Polokwane – Premier Stanley Mathabatha has praised the warrior kings such as Sekwati, Sekhukhune, Ngunghunyana, and Tshilwavhusiku Ramabulana. The Premier was speaking during the Provincial Heritage Day celebration at Polokwane cricket club on Tuesday. Heritage Day is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the rich variety of cultures and heritage in South Africa. Every September 24, South Africans observe Heritage Day, a celebration of the country’s diverse cultures and beliefs.

“Defeat of these warrior kings after fierce resistance in defense of our freedom and independence paved the way for the Union Parliament to legitimize what they robbed us over centuries. They gave 87% of the land to whites and leaving only 13% to the indigenous African people of this country.” said Premier Mathabatha in his address.

Premier Mathabatha also said as a province during this National Heritage Month we celebrate the diverse culture and history of our people. This is one province that has great cultural diversity since it is the home of the va-Tsonga, vha-Venda, and ba-Pedi, ama-Ndebele, English, Afrikaans and people of Indian origin. Limpopo therefore becomes a microcosm of the rest of the country in that it represents a rainbow nation at peace with itself.

The contribution of the past and living heroes and heroines was acknowledged by the Premier and he said. “It was through immense sacrifice by many heroines and heroes and some came from our province and these are people such as Sefako Makgatho, Alpheus Malivha, Mark Shope, Charlotte Mannya also known as Maxeke, Lawrence Phokanoka and Peter Nchabeleng amongst others. Celebrating their lives as stalwarts, veterans and...
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living heroes such as Nelson Diale, John Nkadimeng, Mothupi Pharephare, Ike Maphotho, TT Cholo, Lydia Komape, Rashaka Ratshitanga and Samson Ndou will assist us to reclaim, restore and celebrate the South African Living Heritage"

“I wish to reiterate the use of our indigenous languages in our rich Province. Our Constitution protects the use of all languages on an equal basis. Therefore, nobody should claim their language is superior to the other. Government employees should serve all people equally using all languages available. The opportunity as a people is vast, in that we all could be multilingual at will,” the Premier emphasised.

RIFUMO NEWS interviewed some people who attended the celebration. For Vanessa Mothiba 32, this was her first attendance to government organised function. She said she was curious about diverse cultural performance. “This is the first time I came with my family, as we were interested in knowing what happens during these events. We were impressed with the various traditional dances.”

Rania Sukarno has been attending the Heritage Day celebration for three years. He said he enjoyed the performances and festive atmosphere and would not live until all the artists had performed. “It is important we learn and respect other culture that is why I make sure that I bring my family to these events.”

Premier Mathabatha was joined by MEC for Sport Arts and Culture Merriam Ramadwa, Agriculture MEC Rosina Semenya, the Chief Land Claims Commissioner, Nofundo Gobodo, Provincial House of Traditional Leaders, MPL’s and councillors from various municipalities.
Budgeting at any sphere of government is preceded by planning. Planning is important as it provides framework for making decision by establishing goals, objectives. It also extends to prioritization of decisions according to both their importance and urgency of different issues.

It was under this very important premise that the department held its Medium Term Expenditure Committee (MTEC). This committee is chaired by Provincial Treasury as part of Treasury's mandate to be in the fore of making sure that budgets are monitored and that there is oversight in so far as spending appropriately is concerned.

The MTEC hearings took place from Monday the 23rd till Friday the 27th at the Protea Land Mark hotel, Polokwane. This is where all departments presented their plans for the next three financial years. The role of the Treasury as a monitoring department was and is to make sure that allocations are linked to the priorities of the LEGDP. Post these hearings the Treasury will consolidate a report to make sure that there is mitigation where there is no appropriate spending and planning and also improve where needs be.

The Treasury meets departments as often as possible to make sure that there is synergy between priorities and the actual spending. While there still problems that must be addressed, there has been major improvements in budgeting and additionally the Treasury has beefed up its staff to make sure that the citizenry of the province get the services they deserve.
The objectives of Supply Chain Management (SCM) is to promote uniformity in procurement of goods and services in all spheres of government, create a common understanding and interpretation of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and to promote consistent application of ‘best practices’ throughout Government’s supply chain. This is what the senior manager for SCM said at the workshop on financial fundamentals. The following are elements of SCM, these are, demand, acquisition, logistics, asset and disposal and SCM Performance.

According to Baloyi, demand management is the beginning of SCM. It includes detailed analysis of goods, works and service required. The current as well as future needs are determined. The linking of procurement plans with budget is done at this stage of SCM. On acquisition management, the bid documents are compiled and all necessary required documents are attached, inter-alia, tax clearance certificates, the bid and company documents. Bids are with the value of R500 000 and above are advertised on the tender bulletin and print media and 21 working days is allowed between opening and closing of a bid and validity period of the bid is 90 days.

On evaluation of bids, Baloyi said “the bid specification committee prepares specification for the required goods or services. Bids are evaluated by the bid evaluation committee. Competitive bidding recommendations are later tabled to the bid adjudication for approval and awarded by the Accounting Officer. Lastly, the Service level agreement will be signed and the contract will be in place”.

“Quotation less than R500 000 but more than R30 000 at least 14 working should be allowed to allow supply chain processes to take place. All quotations that are less than R30 000, at least 5 working days is allowed before the date of the required service” Baloyi added.

Logistics Management is entrusted with the responsibility of receiving, storage and issuing of assets, inventory and consumables. Issuing of consumables and inventory are done on Mondays and Tuesdays and assets on daily basis. Only appointed cost centre clerks are allowed to collect consumables from the warehouse. No middleman is allowed.

Baloyi concluded and said that “transport management is responsible for the provisioning and maintenance of GG vehicles and subsidized vehicles. Vehicles are inspected and checked prior to undertaking an official trip and a valid driver’s license is presented upon request for a GG vehicle. Trip authorization form is signed by responsible official on a higher level prior to a trip and accidents must be reported within 24 hours of the incident. Lastly, GG vehicles utilized after hours must have approval in hand and officials are responsible for traffic fines when using government vehicles.”

At the core of SCM is compliance to norms and standards and cost efficiency of procurement process.
Did you know?

11% of people are left handed.

August has the highest percentage of births.

The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.

A bear has 42 teeth.

An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain.

Most lipsticks contain fish scales.

No two corn flakes look the same.

The South African Decent Work Country programme - through this programme, the International Labour Organization and government, organized business, organized labour and the community constituency gives support to initiatives aimed at promoting the decent work agenda.

Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.

8% of people have an extra rib.

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