

Minister Ndabeni-Abrahams introduces vocational training initiatives for the youth

The Department of Communications and Digital Technologies is mandated to lead the fourth industrial revolution in South Africa, and will invest in skills that will help South Africans not to be out of jobs, but to be responsive to the markets needs and skilled in the digital economy - Minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams made this announcement during her visit to N'wamitwa where she handed over 20 laptops with broadband connectivity to Xitsavi Youth Centre on Thursday.

She said the department through NEMISA has a programme to train 15 000 young people on film and TV production in digital storytelling, website development and smartphone repair. The Minister said SITA will refurbish the post office at N'wamitwa. She further announced that Giyani: Land of Blood will be back on the screens soon, saying "it is my hope that we will continue to see the stories and the culture of vatsonga showcased on our television screens. This has to go beyond SABC."

The Minister was accompanied by MEC Basikopo Makamu, MEC Thabo Mokone, Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi, the Mayor of Greater Tzaneen Municipality Cllr Maripe Mangena, and senior officials from eleven of the state entities reporting to the ministry of communications and digital technologies. She also handed over certificates

to young people who have been trained on smartphone repair and announced that more young people will be trained.



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District Taxi Lekgotla as the country celebrate Transport Month

Department of Transport & Community Safety hosted a district Taxi Lekgotla in Mopani on Friday - a platform for leaders of taxi associations to engage with government on ways to make the taxi industry to be economically viable and accessible to all communities.

The district Lekgotla is held in preparation for the upcoming provincial lekgotla scheduled for this week. MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya said one of the key topics for the Lekgotla was around the professionalization of the taxi industry and improving customer care. "Minibus taxis remain the backbone of public transport and the service of choice in most rural areas, townships and semi-urban areas."

She said that violence hurts the reputation of the industry and appealed to leaders of taxi associations to always find amicable ways to resolve their differences. The Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi, Transport MMC Japisa Mathonsi, the Mayor of Greater Giyani Municipality Cllr Basani Shivambu also attended the Lekgotla, which is held on the backdrop of Transport Month under the theme: "Together shaping the future of transport."



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