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EXCITING INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OVER 150 UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES

Partnering with SACGRA to Provide Career-Boosting Internships for Local Graduates

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The Municipality is thrilled to announce the launch of a comprehensive internship programme, designed to support over 150 unemployed graduates from the King Sabata Dalindyebo Municipal jurisdiction. This initiative, officially inaugurated today at the Mayfair Hotel, is a collaborative effort with the South African Council for Graduates (SACGRA). SACGRA is dedicated to empowering learners and young unemployed graduates by facilitating valuable work exposure through internships, learnerships, and work-integrated learning experiences.

The Municipality's partnership with SACGRA began in 2022 and as the host employer to SACGRA graduates, KSD has witnessed firsthand the positive impact of this collaboration as there is one student who got a work opportunity in Johannesburg.

The Acting Executive Mayor Cllr. N. Gwebani extended his heartfelt appreciation to SACGRA for their unwavering commitment to empowering the youth of KSD. He said the dedication of SACGRA to secure funds, sourcing suitable interns from their extensive database, and ensuring the payment of monthly stipends directly to graduates for a period of 12 to 36 months is nothing short of commendable.

The internship programme spans for 12 to 18 months, offering participants a monthly stipend ranging from R3500 to R5000. This initiative is a significant step toward bridging the gap between education and employment, providing young graduates with the skills and experience needed to thrive in their future careers.

MUNICIPALITY GRAPPLES WITH PERSISTENT ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE VANDALISM

Municipality Battles Cable Theft and Vandalism Amidst Ongoing Sabotage of Electricity Infrastructure

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The Municipality is grappling with the persistent issue of cable theft and vandalism of municipal electricity infrastructure. These acts of sabotage are severely undermining the Municipality's efforts to maintain a stable electricity grid.

A recent incident highlighted the gravity of the situation when an electrical kiosk, located just below the Mthatha Central Police Station, was reported to be burning and vandalized. KSD Law Enforcement was promptly alerted, and officers were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, they confirmed that the kiosk, an essential part of the electrical infrastructure, had indeed been set ablaze.

During their inspection, the officers encountered two male suspects who were in the process of dismantling the already damaged kiosk.

Upon noticing the law enforcement officials, the suspects attempted to flee towards a nearby bush. A pursuit ensued, leading towards the riverbank, where a shooting incident occurred.

Tragically, one of the suspects was fatally wounded, while the other managed to escape. The scene and the ongoing investigation were handed over to the South African Police Service (SAPS) for further processing.

The Municipality is issuing a stern warning to those involved in criminal activities to desist immediately. Vandalism and theft not only disrupt essential services but also undermine the hard work and progress made towards improving community infrastructure.



KSD MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES ARBOR MONTH WITH TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

Launching Arbor Month with Tree Planting Ceremony at Owen Dam, Promoting Environmental Stewardship

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In a heartfelt celebration of Arbor Month, the KSD Municipality, in collaboration with various partners, hosted a tree planting ceremony at Owen Dam.

The event marked the official launch of this important initiative, with contributions from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA), the OR Tambo District Municipality (ORTDM), Walter Sisulu University (WSU), Garden Court, the Spar Myezo.

Acting Executive Mayor, Councillor S. Nyengane, underscored the significance of planting trees, highlighting their crucial role in wind breaking and other environmental benefits. He also took a strong stance against veld fires, noting their detrimental impact on soil erosion.



This collaborative effort not only enhances the natural beauty of our community but also reinforces the importance of environmental stewardship.

EMPOWERING FUTURE FARMERS: SUCCESSFUL SIDECA ANNUAL FARMERS INFORMATION DAY

Empowering Youth in Agriculture: KSD Municipality Hosts SIDECA Farmers Information Day

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The King Sabata Dalindyebo (KSD) Municipality, in partnership with the Sipe Development and Capacitation Agency (SIDECA) and other various stakeholders, recently hosted the annual SIDECA Farmers Information Day at Kaplan Community Hall in Ward 14. This important event aimed to disseminate valuable information and empower local and young farmers within the agricultural sector.

Representing the Executive Mayor, MMC. S. Nyengane delivered an inspiring message, particularly encouraging young people to consider agriculture as a viable career path. He emphasized the Municipality's commitment to supporting young farmers, highlighting plans to help them achieve their full potential. This support is not only crucial for economic development within the KSD jurisdiction but also for enabling young farmers to provide for their families and create job opportunities.

Siphesihle Kwetana, Director of SIDECA, shared her passion for making agriculture appealing and accessible. She encouraged the attending students to view agriculture as a profitable business and a rewarding career choice. Kwetana also urged teachers to avoid portraying agriculture as a form of punishment in schools, as this can deter young people from pursuing it as a career in the future.

The event saw participation from a diverse group of stakeholders, including the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR), the Department of Education, Husqvarna, Starke Ayres, Kyocera, McDonald's Seeds, Build it, and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), among others.



WARD 8 ELDERLY FITNESS CLUB INSPIRES ACTIVE LIVING

A Thriving Elderly Fitness Club, Promoting Health and Social Unity Among Senior Citizens

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In Ward 8, a small gathering of five senior citizens on a single street has blossomed into a thriving fitness club that now meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

This inspiring initiative, known as the Ward 8 Elderly Fitness Club, has become a beacon of health and social cohesion in the community. Councillor Andile Majeke recently praised the club, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives for fostering social unity and commending the dedication of the participants in maintaining an active lifestyle. He also encouraged the youth to join this vibrant movement towards active living.

Remarkably, the fitness club is completely free for participants, thanks to the generous support of the Agape Caring Center (NGO) and the voluntary efforts of their dedicated instructor, Mr. Siphon Faasi.

From walking, running and to aerobics, Mr. Faasi and the AGAPE Caring Center are committed to keeping the senior citizens of Ward 8 healthy and active.

This growing fitness community stands as a testament to the power of collective effort and the importance of staying active, regardless of age.



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