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KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli

MESSAGE TO ALL OTP STAFF

On 18 June 2025, KwaZulu-Natal marked the first anniversary of the Government of Provincial Unity (GPU). We wish to express

our deepest gratitude to each one public servant in the province for the unwavering commitment to the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

Over the past year, the hard work, professionalism, and dedication of public servants has been the backbone of our efforts to stabilise governance and accelerate service delivery. Your efforts in the public health system, in transport, municipal and traditional leadership support, in social work, economic development, community safety, administration and environmental protection has made our province shine.

Your efforts have demonstrated what can be achieved when we work together beyond political, racial, or social divides. You have shown that public service is not just a job, but it is a call to inspire hope.

We extend, on behalf of the Executive Council and the Office of the Premier, our deepest appreciation to all organised labour formations in the public service, as well as all municipalities and government agencies that operate in the province.

Inspiring New Hope!

As we move forward, we urge every public servant to embrace the spirit of Inspiring New Hope. This term is more than a slogan; it is a guiding principle for how we must serve. It calls for all

of us, young and old, in every department and rank, to have a renewed commitment. It means rekindling the belief that government employees and politicians indeed work for the people, especially the marginalised. It calls on us to rise above divisions and work as one team for the prosperity of KwaZulu-Natal.

By Inspiring New Hope, we not only restore public confidence but also ignite a ripple effect that empowers communities to believe in tomorrow. In the past 12 months, you, public servants, have shown that profound progress emerges when public servants lead with empathy, creativity, and unshakable determination.

In the second year of this government, we will place greater focus on our fight against crime, strengthening local economies for inclusive growth, creating employment opportunities, creating efficiency and cost saving key services. Your role in the frontline of service to the people is extremely important.

Once again, thank you for your dedication this past 12 months. The progress we celebrate today is yours. The hope we build for tomorrow will be your legacy.

Yours In Inspiring New Hope,

HONOURABLE A. T. NTULI

THE PREMIER OF KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

KwaZulu-Natal Premier and Minister for Cogta visit Impendle families to assess flood damage

The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli, alongside the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA), Honourable Velenkosini Hlabisa, on 17 June 2025 visited Wards 1 and 5 in the Impendle Local Municipality to

assess the damage and provide support to communities affected by recent extreme weather conditions.

This urgent visit came in response to strong winds that swept

across the area, leaving behind a trail of destruction. Over 100 families have been impacted, with many homes either partially damaged or destroyed. Infrastructure and public facilities have also suffered varying degrees of damage.



PREMIER THAMSANQA NTULI LEADS DISTRICT-WIDE ENGAGEMENT IN NDWEDWE AS PART OF OPERATION SUKUMA SAKHE



The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli, on 18 June 2025, led a high-level Provincial Government delegation to Ndwedwe Local Municipality in the iLembe District, as part of the District Development Model Cabinet Day Imbizo, a

flagship citizen engagement platform under the Government of Provincial Unity. Premier Ntuli was accompanied by Members of the Executive Council (MECs), local leaders, senior government officials and various stakeholders.

The Premier and his Executive used the opportunity to receive feedback from residents on service delivery challenges, provide updates on government interventions in key sectors including water, electricity, and infrastructure, strengthen collaboration between government departments, traditional leaders, the private sector and communities.

Premier Ntuli reiterated the importance of community-led development and said: "This Government of Provincial Unity is one that listens. DDM Cabinet Imbizo represents our unwavering commitment to serving all citizens, regardless of geography, affiliation or background. Through this platform, we are ensuring that no one is left behind."

The event also marks a key moment, one-year celebration of the 7th administration and Government of Provincial Unity, which has prioritised people-first governance, integrated planning, and accelerated service delivery across all districts.



As part of Operation Siyahlola during the District Development Model Cabinet Day, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli visited Bachizile Co-operative, a dynamic local entity involved in agricultural production in the Bhamshela area.

The co-op is supported under government's rural development and agribusiness empowerment programmes and is playing a vital role in food security, job creation, and local economic stimulation. The Premier engaged with members of the co-op to understand their challenges, successes, and explore opportunities for expanded support.

"Bachizile Co-op is proof that agriculture is not just a sector — it is a solution. Our responsibility is to empower and scale up such local enterprises." — Premier Ntuli



As part of Operation Siyahlola, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli today visited the construction site of the uMshwathi Bulk Water Supply Scheme, which will service the Bhamshela area and surrounding communities within the iLembe District.

