



**NORTHERN CAPE**

# PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

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## SONA 2025

*A Nation that works, for all*

President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the State of the Nation Address (SONA) 2025 on 6 February at Cape Town City Hall, outlining key national priorities and their impact on provinces, including the Northern Cape.

### Key Takeaways for the Northern Cape

#### 1. Infrastructure Investment & Water Security

- Government is prioritizing infrastructure development, including roads, water supply, and renewable energy projects.
- The National Water Resource Infrastructure Agency is being established to drive investment in water projects, crucial for the drought-prone Northern Cape







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### 2. Economic Growth & Job Creation

- The government is unlocking R100 billion for infrastructure financing and expanding support for small businesses.
- The province is poised to benefit from the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, positioning it as a key player in trade and logistics.

### 3. Energy & Mining Sector Growth

- The Electricity Regulation Amendment Act paves the way for more renewable energy investments, a major opportunity for the Northern Cape's solar and wind energy industry.
- A new mining rights system will unlock further investment, ensuring job creation and beneficiation of minerals in the province.

### 4. Public Service & Governance

- A graduate recruitment scheme will attract skilled youth to government roles.
- Local government reforms aim to improve service delivery, especially in municipalities struggling with infrastructure maintenance.

### 5. Social Protection & Education

- The Social Relief of Distress Grant is being expanded, helping vulnerable residents.
- TVET colleges will focus on artisan training to boost employment, and efforts to improve early childhood education continue.

### 6. Security & Crime Prevention

- Expansion of Operation Shanela to combat crime, including illegal mining, is expected to benefit the Northern Cape.
- The SAPS is strengthening its Detective Service to improve crime-solving capacity in the province. The Northern Cape stands to gain from these national initiatives, fostering economic growth, job creation, and improved service delivery for residents.

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**#SoNA2025**



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## Transformation of the Groblershoop Community Health Centre into a 24-hour Facility

The Northern Cape Department of Health has committed to appointing additional staff at the Groblershoop Community health Centre with the ultimate goal of transforming it into a 24-hour facility.

The MEC for Department of Health, Maruping Lekwene convened the meeting along with the leadership of !Kheis Local Municipality ward Councillors and Senior Department Officials to focus on enhancing medical services.

Spokesperson for the MEC for Health, Lebogang Mahaja stated that the Department has handed out a thorough plan of action to promote the optimal utilization and allocation of available

resources. Mahaja further added that the Department is committed to appointing more staff at the local health-care facilities, as well as emergency medical services.





# SECOND CHANCE

## Matric Support Programme 2025

The Second Chance Matric Support Programme for 2025 offers support in 11 high-enrolment subjects and 11 home languages, based on two examinations (SC and NSC). To register, please visit your nearest District/Provincial Office.

Learners who will be writing their May/June Examination please be informed that registration will be closing on Friday 07 February 2025.

For face to face sessions please contact the centre managers below

District	Venue	Responsible Manager	Contact
Frances Baard	Homevale HS	Ms. Amien	081 574 9061
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Make sure to reach out to the responsible managers or head office contacts for more information or any assistance you may need!





# ASAAE CONFERENCE

**T**he Northern Cape Association of Agriculture Educators is hosting a 3-day national conference at Elizabeth Conradie School in Kimberley.

With agriculture driving the economy, especially in rural areas, this symposium aims to encourage learners about the importance of agriculture.

350 delegates from all 9 provinces are gathering to share innovative ideas and strategies for improving agriculture education.

Agriculture has the power to reduce poverty, increase incomes, and enhance food security for 80% of the world's poor, who live and work in rural areas.



## CALLING ALL CREATIVES

**C**reatives in the Northern Cape are in for a transformative experience as the Amandla Entsha Arts Programme takes place from 17–20 February 2025. An initiative founded by producer and musician, Neo Power, with the aim of empowering emerging artists by providing space to develop skills, explore artistic traditions, and foster meaningful connections.

Over the course of three days, participants will engage in masterclasses (Day 1) and capacity-building workshops covering crafts, tufting, textiles, visual arts and music (Day 2 and 3), all designed to foster artistic and entrepreneurial development.

Among the industry experts guiding participants is Evelyn

Maruping, a renowned Media & Partnership Strategist, who will be hosting “The Art of Winning Partnerships” masterclass. Having successfully secured sponsorships for her own initiatives like the Northern Cape Starlet and She Is Fabulous Women’s Awards, Maruping believes the Amandla Entsha programme will provide creatives in the Northern Cape an opportunity to enhance their craft while monetising their art. **“This is a programme that aligns perfectly with DSAC’s mandate to capacitate and empower young creatives, an opportunity that rarely comes our way”**, Maruping says.

Creatives aged 18-35 are encouraged to apply by using this link: <https://forms.gle/Mhnb8gGjRz1d1ppKA> or by visiting the Galeshewe SMME Village or Mayibuye Precinct.



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# NORTHERN CAPE PREMIER'S

GOLF DAY



FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025  
**KIMBERLEY GOLF CLUB**



▶ **INDIVIDUAL: R 4000**

▶ **FOURBALL: R 16 000**

*Four-ball Fees including:  
Greenfees, Half Way Meal, Dinner  
Golf Apparel, Goodie Bag*

## BANKING DETAILS

STANDARD BANK  
NCPG PMG: OFF OF PREMIER  
ACC NO: 063050943  
BRANCH CODE: 050002  
BRANCH: KIMBERLEY



Scan QR code to register

## FORMAT

*Betterball scramble drive*

## PROGRAMME

*Registration from: 7:30 / Tee off from: 09:00*

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