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Monetization of intellectual property (IP) refers to the process of generating revenue or economic value from intangible assets protected by law, such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, and industrial designs. In Kenya, a hub of innovation and creativity, IP monetization involves strategies like licensing, franchising, selling, or leveraging IP assets as collateral

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Finance Committee vice-chairman and AinaMoi constituency MP Benjamin Langat (right) with his Kesses counterpart Julius Ruto during the Saturday forum in Nairobi.

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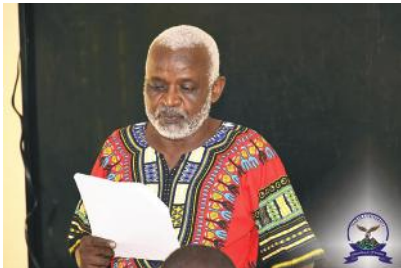
Tharaka University Hosts A Forum On Use Of A Local Language In Teaching Young Learners

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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

Last week, Tharaka University held a forum to discuss the status and challenges facing the teaching of Kĩitharaka as an indigenous language and its use in the wider community. According to KICD guidelines on Competency-Based Education, Kĩitharaka, being a language of the catchment for many local schools in Tharaka area is supposed to be used as a medium of instruction in lower grades of schooling (PP1—Grade 3). The forum involved some elders and members of Kambugumo CBO. The discussions and round-tables involved the activities of the CBO, the place of Kĩitharaka in the Development of our society, policy, and language use, and the future of Kĩitharaka in the next 50 years. The event was organized by Dr. Patrick Kanampiu, an assistant lecturer in English and Linguistics, and Prof. Veronica Nyaga, PhD, Deputy Vice-Chancellor—Academic, Research, and Student Affairs in absentia, who are co-investigators in an ongoing research project aimed at investigating the context and attitudes around the teaching and use of Kĩitharaka language in local schools and the community at large. This ongoing study is a collaborative project between Tharaka University and the University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom). The other co-investigators include Dr. Alexander Martin, University of Groningen (Netherlands), Prof. Vicky Chondrogianni (University of Edinburgh), and Jennifer Culbertson (University of Edinburgh). The research project is funded by a 2024/2025 partnership fund grant from the University of Edinburgh (supported by the Scottish Funding Council ISPF grant). Dr. Mwembu Kimathi, CoD Humanities, Dr. Alex Muthengi, Director of Research Extension and Publication, CPA Elijah Karonco-Ag, Deputy Finance Officer, and Mr. Phineas Nyamari, a research assistant, were present during the forum.

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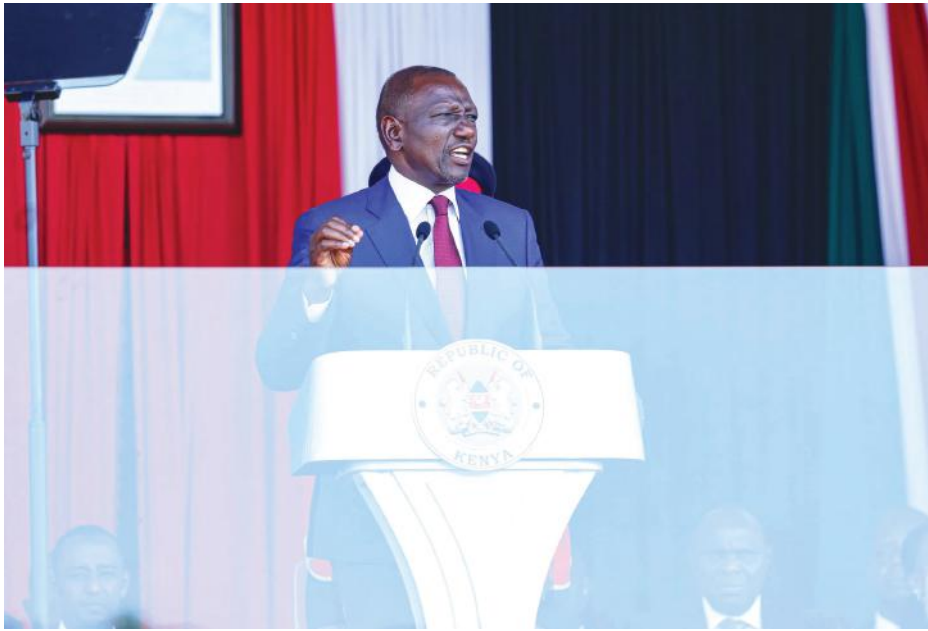
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NEWS IN BRIEF



