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Govt to subsidise poor and missing middle



Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande says government wants to strengthen post-school learning and teaching.

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Universities will individually decide on the fee increases for 2017 academic year, Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande announced recently.

The Minister made the announcement at a special media briefing following the Council on Higher Education (CHE) report for 2017 fee adjustments as well as the Minister's ongoing consultations with key stakeholders.

"Our recommendation is that fee adjustments should not go above eight percent," Minister Nzimande said.

He added that universities currently face serious challenges in terms of funding, while at the same time large numbers of South Africans find it difficult to access post-school education because of financial challenges.

FAST FACT:

- Students with a family income of up to R600 000 per annum will be supported by government.
- In 2016 government provided R1.9 billion of the R2.3 billion shortfall following the subsidy on the 2016 university fee increase.
- In the 2016/17 financial year R14.5 billion has been made available to NSFAS.
- A total of 405 000 students received government support to access universities and colleges in 2016.

"Government is aware of these challenges and takes them very seriously."

The Minister said government is committed to finding the resources to support chil-

dren of all poor, working and middle class families, with a household income of up to R600 000 per annum, while subsidy funding will cover the gap between the 2015 fee and the adjusted 2017 fee.

"This will be done for fee increments up to eight percent."

Minister Nzimande said a key priority for government is to ensure that post-school learning and teaching is strengthened, and that financial sustainability of the sector is not eroded.

"Our economy is currently weak and our fiscal position parlous. The tax burden has been rising in recent years, and we must preserve the fiscal space to fund government's policy agenda in future years.

"This means that any funding government mobilises to support the pressing challenges in higher education, it would need to reprioritise from other government pro-

grammes."

He added that students' concerns about the affordability of university education were legitimate.

"At the same time, we need to ensure that those who can afford to pay must pay."

He added that the post-school budget has to cover students in technical and vocational education and training, while at the same time face the challenge of providing 18 million South Africans, who are unable to study at university, access to community colleges.

"In other words, our job as government requires a number of very delicate balancing acts."

All National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) qualifying students, as well as the so-called "missing middle" students will experience no fee increase in 2017, as government will pay for the



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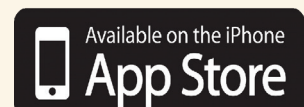


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Industrial parks revival to boost SA economy

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Government is investing millions into revitalising industrial parks across the country to breathe new life into communities that have been left out of the mainstream economy.

One such park is the Seshego Industrial Park that is managed and owned by the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA).

The park houses 72 factories, which include manufacturing, agro-processing, services and storage enterprises, among others. The Head of Land and Property Development at LEDA, Mouric Molepo, said they hope to see manufacturers more than any other industrialist renting space in the park because it is this sector that creates the most jobs.

Around 1 550 jobs have been created through the Seshego Industrial Park in

large industries, while small industries in the industrial park have created about 240 jobs.

Molepo said LEDA is upgrading the park.

"We have started with security features and have committed approximately R21 million. We hope to continue revitalising the facility to increase job creation and contribute to the economy of Limpopo."

Industrialisation has become more important to South Africa's expansion plans amid a tough global economic environment. Regional Industrial Cluster Chief Director at the Department of Trade and Industry, Stieneke Samuel, said the department is working on a programme to revitalise industrial parks across the country.

"In Limpopo, to date, we are looking at two industrial parks," said Samuel, adding that phase one of the Seshego development is complete.



The Department of Trade and Industry spent R21 million for the first phase of the Seshego Industrial Parks.

She envisages that the Seshego Industrial Park will create more jobs for the surrounding communities as more investors come on board.

Explaining the history of the industrial parks, she said they were initially established outside of cities to keep "certain people in certain areas".

"Ironically, skills were actually developed... You will find specialised skills

in various areas where these parks are located," said Samuel.

Minister Rob Davies explained that the first stage of the Seshego revitalisation programme focused on professionalising the industrial area, improving the physical security and eliminating non-business related activities that were taking place in the park.

The sum of R189 million is being spent on six

prioritised parks, under the department's Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme which is aimed at promoting industrialisation and increasing the contribution of the parks to job creation and the country's economic growth.

He said phase two will focus on refurbishing the buildings and some of the physical infrastructure beyond security. ■

Usonmabubulo osakhasako unengomuso elikhanyako

Thandeka Ngobese

UThemba Mthembu (oneminyaka ema-42) usiqiniseko sokobana akunasitjhijilo esingaqabela umuntu ukufikelela amabhudangwakhe. Gade kulibhudango lika-Mthembu ukusebenza njengosonjiniyere ongumakhenikhi, kodwana ukugula kwamkatelela ukulisa isikolo nakafunda iGreyidi ye-10.

Eminyakeni eli-12 edluleko, uMthembu ongewengwavuma, esetlhagwini yaKwaZulu-Natal, bekaziphilisa ngokulungisela iinkoloyi

ekhayeni lakhe.

