



EMPLOYEES SPEAK ABOUT VACCINATION

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As government increases accessibility of Covid-19 vaccines to all, you can now simply present yourself at a vaccination site, even without an appointment to get registered and vaccinated.

Vaccines are safe and they assist in lowering your chances of getting seriously ill, hospitalisation or death from COVID-19. It is common to experience some mild-to-moderate side effects when receiving vaccinations. This is because your immune system is instructing your body to react in certain ways.

Allergic reactions to the vaccine are rare, and usually happen within a few hours or a day after getting the vaccine. To report any adverse events following vaccination: Contact your local health facility, download the MedSafety App or call the COVID-19 Hotline on 0800 029 999.

We must continue to play our part in containing the spread of coronavirus. The fight is far from over, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and we cannot simply go back to life, as we once knew it.

We must therefore continue to be cautious when visiting the vaccination sites and maintain social distance and ensure proper ventilation. Proper ventilation reduces the risk of transmission of airborne transmitted diseases such as coronavirus.

Those using public transport should continue to make sure that windows are open for proper ventilation. Increase natural ventilation, avoid the recirculation of air and minimise the number of people sharing the same space.



Adele Maritz said: "I received my Covid-19 vaccination as soon as it was made available to my age group. I believe it is in the best interests of the country. Herd immunity can only be achieved when the majority of people are vaccinated and our economy will then be able to return to some form of normality again. Being vaccinated is also beneficial to us personally as it reduces our risk of being severely affected by Covid-19. I encourage others to not put off being vaccinated."



Ms Anita Lutchman said: "I happily received the double dose Pfizer vaccine. I took the vaccine because I follow and believe the scientific facts about the vaccine benefits, efficacy and safety. I have a better chance of survival if I get infected with COVID, after taking the vaccine. I want the country to reach herd immunity, for the safety of all South Africans"



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Mr Solomuzi Nxele said: "Vaccination is like driving with a spare wheel in case of unseen circumstances. Protecting our country with soldiers has its limits when others are not protected. Let's vaccinate".



Ms Ziliingene Mndaweni said: "I am proud to say that I got my jab (Vaccine) on the 2nd of September 2021. I vaccinated because I wanted to be a part of the group that is against COVID, my aim is to fight it in all forms. It may not be a cure but it's a prevention. So, get yourself vaccinated soonest to help fight the pandemic.



The vaccination site at Natalia Building marks week 3 since 04 October 2021, with a rate of 200 people per day. The Department of Health has both doses on site, i.e., Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson.



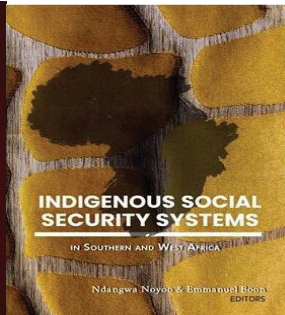
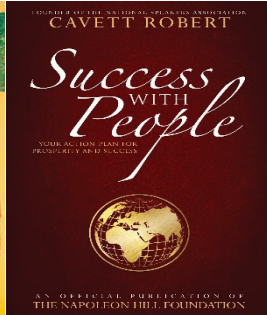
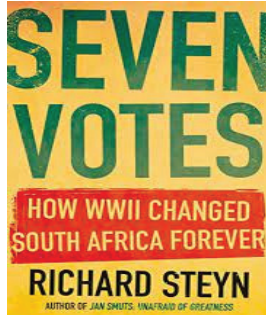
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL S'BU NGUBANE WINS THE BEST MALE AUTHOR AWARD



The Premier's Stars congratulates Deputy Director-General S'bu Ngubane on achieving the Best Male Author Award in the Book Behind Awards nominations. The award includes the work he has done in authoring four books including Yesterday I Cried, Unbridled to conquer the world, We are all here and Drenched In The Name of Love.