President William Ruto on Monday unveiled the “Lipa SHA Pole Pole” Initiative during the 62nd Madaraka Day celebrations held at Raila Odinga Stadium in Homa Bay County, a transformative model under the Social Health Authority (SHA) designed to accelerate the rollout of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) across Kenya. The initiative allows Kenyans in the informal sector to pay for their SHA health insurance cover through affordable and flexible installments, ensuring access to essential healthcare without financial hardship. Integrated into the Hustler Fund ecosystem through an Insurance Premium Financing product, the model deepens financial inclusion while bringing healthcare closer to the people. The Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale who accompanied the President at the event, hailed the initiative as a bold and practical step toward equitable health access.



Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) offered free healthcare services to hundreds of residents in Baragoni, Lamu Central Sub-County, during a medical outreach camp. KPA Communications Manager Jones Buchere said the initiative targets marginalized communities in Lamu’s mainland, aiming to deliver vital medical care to those facing significant difficulties accessing healthcare services.



Garissa Township MP Dekow Mohamed has called on the Ministry of Education to make adequate preparations for the transition of learners from grade 9 to 10 next year to avoid causing confusion to both parents and learners.

Senior school, which covers Grades 10 to 12, will officially begin in January 2026, marking the transition for the pioneer Grade 9 cohort. The MP cautioned the government against making last-minute preparations, which could hurt the implementation of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). He emphasised the need for proactive measures, noting that CBC and Competency-Based Education (CBE) have been in place for several years and the next phase offers an opportunity to solidify gains made so far.



The Catherine Omany Foundation has donated 100 wheelchairs and 30 crutches to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) across the seven sub-counties in Busia to enhance their mobility and independence. Speaking at Katakwa Vocational Institute during the handover ceremony in Teso North, Busia Women Representative Catherine Omany praised the initiative, emphasising that the assistive devices would empower PWDs by improving access to education, employment, and socio-economic opportunities. She noted that it is a great honour and excitement to see PWDs empowered to attain their goals independently adding that she felt more encouraged when her leadership transform lives and give hope to those who feel isolated in the society.

Murang’a County Commissioner Joshua Nkanatha has commended local security officers for stepping up crackdowns on drug traffickers and users, stressing that substance abuse remains a serious threat to the youth. He urged the public to remain vigilant and cooperate in reporting suspects. Nkanatha also condemned the rising cases of defilement and femicides in the region, warning perpetrators that the government will pursue justice relentlessly. He highlighted drug and alcohol abuse as key factors driving these crimes. The CC notes that security personnel have arrested suspects linked to femicides and defilement and called on the local community to support security efforts in tackling criminal activities.



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Supplies Management Institute flags Increased Rate Of Non-Compliance With The law Among Members

By: Erastus Gichohi
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Worth Noting:

- According to the Institute CEO Kenneth Matiba, the audit across 20 ministries, 13 counties, 21 private institutions and 55 state corporations presents a worrying trend of non-compliance cases among members.
- He termed the counties as the major bedrock of noncompliance, with practitioners lacking valid licenses to practice against the Supply and Procurement Management Act.

The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) has flagged rising non-compliance with supply chain and procurement laws among its members across both levels of government.

The institute noted that out of 109 institutions audited since January this year, 42 per cent of practitioners are non-compliant, while 15 per cent are practising illegally.

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Matiba said non-licensed officers in the sector put into question the legitimacy of procurement deals and processes amidst rising cases of corruption and irregularities within the departments.

"The Institute has recorded high cases of non-compliance with relevant supply and Procurement laws across all sectors and we have moved in to tame the worrying trend," said Matiba.

The CEO said the institute has partnered with County Governments and private players to enhance their capacities and ensure all officers under their dockets are in full compliance with the law.

On his part, John Karani, the Chairman of the Institute, said professionals who are licensed but are flouting procurement laws risk being debarred and stopped from practicing.

Karani said the institute with over



Kenya Institute of Supplies Management CEO Kenneth Matiba (right) and other officials..

