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## KwaZulu-Natal hosted a ground-breaking Crime and Substance Abuse Imbizo in Intshanga



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube addressing the Inchanga community during multi-sectoral Imbizo on 24 April 2024 at Intshanga within the eThekweni Metro Municipality.

Society's involvement in substance and illicit drug abuse usually results in crime, road traffic accidents, or those involving pedestrians, as well as injuries due to intoxication. The burden of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug problems presents a major challenge for the province of KwaZulu-Natal and its people. The prevention and combating of substance abuse is the responsibility of every member of society as well as government departments, as designated by the National Drug Master Plan.

To curb the Crime and Substance Abuse in the Province and the implementation of the National Drug Master Plan, the Executive Council hosted a robust Crime and Substance Abuse Imbizo. The Imbizo was held at Intshanga, Meyiwa Sportfield, Ward 4 on 24 April 2024. This call to fight against crime and the reckless use of drugs was driven by a theme: "Taking Decisive Action in Accelerating Service Delivery and Fighting Crime in the eThekweni Municipality".

During the event KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube was accompanied by Finance MEC Peggy Nkonyeni; CoGTA MEC Bongiwé Sithole-Moloi; Sport, Arts and Culture MEC, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba; and Education MEC Mbali Frazer.

Taking the podium Premier Dube-Ncube said "The biggest need here in Ntshanga is the lack of electricity caused by the explosion of 13 transformers that bring electricity to this area. To fix this issue, last night we were here in Ntshanga to fix the transformer that was not working. The transformer has been repaired; the electricity is now on. Electric light means less crime because thieves use the darkness to rob the community".

She further concluded that "Electricity has a negative impact on the availability of water because it interferes with the engines that accelerate the delivery of water to the community. We will solve the water problem in collaboration with the Department of Water and Sewerage led by the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senzo Mchunu. The Municipality of Thekwini will also intervene in solving the water problem that has affected Ward 4".



**KZN Premier Dube-Ncube interacting with educators and learners of Kwa-Thintwa School for the Deaf ahead of the crime and substance abuse imbizo in Intshanga.**

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Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube visits Incharge Police in response to recent crime incidents, including Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, demonstrating her commitment to addressing community safety.



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube overseeing the tarring of potholes in Ward 4, Intshanga, ahead of the Provincial Government's Crime Fighting and Service Delivery Imbizo on 24 April 2024.

## Premier Dube-Ncube joins Minister Motsoaledi to open new Home Affairs Office at the Pavilion Shopping Center



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube speaking during the official opening of Home Affairs at Pavilion Shopping Centre in Durban on 22 April 2024.

KwaZulu-Natal's Premier, Nomusa Dube-Ncube, alongside the Minister of Home Affairs, Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, marked a significant milestone with the official opening of the Home Affairs office at Pavilion Shopping Centre in Durban. This initiative aims to revolutionize citizen services, emphasizing convenience, dignity, and efficiency.

Premier Dube-Ncube highlighted the transformative impact of this endeavor, stating, "Today, we are here to officially open the Pavilion Shopping Centre Home Affairs Office that will bring services closer to where our people shop, bank, eat, stay, play, and work. For us, first and foremost, this office will bring dignity to our people." This sentiment underscores the com-

mitment to enhancing accessibility and ensuring that citizens can access essential services without undue hardship.

The strategic location of the office at Pavilion Shopping Centre is expected to alleviate the burden of long queues experienced at other Home Affairs offices in uMngeni, Pinetown, and the CBD. Premier Dube-Ncube emphasized this point, stating, "This office will ease the long queues at uMngeni, Pinetown, and CBD offices as many people will follow the convenience of this facility." By integrating government services into everyday spaces where people already frequent, the initiative aims to streamline processes and enhance the overall experience for citizens.

Moreover, the presence of a government office within a bustling shopping center is poised to redefine the public's perception of and interaction with government services. Premier Dube-Ncube remarked, "To have a government office in a Shopping Centre will change how people perceive and interact with government. It will bring efficiency and agility." By embracing innovation and adapting to contemporary needs, the initiative seeks to foster a culture of responsiveness and accessibility within the public sector.