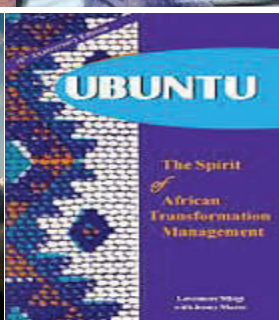
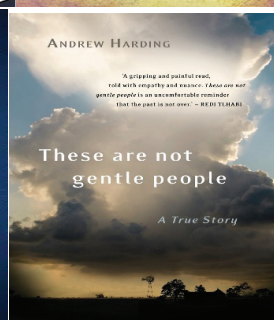
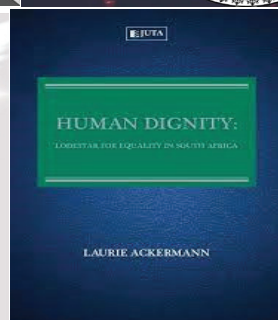
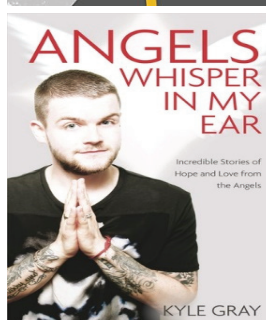
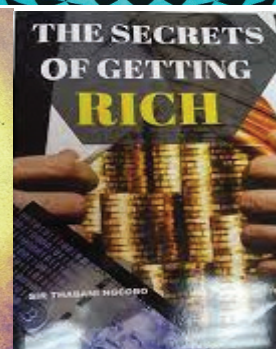
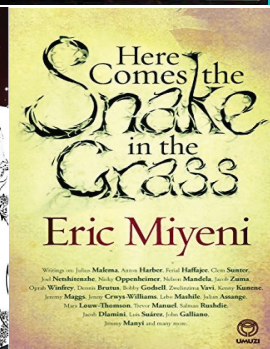
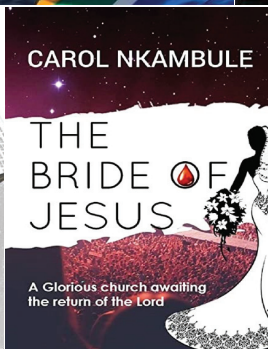
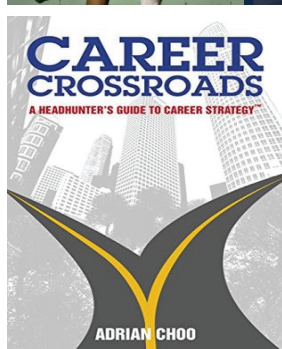
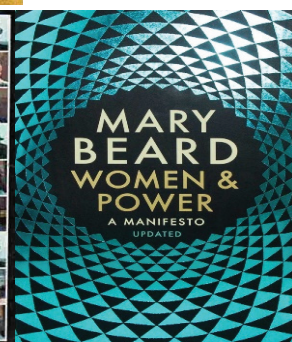
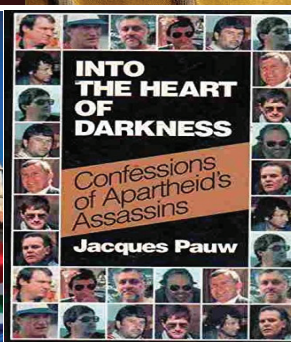
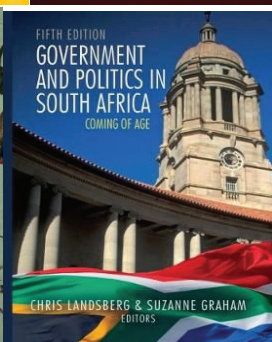
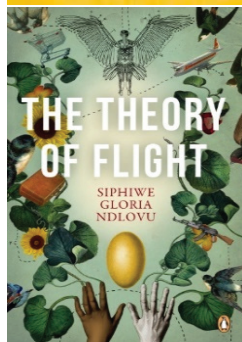
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PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA LAUNCHES A TOYOTA HYBRID VEHICLE



Cyril Ramaphosa, Minister Ebrahim and Sihle Zikalala tour the Toyota South Africa production plant in Durban



President Cyril Ramaphosa officially launches the Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid vehicle

President Cyril Ramaphosa on 26 October 2021, visited the Toyota South Africa production plant in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, to officiate the launch of the Toyota Cross Hybrid vehicle. The President was accompanied by KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala, Trade Industry and Competition Minister Ebrahim Patel, Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs MEC Ravi Pillay and eThekweni Metro Municipality Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda. The President's official launch of the Toyota Cross Hybrid is an effort to have more cars produced locally in a bid to boost and revive the economy of South Africa which has been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic and the July civil unrest.

"It is an honour and pleasure to welcome the President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa, here at Prospection Plant production line, Durban, the home of Toyota South Africa. "Toyota is a respectable global brand which South Africans take immense pride to identify with. True to its motto, 'Toyota leads the way'. We welcome the future as Toyota takes a lead in innovation to produce South Africa's first hybrid electric cars." Today is momentous because it marks the outcome of the announcement made by President Ramaphosa during the State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2021 when he revealed that Toyota had invested in this facility to produce their first generation of hybrid electric vehicles to come out of South Africa. In the words of the President, this meant cementing South Africa's position as a global player in auto manufacturing," said Premier Zikalala

"The launch of the Corolla Cross Hybrid is an important step on our path to transforming the car-making business into a green industry success story. It will take hard work, but we must do it." Today is about celebration, about a new milestone we have reached locally. I would like to congratulate Toyota on this launch and look forward to seeing the Corolla Cross on roads. "Let us continue to work together to build our economy, to improve our global competitiveness and to make excellent products that demonstrate the great potential of the South African people," said President Cyril Ramaphosa.