Umphakathi wangekhabo gade ungazi kobana lokha nakalungisa iinkoloyi, gade amatasatasa atlama okuthileko. Mhlapha umangaze umphakathi wangekhabo nakethula injini engakajayeleki engasebenzisi ipetroli nanyana idizili. Lenjini ifuna ibhethri kwaphela begodu ingakhanyisa amaglobhu alula abunane, isiqandisi nomabonisa kude.

UMthembu watjela bakwa-Vuk'uzenzele bonyana umkhumbulo wokwenza injini le wathoma ngomnyaka wee-2013 lokha ilizwe belithayela ngegezi. Wabeka wathi: "Ngabu-

thelela zoke iinsetjenziswa endaweniyeensimbi ezidala. Kwangithatha iminyaka emibili ukuqedelela

"Ngithabe khulu ukubona bonyana yoke iminyaka le beyingasililize ngombana injini iyasebenza gadesi."

umsebenzi lo. Ngithabe khulu ukubona bonyana yoke iminyaka le beyingasililize ngombana injini iyasebenza gadesi. Ngi-lungele ukwenza ikoloyi

engasebenzisi ipetroli nanyana idizili".

Injini kaMthembu inemikhungo yegezi esithandathu ehlanganiswa ngekunupe yegezi, umdumayo ufana newe-grayindere.

Wathi nagade aneesetjenziswa zamambala, kufaka hlangana nesekele leemali, gade kuzomthatha isikhathi esincani ukuqedelela injini yinye.

Wabeka wathi: "Kuhlekuhle kungangithatha isikhathi esincani khulu ngombana nanginesetjenziswa ezifaneleko, ngingafundisa abantu abatjha ababili abangagcina bangisiza".

Umnikazi wendawo yeensimbi ezidala uBheki Gumede wathi lokha uMthembu nakeza kuye amkhombela iingcenyenzeensimbi bona azokwenza injini, akhange amthathele ehloko.

Wabeka wathi: "Njenganje, ngimhlonipha khulu ngenca yomsebenzakhe. Gade ngingacabangi bonyana umuntu wendawo esemakhaya njenge-Ngwavuma angenza into efana nale. Sipihiwe ngokuhlukileko begodu isipihiwo sakhe simkarisomraro. Angingabazi bonyana nakangaqinisela uzakufika kude. Ngimfisela ipumelelo". ■

Ukusiza amaSewula Afrika AsebuJamani Obuqokamileko

Noluthando Mkhize

UmJaphethe womNqophisi Zombebelele womNyango wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi, uThokozani Magwaza, uthi boke abantu abasebuJamani obunengozi namkha obuqokamileko kufanele babe nenomboro yeZiko eliKhandela iZenzo ezineNturhu eHlohlozelwa buLili (i-GBVCC).

I-GBVCC liziko lemitato elisebenza imini nobusuku elihlonyelwe ukunikela isekelo nokwelulekwa ngokomkhumbulo kwabongazimbi benturhu ehlohlozelwa bulili.

Nakakhuluma nebakwa-Vuk'uzenzele mayelana neNyanga yezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi, uMagwaza uthi i-GBVCC ingenye yamahlalo aphethwe mnyangwakhe.

"LeliZiko lemiTato lihlanganiswe namapholisa ngesisetjenziswa esibizwa i-geolocation, esikghona ngaso ukubona bonyana umtato udoswe usuka kiyiphi indawo, khulukhulu umuntu nakasahlelwako."

"Nakungenzeka bonyana umuntu osengozini uzizwa angakaphephi angadosela izikweli umtato bese umtato loyo udluliselwe emapholiseni wona arhabele endaweni yesehlakalo."

Wangezelela ngokuthi izikweli linabonohlalakuhle abama-70, inengi labo ngabathethe umhlalaphasi begodu abanelemuko elisezingeni eliphezulu kilomkhakha.

NgoSinyikhaba wee-2015, besele i-GBVCC yamukele imitato engaphezulu kwee-24 046 begodu yemukela imilayezo ye-'please call me' engaphezu kwee-22 683 evela kumalunga womphakathi agade asebuJamani obuqokamileko batlhoga isizo.

Izikweli lemiTato litlonyeliswe ngoNongorwana we-*Changing Lives Award* emnyanyeni wokunikelwa kwabonongorwana i-2014 *AfricaCom Awards*.

Izikweli lanikelwa godu unongorwana we-*Best Technology Innovation* obuya kwa-Contact Centre Management Group (i-CCMG) njengetshwayo lokuhlonipha igadango

UkuKhutjhulwa kwamaZiko aThuthukisa abeNtwana kwebuNcanini

Noluthando Mkhize

UmNyango wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi ufuna ukusebenza ngamandla ekukhuphuleni amaZiko aThuthukisa abeNtwana kwebuNcanini (i-ECD).

"Irhuhhululo lethu litjengisa bonyana ama-ECD aqakathekile ngombana iminyaka yokuthoma yokucabangisisa komntwana itjhejwa ezingeneli."

"Irhuhhululo litjengisile bonyana abeNtwana abathwasiswe ngokwehlelele-ECD bafunda lula esikolweni samabanga aphasi nesiphakemeko," kwatjho umJaphethe womNqophisi Zombebele womNyango wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi uThokozani Magwaza.