This major infrastructure project is part of the government's efforts to address long-standing water supply challenges and ensure reliable, clean, and sustainable water access to rural and peri-urban communities.

During the visit, the Premier assessed progress on the ground and engaged with engineers and project managers to ensure that timelines and quality standards are being upheld.

"Water is life — and this project is restoring dignity to our people".



As part of the District Development Model Cabinet Day, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli, together with Members of the Executive Council, is today visiting the Bhamshela Thusong Service Centre.

The Premier and his entourage conducted an Operation Siyahlola oversight visit to inspect the Thusong Centre infrastructure, which was recently damaged by strong winds. The visit aims to assess the extent of the damage and ensure that plans are in place for urgent repairs and restoration of services to the local community.

This hands-on engagement reaffirms the KwaZulu-Natal Government of Provincial Unity's commitment to responsive and accountable governance, ensuring that no community is left behind.



PREMIER THAMSANQA NTULI LEADS EXTRAORDINARY YOUTH DAY COMMEMORATION AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE



The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli led this year's extraordinary Youth Day Commemoration at King

Bhekuzulu Hall, University of Zululand, under the uMhlathuze Local Municipality on 16 June 2025. Youth Day is commemorated under the theme: "Skills for the Changing World – Empowering Youth for Meaningful Economic Participation."

This year's commemoration did not only honour the heroic legacy of the 1976 youth uprising but also highlight a major milestone in the province's commitment to youth empowerment. In a bold step toward economic transformation, Premier Ntuli officially awarded R100 million funds to beneficiaries of the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Fund, drawn from all districts of the province. The initiative aimed to support young entrepreneurs and social change agents as they contribute to inclusive growth and innovation.

Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli and the Government of Provincial Unity are driving real change with a strong focus on skills development, youth entrepreneurship, job creation, and access to support systems.

Premier Ntuli launched key programmes focused on youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, innovation, and job creation, demonstrating KZN's commitment to building a future that is

youth-driven and opportunity-rich.

The Honourable Premier acknowledges that while progress has been made, there is still vital work to be done to unlock the full potential of KwaZulu-Natal's youth. He maintains that young people are not just beneficiaries of development, they are key stakeholders in building a better future.

"Young people are the cornerstone of our future. It is through their energy, innovation, and resilience that we will inspire new hope, grow our economy, and create meaningful employment," said Premier Ntuli.

As we commemorate Youth Day, Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli calls on the youth of KwaZulu-Natal to rise as agents of change, innovation, and unity. In the spirit of the 1976 generation, let us confront today's challenges — such as unemployment, substance abuse, and gender-based violence — with the same boldness and vision.

The Premier was joined by Members of the Executive Council, the Provincial Legislature, young people, and various stakeholders.



Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli is officially awarding millions of rands in financial support to various youth entities across the province. These beneficiaries represent a new generation of entrepreneurs, innovators, and job creators.

This is real action against youth unemployment. This is investing in the future of KwaZulu-Natal.

"Today, we are not just commemorating history, we are making it, by changing the lives of young people through opportunity, support, and trust," Premier Ntuli



KwaZulu-Natal took bold steps to support youth-owned businesses, expand entrepreneurship opportunities, and unlock financial & non-financial support for SMMEs.

The Provincial Government is working to: Offer mentorship & business development. Improve access to funding & markets. Create jobs through youth-driven enterprises

Let's build a generation that doesn't just look for jobs — but creates them.



KZN PREMIER VISITS THANDUKWAZI PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KWAMASHU TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY STORM



In the wake of devastating winds that wreaked havoc across provincial schools, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli visited Thandukwazi Primary School in KwaMashu to assess the damage.

Upon arrival, he was disappointed to find previous damage from the 2022 floods still unattended. The Premier vowed to investigate the matter, ensuring that those responsible for the initial repairs are held accountable.

Accompanied by Education Head of Department Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Premier Ntuli said the Provincial Government of Unity's commitment to resolve these issues emphasizes the urgent need for action in schools so that teaching and learning continue undisturbed in provincial schools.



PREMIER NTULI LEADS SURPRISE RAID UNDER OPERATION ENGANGENI NGESANGO IYAFOHLA



In a decisive move to confront the illegal employment of undocumented foreign nationals, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli on 29 May 2025, led a surprise raid on a factory in the KwaDukuza Local Municipality as part of Operation Engangeni

Ngesango Iyafohla.

