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During the month of March, South Africans commemorate Human Rights Month. Human Rights Month serves to remind South Africans about the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for the attainment of democracy in South Africa. This year Human Rights Month was commemorated under the theme, “Three

Decades of Respect for and Promotion of Human Rights”. In his key note address during the Human Rights Day Celebration held at the George Thabane Stadium in Sharpeville, President Cyril Ramaphosa said the following, “As we begin the next decade of freedom, we must strive together not only to safeguard the rights of every-

one in our country, but to ensure that all may enjoy the equal protection and the equal benefit of these rights. We have built a society in which everyone has an equal expectation that their rights will be respected and upheld”.

I would like to echo the sentiment that were made by the President during his speech and urge all public servants to treat each other with respect and dignity. Every employee has the right:

- Not to be unfairly dismissed
- To be treated with dignity and respect
- To be paid the agreed wage on the agreed date and at the agreed time
- To be provided with appropriate re-

sources and equipment to enable him/her to do the job

- To have safe working conditions
- To fair labour practices
- To non-victimisation in claiming rights and using procedures
- To all the protection and benefits of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act.

While every employee is entitled to these rights, they also have a responsibility to respect the rights of other employees.

The main story in this month's issue is the inaugural Premier's Cup Tournament which was launched by Premier Mxolisi Dukwana on the 20th March 2024 in Mangaung. The

tournament is aimed at being a catalyst to help promote teams from the Free State as the province has not had any professional or semi-professional teams since the sale of Bloemfontein Celtics. Well done to all the teams that participated and congratulations to Bloemfontein Celtics for their win during the finals. We hope that this successful launch will set the tone for the tournament in the next financial year.

Mrs L.P. Mahasa
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MORAL REGENERATION PROGRAMME MEN'S CONFERENCE



Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation through its Special Programmes unit in partnership with Free State Online Media House hosted a men's conference in Mangaung on Wednesday the 27th of March 2024.

The conference was an initiative to equip and empower men with knowledge on how to tackle societal challenges that the modern man faces on a daily basis.

We live in an arguably patriarchal and hierarchal society and as a result it is often believed that men cannot be victims. As the gap between women and men empowerment is gradually closed, men are also faced with inse-

curities about their roles in families and society being taken over by women and this frustration leads to men retaliating destructively in a quest to "protect" their masculinity.

The goal of the conference was to eradicate the stigma of men being tough and not being allowed to voice out their frustrations. Phrases such as "Monna ke nku ha alle" have made it hard for men to open up and be vulnerable because they have been taught that crying is a sign of weakness.

DSACR and its stakeholders such as South African Police Services, Department of Health, Department of Correctional Services, Religious Organizations and the

Disability sector provided a platform for men to come together to have discussions and get guidance on issues that affect them.

Topics that were covered during the conference include; men's health, mental health, GBV, Legalities and Disability. Multiple speakers

from different sectors facilitated these engagements.

Moral Regeneration Programme
MEN'S CONFERENCE

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27 MAR 10h00

BOTANICAL GARDENS

Topics:

- Men's health
- Mental health
- Legalities & Disability
- GBV

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HERITAGE AS A HUMAN RIGHT



How far have we come in the preservation and promotion of our cultural heritage 30 years later? The political landscape changed for the better and naturally everyone expected to start enjoying their freedom as well as to exercise their constitutional human rights, including practicing their culture without any fear of repression.

The National Heritage Council of South Africa (NHC) in partnership with the Free State Department of Sport, Arts and Culture hosted a dialogue on Heritage as a Human Right. The seminar which

was hosted under the theme: "Reflecting on the successes and the challenges of Heritage Promotion in South Africa – Cultural Practices as a Human Right" served as a platform to ascertain the strides made in redressing abnormalities when it comes to heritage management in the 30 years of our Democracy.

In the past, cultural human right is one of those rights that were not given much attention and little was done towards the promotion of culture. The dawn of democracy was meant to start a process of

redressing the past imbalances when it comes to one's identity and also to transform the heritage landscape which was skewed towards the western oriented heritage resources at the expense of oral history and African oriented heritage.

The seminar intended to:

- Increase awareness
- Educate the publics about how can heritage and culture be a vehicle for social cohesion and nation building
- Conscientise South Africans that cultural heritage is a human right and

how they can benefit from it and contribute to the economic development of our country

- To profile the NHC as the hub of Living Heritage
- Panellists for the discussions included; Mr Irwin Langeveld, Chief Director at the National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture; Mr Mohlomi Masooa from the Department of Basic Education (DBE); Ms Elodie Tlhoale Chairperson of Free State Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (FS-PHRA); Ms Queen Magalakangqa, Provincial Geographical Names Committee

(PGNC) Council Member as well as Mr Julius Ka Dantile from Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB).

The dialogue took place in two-folds; collectively taking stock on the progress made and unpacking the successes and the challenges faced within the Heritage landscape. Secondly, the dialogue embraced the cultural heritage practices as a human right as enshrined in our constitution by exhibiting forms of dances, practices and performances on the day.

DSACR HOSTS THE INAUGURAL PREMIER'S CUP TOURNAMENT IN MANGAUNG



The Free State provincial government in partnership with the South African Football Association (SAFA) in the Free State hosted the inaugural Premier's Cup Soccer Tournament semi-finals and finals in Mangaung on Saturday the 30th of March 2024.

The tournament, which was launched on the 20th of March 2024 by Premier Mxolisi Dukwana forms part of the efforts by the provincial Depart-

ment of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation to continue to promote sport in the province. Ever since the sale of both Bloemfontein Celtic FC and Free Stars FC, the province has not had any professional or semi-professional teams. The Premier's Cup Tournament is aimed at being a catalyst to help teams from the Free State to get promotion to the National First Division.

16 teams participated in the tour-

namment and each team received a participation fee of R100 000. The quarter finals took place on the 24 March 2026. The four teams remaining after the quarter finals namely; Bloemfontein Celtic FC, Super Eagles FC, FC Spartans and Sibanye Golden Stars FC participated in the semi-finals. The first semi-final match was between Super Eagles and Spartans FC, where Spartans FC won by 2 goals to 1. The second semi-

final was between Bloemfontein Celtics and Sibanye Golden Stars and Bloemfontein Celtics beat Sibanye by 2 goals to 0. The fourth match was between Sibanye Golden Stars and Super Eagles which Sibanye won by 5 goals to 4 during penalties. The show stopper of the day was the final between Bloemfontein Celtics and Spartans FC. Bloemfontein Celtics took home the R200 000 cheque, as they won by 1 goal to 0. Leading telco

company, MTN participated as a sponsor of awards such as player of the tournament, promising player of the tournament and medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. MTN will also be having half-time activations and competitions for match patrons.





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