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2019 KZN NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS CEREMONY

BY: MBALI ZULU

It was all smiles, palpable joy and ululations in the packed Royal Show Grounds Hall during the National Teaching Awards (NTAs) Ceremony. Among the people attending the event was the MEC, the HoD, DDGs and representatives from teacher unions. National Teaching Awards are aimed at acknowledging, recognizing, rewarding and saluting excelling, creative and dedicated educators for their outstanding work.

In his remarks, the HoD thanked educators and encouraged them to continue with their good work. “Teachers are indispensable and we appreciate them for their good work which they do, sometimes under difficult conditions,” said the HoD.

The MEC gave a key-note address during the NTA ceremony where he congratulated and thanked educators for their dedication in raising the nation. “Today is not a day of long speeches, but it is a day of acknowledging the good work done by our educators - the work that has seen this department becoming the envy of many. The good performance that we have seen over the past years is not due to any miracle, but it is as a result of hard work and commitment shown by many of you here,” said the MEC, who referred to educators as revolutionaries who must be prepared to make sacrifices to uplift the nation.





2019 WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION

BY: NOMFUNDO MALINGA

As part of the World Aids Day Commemoration, the MEC, Mr Kwazi Mshengu, together with the Ethe-kwini Metro Speaker, Cllr Weziwe Thusi, visited Street Wise Orphanage in Nazareth, near Pinetown. The aim of the visit was to have breakfast with the children. World Aids Day is commemorated on the 1st day of December, every year. This year's commemoration took place under the theme "Ending The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Community by Community". MEC Mshengu was deployed in Nazareth, Ward 16, in his capacity as the MEC Champion of Ethe-kwini Metro.

During the visit to the children's home, the MEC and the speaker handed over toys and food parcels. In his address, MEC Mshengu commended the staff of Street Wise Orphanage and the St Vincent Church. "We would like to pass our sincere gratitude to the staff of this orphanage, who have opened their hearts and shown dedication and hard work, in making sure that the children are raised well and taken care of. As Government, we are not here for the last time, we will ensure that all the necessary services, be it social, health or education, are provided to the orphanage whenever needed. As the education department, we are also here to offer support and encourage growth to these youngsters so that they use education as a weapon to succeed in life and develop themselves for the future," said the MEC.

A ceremonial lighting of the candle was also performed at the Nazareth Sports Ground to commemorate the World Aids Day, remembering all those who lost their lives from HIV and Aids.





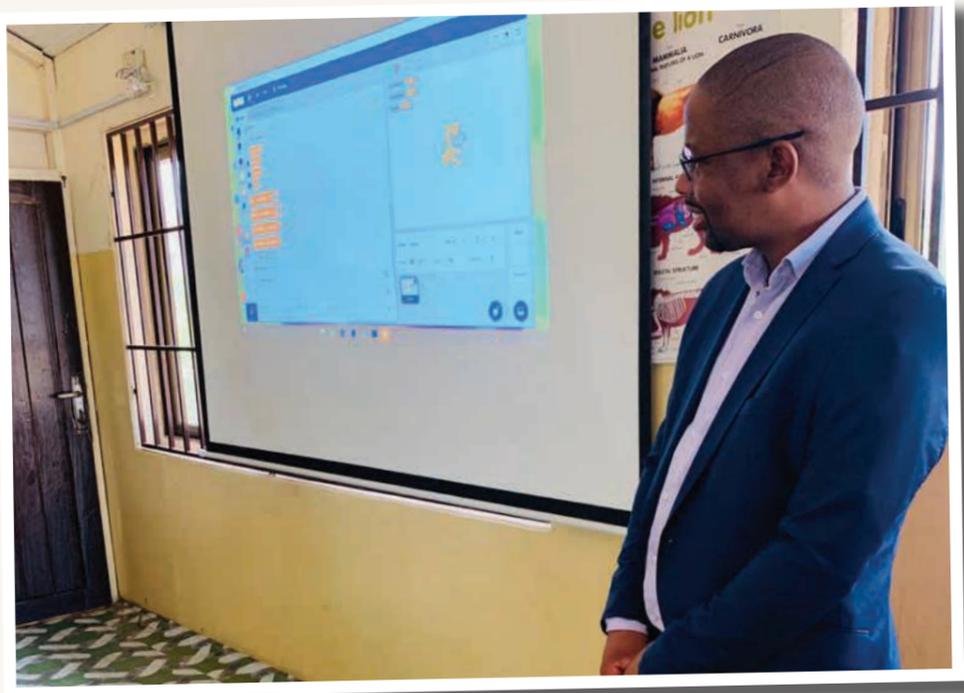
MEC MSHENGU ATTENDS ICT SUMMIT IN GHANA

BY KWAZI MTHETHWA

The Innovation Africa Summit which provides a platform for Ministers in African countries, share best practices in ICT Innovation and ICT integration for teaching and learning took place in Accra, Ghana.

The 3 day summit (03 -05 December 2019) will be officially opened by the Ghanaian President, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo. The MEC will take part in a panel discussion under the topic, "Education for all-Using Technology for Greater Inclusivity".

MEC Mshengu visited the Ghana Ministry of Education, a school and an ICT Education centre. During the visit at Bishop's Girl's School, the MEC engaged and interacted with educators and learners who use coding as part of their curriculum program.





KZN SOCCER TEAMS ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

BY: SIHLE MLOTSHWA

KwaZulu-Natal boys and girls soccer teams emerged victorious during the Transnet National Soccer Games that took place in Bloemfontein, at the Free State University recently. During this tournament all provinces, except Mpumalanga, participated with the aim to play and become national champions, but it was not to be, as KZN teams proved their mettle and were finally pronounced as national champions.

According to Themba Kubheka: CES School Sports in the Co-curricular Directorate, "The Transnet programme is aimed at promoting football in the previously disadvantaged schools across the country and talented players are supported by Transnet to further their careers in football. Transnet intends to expand to all district in provinces, taking five schools in each district." These national games are a culmination of the provincial games that took place in Newcastle on 02 November 2019. During this tournament, both boys and girls from KZN went to the finals. Boys played at Western Cape in the finals and won 2-0, while girls played at Free State and won 1-0. Both were crowned champions and won gold. "We are very proud of the all-round performance of the KZN Province, said Mr Kubheka.



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MEC AND HOD AT WESTVILLE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO MONITOR THE NSC EXAMS



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