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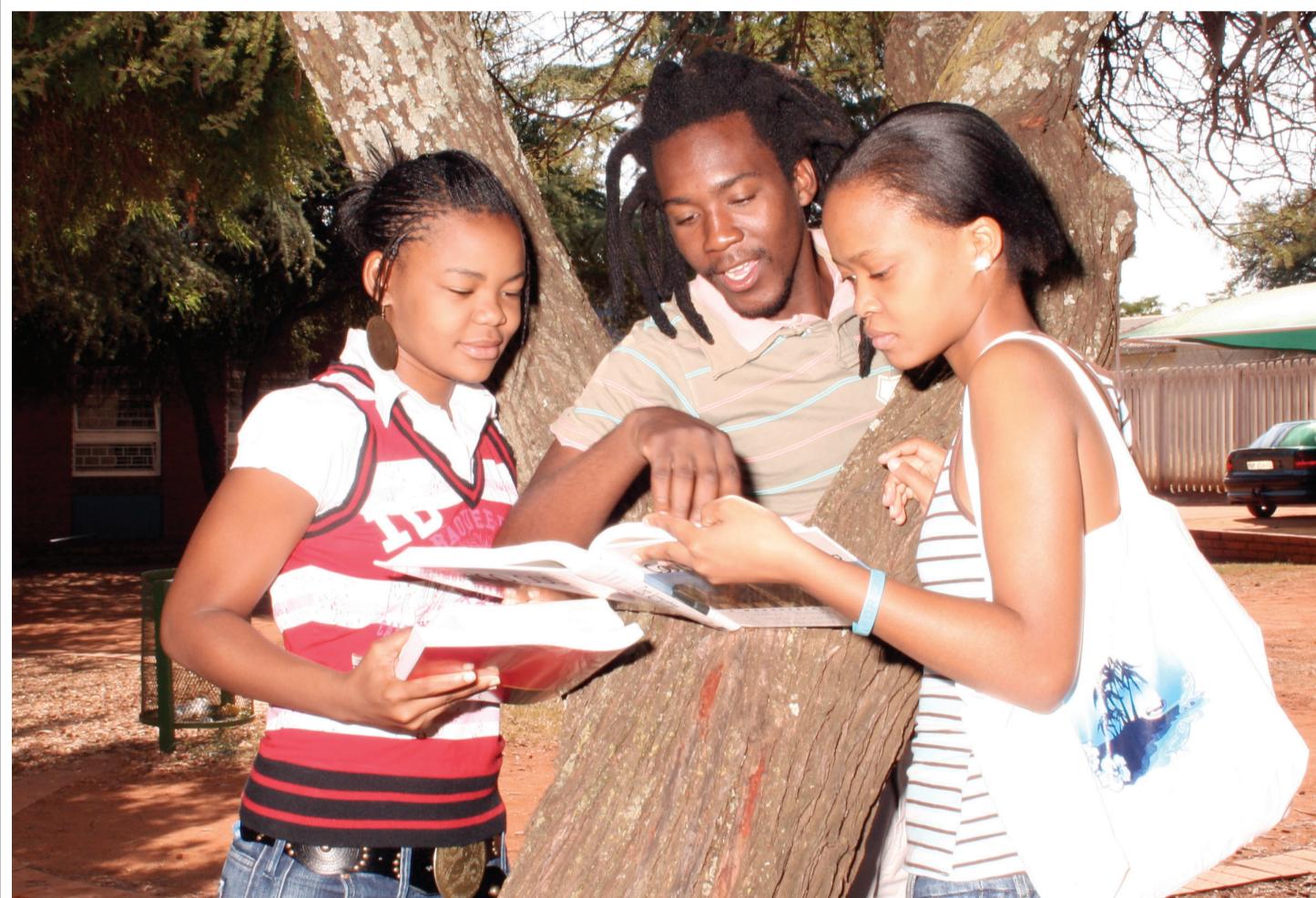


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R9 billion more for NSFAS



Government is making more funding available to NSFAS to help students realise their dreams.

Amukelani Chauke

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan says financing higher education remains a top priority for government.

The Minister announced the 2016 medium-term budget at the National Assembly recently.

The medium-term budget is used to outline government interventions to tackle economic challenges and spending priorities over a three-year period.

