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NORTHERN CAPE SOPA 2025

On March 6, 2025, Northern Cape Premier Dr. Zamani Saul delivered the state of the Province Address (SOPA) at the Mittah Seperepere Convention Center in Kimberley.

The address focused on several key priorities for the Province including:

- **Infrastructure Development:** Plans were outlined to upgrade the Upington airport to enhance its status as a central transport hub. Additionally a R2.5 billion investment in water infrastructure in Sol Plaatje Municipality aims to address ongoing water crises and transform Kimberley into a major construction site.
- **Renewable Energy initiatives:** The Premier highlighted the importance of upgrading the power grid through investments from Eskom, positioning the Province as leaders in renewable energy and the green economy.
- **Economic Growth and Job Creation:** The provincial government

plans to stimulate the economy by focusing on job creation especially in sectors such as mining, agriculture, and infrastructure. This is part of a broader strategy to reduce poverty and unemployment. Additionally, the Northern Cape aims to leverage the State-Owned Construction Company to establish a large-scale construction hub, providing more jobs and growth opportunities for the province.

- **Education and Healthcare:** The Premier outlined the efforts to enhance education and healthcare services, including the construction of new schools and health facilities, as well as improving the existing services to better meet the needs of communities.

Overall, the address aimed to create a vision of a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable Northern Cape, with concerted efforts in education, health, economic development and social justice



Premier of the Northern Cape, Dr. Zamani Saul hosted an extended Lekgotla on Monday, 3 March 2025, emphasising on systems thinking and strategic execution to drive progress in the Northern Cape.

A few key achievements from the 6th administration reflected on in the Lekgotla:

- R35 billion economic growth in 5 years – from R117bn in 2019 to R152bn in 2024
- 19 new schools & 11 new clinics built, improving education & healthcare! -
- 84% Matric pass rate - a massive 18% increase since 2020!
- R25 billion investment in infrastructure to create jobs & transform the province
- 8 clean audits - proof of good governance & accountability

FUN FACT? The Northern Cape will be hosting the G20 energy stream in April, putting Kimberley on the global stage as it will be their first gathering in Africa. Previously hosted in India (2023), Bali, Indonesia (2022), Rome, Italy (2021), Osaka, Japan (2019) and Hamburg, Germany (2017).

The Northern Cape Provincial Government remains committed to growing all aspects of the Province and ensuring a better life for all.



Validation Workshop on the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities & the Job Access Strategic Framework



The Office on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (OSPD) unit within the OTP hosted a Validation Workshop on the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (WPRPD) and the Job Access Strategic Framework (JASF) on 27–28 February 2025.

The workshop brought together sector departments, district municipalities, and Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) to assess progress in implementing disability rights policies and frameworks.

The workshop was officially opened by Mr. Mantantana, Director: Provincial Transformation Programmes, who emphasised the importance of the workshop in strengthening accountability, fostering collaboration, and ensuring that government efforts align with the principles of disability inclusion and equal opportunities.

A pivotal session of the workshop featured Mr. Pillay, who provided an overview of the WPRPD and JASF, focusing on their core pillars and their significance in guiding the Northern Cape Provincial Government's service delivery approach for the disability sector.

During the second session, the Manager of the OSPD unit, Ms Kenosi Sebico provided an analysis of the implementation reports submitted over the past three quarters, offering detailed feedback on progress, challenges, and areas requiring improvement.

The validation workshop proved to be a resounding success, fostering critical dialogue and reinforcing government's commitment to ensuring the full inclusion, empowerment, and protection of persons with disabilities in the Northern Cape.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED THE PAMPIERSTAD SMALL CLAIM COURT



The Pampierstad Imbizo was themed under ***Strengthening Access to Justice Through Community Engagement***, following the successful launch of the Pampierstad Small Claim Court. Deputy Ministers, Andries Nel and Nocawe Mhlauli, led a discussion with residents from four local wards offering a platform for them to voice concerns and propose solutions towards improving justice services.

Key figures from various sectors attended the Imbizo, including government officials, judiciary representatives and traditional leaders. The gathering highlighted the significance of better collaboration between customary and statutory justice systems including the role of different stakeholders in enhancing service delivery.

This initiative aims to provide greater access to justice, allowing community members, particularly those unable to afford legal representation, to resolve disputes quickly and affordable. The Small Claims Court will enable individuals to claim up to R20 000 without requiring a lawyer, making justice more accessible for the people of Pampierstad.

NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DONATES DIGNITY PACKS TO SUPPORT HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS

The Northern Cape Provincial Department of Health recently made a heartfelt impactful deed by donating dignity packs to patients at the Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Hospital's Oncology Unit. Packs of toiletries and sanitary products, are intended to ensure patients to maintain their hygiene and dignity during their hospital stay.

This initiative aligns with the broader mission of supporting vulnerable communities, by providing essential items that improve the quality of patient's lives.

The donation highlights a commitment the Northern Cape Health Department makes, to not only meet patients' medical

needs but also attend to their personal and emotional well-being.

Such contributions foster a sense of care, community, and respect for those going through health challenges.



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SASSA NC REDOUBLES EFFORTS TO HELP BENEFICIARIES SWITCH TO POSTBANK BLACK CARDS

With less than two weeks until the 20 March 2025 deadline to replace SASSA Gold Cards with Postbank Black Cards, the Northern Cape Region is intensifying efforts to assist beneficiaries.

SASSA has enhanced communication efforts, with officials working beyond regular hours, including weekends, and rolled special outreach programmes across the Northern Cape.

Several outreaches have already been held, with the following additional sessions still scheduled:

- Saturday, 8 March 2025: SASSA office on Corless Road **(Frances Baard).**
- Tuesday, 11 March 2025: Strydenburg Community Hall **(Pixley Ka Seme).**
- Thursday, 13 March 2025: Bankhara Bodulong Village in Kuruman **(John Taolo Gaetsewe).**
- Saturday, 15 March 2025: SASSA Roodepan Local Office **(Frances Baard).**
- Monday, 17 March 2025: Loxton Community Hall **(Pixley Ka Seme).**

Beneficiaries are urged to bring their valid ID or temporary ID to these outreaches for a smooth and free card transition process.

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PREMIER SAUL OFFICIALLY OPENS STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN KIMBERLEY



Last Week marked another milestone in the modernisation and growth of the Northern Cape, where Premier, Dr. Zamani Saul, joined the MEC responsible for Health, Mr. Maruping Lekwene, launched the R305 million Northern Cape Department of Health Student Accommodation.

A state of the art facility that ensures decent living and conducive learning residence for individuals studying towards health and nursing in our province.

The Student accommodation is currently hosting 64 students with prospects of hosting 350 students, in support of fostering a generation of highly skilled health practitioners from the Northern Cape.

Premier, Dr. Zamani Saul, in his remarks implored on the students to take care of the building and ensure that it remains in the same condition in years to come.



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NORTHERN CAPE PREMIER'S



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