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FOREWORD | PREMIER DR. ZAMANI SAUL |

The President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, this week announced the further easing of lockdown regulations to **level 1**. It has not been an easy journey trying to navigate the possible devastating effects the pandemic has had on South Africans, but the President steered the ship well and although we are not out of stormy waters as yet, the worst seems to be now over.

The easing of the lockdown regulations brings about great responsibility to community members as we have to comply with the wearing of masks, maintaining social distance and washing our hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or sanitizer. It therefore important for community members to ensure that they observe the protocols to ensure that we stop the spread of this virus.

Tourism Day this year is celebrated within the context of the negative effects left on the sector by the coronavirus. The Tourism sector in our province, which plays a vital role in our economy, contributing to the creation of jobs, has been hit hard by the **COVID-19** pandemic. It is important, that as we celebrate Tourism Day, we let the country and world know that we are **#travelready** as the Province, and have measures in place to keep visitors safe during their stay in our Province.

Interconnectivity and access to information is an integral part of modernising the Northern Cape. This week, we achieved many milestones as for the first time in our province we are able register our children online for the 2021 academic year.

We are particularly pleased as the Provincial Government at the response this system has received, with thousands of parents using this facility. We remind parents that this system will be open until 30 September 2020, and encourage those who have not yet applied to do so, either from the comfort of their own homes, or by visiting one of the walk-in centres.

This week, together with Think-Wi-Fi we were also able to provide, uncapped, unlimited access to Wi-Fi to the community of Augrabies and this will assist this community to have better access to government information and services. In this regard, we are confident that with the roll-out of Wi-Fi across all five Districts, we will be bridging the information gap.

Until our next edition, make sure to remain vigilant and abide by the lockdown regulations.



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ETHICAL JOURNALISM

It is generally acknowledged that the Fourth Estate wields significant influence over the shaping of public influence and perception.

Therefore, as a significant pillar of public discourse, news media (including newspapers) have an obligation to report on matters in the public interest in a factual, non-partisan and ethical manner so that the reader receives balanced, well thought-out journalism that is adequately researched, incorporates all angles and subscribes to its ethical code in the highest standard possible.

We recently had the unfortunate experience of a weekend publication not scrutinising the facts and casting aspersions on the integrity of certain individuals, followed the next Sunday by retraction of the said article with an apology published to those the newspaper, in its wisdom, chose to implicate.

I am of the view that we all have the power of discretion as one day, you go gung-ho, foot in the mouth and present a story that has no factual basis, both morally and ethically, and the next week, you say sorry!

The business of writing, might I add, is indeed a weighty one and should a journalist not have all the facts at hand, she/he is obliged to publish the story.

This is simple newspaper ethics and calls for ethical integrity that is beyond reproach, beyond blemish and resonates with all well trained and right-thinking journalists as the correct thing to do is to go after the facts while at all times vigilantly safe guarding and upholding the maxim of audi alteram partem.

CELEBRATING OUR VERY OWN HUMAN TREASURE

OUMA KATRINA ESAU



This Year Heritage month is celebrated under the theme, **"Celebrating South Africa's Human Treasure"**. Ouma Katrina Esau was declared a living Human Treasure for her excellent contribution to the Nluu language.

Ouma Katrina Esau is a woman on a mission to preserve the endangered culture of the San people, an indigenous tribe mostly concentrated on the outskirts of the Northern Cape which borders Namibia.

This daughter of the soil has chosen to live up to the mammoth task of teaching a largely oral language and the unique traditions of the San people. She has decided to remain anchored to the culture but moving with modern times of technology to preserve her near extinct indigenous language of Nlu.

Her plans are to create educational CDs and DVDs so that anyone anywhere can learn the Nlu language in a documented, coherent and systematic manner.

On any given day, her house is abuzz with activity as she teaches and transfers valuable knowledge to the youth with the hope that the San people's language and cultural ways would prevail for generations to come.

Ouma Katrina's passion for identity and preservation of the ancient language is indefatigable. She teaches at a small school located at the front of her house in Rosedale, outside Upington in the Northern Cape and her exuberance and preserving her dialect palpably felt in both word and in deed.



COUNTRY MOVES TO LOCKDOWN LEVEL 1

*In his address to the nation, the President Mr Cyril Ramaphosa announced further easing of lockdown regulations to allow South Africans to gradually go back to living life in the new normal, being extra vigilant as we try and avoid a second wave of **COVID-19**. The second wave of this virus will leave even greater devastating effects, and this is something we all need to avoid. In doing so, we need to make sure that we abide by the protocols as set by Government and the World Health Organisation.*

Below are some of the eased regulations as announced by the President.

GATHERINGS

- Social, religious, political and other gatherings will be permitted, as long as the number of people does not exceed 50% of the normal capacity of a venue, up to a maximum of 250 people for indoor gatherings and 500 people for outdoor gatherings.

Health protocols, such as washing or sanitising of hands, social distancing and mask-wearing, will need to be strictly observed.

FUNERALS

- The maximum number of people who may attend a funeral is increased from 50 to 100 due to the higher risk of viral transmission at funerals. Night vigils are still not permitted.

GYMS AND ENTERTAINMENT

- Venues for exercise, recreation and entertainment – such as gyms and theatres – which were limited to no more than 50 people, will now be allowed to accommodate up to 50% of their venue's capacity as determined by available floor space, subject to social distancing and other health protocols.

TRAVEL

- International travel is permitted but travellers will only be able to use one of the land border posts that have remained operational during the lockdown or one of the three main airports:

King Shaka, OR Tambo and Cape Town International Airport. Travel may be restricted to and from certain countries that have high infection rates.

