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Water is critical to everything in life – President Zuma

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State President Jacob Zuma says water is the catalyst of life, adding that nothing is able to survive without accessing the resource.

Speaking during the launch of the War on Leaks Project at the Dan Qeqe Stadium, Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape (EC), President Zuma stressed the importance of water to the jam-packed venue on Friday, 28 August 2015.

Among the dignitaries who listened to State President urging communities to save the resources were Premier Mr Phumulo Masualle, Minister of Water and Sanitation (DWS) Nomvula Mokonyane, and Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Pravin Gordhan.

Also present were the Deputy Minister of DWS, Ms Pam Tshwete, Members of the Provincial Executive Committee (MECs), Executive Mayor of Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, Dr Danny Jordaan, other mayors and Members of Mayoral Councils (MMCs) and councillors, Religious Leaders Traditional leaders including government's senior officials.

President Zuma added: "I want to assure you that government will do everything possible to ensure that this city is revitalised and returns to its former glory. We have begun the story with the revitalisation of local government which is taking place. We have full confidence in Mayor Jordaan and are convinced that he will make a difference in turning Nelson Mandela Bay around, working with all of you as the community."

The President reminded communities that "all of us have a responsibility to save water. When you see a leaking tap, close it. When you see a leaking pipe on the road, inform the authorities. Nobody should waste water. It is very scarce and we could find ourselves in difficulties if we do not act now to save water. It is for this reason that we are to train 15 000 young people to help our communities to save water".

Quoting from Thomas Fuller, who way back in 1732 said "We never know the worth of water till the well is dry," the President explained that "It is very true that water has no substitute. Water is life. Sanitation is dignity."

The President noted that life comes to a standstill if there is lack of accessibility to water. "Let government and the communities partner each other by working together to save this very important aspect of our survival.



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We have the skills and abilities, including technologies to give us the drive in the process of saving water. If we do not do anything, we are set for doomsday – forever,” President Zuma warned.

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