The collaboration between the provincial government and the Ministry of Home Affairs underscores a concerted effort to prioritize citizen-centric service delivery. Premier Dube-Ncube's endorsement of the Pavilion Shopping Centre Home Affairs Office as a game-changer reflects a commitment to fostering an environment where citizens' needs are at the forefront of governance.

In essence, the opening of the Home Affairs office at Pavilion Shopping Centre marks a significant step towards reimagining the delivery of government services. By leveraging strategic partnerships and embracing innovative solutions, KwaZulu-Natal aims to set a precedent for effective, citizen-centered governance.

# Premier Dube-Ncube joins Minister Motsoaledi to open new Home Affairs Office at the Pavilion Shopping Center



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Minister of Home Affairs Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi and Deputy Minister Njabulo Nzuza arriving at the Pavilion Shopping Centre in Westville for the official opening of a new Home Affairs office.



Minister of Home Affairs, Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube and Deputy Minister Njabulo Nzuza, officially opening the new Home Affairs office at The Pavilion Shopping Centre in Westville, KwaZulu-Natal on 22 April 2024.

## Premier Dube-Ncube preside over the sod-turning ceremony for the Umtubatuba Community Health Centre construction



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube and Health MEC Nomagugu Simelane during a community engagement where they turned the sod and introduced a contractor who will build a Community Health Centre (CHC) on Friday the 19th at the Mtubatuba Rugby Club.

The vibrant community of Umtubatuba, KwaZulu-Natal, celebrated a significant milestone during a spirited sod-turning ceremony that heralded the commencement of construction for the long-awaited Community Health Centre (CHC). Amidst an atmosphere of hope and anticipation, residents gathered in large numbers at the Mtubatuba Rugby Club near the municipality, underscoring the collective determination to enhance healthcare accessibility while fostering local economic empowerment.

Led by KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube and Health MEC Nomagugu Simelane, the event not only marked the symbolic beginning of a transformative healthcare initiative but also served as a platform for community engagement and empowerment. The introduction of the contractor tasked with the construction of the CHC symbolized a collaborative effort between government officials and local stakeholders to address the pressing healthcare needs of the community.

The establishment of the Community Health Centre represents a vital step towards redefining healthcare access for the residents of Umtubatuba. By bringing essential medical services closer to home, the CHC aims to alleviate the burden of traveling long distances in search of healthcare, thereby saving community costs and time. This initiative aligns with the overarching goal of ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare services for all members of the community.

One of the most noteworthy aspects of the CHC project is its com-

mitment to providing a wide range of healthcare services tailored to meet the diverse needs of the community. Upon completion, the center will serve as a one-stop destination for disease screenings, medication collection, dental and optometric consultations, TB and cancer screenings, as well as specialized services for male health. Additionally, the CHC will offer free circumcision services and facilitate access to mobility aids such as wheelchairs and crutches, further enhancing the quality of life for residents.

In conjunction with the ground-breaking ceremony, the community was treated to a day of free health services through the Isibhedlela Kubantu program. This initiative, aimed at bringing healthcare services directly to the people, underscored the commitment of local authorities to prioritize the well-being of residents. From basic health screenings to specialized consultations, the program provided invaluable support to individuals and families, reaffirming the importance of proactive healthcare interventions.

As construction commences and the vision of a Community Health Centre begins to take shape, the Umtubatuba community stands poised on the brink of a new era in healthcare delivery. Beyond the tangible infrastructure, the CHC represents a beacon of hope, empowerment, and resilience for generations to come. Through collective action and unwavering dedication, Umtubatuba is charting a course towards a healthier, more vibrant future—one where access to essential healthcare services knows no bounds.

## Premier Dube-Ncube preside over the sod-turning ceremony for the Umtubatuba Community Health Centre construction

The Premier said the construction of the Community Health Centre will result in the creation of more than 300 jobs. She urged those responsible for employing staff to refrain from employing people based on political affiliation or membership.

“We have repeatedly heard disturbing news that some local leaders employ people who are members of certain political parties. If these allegations are true, we denounce them with the contempt they deserve.

We also urge the community to take care of the facility when it has been completed. We also discourage community members who demand that only local professional people must be employed in health facilities. Em-

ployment of professionals in these facilities need to be done on merit – irrespective of where the health professionals hail from,” said Premier Dube-Ncube.

