see that each time the number of offices in the "green" group grows, meaning that the quality of services is getting better.

## Healthy Lifestyle

More and more, residents of the region are taking a liking to healthy lifestyles. New physical education and sports centres open every year; more stadiums and school sports fields are under reconstruction. There are more sporting events each year. The marathon through the historic



8 September 2018. The solemn opening ceremony of the Kazanskaya Embankment.

"Capital of Weaponry" centre of Tula was one of the highlights of the year. The governor Alexei Dyumin sets a personal example for every other citizen: he plays hockey, rides his bike, and heads the supervisory board for the MarathonTula bike team.

## Investment

During the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF 2018), the Tula Region signed 19 contracts worth a total of over RUB 88 billion. The key contract was for constructing the biotechnological cluster Yefremov ASEZ. They will also install a number of small- and medium-sized businesses concerned with processing raw agricultural products. One of the largest Procter & Gamble logistics centres in Europe will be constructed in Novomoskovsk. This agreement will provide a boost to both the town and the region as a whole. The project will create 600 jobs. An agreement with EuroChem will bring RUB 30 billion and 1,250 jobs to the region.

## Kazanskaya Embankment

The official opening ceremony was celebrated 8 September 2018, on City Day. For 50 years, the citizens of Tula have not been able to see the northern wall of the Kremlin and the embankment of the Upa River. The idea for reconstructing the historic centre is credited to Alexei Dyumin. The new embankment became one of the city's biggest attractions, a favourite spot for residents and visitors.

## Tula Roller Ski Track

Alexei Dyumin ordered the platform to be built. In 2016, young skiers asked the head of the region to build a complex

for skiing and other sports in place of the ski track that was shut down during the 1990s. The new track is 2.5 km long with an advanced surface, full lighting, and an artificial snow system to extend the training season.

## Metallistov Street

The historic Tula centre now finally has a walking street. As part of the Tula Embankment project, Metallistov Street was closed to vehicles to give a second life to its ancient mansions and residential houses. In the spring of 2019, Tula's "Arbat" will be under reconstruction; new cafes, galleries, shops, and hotels will open soon thereafter. Another launch for the year will be the Museum

Quarter: branches of the largest museums in Tula Region will open in the old mansions.

## New Year's Capital of Russia

At the turn of 2019, for a whole month, Tula won this honorary title and took the baton from Khanty-Mansiysk. Preparations took a whole year and from 7 December to 7 January, Tula put together a rich event programme. The city's residents and guests could enjoy a mapping show, take a ride on a reindeer, admire the biggest fir tree in the city, visit various fun fairs and the governor's skating rink. Everyone could celebrate New Year's Eve on Lenin Square with Alexei Dyumin and Father Frost himself, right from Velikiy Ustyug. In total, 250,000 people visited the new year's events in Tula Region.

## Oktava

In April 2018, a new creative cluster opened in the legendary acoustic equipment factory. It serves as a modern platform to help young people find themselves, an office for young

businessmen in the IT field, an attraction for all of the active and talented, and just an excellent recreation spot for residents and tourists. Governor Alexei Dyumin and the Tula Region administration provide the most active support for the project. It hosts all the most interesting and biggest events that attract guests from across Russia. Projects like this centre have turned Tula into the capital of ideas and new concepts.

## Patriot-Tula

A military and patriotic recreation park will be constructed in the capital of weaponry per Alexei Dyumin's initiative. The park will offer various types of recreational opportunities: sports, military and patriotic, cultural, and family. They are planning to install an interactive exposition of retro cars here, exhibitions of weapons and military hardware, a centre for tactical games and a place to organise master classes. Tula Region is among the first regions in Russia to create a park analogous to Kubinka's Patriot park.

## Russia-India Strategic Dialogue

The key topic for the first dialogue was cooperation between the two countries. From January to August 2018, the external circulation of goods between our region and India increased by 20.92% compared with the same period in 2017, and totaled USD 191.83 million.

## Ice Palace

It will be the largest in the region. It is designed to seat 3,385 people. Once the palace is opened, figure skaters and hockey players will be able to train regularly, and residents will finally have a chance to skate at any time of the year.