ISewula Afrika inama-ECD angakatlolisi, angakatlolisi ngokupheleleko newangeqadi ekufanele atlolise emNyangweni wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi.

"Kufanele wo ke umuntu azitlolise ngaphambi kobana angasungula bekasebenzise i-ECD, khulukhulu njengombana sifunyeneyona amanye ama-ECD asebenza ngokungasi semthethweni."

Wangezelela ngokuthi umnyangwakhe ufuna ukuqinisekisa bonyana ama-ECD asemazingeni wokusebenza amukelekako.

"NjengomNyango wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi kumsebenzethu ukuqalana nesigaba samalanga ayi-1000 wokuthoma kwepilo yomntwana nokufumana komntwana ifundo yamabanga aphasi.

"Sisakhulumisana nomNyango wezeFundo esiSekelo. Sithi ukusukela ekubelethweni komntwana ukufikela eminyakeni emine kumsebenzethu mayelana nokufikelela i-ECD, kodwana ngubani ozokuqalana nomntwana nasele aneminyaka emine ukufikela kesithandathu?"

UMagwaza wathi kunama-ECD atlolisweko alinganiselwa ee-21 000 ayingcenyeyerherho lomnyango. **U**

lalo lokusebenzisa ithekhnoloji yokuthoma mayelana nokulethwa kwezenzelwa zezehlakuhle emphakathini weSewula Afrika, begodu ngaphandle kokungabaza liphuma phambili nephasini elisathuthukako. **U**

IZiko lemiTato lingadoselwa kilenomboro yasimahla ethi: 0800 428 428 (0800 GBV GBV). Abadosimtato bangakhombela uNohlalakhule weZikweni lemiTato eliKhandela iNturhu eHlohlozelwa buLili bona abadosele ngokugandelela inomboro ethi: *120*7867# (Ngeyasimahla) ngokusebenzisa nanyana ngimuphi ufunjathwako.

I-SASSA Igidinga Iminyaka Elitjhumu

Noluthando Mkhize

Lomnyaka i-Ejensi yeeMbonelelo zeSondlo noMhlalaphasi kaRhulumente yeSewula Afrika (i-Sassa) igidinga iminyaka elitjhumu yokusebenzela izakhamuzi.

UmJaphethe womNqophisi Zombebelele nomPhathi oyiHloko ye-Sassa uThokozani Magwaza wathi njengengcenyeyeminyanya yokugidinga, ihlangano le izakuhlaluba ipumelelo nokubhalelwa kwayo.

Enye ipumelelo kukobana abantu abaziingidi ezili-17 bafumana iimbonelelo zesondlo sikarhulumente esitjhe ihlalakhule yabo.

UMagwaza wathi nanyana lokhu kulitshwayo eli-



hle nokho i- ejensi isathlaga ukufumana abantu bonyana bazitlolisele iimbonelelo zesondlo nehlalakhule.

"Sibikelwe bonyana abeNtwana abaziingidi ezimbili beminyaka engaphasi kwamunye ukufikela kemithathu abafumaniisibonelelosikarhulumente sezehlalakhule."

Wangezelela ngokuthi umnyangwakhe utlolisa abenziimbawo abatjha abazii-

300 000 beembonelelo zehlalakhule qobe mnyaka nokobana ihlangano le beyizokuphuma ijima lokwazisa abantu bonyana ukuyangokomThethosisekelo abantu banelungelo lokufunyanisa isibonelelo.

Enye yeenselele eziqalene ne-Sassa kudosa kwemali ziinkampani ezithileko emalini yesibonelelo.

UMagwaza, ongusi-

hlalo wesiQhema esitlanywe nguNgqongqotjhe esihlola ukudosa kwemali ziinkampani ezithileko emalini yesibonelelo sezehlalakhule wathi umNyango wezokuThuthukiswa komPhakathi ulwisana nokudosa kwemali ye-Airtime, yamanzi negezi, hlangana nokhunyeyo, okudosa emalini yesibonelelo sezehlalakhule.

"Inani elibhadelwa ngurhulumente ngokweembonelelo linqophe ukuphelisa isikhoba esilethwa mtlhango phakathi kwabantu. Angeze kwenziwa ngananyana ngiyiphi indlela. Umthetho ujamile kelokuthi imali le ayikafaneli ukusetjenziswa kezinye izinto."

UMagwaza wathi umnya-

ngo ukhuphe iinkhabelelo mayelana nomthethomgomokhandela ukudosa kweemali ngaphandle kwe-10% letjhoreshi yokufa.

Umnyango ubeke isilinganisano se-10% etjhoreshini ngayinye. Kodwana esikufunyeneko kukobana abantu banamatjhoreshi wemindeni amabili nanyana amathathu kesinye isikhathi badlule esilinganisweni se-10%."

I-Sassa iqinisa umzamo wayo wokulwisana nobukhwabanisi nekohlakalo.

"Sihlome iphiko lokuphenya esizama ukuliqedelela. Sele sinabasebenzi abaqatjhelwe ukusebenza ephikweneli, sifuna ukuphelisa ubukhwabanisi nekohlakalo ethinta u-Sassa." **U**