The Premier concluded her address by handing over ten vehicles to Community Policing Forums (CPFs) in Umkhanyakude District Municipality. The ten cars are part of a fleet of 85 vehicles that were unveiled during the handing over of tools of trade to Community crime fighting structure, in Durban, on 5 April 2024.

The vehicles will go a long way in accelerating the fight against crime, which is prevalent in the Umkhanyakude District Municipality.



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Health MEC Nomagugu Simelane, Umkhanyakude District Municipality Mayor Siphile Mdaka presiding over the sod-turning ceremony at the construction site of the Umtubatuba Community Health Centre on 19 April 2024.



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## KwaZulu-Natal Government's R17 Million donation of tractors, breeding bulls and infrastructure a step towards the creation of sustainable businesses



KwaZulu-Natal small-scale farmers have been afforded an opportunity to grow into sustainable commercial businesses through a holistic integrated programme which will provide mechanization, infrastructure and sector expertise.

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube led the provincial launch of the Integrated Agricultural Development Programme in Richmond on Thursday, 18 April 2024. A total of 1 128 tractors worth R17 million and other implements were allocated for these farmers. At a later stage these items will be distributed to all districts when champion MECs roll out the programme.

During the launch Premier Dube -Ncube, and MEC for Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD), Super Zuma, handed over ownership certificates to community projects.

Through this initiative the Provincial government aims to strengthen the ability of farming groups to maintain, take responsibility and care for their assets. Additional mentorship and mechanization training will be provided to community projects that are experiencing challenges in their farming activities to ensure self-sufficiency.

“Sustainable mechanization is critical in the development of value chain and food system and through this programme we are ensuring that even our small-scale farmers are given an opportunity to be competitive. They will be able to sufficiently cultivate land, be more efficient, effective and environmentally friendly in their operations.” said Premier Dube-Ncube.

The MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development and Development Super

Zuma underscored this point stating that it is for this reason that government reached a decision to donate assets and transfer ownership to farming groups within the Province.

“The integrated programme we are launching today is a solution to mechanization constraints, livestock and crop challenges confronting small-holder and community farming projects. In many areas you still find that farmers lack access to mechanization needed to increase productivity and crop yields” said MEC Zuma.

Premier Dube-Ncube emphasized that food security was a priority for the Province.

“We remain committed to opening the market for our farmers through our Radical Agrarian Socio-Economic Transformation (RASET) Programme. We want our farmers to be game changers of the market. We committed during the State of the Province Address to assist farmers to meet demands of the province. We want them to supply major markets locally and eventually service cross borders markets. We are ready to assist them to meet any criteria. Today we have officially handed over a cheque and equipment to SyaJay Agricultural Services, a project we are most proud of,” said Dube-Ncube.

SyaJay Agricultural Services (Pty) Ltd, is a 100% black owned business and the two beneficiaries are graduates of the Owen Sithole College of Agriculture. The project was approved for a total funding of R5,6 million from the Agricultural Development Agency (ADA) and 10 hydroponic tunnels, a cooling and irrigation systems have been completed. A mobile pack house will be ready at the end of May.

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Sya Ngcobo, one of the beneficiaries, said over and above becoming a sustainable business that is making profit, their vision was to create an information hub. He said they partly want to function as a demonstration site where small-holder farmers would sharpen their skills and gain crucial sectorial knowledge.

“In many instances you find that some farmers struggle once they have penetrated the market. Even though they may have good quality produce, vegetables do not sell because of incorrect packaging. We want to teach our farmers and give them an opportunity to come and see how it is done from the work we will be doing,” said Ngcobo.



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Social Development MEC Nonhlanhla Khoza and Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Super Zuma arriving at Siyajay Agricultural Services, a farm owned by Siya Ngcobo ahead of the integrated programme in ePhatheni Sports Field on 18 April 2024.

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube inspecting the tractor which was handed over by the Provincial Government to Syajay Agricultural Services in Bainesfield, Richmond ahead of the integrated development programme in ePhatheni Sports Field on 18 April 2024.



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Social Development MEC Nonhlanhla Khoza and Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Super Zuma unveiling the signage at Syajay Agricultural Services, a farm owned by Siya Ngcobo, which specialises in cash crops such as cucumbers, Green, red and yellow peppers and others.