

MOTHIBISTAD

JTG hosts Provincial Women's Day



Victor Mulangisi

The Premier of the Northern Cape Zamani Saul, surrounded by government officials and ladies from the ANC Women's League, all celebrating National Women's Day at the Thabo Moorosi multi-purpose centre in Mothibistad in the JTG district.

The John Taolo Gaetsewe region was host to the provincial celebrations of the Women's Day and Thabo Moorosi multipurpose centre was a hive of activity as officials across the province gathered to mark the day.

Conspicuous among the dignitaries was Premier Zamani Saul and part of his executive members (MECs) that included honourable Nomandla Bloem responsible for Agriculture, Land and Environmental Affairs, Barbra Bartlett for Social Development, Abraham Vosloo for Public Works & Roads and Lekwene Maruping for Economic Development, sector department officials, mayors across the province, the deputy provincial commissioner of police General Phiwayinkosi Mnguni and local mayors led by the host executive district mayor Sofia Mosikatsi.

In his keynote address, the Premier methodically appraised the local fallen heroines that made a mark in the region's history and encouraged society to uphold women's socio-economic freedom and create space where there is need. In his memory lane the Premier befittingly enlisted the late former mayors Ester Molete Chipanga, Maria Diniza, and other political luminaries like Joyce Friedman, Monica Masilabele, Karina Koikoi and many other women across the province who made an indelible mark in the politico socio-economic emancipation of society and women in particular.

He said that these women and many others inspired others to take their rightful place in the developmental agenda of the country. Under the theme, "25 Years of Democracy: Growing South Africa Together for Women's Emancipation" the Pre-

mier consolidated his bold intentions of transforming the province's fortunes through walking on stringent spending so as to cater for essential services.

"As the sixth administration, we articulated a vision of building a modern, growing and successful province. Key to achieving this vision would be to advance the agenda of a capable developmental state that will advance the lives of the working class and the poor of our province. Today, more women occupy positions of authority and leadership in the public and private sector, careers that were previously a man's preserve. Our provincial executive is predominantly women, enough proof that we walk the talk. The full participation of women in our economy is essential to achieve our shared inclusive growth"