The operation uncovered several undocumented workers employed at the facility. These individuals are now set to face deportation to their countries of origin, while the factory owner will face severe legal consequences for violating South African labour laws, which explicitly prohibit the hiring of undocumented migrants.

Premier Ntuli strongly condemned the practice, highlighting its detrimental impact on local job opportunities and the broader economic landscape.

"Employers who exploit undocumented workers not only break the law but also deprive South African job seekers of the opportunities they rightfully deserve by prioritising cheap labour," said

Premier Ntuli. He further stressed that protecting local employment is a critical priority for the provincial government, especially in the face of South Africa's soaring unemployment rate.

The raid formed part of KwaZulu-Natal's broader efforts to



PREMIER NTULI LEADS UNITED FRONT AGAINST CRIME IN FABENI, MSINGA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



KwaZulu-Natal Premier, Honourable Thamsanqa Mtshisi, on 12 June 2025, led a high-level anti-crime Imbizo at Fabeni Sportsground in Msinga under the uMzinyathi District Municipality. The Imbizo formed part of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster initiatives and aimed to unveil targeted strategies to tackle crime in the region.

The Premier outlined a range of bold, multi-stakeholder interventions in response to persistent issues including stock theft, Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), illegal firearms and ammunition, and factional violence that continues to grip the district.

"We are here today as the Department of Community Safety and Liaison to engage with you and jointly develop strategies and plans that will help build a safer, more peaceful, and stable community in Msinga," said Premier Mtshisi.

The Premier reminded the community that safety is a shared responsibility, urging residents to participate in anti-crime structures such as Community Policing Forums, including youth-focused forums. He reflected on the success of such interventions in Mangweni, under uThukela District, where violence decreased significantly after communities embraced anti-crime structures.

"People now understand that being involved in fighting crime does not mean being a police informant but rather ensuring that

police are supported and known to the community," he explained.

Youth Empowerment and Prevention Initiatives

Marking the Imbizo during Youth Month, Premier Mtshisi spotlighted programmes aimed at protecting and empowering young people. These include campaigns against drug abuse and weapons in schools, career exhibitions for learners and the Premier's R100 million Youth Empowerment Fund, which supports youth-owned enterprises.

"At KwaDlangezwa this coming Monday, I will announce the names of young people and businesses benefiting from this fund," he said, highlighting the province's investment in youth development.

Targeting Gender-Based Violence and Community Safety

The Premier announced the deployment of 10 GBV activists in Msinga to raise awareness around abuse and femicide. He warned against the normalisation of abusive relationships and urged parents to never leave children in unsafe environments.

"Every day, the media reports on the killings of women and children. Let us protect our children and ensure no one remains in toxic relationships under the excuse of love," he pleaded.

Msinga, long seen as a hotspot for illegal firearms and contract killings, remains under scrutiny. The Premier condemned the

ongoing criminal activities and applauded the SAPS under the leadership of Lt-General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi for recent progress.

"In May alone, police arrested over 11,500 suspects, including 230 for rape and 161 for murder, and confiscated 287 firearms. They also recovered 131 stolen livestock," said Premier Mtshisi, adding that proper livestock branding made recovery easier.

Strengthening the Law

Premier Mtshisi reiterated that businesses will continue to be inspected for regulatory compliance under the slogan "Engangeni Ngesango Iyafihla". He also reaffirmed government's stance on undocumented foreign nationals, stating:

"Those who are in the country illegally must return to their countries. We will welcome them back only once they hold valid legal documents permitting their stay."

The Imbizo concluded with an open dialogue session, giving residents the opportunity to voice their concerns, suggestions, and support for government-led interventions.

"KwaZulu-Natal is planting seeds of new hope. Let us walk together in building a province of peace, stability, and prosperity," concluded Premier Mtshisi.



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Premier Ntuli Launches New Agriculture Fleet to Boost Food Security and Support Farmers



In a major step towards revitalising the agricultural sector and improving food security in KwaZulu-Natal, Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli has launched a brand-new fleet of service vehicles and tractors at Cedara Sports Ground. The event, held on Thursday, 12 June 2025, saw the unveiling of 100 vehicles and 24 tractors, procured at a total cost of R78.5 million.

Premier Ntuli emphasised that this intervention, spearheaded by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, is a decisive response to the longstanding challenges faced by farmers, particularly those in rural areas.

"It warms my heart to know that the 100 newly procured vehicles and 24 tractors will be used to boost food security and the survival of the nation," Premier Ntuli stated.