Minister Gordhan said that while access to education had increased over the years, there were not enough resources to fund it. As a result, many students

face financial hardships.

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Higher Education and Training budget allocation

2013/14 – R34.3 billion

2014/15 – R36.9 billion

2015/16 – R41.8 billion

in the February budget, we propose that a further R9 billion is allocated to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) in the period ahead, raising its funding by over 18 percent a year," he said.

The Minister added that over R8 billion will be used to meet the costs of fee increases for students from households with incomes up to R600 000.

"We will work with the corporate sector and financial institutions to expand bursaries, loans and work opportunities for students.

"In seeking a balanced, sustainable roadmap for student finance, we appreciate that graduates who go

on to earn higher incomes will in due course contribute a share of these gains to the next generation," he said.

Meanwhile, Higher Education and Training Minister Dr Blade Nzimande welcomed the additional funding.

He said that with the additional funding, government will be able to extend its reach to NSFAS deserving students who have tended to "fall through the cracks", despite the enormous investment that government has made since 1994.

"We have funded 1.7 million students since NSFAS started, at a cost of just over R59 billion. This was a huge commitment," he added. ▶



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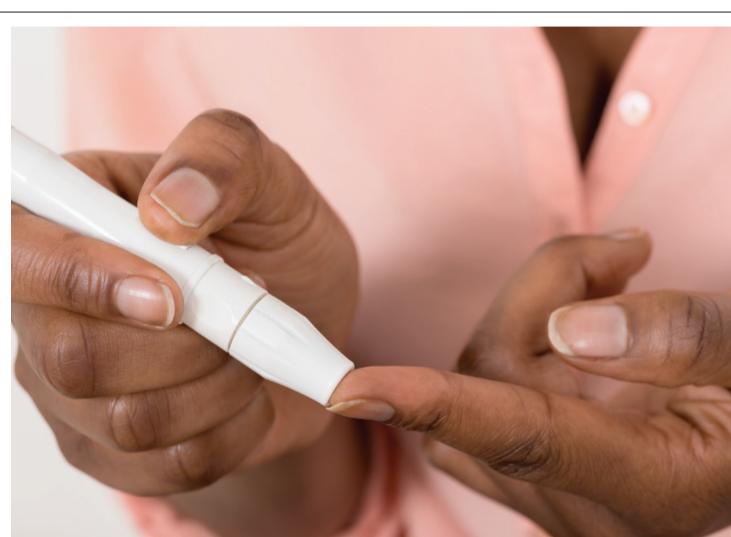
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Kuhlomisa Bantfu Labakhubatekile

INHLANGANO LENGETI INZUZO ipha bantfu labangaboni kahle emehlwani kanye nalabo labakhubatekile litfuba lekutfola emakhono nekuphila timphilo letincono eMzingazi, enyakatfo nelugu IwaKwaZulu-Natal.



Inhlango Yalabakhubatekile i-Nawe Zifunze intjintja timphilo tebantu labanyenti labakhubatekile.

Thandeka Ngobese

Inhlango Yalabakhubatekile i-Nawe Zifunze (i-NAZIDI), yasungulwa nga-2004, inemalunga lange-80. Nawe Zifunze, ngesiZulu uchaza kutsi "Ungakhona kutifunta wena ngekwakho". Lenhlangano ayibagcugcuteli bantfu labakhubatekile kutsi baphile ngekucela kodvwa ibakhutsata kutsi bafundze emakhono kute bakhone kufaka ligalelo

emnotfweni baphindze futsi batitfolele imali ngekwabo.

Lenhlangano icecesha labo labangaboni kahle emehlwani kanye nalabo labakhubatekile, ibaceceshela kutfunga, kubhaka, kulimatvandze, kuphotsa buhlalu kanye nasekulungiseni tihlalo temasondvo.

Sihlalo walenhlangano, Paradise Jali, lophindze futsi abe ngumuntfu lokhubatekile, utsite lenhlangano ihlose kukhutsata bantfu kutsi babu-

ke imphilo ngetulu kwetimo tabo.

"Kutsi sikhuatekile akusho kutsi asikwati kutentela tintfo ngekwefu. Singakhona kuvula etfu emabhizinisi siphindze futsi sichube kahle kakhulu kuloko lesikwentako, nangabe sifundziswe emakhono," kwasho yena njalo.