PREMIER ZIKALALA COMMENDS R500 MILLION INVESTMENT BY TETRA PAK

Tetra Pak announced yesterday that it invested about R500 million to upgrade its manufacturing plant in Pinetown. The announcement was made at a briefing addressed by the Managing Director of Tetra Pak Stefan Fagerang and KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala. The investment incorporated the installation of new technology in packaging at the factory, which would ensure that the company achieves its target to be carbon neutral by 2030.

Fagerang said: "We are committed as a company in the sustainable growth of KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa. The plant is geared to use renewable material and build a strong local manufacturing capability. The facility would be able to reduce food waste and produce safe food right up to packaging. The plant is a commitment to localisation whereby we will support small business development and strengthen local supply chains".

Following the outbreak of COVID-19, global supply chains were disrupted and opening up local concentration of supply chains. Southern African Development Community (SADC) is a regional location for local supply chains and Tetra Pak viewed its position in taking advantage of this change in the supply chains.

Fagerang further explained that Tetra Pak would use sustainable packaging and renewable practices in the plant ensuring that materials were recycled and reused. Tetra Pak is a world leading food processing and packaging solutions company. The company's manufacturing plant has been in operation for the past 40 years and therefore its upgrading lived up to the fact that collaboration with customers and suppliers was implemented using safe, innovative and applying environmentally sound products development.

Wagas Alli, the Director of Tetra Pak's factory, said the company anticipated to export to SADC and the rest of Africa. Councillor Sibongiseni Mkhize addressed the briefing on behalf of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda. He said: "This investment shows that Tetra Pak is here to stay. This is a vote of confidence for eThekweni Metro. This investment follows the devastating civil unrest in July which caused much pain in KZN. We want to acknowledge the efforts by the Premier who engaged with various stakeholders to rebuild the KZN economy during the civil unrest".

Pillay said the investment by Tetra Pak was a positive development towards the economic recovery of KZN and South Africa. Currently, there was a recommitment by Toyota, Richards Bay Minerals and SANRAL among others investing significantly in the province. About 120 jobs and 20 technical professionals would be employed at the plant.

Zikalala reflected on the fraternal relationship between Sweden and South Africa during the liberation struggle. He made this reference because Tetra Pak was a Swedish company that operated in South Africa, in KZN specifically.

"We invite Tetra Pak to work with us in the transformation and economic recovery of KZN. We want to bring back black entrepreneurs into the main economy. KZN government established Operation Vula Fund to support 447 black-women owned business, youth businesses and set aside 30% of procurement opportunities for black-women owned and youth-owned businesses. We are committed to support black small businesses. We want to partner with Tetra Pak to growth the KZN economy.



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Equally to enhance skills development and remove red tape in our administration. We want to ignite entrepreneurial development for your people. "KZN Government established the Youth Development Fund, which allocated R70 million targeted at assisting businesses owned by young people to create new jobs and bolster women-owned businesses as well.

Zikalala welcomed the commitment of Tetra Pak in growing the KZN economy and encouraged the leadership of the company to forge ahead in localisation and transforming their value chain in order to protect local production. He further highlighted that Tetra Pak was positioned well to take advantage of the Africa Free Continental Free Trade Agreement, which was ratified by the majority of African countries, to export into the rest of Africa.



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Sihle Zikalala and MEC Ravi Pillay turning the sod for the R500 million upgrade announcement of the Tetra Pak in Pinetown.



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE COMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Municipal Elections will take place on 1 November 2021. Find out why local government matters and why it's so important that you do vote, even during a pandemic!

What are we voting for?

Municipal elections – also known as local government elections – are held in South Africa every five years to elect councillors who will govern a municipality for five years.

You may be wondering what electing municipal councils and councillors have to do with you, but in fact they touch your daily life in every way. Municipal councils and councilors ensure that every city, town, township and rural area have the necessary services for their citizens, including water, electricity, health/clinics, emergency response, roads, and waste removal.

Where you live will determine what type of municipality you have. Local government in South Africa is made up of three types of municipalities, namely:

1. Metropolitan municipalities which are large cities (there are 8 in South Africa);
2. Local municipalities which are spread across towns and rural areas (there are 205 in South Africa); and
3. District municipalities which incorporate local municipalities sharing services such as water supply, thereby creating a region within a province (there are 44 in South Africa).

As municipalities have wall-to-wall coverage of the country, every geographic area of the country falls within a municipality, all of which are run by councillors.

Why should you vote?