ALCOHOL

- The sale of alcohol at retail outlets for home consumption is now permitted from Monday to Friday, from 09h00 to 17h00.
- Alcohol will be permitted for on-site consumption in licensed establishments only and with strict adherence to the curfew.

SPORTING EVENTS

- Existing restrictions on sporting events remain in place.

RETAIL OUTLETS

- Stores are only allowed 50% of the total number of shoppers its floor space allows.

CURFEW

- The curfew will now apply between midnight and 4am.

MASKS

- You are still not permitted in public without a cloth mask which covers the nose and mouth. The previously gazetted regulations which make it a criminal offence to not wear a mask remain in place.



Northern Cape
Department of Education

The Northern Cape Department of Education
welcomes the appointment of

MEC Zolile Monakali

we pledge our unwavering support and
commitment to traject the education system
to greater heights.





COVID-19 RECOVERY

NOMHLE MABILO

*Nomhle Mabilo is a 44 year old woman from Kimberley who has recently survived **COVID-19**.*

She works at the Department of Health as an Assistant Director in the Human Resource Directorate: Here is her story.

What were your worst symptoms and how did you treat them?

I had the worst body pains and nausea, I used a mixture of lemon, garlic, ginger and turmeric. I also used ACC 200, it helped a lot.

How did you, psychologically get through your recovery journey and quarantine period? Did you feel that being infected with this virus altered your psyche in any way?

I am a prayerful person so I focused on meditating on the Word of God, so my isolation days were not influenced by my condition.

Did you experience any kind of a stigma from people upon them finding out you tested positive? If so, how did you receive that?

Oh yes I did experience that especially at my workplace. For a moment, but then I remembered that I have a family that supports me 100% so I did not allow that to make me lose focus.

What are your biggest tips and tricks for beating COVID-19 for other infected people in the Province?

Stop stressing because that affects your body negatively. Exercise, get your 15 minutes of sun therapy, rest and surround yourself with positive people. Please don't forget to take your vitamins. You can beat this!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO HOST TAXI LEKGOTLA

The Northern Cape Department of Transport, Safety and Liasion will on the 02 October 2020 host a Taxi Lekgotla. The Department will soon publish the documents for the benefit of the stakeholders who will be attending the summit. Further details will be provided.

PROVINCIAL TOURISM DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Provincial Tourism Month will be celebrated on Monday 21 September in the Namakwa region of the Northern Cape.

The hybrid evening function will be celebrated under the theme "Story telling around the fire", and will be attended by the MEC DEDAT Abraham Vosloo, South African Tourism CEO, Mr Siza Ntshona, as well as media and officials from the department and NCTA.

The theme for Provincial Tourism Month is, **"Tourism and Rural Development, focusing on small dorpiess, villages and townships"**.

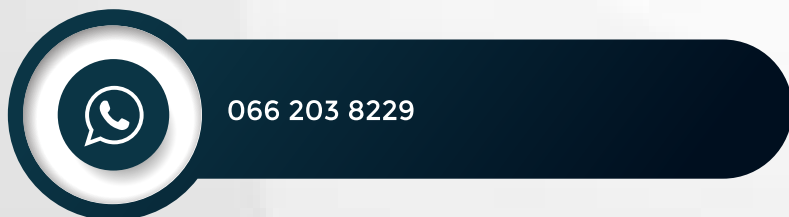
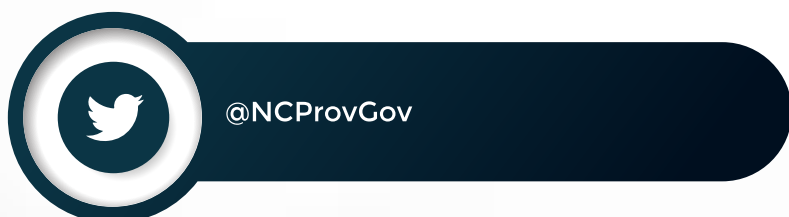
There will be two tours visiting the villages to expose the rural tourism experiences around the Kamieskroon and Richtersveld areas of the Namakwa region.

ARBOUR MONTH CELEBRATIONS

In celebration of Arbour month this year, the Sol Plaatje Municipality together with the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fishery will be highlighting the opportunities for sustainable environmental, social and economic development, community participation, poverty alleviation and job creation in forestry thereby contributing towards growth, development and a better life for all.

The theme for this year is **"Forests and Biodiversity"** with the slogan **"Trees in our lives"**. The slogan, "Trees in our lives" focuses and expands on how trees and forests contribute to the lives of South Africans in line with the sustainable forest management principles of social, environmental and economic development. On the 28th September, we will see remembrance and commemorative tree planting and greening of township areas.

The commemorative tree planting will deal with the remembrance and commemoration of all frontline professionals and workers who dedicated their efforts towards preventing and fighting the **COVID-19** pandemic and to those who had fallen as a result of being infected with the virus.



GBV CONTACT DETAILS

Know and share these contact details:

GBV Command Centre:

0800 428 428 / *120*7867# from any cell phone

Persons with disabilities, SMS 'help' to 31531

Women Abuse Helpline:

0800 150 150

Child Line:

0800 055 555

SAPS Crime Stop:

0860 10111

GBVF-Related Service Complaints (SAPS):

0800 333 177/complaintsnodalpoint@saps.gov.za

National AIDS Helpline:

0800 012 322

National Human Trafficking Helpline:

0800 222 777

Suicide Helpline:

0800 567 567

National Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.za>

National Institute of Communicable Diseases:

<https://www.nicd.ac.za>

World Health Organisation:

<https://www.who.int>