7 December 2018. Start of the «Tula, New Year's Capital of Russia» project.

## ASEZ

The region's first ASEZ (advanced social and economic zone) was created in Yefremov. This title will bring 1,000 jobs to the municipality, attract more than RUB 11 billion in investment, bring more revenue into the budget at every level, at least RUB 21 billion in total. Another ASEZ will soon be formed in Aleksin.

## Uzlovaya

It is one of three leading special economic development zones for industry and manufacturing in terms of efficiency. Its total area is 471.5 hectares. The governor actively engages investors in the Uzlovaya zone and personally monitors the progress of projects. At the moment, Uzlovaya has 11 residents, and the companies Engelspetstrubmash and AgroGrib opened factories there.

## Sports Complexes

In 2018, a number of sports complexes opened in Veneva, Shatsk, and Uzlovaya. They attract not only athletes from Tula Region, but also from other corners of Russia. The complexes are suitable for hosting any size of event, including national competitions.

## Hockey

Alexei Dyumin initiated the formation of the Novomoskovsk Hockey Club (NHC) in July 2018. The main focus for youth hockey development in the Tula Region is placed on student and youth teams.

## The Digital Economy

Digital technologies have spread to all areas of government management. Alexei Dyumin ordered all ministries to join this nation-wide project as soon as possible so that digital technologies could have an actual impact on every sphere of life in the near future.

## Champions

The Olympic champions brought a 36-kg Tula pryanik with them to Pyeongchang, with "Russia in My Heart" inscribed on it, and a samovar. In this way, residents from the region wanted to support Russian athletes who had to perform under no banner or national anthem. They delivered the presents to the Russian village in the Olympic Park.

The governor organised the "Russia in My Heart" rally to cheer on our athletes during the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

## School

A new 600-person school in the Zelenstroy-2 district of Tula welcomed pupils on 3 September. It is the first school built in the region within the last 10 years.

This modern educational centre No. 58 bears the symbolic title "Generation of the Future." The school provides all of the conditions to help children grow and develop in all areas, including artistic and sports skills. It is equipped with the latest technology so that children have everything they need. The chemistry, physics, and biology classes have fully supplied labs for interesting experiments and creativity.

## Shchekinoazot

During Saint Petersburg Economic Forum 2018, Denis Manturov, head of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, governor Alexei Dyumin, and Boris Sokol, President of Shchekinoazot, signed a memorandum.

In the document they agree to execute a special investment contract to implement a number of capital projects in the Tula Region chemical industry.

In 2018, Shchekinoazot launched a new hi-tech methanol-ammonia facility as part of their partnership agreement with the regional administration. The governor attended the opening ceremony in person. With the administration's

assistance, the company opened four new factories in 2018.

## Efficiency

Alexei Dyumin always emphasises that increasing government efficiency is extremely important. He says that the times we live in, the new challenges, and current issues — everything demands it.

"Initiative, Efficiency, and Responsibility. These three words must be the top priorities for every representative in regional and municipal government," announced Alexei Dyumin during his speech.

## Young Talents

More young talents are receiving support to help them discover their full potential.

The region is opening technology parks where kids can study robotics, programming, and 3D modelling.

In September, the Support Centre for Gifted Children opened at Yasnaya Polyana. It offers two fields of study: the sciences and arts. Children from Tula, Novomoskovsk, Suvorovsky, Plavsky, Zaoksky, and Shchekinsky District attend it. It became the second Centre of this type in the region. The first one was launched at the Raikhel School in 2017 and is known today as the Talent Workshop. The school is curated by the Saint Petersburg House of Music under Sergei Roldugin. On New Year's Eve, the Centre's students gave a year-end concert.

## Core

In his speech, Alexei Dyumin said that active, passionate, ambitious people who support the region with their deeds are the foundation of our society, its core. And luckily, there are many such people in our region of all ages and professions. They are volunteers, activists in public organisations, village headmen, employees of Territorial Self-Government, and many, many others.



24-25 May 2018. Signing agreements at SPIEF 2018.



6 June 2018. Visiting the technological park at Aleksin.



18 May 2018. Gribovka, Venevsky District, launch of the Big Water project.



11 January 2019. Inspection of the new pryanik manufacturing line at Yasnaya Polyana.