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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



3 000 young people training to be artisans

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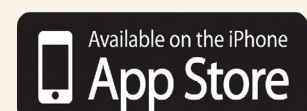


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Industrial parks revival to boost SA economy

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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. ■

Somabhizinisi losafufusa unelikusasa lelichakatile

Thandeka Ngobese

Themba Mthembu (loneminyaka lenge-42 budzala) ubufakazi bekutsi kute tinsayeya letingema endleni yemaphupho akho. Bekuliphupho laMthembu kutsi asebente njenganjiniyela wekusebenta ngemshini, kodvwa kungaphili kahle kwamenta kutsi asishiye phasi sikolo asafundza Libanga le-10.

Iminyaka lengetulu kwale-12-Mthembu, wasendzaweni yase-Ngwavuma, enyakatfo yaKwaZulu-Natali-uhleti ekhaya amatasatasa asebenta njengamakhinikhi wetimoto letincane.

Ummango longazange ukwati kutsi ngesikhatsi

alungisa timoto, bekenta futsi nemsebenti wekusungula lokutsite. Umangalise ummango wangakubo kulesikhatsi lesisandza kwendlula ngesikhatsi aveta injini lengakatayeledi lengasebentisi phethiloli nome idizili. Lenjini idzinga kuphela libhethri futsi iyakhona kukhanyisa emaglobhu agezilasiphohlango, sica-ndziso kanye namabonakudze.

Mthembu utjele baka-Vuk'uzenzele kutsi lomcondvo wekusungula lenjini wamfikela nga-2013 ngesikhatsi lelive libukene nekucishwa kwagezi ngenhloso yekuwonga.

"Ngigcogce konkhe lengikusebentisi endzaweni lapho kutsengi-

swa khona tincenye tetimoto letingasasebenti. Kungitsatse iminyaka lemibili kuphotfula lomsebenti. Ngiyjabula kubona kutsi yonkhe leminyaka ayizange ilahleke njengobe injini nyalo seyiyasebenta. Nyalo

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sengikulungele kutsi ngisungule imoto lengasebentisi phethiloli nome

idizili," kwasho yena njalo.

Injini yaMthembu inetintsambo tagezi letisitfupha letichunywa ebhethrini bese kutsi nasekayitsintsile, idvume kufanana negrayindali.

Utsite kube bekanemitfombolusito lefanele, lokufaka ekhatsi kwe-sekelwa ngetimali, ngabe kumtsatse sikhatsi lesincane kutsi acedze injini yinye.

"Ecinisweni, kunga-ngitsatse sikhatsi lesi-ncane kakhulu ngobe nangenimitfombolusito lefanele, ngingafundzisa bantfu labasha lababili kutsi bangisite," kwasho yena njalo.

Umnikati wenzawolapho kutsengiswa khona tincenye tetimoto lesetingasase-

benti Bheki Gumede utsite ngesikhatsi Mthembu acela kutsi amnike tincenye letingasasebenti kute akhe injini, akazange amtsatsele etulu.

"Nyalo, nanome kunjalo, ngiyamhlonipha kakhulu ngenca yemsebenti wakhe. Bengingacabangi kutsi umuntfu lovela endzaweni yasemaphandleni njengeNgwavuma angenta intfo lenjalo. Sipihiwe ngekwahlukahlukana futsi si-pihiwo sakhe siyamangalisa imphele.

Angingabati nekungabata kutsi loku kutamuyisa khashane nangabe angachubeka ente njengaloku enta. Ngimfisela ko-nkhe lokuhle," kwasho yena njalo. ■

Kusita bantfu baseNingizimu Afrika labasengotini yekuba tisulu

Noluthando Mkhize

Libambela Lemcondzisi Jikelele weLitiko Letekutfufukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle, Thokozani Magwaza, utsi bonkhe bantfu labasengotini yekuba tisulu kufanele kutsi babe nenombolo yekutsintsa Sikhungo Sekulwa neLudlame Lwebulili (i-GBVCC).

I-GBVCC sikhungo setincingo selitiko lesisebenta imini nebusuku lesicondzene nekusekela kanye nekweluleka labo labahlukumetwe ludlame lwebulili.