There are a few very important reasons why you should vote:

1. It's your Constitutional responsibility: While South Africa doesn't have compulsory voting like some other countries, our Constitution gives citizens rights along with responsibilities. Chapter 1, Section 3 of the Constitution says that all citizens are equally entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship and equally subjected to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. A crucial responsibility given to all citizens over 18 years old is to participate in our democracy!
2. Vote to have say who is elected public representative in your city, town and area. If you don't vote you won't have a say in who is elected to lead your city or town: Elections are a chance for ordinary citizens to come together to determine democratically who is elected as their representative on the municipal council – and what key issues they are going to promote for the next five years. If you don't participate, others are going to choose for you!
3. Democracy and democratic political rights were hard earned rights the world over, but in South Africa it was the liberty struggles that achieved equality for all. People died so you can vote: Until just 27 years ago, the majority of South African citizens were denied the right to vote and have any say in how the country was run. Many thousands of people died, were beaten, tortured and jailed for demanding the right to vote – a right you enjoy today!

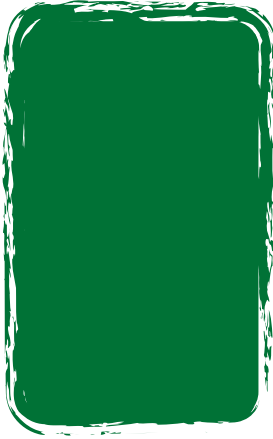
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 Ms Muzipane Simelane MEC for Trade	 Ms Merglen Mhambete MEC for Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation	 Mr Sipho Khazaka MEC for Executive Governance and Infrastructure Services	 Mr Kwezi Mkhango MEC for Education	 Mr Mthabisi Sibaya MEC for Energy, Infrastructure and Public Works

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government wishes the Matric Class of 2021 the best of luck for the National Senior Certificate examinations.

Inspite of the challenges posed by Covid-19 you remained committed to your studies, worked hard and prepared well for the exams.

We wish you the best for the future.





KZN PREMIER CONGRATULATES THE UN ON THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING CHARTER

KZN Government on 24 October 2021 as the world marked United Nations Day, KZN joined millions in remembering the day in 1945 when the UN Charter entered into force. UN Day is an annual celebration and it enters its 76th year and provides an opportunity to amplify our common agenda and to reaffirm the guiding principles of the UN Charter.

With the global threat of the Covid-19 in view, the theme for this year's UN anniversary is: "Building Back Together for Peace and Prosperity: A symbol of hope for global unity". The main celebration was held at the General Assembly Hall of the Organization, in New York, the headquarters of the UN following week-long celebrations. "It will be recalled that we marked Heritage Day 2021 by entering into a momentous Memorandum of Understanding with the UN, an agreement that solidifies our relations with the world body. We are very pleased that the UN chose the beautiful city of Durban to celebrate this important day on 23 October 2021.

South Africa's UN Resident Coordinator Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas last night hosted a gala dinner at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Convention Centre with Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma giving the keynote address," said Premier Zikalala. There were riveting performances by the internationally acclaimed Clermont Choir, vocalist Nonzwakazi, the KCAP artists from KwaMashu, comedian Simphiwe Shembe and Legacy, the youthful offshoot of the Grammy Award-winning Ladysmith Black Mambazo. "We would like to congratulate the UN on this special day, the coming into force of the UN Charter on 24 October 1945. This was a significant time coming as it marked the end of the Second World War, and the reestablishment of the force and effect of multilateralism in global politics. Some 76 years later, the province of KZN is pleased to have signed an MOU with the UN to collaborate on our provincial efforts of building enduring peace and advancing sustainable development where no one is left behind, said Premier Zikalala.

"As KwaZulu-Natal we are pleased to be working closely with the UN as we rebuild following the Covid-19 pandemic and the civil unrest in July. On behalf of our Provincial Government and the people of KwaZulu-Natal, we congratulate the UN on this important milestone as a centre of global governance. We look forward to working together with the UN and our sister and diplomat Ms Bekele-Thomas, the Resident Coordinator in addressing our own challenges and laying the foundation for a better future" said Premier Zikalala. The UN-KZN MoU is linked to the Provincial Priorities, the Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) which are aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2020-2025, co-led by our government and the UN.

Its Implementation Framework is structured around the following catalytic interventions:

- Inclusive Growth and Job Creation;
- Building Human Capabilities;
- Effective, efficient, and transformative governance;
- Climate Resilience and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources.

"Again we convey our messages of congratulations to Ms Bekele -Thomas and her colleagues in the UN system on this anniversary, and we look forward to working together here in KwaZulu-Natal on matters of common interest for the creation of a better world for all," concluded Premier Zikalala.