The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, held its Provincial National Teaching Awards (NTAs) on 17 March 2015, at Isibaya Conference Center. The Keynote speaker during this event was the MEC, Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, MPL. The MEC said teachers are very important in the shaping of any society and they should be given the respect that they deserve. “I congratulate all our teachers who were recognized at the national level and those that we are here to celebrate,” said the MEC. She said the Department must ensure that more teachers are encouraged to be part of these awards.