25,000 members is geared towards enhancing professionalism in the sector, noting that tens of members are already facing disciplinary and administrative sanctions.

"So far, we have sanctioned two individuals for flouting supply and procurement laws and with 93 active cases, the institute will take possible sanctions, including being deregistered," said Karani.

He added that they have partnered

with the Ministry of Education to ensure value-for-money procurement and professionalism in the 33,000 schools teaching Supply Chain and Procurement courses.

The Chair also called on the County Public Service Board to ensure all officers employed to oversee the procurement department have the requisite skills and competencies as well as being registered with the regulating institute.

On the rollout of E-Government Procurement, Karani said the institute is working with the National Treasury to ensure a seamless rollout of the digitised system which will enhance transparency and openness in the sector.

Consequently, Karani said the institute has partnered with the judiciary to train its council members on writing well-thought-out judgements and strengthen its disciplinary committee.

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Finance Bill: Citizen Views To Shape Report

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Committee vice-chairman and AinaMoi constituency MP, Benjamin Langat who was chaired session at the Edge Convention Centre in Nairobi on Saturday, emphasized the significance of public participation in the legislative process, pledging that all views would be integrated into the final report presented to the House.

"This is not an exercise in futility. It's a very important exercise. This Finance Bill is a proposal to the National Assembly and it has to undergo the necessary legislative process including public participation to become law," Langat explained during the exercise which marked the commencement of hearings in Nairobi County.

Drawing parallels with the public outcry surrounding the Finance Bill, 2024, Langat urged the public to consider the current Bill not in isolation but in conjunction with the proposed Budget Estimates.

"I want to implore upon the public to desist from looking at the Finance Bill in isolation. When you tell us to employ JSS teachers, or even more nurses, the money to cater for that must come from somewhere. This Bill is the instrument we use to raise such funds," he stated.

Echoing these sentiments, Kesses MP, Julius Rutto, highlighted that the public participation exercise aims to enrich legislation. He noted that the country missed an opportunity to enact progressive tax laws when the Finance Bill, 2024, failed to pass.

Rutto advocated for a balanced approach when examining the proposed law, which seeks to reform the taxation framework and address revenue shortfalls.

"Last year, we collated various views on the Finance Bill and when we retreated to write our report, we ensured that all the proposals that did not sit well with the people were removed. However, due to misinformation, we ended up losing a good number of recommendations that were contained in our report," he stated.

Various stakeholders from Nairobi County presented their views on the Bill.

Among them was a caucus representing former freedom fighters and their descendants; Mau Mau War Veterans Association which through its Patron Bishop Jane Mumbi Ng'ethe who was flanked by more than a dozen members called on the Bill to address high taxation in areas that affect most of Kenyans.

Bishop Ng'ethe who said was holding brief for the association's Director General James Njuguna Mahuria noted that most citizens, including the elderly former freedom fighters were suffering due to high taxation, something he urged the parliamentarians to put in consideration.

Another organisation, The International Institute for Legislative Affairs (IILA), a non-profit organization focused on pro-people policies, proposed new taxation measures aimed at public health concerns related to tobacco, alcohol, and sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs).

They cited the potential of these measures to improve public health and generate revenue.

"Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are a growing burden in Kenya, currently responsible for 39% of all deaths and over 50% of hospital admissions. This escalating problem strains the healthcare system and hinders access to social health coverage," Celine Awuor, CEO of the IILA, told the Committee.

The Institute cited tobacco use as a major risk factor for NCDs, causing over 8,000 deaths annually in Kenya, and asserted that taxation is a proven method for reducing tobacco consumption and increasing government revenue. They posited that Kenya has not fully leveraged this intervention, calling it a missed opportunity.

"The IILA highlights that current tax rates on tobacco products are below the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommended threshold of at least 70% of the price share, with Kenya currently below 40%. Taxes on emerging nicotine products, such as oral nicotine pouches and electronic cigarettes, are also significantly lower despite being heavily marketed to youth," they submitted.

Citing Sugar-Sweetened Beverages as a significant contributor to NCDs, the Institute recommended increasing the current excise tax rates for these products by at least 10%.

They urged the Committee to consider implementing a sugar-based excise tax on SSBs as part of a comprehensive NCD prevention strategy, which would also include public education, mandatory front-of-package labeling, and promotion of healthy diets and physical activity.