Lenhlangano yacala njengemklamo wekwenta ingadze.

"Ngabona kutsi bantfu la-

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KZN Society for the Blind changing lives

THE KWAZULU-NATAL Society for the Blind is making a difference in the lives of visually impaired people in the province, with more than 200 visually impaired people now able to provide for their families.

Thandeka Ngobese

The society trains visually impaired people (including the partially and completely blind) in the production of cane furniture and baskets and assists them to sell their products for a profit. It also has an early childhood development centre for visually impaired pre-schoolers and offers braille literacy and telephony training.

Speaking to Vuk'uzenzele, Kenneth Ngwenya, the manager of the cane workshop, said people are empowered with skills, which helps them

to open their own businesses.

"The cane workshop has been training people as cane weavers for the past six years and there are 64 qualified

"Our communities think that if you are blind you cannot work."

weavers on site in Umbilo.

"The workshop offers a variety of cane items for sale to the public, including furniture such as coffee tables, chairs, sofas and cribs," said Ngwenya.

Nonhlanhla Ngidi, an employee in the furniture section, joined the society in 2010. She lost her eyesight in 1990 after both eyes were severely affected by cataracts. Being part of the society has assisted her to do something with her hands to improve her life.

"I am able to earn money to buy a few items for home. I am also able to do something for myself," she said.

In the weaving section, baskets are formed and shaped mostly by young people, who are all completely blind.

Zwelenkosi Mkhize, an employee in this section who

bakhubatekile labanyenti bete kudla lokwanele emakhaya, ngaleylo ndlela-ke sase sicala kuhlanyela tibhidvo, njenge-sipinashi, ticadze, ibhithiruthi kanye nema-anyanisi. Ngesikhatsi emalunga etfu andza, sacala kwenta letinye tintfo ngaphandle kweku-sebenta engadzeni," kwasho yena.

Lamuhla lenhlangano ipheka lisobho makuphuma siko-lo lelidliwa tintsandzane kanye nebantfwana labahla-

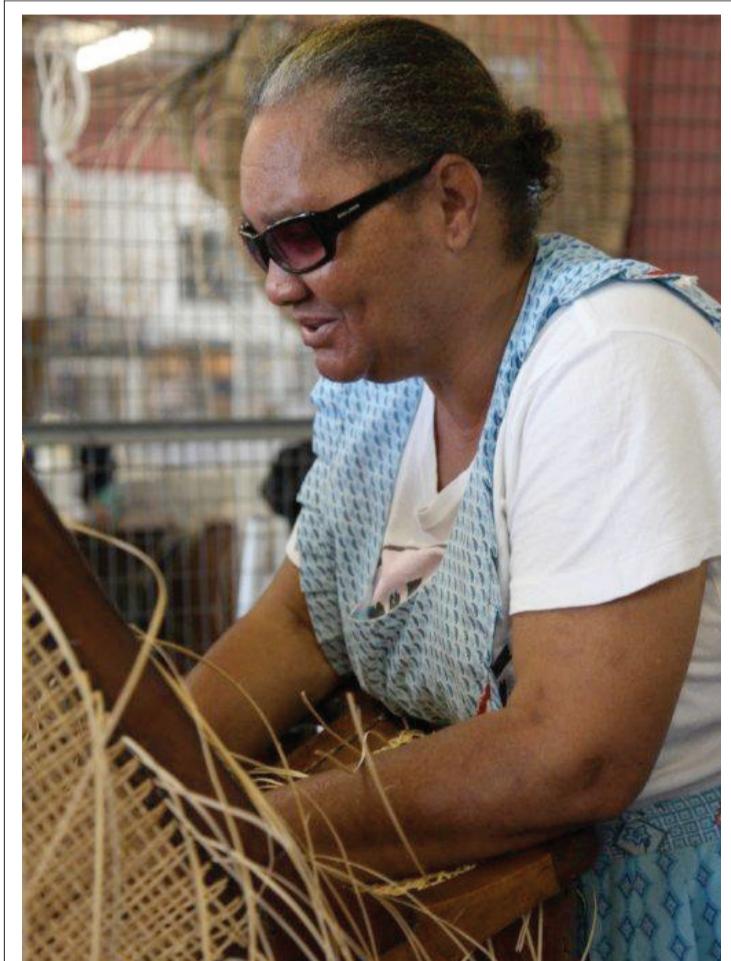
kusebentisa ngcondvomshini.

