Slovo Kyrgyzstana Digital Archive

Official newspaper of the Central Committee of the Kirghiz SSR

Established in 1925 in what was then the Kara-Kirghiz Autonomous Oblast in the RSFSR, Slovo Kyrgyzstana (Слово Кыргызстана, Word of Kyrgyzstan) is a Russian-language newspaper that served as the official party organ of the Central Committee of the Kirghiz SSR throughout its Soviet existence. It has been published independently since it gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. Known variously as Batratskaia Pravda (Батрацкая правда, Batratskaya Truth, March-June 1925), Krest’ianskii put’ (Крестьянский путь, Peasant Path, 1925-1927), and Sovetskaia Kirgiziia (Советская Киргизия, Soviet Kyrgyzstan, 1927-1991), at its peak the newspaper claimed a circulation of 123,000 copies and was the most important media organization disseminating the Communist party’s official stances and directives. Slovo Kyrgyzstana covers both national and international affairs, culture, economics, environmental issues, healthcare, religion and other important issues of concern.

Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1925-2021
- **Language:** Russian
- **City:** Bishkek
- **Country:** Kyrgyzstan
- **Frequency:** Varies
- **Format:** PDF, page-based
- **Producer:** East View Information Services
- **Platform:** East View Universal Database and Global Press Archive

About the Archive

The Slovo Kyrgyzstana Digital Archive comprises over 120,000 pages and includes all obtainable issues of the newspaper’s previous titles (Batratskaia Pravda, Krest’ianskii put’, and Sovetskaia Kirgiziia). The archive offers scholars the most comprehensive collection available for this title and features full page-level digitization, complete original graphics, and searchable text, and is cross-searchable with numerous other East View digital resources.

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