Akhulumane baka-Vuk'uzenzele mayelana neNyanga Yekutfufukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle, Magwaza utsite i-GBVCC ngulenze yetihlelo letichutjwa litiko lakhe.

“Lesikhungo setincingo siphindze futsi sichumane nemaphoyisa ngekusebentisa sisetjentiswa setekuchumana, lesenta kutsi sikhonekutfolakutsi umuntfu loshaya lucingo ubuya kuphi, ikakhulu nangabe lowo muntfu uyahlase-lwa.”

“Nangabe kuyenteka ku-

tsi lowo muntfu usengotini yekuba sisulu uyeva kutsi akakaphephi, angashayela kulenombolo bese lucingo lwakhe lucondziswa emaphoyiseni, emaphoyisa wona atawubese ayafika kuleyo ndzawo.”Wengete ngekutsi lesikhungo sinetisebenti tetenhlahlakahle letilinganiselwa etisebentini letinge-70, ikakhulu tisebenti tetenhlahlakahle leseta-tsatsa umhlalaphasi kodvwa letinesipiliyoni lesisetulu kulomsebenti.

Ngenyanga yeLweti 2015, lesikhungo se-GBVCC semukele tincingo letingetulu kwetincingo leti-24 046 kanye nemiyaletu yabo-‘please call me’ lengetulu kwe-22 683 levela emalungeni emmango lasetinkingeni ladzinga lusito.

Lesikhungo sekutsintsa siphindze futsi saklonyeliswa umklomelo i-*Changing Lives Award* ku-AfricaCom Awards nga-2014.

Lesikhungo siphindze futsi satfola umklomelo i-*Best Technology Innovation Award*, lesiklonyeliswe wona Licembu Letekulawula Tikhungo Tekutsintsa (i-CCMG) ngekuba buchwepheshe bekucala lobuhlanganisiwe baloluhlobo

Kugcugcutela Tikhungo Tekutfufukiswa Kwebantfwana Labancane

Noluthando Mkhize

Litiko Letekutfufukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle lifuna kwenta kakhulu kutsi ligcugcutele Tikhungo Tekutfufukiswa Kwebantfwana Labancane (ema-ECD), nome tinkhulisa.

“Lucwaningo lwetfu lukhomba kutsi ema-ECD abalulekile ngobe iminyaka yekucala yekukhula ngengcondvo emntfwaneni inakekelwa kuletikhungo.”

“Lucwaningo lukhombisa kutsi bantfwana labayiswe kuletikhungo tema-ECD bachuba kahle kutifundvo tabo etikolweni temabanga laphasi kanye natemabanga lasetulu,” kwasho lona njalo Libambela Lemcondzisi Jikelele weLitiko Letekutfufukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle, Thokozani Magwaza.

INingizimu Afrika inetikhungo tema-ECD letingabhaliswanga, letibhaliswe ngalokuphelele, letibhaliswe ngalokungaphelele kanye netangasese, lekufanele kutsi tibhalise nelitiko.

“Wonkhe umuntfu kudzingeka kutsi abhalise ngembikwekutsi avule sikhungo se-ECD, ikakhulu ngobe sesitfole kutsi letinye tikhungo tema-ECD setivele tingekho emtsetfweni.”

Uphindze futsi wangeta ngekutsi litiko lakhe lifuna kucinisekisa kutsi lama-ECD anetilinganiso nemitsetfo yekutiphatsa .

“NjengeLitiko Letekutfufukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle, kusemahlombe etfu kutsi sinakekele tinsuku tekucala leti-1 000 temphilo yemntfwana siphindze sicinisekise kutsi uyakhona kungena kutikhungo tetinkhulisa.

“Sisacocisana neLitiko Lemfundvo Lesisekelo. Sitsi kusukela umntfwana atalwa kuya eminyakeni lemine kusemahlombe etfu kutsi akhone kufinyelela etikhungweni tema-ECD, kodvwa ngetulu kwaloko uma baneminyaka yebudzala lemine kuya kulesitfupha kutawuba semahlombe abani?”