"Siphindze futsi sifundzi-se ngemsebenti wetandla njengekuphota buhlalu. Sisita bantu labakhubatekile emmangweni ngetisetjenti-swa tekubasita ekukhubate-keni kwabo, njengetihlalo temasondvo kanye netindvu-ku tekuhamba. Siyabasita bese sindlulisela bantu labafake ticelo tesibonelelo sahu-lumende kuLitiko Letekutuftukiswa Kwetenhlalakahle," kwasho yena.

Indzawo Yentutfuko Yetetimboni yaseRichards Bay (i-RBIDZ) kulesikhatsi lesi-sandza kwendlula iphe lenhlangano imishini yekutfunga.

"Kufundzisa bantu labakhubatekile emakhono kanye nekubadalela ematfu-ba ekungenisa imali, yintfo lemcka kakhulu mayelana nekwakha sive, lokuyintfo iRBIDZ letinikele kuyenta," kwasho Khanyi Dlamini, loyiMenenja Yemiklamo Le-khetsekile ye-RBIDZ kanye ne-CSI. ▀

seleka lula, umklamo weku-fuya tinkhukhu, indzawo ye-inthanethi kanye nemiklamo yekutfunga. Iphindze futsi iphane ngemaphaselwa ekudla netimpahla kulabo bantu labaswelako kanye nekufundzisa ngemakhono emphilo nangekucecesswa



Visually impaired people in KwaZulu-Natal are learning invaluable skills.

was born with poor eyesight; is grateful for the opportunity that the society provides.

"Our communities think

that if you are blind you cannot work. I always tell a blind person that being blind is not the end of life," he said. ▀

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KUCISHWA KWE-ANALOGUE

KONKHE LOKUDZINGEKA KUTSI UKWATI MAYELANA NEKUCISHWA KWE-ANALOGUE (I-ASO)

1. Ngabe ASO umeleni?
ASO umele kutsi Cisha i-Analogue.

2. Ngabe ASO usho kutsini?
Yinchubo yekuyekela kusebentisa luhlelo Iwamabonakudze Iwesibambimagagasi emoya e-analogue. Nangabe loluhlelo Iwe-analogue selucishiwe, esikhundleni salo kutawusetjentiswa luhlelo Iwesibambimagagasi emoya sedijithali.

3. Ngabe i-ASO itawubanemtselela yini ekubukeleni mabonakudze wami?
Nangabe ute i-Set Top Box (i-STB) nome idikhoda, ngeke ukhone kubukela mabonakudze wakho.

4. Ngabe yini i-STB?
Sisetjentiswa ngalokutayelekile lesatiwa ngekutsi yidikhoda, lesintjintja kusakata ngekwe-analogue sintjintjele ekusakateni ngekwediijithali kepha bomabonakudze labasebentisa i-analogue batawukhona kusebentisa idijithali.

5. Yini lekfanele kutsi ngikwente kute ngitfole i-STB ?
Timbili tindlela tekutfolo i-STB:

- Ngeselekelelo semakethe yahulumende
- Ngekucasheliswa ngulabatsengisako.

6. Ngitakwati kanjani kutsi ngiwela ngaphasi kwayiphi imakethe, yeselekelelo nome yebatsengisi?

- Lonkhe likhaya lelisenzaweni leku-Square Kilometre Array (i-SKA) liyafaneleka kutsi litfole selekelelo se-STB sahulumende.

Lawo makhaya langaphandle kwendzawo ye-SKA, kufanele abe naletidzingo letilandzelako:

- Kufanele kutsi ube sakhamuti saseNingizimu Afrika
- Kufanele likhaya litfole imalingena lengaphasi kwe-R3 200.

Vakashela ligatja Lelihhovisi Leliposi laseNingizimu Afrika kute ubhalisele selekelo se-STB sahulumende uphetse lamadokhumenti lalandzelako:
Matisi, bufakazi bendzawo lapho uhlala khona kanye nebufakazi bemalingena nome i-afidavithi yakho.