The new equipment will support ploughing, planting, and other critical functions to enhance agricultural productivity, particularly for smallholder and subsistence farmers. According to the Premier, the investment underscores government's commitment to sustainable rural development.

"Agriculture remains the backbone of our economy and a key pillar in our fight against poverty, unemployment, and food insecurity," said Premier Ntuli.

"Our farming communities are the heartbeat of this sector, yet many have struggled because of limited access to essential resources, including reliable machinery and transport."

Premier Ntuli highlighted that the fleet acquisition was also necessary due to a significant decline in departmental mobility following theft, hijackings, and vehicle accidents.

"The unfortunate loss of vehicles due to theft, hijackings, and accidents has severely hampered the department's ability to reach farming communities and monitor projects effectively." To safeguard the new fleet, all vehicles and tractors have been fitted with tracking devices and branded with official departmental logos for visibility and theft prevention.

"It gives me pleasure to note that these tractors and vehicles have been equipped with tracking devices to mitigate theft and hijacking," he said.

"We call upon citizens to be our eyes and ears by helping to safeguard them against theft and vandalism."

The Premier confirmed that all 11 Municipal Districts and their local offices will benefit from the new fleet.

"This procurement is designed to enhance the department's capacity and reinforce the tools needed to serve our farming communities effectively."

In addition to extension services, several other departmental branches will receive vehicles, including Rural Development, Veterinary Services, Higher Education and Training, Research and Development, and Administration Services.

The distribution process will be informed by existing fleet capacity, production needs, terrain, and climate to ensure a data-driven, equitable allocation.

Premier Ntuli emphasised that the investment will not only support productivity but also create jobs, both directly and indirectly, through increased agricultural output and service delivery improvements.

"While today is a celebration, it also comes with a responsibility. These tractors and vehicles are public assets, meant to serve our people for years to come."

He urged both government officials and farmers to handle the new resources with care and purpose.

"Let us work hand in hand to ensure that these tractors and vehicles translate into tangible benefits, higher production, job creation, and the growth of our agricultural sector."

Concluding his remarks, Premier Ntuli commended the Department for this significant milestone and reaffirmed the Provincial Government of Unity's commitment to building a resilient and thriving agricultural sector.

"Today's launch is a commitment to a stronger, more resilient agricultural sector in KwaZulu-Natal," he said.

"By equipping our department and our farmers with the right tools, we are planting the seeds for sustainable growth, food security, and prosperity for all."

PREMIER NTULI UNVEILS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO ACCELERATE RURAL CONNECTIVITY AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli on 22 May 2025, unveiled a landmark partnership between government and private sector stakeholders aimed at driving investment, accelerating rural connectivity, and promoting inclusive economic growth. The announcement was made during a high-level engagement with stakeholders including Vodacom, the Ingonyama Trust Board, the House of Traditional and Khoisan Leaders, SALGA, and the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

With over 47% of KwaZulu-Natal's population under the age of 20 and an average age of 23, Premier Ntuli emphasised the importance of digital connectivity as a foundation for economic empowerment. "In a province as youthful as ours, internet access is not a luxury — it is a lifeline. It is essential for growth, education, and unlocking entrepreneurial potential," he said.

A PROUD MOMENT OF INNOVATION IN KZN! MEC ZONDO LAUNCHES A SMART LAB



The Durban University of Technology (DUT), together with one of KZN EDTEA's public entities, the Moses Kotane Research Institute (MKRI) and MerSETA, have partnered to launch the Smart Robotics Lab - a cutting-edge facility that marks a major leap in robotics, automation and Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Also in attendance were DUT Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Thandwa Mthembu, along with representatives from MKRI, MerSETA, industry experts, students, researchers and stakeholders who all gathered to witness the lab's official opening of the lab.

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As part of our 1st Year of Building KZN Better, we've learned that true leadership isn't

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INJABULO EMAKHOSINI ETHULELWA NGEZINHLELO EZISHINTSHA IMPILO YAWO NGESIKHWAMA SEMPESHENI, YI-MEDICAL AID NESO-



USUKU oliyingqophamlando lapho uMnyango wezokuBusa ngokuBambisana nezoMdabu KwaZulu-Natal, oholwa nguMfu. Thulasizwe Buthelezi, uthethe lumkhumbuza iNkosi Mangosuthu Buthelezi, uMntwana wakwaPhingangene, osakhothama ngeqhaza abe nalo ekulweleni amakhosi ukuze athole inhlonipho efaneele.