Regarding alcohol taxation, the In-



Finance Committee vice-chairman and AinaMoi constituency MP Benjamin Langat (right) with his Kesses counterpart Julius Rutto during the Saturday forum in Nairobi.

stitute proposed increasing the excise duty on beer from Kshs. 22.5 to Kshs. 33 per centiliter of pure alcohol. They submitted that the increase would restore the excise tax share above 28 per cent while reducing youth initiation, and boosting government revenue.

Participants also encouraged the National Assembly to incentivize sectors that attract youth interest as a means to address youth unemployment.

"Try to make counties economically empowered to encourage rural to urban migration. Also, come up with friendly laws toward digital monetization to allow the youth to make a living out of that. Those are avenues where there are a lot of job opportunities," Leonard Kahuthu, a resident, told the Committee.

The Kenya Youth Climate Advisory Council (KYCAC) submitted a memorandum focusing on a youth-centered perspective regarding certain provisions in the Bill. They specifically pinpointed Clause

42(a)(vii) which proposes an excise duty of 25 per cent or Kshs. 200/kg on imported plastic films.

They argued that the provision could significantly increase costs for young enterprises offering sustainable packaging alternatives, potentially making eco-friendly products uncompetitive.

They stated that initial consultations with youth-led entrepreneurs in sustainable packaging, including those from the Mombasa Plastics Prize Incubator, had projected that such a duty would make their products uncompetitive.

KYCAC recommended amending the provision to create a differentiated excise duty. They further proposed a significant reduction to Kshs. 50/kg or 5 per cent for certified biodegradable or compostable plastic film imported by youth-owned enterprises, solely for direct use in sustainable packaging.

Calls for extended timelines and simplified information

Lilian Mutunda from Kiambu expressed reservations about the limited timeline for submissions, given the technical nature of the Bill. She urged the Committee to consider extending the deadline to allow more people to submit their views.

However, she commended the explainer published by the National Assembly on the Bill and called for an even more simplified version in the future.

"The Explainer on the Bill helped a bit but it was still too technical. Perhaps that's the reason there is despondency among the youth because of the knowledge gap," she explained.

The Committee is set continue with county hearings today in Migori and Trans-Nzoia counties.

In Trans-Nzoia, the former freedom fighters and their descendants, led by Mr Mahuria are expected to present a petition, calling for inclusion of their compensation in the next financial year's budget.



Some of Mau Mau War Veterans Association members after presenting their views in Nairobi on Saturday. They were led by Bishop Jane Mumbi Ng'ethe (in bright headscarf)..

Gachagua Demands Release Of Software Developer Rose Njeri

By: Irene Mwangi
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Worth Noting:

- “Instead of celebrating her innovation and contribution to civic engagement, the state has chosen to make an example of her. This is not just an attack on Rose. It is a continuation of the attack on the youth of this country. It is an attempt to stifle their courage, their innovative spirit,” Gachagua stated.
- Gachagua’s comments come amid growing concern over recent remarks by Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, who has proposed criminalising what he termed ‘fake abductions’.
- The Former Deputy President warned that such a move could be abused to silence victims and discredit legitimate claims of abuse.

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has condemned the Kenya Kwanza administration’s suppression of dissent, warning that the government has failed to learn from last year’s Gen Z-led protests. Gachagua criticised what he described as the government’s growing intolerance to dissent, warning that a pattern of harassment, intimidation, and scapegoating is taking root particularly as the controversial 2025 Finance Bill looms. “As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Gen Z protests, it is painfully clear that this administration has learnt nothing about listening to the people. Rather than embracing dialogue and reforms, the government is escalating its crackdown on dissent, using fear and intimidation to silence those who speak out. Especially as the new Finance Bill approaches,” Gachagua said. He singled out the arrest and harassment of Rose Njeri, a young software developer, as a troubling sign of the state’s willingness to target youth and innovation in its campaign to muzzle public discourse. “Instead of celebrating her innovation and contribution to civic engagement, the state has chosen to make an example of her. This is not just an attack on Rose. It is a continuation of the attack on the youth of this country. It is an attempt to stifle their courage, their innovative spirit,” Gachagua stated. Gachagua’s comments come amid growing concern over recent remarks by Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, who has proposed criminalising what he termed ‘fake abductions’. The Former Deputy President warned that such a move could be abused to silence victims and discredit legitimate claims of abuse. “The harassment of Rose is, unfortunately, just the beginning. Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen’s recent call to criminalise so-called ‘fake abductions’ is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to suppress dissent,” “Who decides what is ‘fake’? The same administration where the President and his top officials dismissed reports of abductions as fake news or self-inflicted, only to quietly admit the truth under public pressure?”Gachagua posed. Gachagua called on citizens to remain alert and urged solidarity in the face of shrinking civic space and urged authorities to release Njeri immediately.



Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

“Now, more than ever, Kenyans must remain vigilant. We must speak up for our rights and for each other. I call for the immediate release of Rose Njeri and urge all Kenyans to stand together against the silencing of our voices. Our future depends on it,” he explained. Gachagua questioned the government’s sincerity in addressing the concerns of young people, accusing leaders of hypocrisy. “Ironically and curiously, this is the same administration shedding crocodile tears on Gen Zs and their blood and pretending to ask for forgiveness melancholically, ‘If there is any misstep, we apologize,’” he stated. Software developer and activist Rose Njeri was arrested on Friday, May 31, 2025, in Nairobi’s South B estate by officers from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI). Her arrest followed the creation of “Civic Email,” an online platform designed to facilitate public objections to the proposed Finance Bill 2025 by enabling citizens to send their feedback directly to the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly and the Parliamentary Finance Committee. Following her arrest, Njeri was taken to Pangani Police Station, where she has been detained without formal charges or bail. Efforts by her legal team, including

senior counsel John Khaminwa, to secure her release have been unsuccessful. Khaminwa reported that the officer in charge at Pangani stated his hands were tied regarding granting bail. During the arrest, DCI officers conducted a search of Njeri’s home without presenting a search warrant,

confiscating her work tools, including computers, hard drives, and phones. Her family members, including her mother, Naomi Njoki, have expressed concern over her health, noting that she suffers from anemia and that the conditions of her detention are detrimental to her well-being.



Rose Njeri

Learning In First University In Nyandarua To Start In September

By: Kimani Tirus
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Governor of Nyandarua County, Kiarie Badilisha has revealed that the first cohort of University of Nyandarua will commence their learning in September.

Governor Badilisha, who was speaking during Madaraka Day celebrations at the Boiman area, said so far, the newly established university, which is a constituent college of the University of Nairobi, has registered 89 students, with more to be registered in two weeks' time.

The governor lauded the inception of the university, terming it as a game changer in boosting the economy in the neighbourhood, noting that consumption of milk and potatoes is expected to increase when the university is fully operational.

Further on education, the county boss said over 100,000 needy students have benefitted from the Sh500 million

bursary fund, noting that if it were not for the bursaries, many needy learners would have dropped out of school.

He was concerned over the uncertainty of the bursary due to the sudden stoppage of the bursary due to the prevailing tug of war over its legality.

On agriculture, Badilisha said the sector has transformed notably in dairy farming, noting that so far, over 11,000 dairy animals have been served through subsidized artificial insemination program.

He added that through the program, the county expects to be producing 10 million litres of milk per year earning the county Sh500 million.

On sports, Governor Badilisha anticipates having Nyandarua County as a sporting hub where his government is focused on renovating 8 stadiums across the county so as to create platforms for nurturing talents.

However, he expressed concern that delayed exchequer funding from the national government has impeded the timely completion of projects and some have even stalled.



Nyandarua County Governor Kiarie Badilisha and other leaders joins dancers during the Madaraka Day celebrations on Sunday..

Nyandarua County Commissioner Abdirisack Jaldesa gave a stern warning to those engaging in livestock theft as well as illicit brew and other drugs and directed chiefs and their

assistants to be vigilant in containing the vices.

On human-wildlife conflict, the county commissioner urged members of the public to be reporting injuries

and deaths caused by wildlife invasion, reminding them that the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife has fast-tracked compensation.



Kindiki: Kenya Kwanza Will Deliver All Promises By 2027

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The Kenya Kwanza government will fulfil all the promises made to Kenyans before the next general elections, Deputy President Professor Kithure Kindiki has assured.