Imakethe yalabatsengisako:
Nangabe uhola imali lengetulu kwe-R3 200, kufanele kutsi utitsengele i-STB yakho etitolo letiytsengisako. Lwati lutawusatwa emisakatweni, kubomabonakudze kanye nakumaphethandzaba ngekushesha nje lama-STB nangabe asatfolakala.

7. Ngubani longayidzingi i-STB?
Nome ngabe ngubani losavele abukela mabonakudze ngekusebentisa idikhoda sib. I-Dstv, i-OpenView kanye ne-MNet.

8. Yini kusebentisa timbili tibambimagagasi tekusakata temoya?
Kusebentisa timbili tibambimagagasi tekusakata temoya kusho sikhatsi sekusakata lapho totimbili tinhlelo te-analogue nedijithali tisabalalisa emagagasi emoya ngasikhatsi sinye.

9. Ngabe iNingizimu Afrika ikulungele yini kutsi isebeitise totimbili tibambimagagasi tekusakata temoya?
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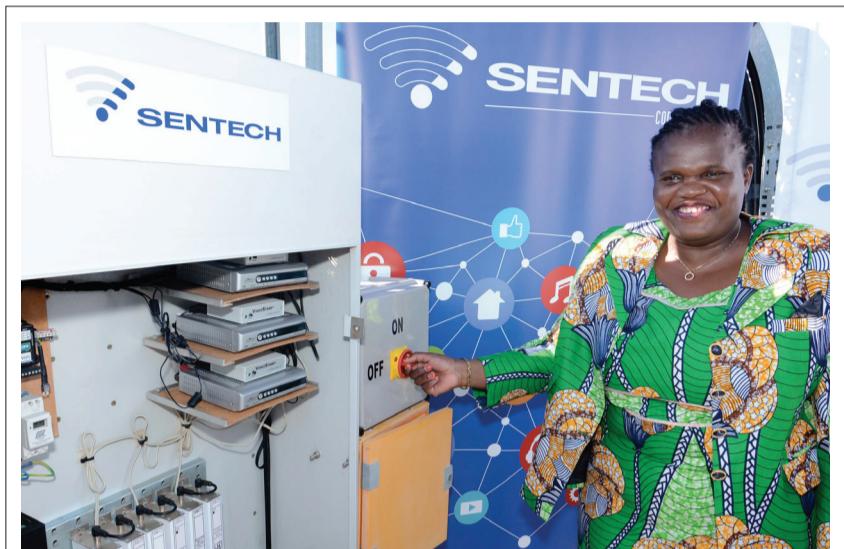
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SKA area enters digital broadcasting space



Minister Faith Muthambi turned off analogue television in the Northern Cape.

Ntambeleni Gabara

Residents in the core towns of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) area recently became the first South Africans to enter the digital broadcasting space in the country.

FAST FACT

The migration to the broadcasting digital system is expected to be complete by December 2018.

Communications Minister Faith Muthambi recently turned off the analogue television transmission, and over 3 700 households in the towns of Carnarvon, Vanwyksvlei, Brandvlei, Vosburg and Williston have been successfully migrated to the much-awaited digital platform.

"We have moved from analogue to digital and the chapter has been closed in this area. We will be doing this in phases, in all nine provinces."

"Turning off the analogue terrestrial TV transmission meant that a digitalised era of high-definition TV has come for our people in the SKA area."

The analogue switch off is the process in which analogue television broadcasting is converted to and replaced with digital television.

Digital broadcasting is far more efficient, allows better picture and sound quality and once analogue transmissions are switched off, a large amount of radio frequency spectrum will be released. This can then be used for new broadcasting and other communications services, such as broadband.

Minister Muthambi said she is looking to complete the process of migrating to the broadcasting digital system by December 2018.

Registrations are underway in the Free State, Mpumalanga and Limpopo provinces. Poor households who qualify for the government subsidy are urged to register for free set-top boxes at their local Post Office.

Registrations will open in the North West, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Gauteng at a later stage.

The department established the Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) Contact Centre to assist South African audiences with DTT support, by channeling all queries to the relevant digital migration stakeholders.

The DTT Contact Centre has been instrumental in ensuring that an average of 99 percent of activations within the Northern Cape's SKA areas. **V**

For more information, call the Go Digital Call Centre on 0800 11 11 88.