Magwaza utsite kunetikhungo tema-ECD letilinganiselwa etikhungweni leti-21 000 letibhalisiwe elitikweni. **V**

macondzana nekuletsa tinsita tetenhlahlakahle lapha eNingizimu Afrika, kantsi bantfu labanyenti batsi buchwepheshe bekucala nase-maveni lasatfufuka. **V**

Letikhungo tingatsintfwa kulolucingo lwamahlala ku: 0800 428 428 (0800 GBV GBV). Labashaya lucingo bangaphindze futsi bacele sisebenti setenhlahlakahle kulesikhungo kutsi sibatsintse ngekutsi bashaye lucingo ku: *120*7867# (mahhala) basebentise nome ngabe ngumuphi makhalekhikhini.

I-SASSA Igubha Iminyaka Lelishumi

Noluthando Mkhize

Kulomnyaka i-Ejensi yekuCinisekiswa kweteNhlalakahle eNingizimu Afrika (i-Sassa) igubha iminyaka lelishumi isebenta.

Libambela Lemcondzisi Jikelele weLitiko Letekutfufukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle kanye neMphatsi Lomkhulu (i-CEO) lolindze kubekwa we-Sassa Thokozani Magwaza utsite njengencenye yemigubho lenhlangano itawubuka emuva kuloko lehluleke kuko kanye nakuloko lephumelele kukwenta.

Kunye kwaloko lesiphumelele kuko kutsi bantfu labatigidzigidzi leti-17 batfola tibonelelo tahlumende.

Magwaza utsite nanome loku kuyintfo lenhle, i-ejensi



isanebumatima kutsi ikhutsate bantfu kutsi babhalise kutsi batfole tibonelelo tahlumende.

“Sitjelwe kutsi bantfwana labatigidzi letimbili labasukela kulabo labangakacedzi umnyaka batelwe kuya kulabo labaneminyaka lemitsatfu abayitfoli imali yetibonelelo tahlumende”

Wengeta ngekutsi lelitiko lakhe libhalisa bantfu laba-

fake ticelo letinsha labalinganiselwa kubantfu laba-300 000 labafuna kutfola tibonelelo tahlumende ngeninyaka nekutsi khona madvute nje lenhlangano itawuchuba umkhankhaso wekufundzisa bantfu ngekubatisa kutsi ngekweMtsetfosisekelo banelilungelo lekutfole imali yetibonelelo tahlumende.

Yinye yetinsayeya i-Sassa lebukene nayo kudvonswa

kwemali lokwenteka kutibonelelo tahlumende.

Magwaza, longusihlalo welicembu lekusebenta Lelihlanganisa Tindvuna lokungulona lelibuka lendzaba yekudvonswa kwemali kutibonelelo tahlumende, utsite, Litiko Letekutfufukiswa Kwetenhlahlakahle alivumelani nekudvonswa kwemali yekushaya lucingo, yemanti nagezi, emkhatsini waletinye tintfo, emalini yetibonelelo tahlumende.

“Lemali hlumende layikhokhako kuhloswe ngayo kutsi kulwe nebuphuya. Lemali angeke isetjentiselwe lokunye ngaphandle kwebuphuya . Umtsetfo usho kahle kutsi lemali kufanele kutsi ingatsintfwa ngulomunye umuntfu.”

Magwaza utsite litiko selente

tichibiyelo kunchubomgomoleletsi kute kudvonswa kwemali lokuvunyelwe ngaphandle kwe-10% yenzuzo yemali yemngcwabo.

“Litiko litsi 10% yemali yemshwalensi wekungwabamunye. Lesesikutfolile kutsi utawukhandza bantfu banemishwalensi yemngcwabo lemibili nome lemitsatfu ngalesinye sikhatsi loko kwenta kutsi imali ledvonswako ibengetulu kwa-10%.”

I-Sassa icinisa imitamoyayekulwa nenkhohlakalo kanye nekukhwabanisa.

“Sesisungule sikhungo seabahloli njenganyalo simatasatasa nekutsi sisiphotfule. Sesivele sinebantfu lesibacashile labatawusebenta kuso, sifuna kuyicedza nya inkohlakalo nekukhwabanisa ka-Sassa.” **V**