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Rising inflation negatively impacts workers' cost of living



Number of unemployed up with 140,000, says Stats SA



UASA honours Women's Month under the theme "The Woman Who Made Me"

Congratulations to the UASA Women's Month Competition Winners

Winner: Nosolo Nyawaza
Company: MTO Forestry

"Mother, my mother, because she taught me the most valuable lesson that has shaped me into the person I am today. She showed me that strength isn't just about standing tall, but about bending when the gusts blow. She taught me the love and care of being a mother - a choice to put others before myself, to sacrifice, and to give without expecting anything in return. She instilled in me the importance of resilience, compassion, and determination. She showed me that being strong doesn't mean being emotionless, but being brave enough to face my fears and vulnerabilities. She taught me to be kind, to listen, and to understand perspectives different from my own. But what I admire most about my mother is her unwavering support and love, especially during my darkest hour - 2020 when I was diagnosed with cancer. She believed in me, my work, my dreams, she stood by me through countless late nights, and she cared for my well-being as if I were her only child. She stood for me when I needed her the most, and she stood for me when I needed her the least. As a result of my mother's influence, I realize that she didn't just teach me how to live, she taught me how to love, how to give, and how to be the best person. She showed me that motherhood isn't just about giving birth, but about nurturing, supporting, and empowering. Today, I consider my mother - a woman of resilience, a woman of strength, and a woman of love. She is my hero, my role model, and my everything. Happy Women's Day to the most incredible women - my mother."

Winner: Venkumari Naidoo
Company: Toyota South Africa

"Mother, my mother, who taught me the meaning of strength, compassion and resilience. Through her actions, she showed me how to work hard, respect myself and others, and to never give up when the odds are against me. She was my teacher, my friend, and my guiding light. Her wisdom continues to inspire me every day. Because of her, I know that being a woman is a powerful gift, it's necessary to be proud of today, to celebrate her and all the incredible women who uplift, nurture and support each other."

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UASA remembers and honours all the workers who lost their lives during the Marikana battle. #RememberMarikana

Marikana Day We Remember

We honour and remember our members and workers who lost their lives in the battle.

UASA remains committed to the fight for better working conditions, equal rights and fair wages.

#Remember Marikana

Labour law regulations exist to protect workers' rights in the workplace. Learn the law and how to protect your dignity in the workplace.

You have the right to take sick leave when ill.

You get 30 paid sick days over a 3-year cycle - you must provide a valid medical certificate from a Health Professional to your employer.

(Basic Conditions of Employment Act, 1997)



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