



BLOODHOUND TO BOOST STEM SUBJECTS

A team from the Department of Education just returned from a trip in the UK which was part of the Bloodhound Project.

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TEACHERS STANDS AGAINST ALL ODDS

The massive facelift of John Taolo Gaetsewe district is fast gaining traction thanks to the hype of mining and agricultural activities in the area.

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Steynville off to Coke National Championships

Learners and spectators braved the cold weather to attend the recent Copa Coca Cola under 15 provincial championships that took place at the Galeshewe stadium.



JTG SCOOPS 3 AWARDS



John Taolo Gaetsewe district outclassed many affluent districts from around the country during the national district excellence awards sponsored by Department of Basic Education. The district has been recording significant overall improvement in learner performance over the past three years.

Staff Writer

Northern Cape province's John Taolo Gaetsewe district scooped three performance based awards at the second annual district excellence awards that were held in Johannesburg recently.

In a stiff competition against the other eight provinces, JTG district obtained first positions in three categories namely; the highest improvement in bachelor passes, highest improvement in mathematics and physical science passes.

The district outperformed Gauteng province's Johannesburg central district and Eastern Cape's Craddock in both the most improved district and the highest improvement in Mathematics pass-categories. Reacting to this achievement, MEC for Education, Grizelda Cjiekella-Lecholo, said the

province was reaping the fruits of the sterling hard work by the department in restoring teaching and learning in schools that were affected by social protest in the recent pasts.

"Districts are under increasing pressure to provide targeted support to schools in order to ensure an improvement in learner achievements. As we all know the history of JTG in recent history, we are indeed reaping the rewards as we toil to normalize teaching and learning at that district," said MEC Cjiekella-Lecholo. JTG district has been registering an upward trend in terms of overall learner achievements and have contributed immensely to the overall provincial matric pass percentage since 2012.

In 2011, JTG scored 51, 1 percent and the pass

rate improved significantly in 2012 by 63, 4 percent. In 2013, JTG recorded 71, 1 percent matric pass rate which represents the highest in the past five years.

In comparison to 2012, the number of learners who passed grade 12 in 2013 stood at 1 545 which represent 418 more learners from the previous year.

JTG was the most improved district in 2013 with only six (6) schools scoring under 60 percent compared to 11 schools in 2012.

The outcome of the 2014 matric results of the Northern Cape Province have shown a qualitative improvement as it relates to the number of university entrance pass percentage. The province's 2014 matric cohort recorded the highest improvement on bachelor degree pass percentage compared to the last 5 years. John Taolo Gaetsewe district's Galaletsang high school scooped the top physical science school in the province last year.

MTN CONNECTS NEEDY SCHOOLS

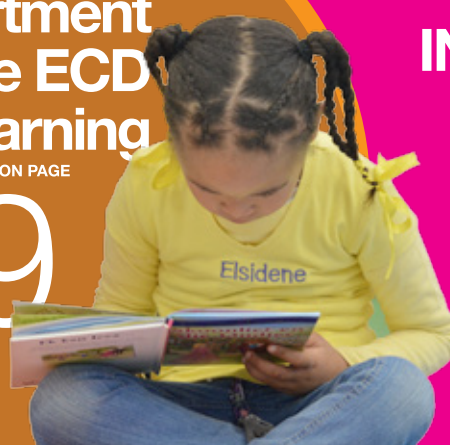
The department of education in partnership with giant cell phone network provider MTN, handed over an Information Communication Technology laboratory to Emang Mmogo Comprehensive School

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Department prioritise ECD learning

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INCLUSIVE EDUCATION A TRENDING TOPIC

Inclusive education is one of the hot topics currently trending in the education sector.

Discussions range from the national demand for qualified teachers, limited schools with adequate resources to cater for learn-

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