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Festive mood in Giyani as President Zuma launches a massive water project

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Friday, 31 October 2014, was to many Giyani people – young and old – a blissful day characterised by joy, happiness and foot stamping as the community shouted slogans such as “thank you Mr President and our Minister of DWS for restoring our dignity in bringing us water”.

“Ha khensa” – We are grateful and thanks!” was the shout ringing from the community members.

The visit to Giyani was part of the Presidential Siyahloa Monitoring Project to look at progress attained in the provision of water and sanitation in the area.

The President, who was buoyed by the occasion, told the cheering crowd that “I am personally happy that the GWTW, which is 98% complete, shall continue to improve the quality of the water supply in the area.”

President Zuma further excited the obviously emotionally and spiritually charged members of the community when he told this cheering crowd that “we have come here to deliver the good news to celebrate the delivery of a very important service – water – to 55 villages in this district. You have complained about lack of water over a long period. We have now been able to attend to the problem,” said the President.

He said it was important to ensure optimum operational capacity of all water treatments works to make sure that every household meets its water demand. “Let me also remind all of us that it is our responsibility as citizens to take care of the water infrastructure that is being laid in the district. I have learned that some of the boreholes are not working because of theft and vandalism. I also heard that the water shortage is made worse by illegal connections to the service reservoirs,” said the President.

The President explained that it is government’s responsibility to see to it that this does not happen, but working with communities. “We must not abuse infrastructure that is laid to improve the lives of the communities. We need to work together to ensure that we move forward and not spend time fixing infrastructure that has been destroyed by unscrupulous people. We urge members of the community to report all wrong doing to the police so that we can root out the criminal elements,” the President noted.

The President noted further that government will work with the District Municipality and all local authorities and other stakeholders to ensure that water is no longer a problem.

The serious issues were then followed by entertainment with mainly Shangaan disco music provided by such internationally renowned artist Penny-Penny and many others.

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