"Uyedwa vo umhloli owaba nombono ngesakhiwo sobukhosi ePhalamende, lowo kube nguMntwana wakwaPhindangene. Lowo mbono uwushiye kuNgqongqoshe wakwaCogta kuzwelonke uMnu Velenkosini Hlabisa kanjalo noNdunankulu Thami Ntuli, onguNdunankuku kulesi sifundazwe. Yilabo baholi bobabili abaphethe umbono kaMntwana wakwaPhindangene,"

kusho uShenge.

"Namhlanje sizokwethula uhlelo olubizwa ngokuthi yiMakhosi Legacy Plan, enezigaba ezintathu ezolekelela amakhosi ngempesheni, yi-medical aid nokongiwa kwemali. Kuningi sibona amakhosi esebenza impilo yawo yonke kodwa uma esekhulile angahlomuli ngalutho kodwa ebe ekade esebenzela imiphakathi yawo," kusho uShenge. Kulolu hlelo ngisho oNobhala basezinkantolo zamakhosi nabo kukhona abazokwazi ukukuhlomula, kuthi uma sebethuma emsebenzini nabo baphume nempesheni yabo.

R30 MILLION SET ASIDE FOR 34 EMERGING LOCAL CONTRACTORS IN MANYISENI AND R260 MILLION INVESTED IN TOTAL.



The MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma remarked: "This road D1842 has been under construction for a very long time. We want to finish it and create jobs at the same time. We have brought in Independent Development Trust to finish this project."

The work will be distributed as follows:-

- Companies owned by Military Veterans - R3 020 715,69
- Other Companies - R6 041 431,37
- Companies owned by Women - R9 062 147,06
- Companies owned by Youth - R10 572 504,90
- Companies owned by People with Disability - R1 510 357,84

- Companies owned by Military Veterans - R3 020 715,69
- Other Companies - R6 041 431,37

At long last the communities of Dinabanye, Oshabeni and Nkungwini in the Ingwavuma area will have decent road.

The local community will have access to the following :-

- Nkungwini Clinics.
- Njakazana Primary School.
- Mayaluka Primary School.
- Zombizwe High School.
- Oshabeni Primary School and
- Nyathini Primary School.

KwaZulu-Natal Premier congratulates the 2025 Comrades Marathon winners



The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli proudly celebrated the resounding success of the 2025 Comrades Marathon Down Run, held on 08 June 2018 from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. Spanning nearly 90 km and featuring thousands of athletes from across the globe, this year's edition of The Ultimate Human Race once again demonstrated the unifying and uplifting power of sport.

The Honourable Premier extended his heartfelt congratulations to the 2025 champions, Men's Champion: Tete Morena Dijana (South Africa) and Women's Champion: Gerda Steyn (South Africa).

The KwaZulu-Natal Premier Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli who welcomed runners at the finish line alongside Minister of Sports Gayton McKenzie, MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Hon. Mntomuhle Khawula, and officials from Athletics South Africa, praised all participants and highlighted the broader significance of the

event.

"KwaZulu-Natal is proud to have hosted yet another successful edition of the Comrades Marathon, a race that continues to symbolise human perseverance and triumph. Congratulations to our champions, Tete Dijana and Gerda Steyn, for your extraordinary performance," said Premier Ntuli.

"We also extend our sincere congratulations to all international athletes who took part in this great race. You are not just participants; you are honoured guests of KwaZulu-Natal. Your presence enriches this event and strengthens our bonds across borders."

Premier Ntuli further acknowledged the exceptional work of the host municipalities: "We thank and congratulate both Umgungundlovu District Municipality and eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality for their outstanding coordination and hospitality. Your leadership helped make this event a world-class success."

The Premier also acknowledged the economic impact: "Indeed, through this marathon, KwaZulu-Natal has witnessed a significant boost in the tourism and hospitality sectors. This event reaffirms our province as a premier sporting and economic hub, bringing benefit to local businesses and communities alike."

Importantly, Premier Ntuli extended deep appreciation to all those who supported the runners along the way: "We offer heartfelt thanks to the road officials, law enforcement officers, emergency services, volunteers, and all the members of our communities who lined the streets to cheer and assist the runners. Your dedication, discipline, and kindness ensured the safety and success of this event. You are the unsung heroes of the Comrades Marathon."

"The Comrades Marathon is more than a race, it is a legacy of hope, resilience, and shared humanity. May its spirit continue to unite and inspire us as we build a stronger and more inclusive KwaZulu-Natal," Premier Ntuli concluded.