Speaking in Kibirichia, Meru County, during an Economic Empowerment program for Small Scale Traders through their SACCOs last Saturday, Professor Kindiki said they were focused on fast-tracking completion of all the projects before the next general elections.

He said the delays in the implementation of some of the projects were caused by a lack of finances orchestrated by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the dropping of the 2024/2025 finance bill.

“At the moment, our economy is on the recovery path and we have enough money to fund the projects that we promised to Kenyans,” said Professor Kindiki.

He added that some of the projects were pivotal in bettering the lives of millions of Kenyans, especially those at the grassroots.

On economic empowerment, Professor Kindiki said they will continue supporting mama mboga, boda boda riders, owners of salons, barbershops, carpenters, electricians and other micro- and small-scale traders who play a huge role in running the local economies and creating jobs.

“The economic empowerment programme is complementary to the targeted policies in the agricultural value chains that have stabilised the economy and led to better earnings in the coffee, tea, dairy, miraa and other sub-sectors,” said Professor Kindiki.

He added that at least 400 new markets are in various stages of construction across the country, and the government was also reviving stalled roads, intensifying electricity connections and implementing policies and programmes for the creation of jobs and income opportunities in various sectors.

“In Meru County, the government is constructing 17 new markets and six more will commence soon. Sh9 billion has been allocated for the expansion of last-mile electricity connection in the County and targets 20,000 new households,” said Professor Kindiki.

He acknowledged that the govern-



Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki consulting with other leaders during the Empowerment forum at Kibirichia, Meru County last Saturday.

ment was not there yet, but it has made some development steps forward.

“In the last two years we have been working to control the cost of living by improving agricultural commodity prices. For instance, by the time we assumed office, a kilogram of cof-

fee was Sh44 but it is at Sh94 as we speak, said the DP.

“In 2022, we made Sh160 billion from tea, Sh180 in 2023 and last year we realised Sh218 billion. This is an indication of better days to come and we are working hard to realise the dream,” said Professor Kindiki.

The DP was accompanied by among others, Cabinet Secretaries Dr Eric Mugaa and Geoffrey Ruku as well several Members of Parliament led by the Leader of Majority in the National Assembly Kimani Ichung’wah. Also present was the Meru County Government Isaac Mutuma.

Senate Committee Vows Action On Land Grievances In Muthanthara, Embu

By: PSCU

The Senate Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural Resources has pledged to investigate long-standing land grievances raised by residents of Muthanthara in Mbeere North Sub-County, who claim they were excluded from fair land allocation.

The consultative meeting, chaired by Mombasa Senator Mohamed Faki followed a petition highlighting the alleged unfair distribution of land. Residents, mostly from the Tharaka ethnic group, accused authorities of awarding large portions of land to non-indigenous individuals through unclear and questionable processes. Many said they had been left landless or with plots too small to sustain their families.

“This is the only home we’ve ever known,” one emotional resident told



Embu Senator Alexander Mundigi Munyi addressing his constituents last week.

the committee. “We were born here and have nowhere else to go. It’s painful to see strangers come and take over what is rightfully ours.”

Senator Faki responded that the committee was committed to fairness. “We are here to listen, and we will act. Every Kenyan deserves

fairness, especially when it concerns land—a vital resource,” he said.

Murang’a Senator Joe Nyutu added that those suspected of acquiring land irregularly would be called to account. “No one is above the law,” he affirmed. “We will ensure this matter is handled transparently and



Some of the locals who attended the meeting

conclusively.”

Senator Mariam Omar highlighted the constitutional rights of all communities, including minorities. “We are committed to finding a lasting solution and ensuring justice for the people of Muthanthara, including the 103-year-old man who now has no

place to call home.”

The committee plans to invite all relevant stakeholders before submitting a full report to the Senate for further action.

Enhance Support For The Creative Sector To Create Jobs, State Urged

By: John Kamau
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Worth Noting:

- This includes strengthening copyright laws, ensuring fair compensation for artists and establishing a creative fund to provide financial support to creatives thereby fostering business growth and innovation.
- According to Bishop CW John of Share The Love Center Ministry, located in Kenol Murang'a County, the creative sector has a myriad of opportunities which if unlocked, will create jobs for over 5 million talented youths.
- "The government support can encourage the development and use of online platforms that help creatives connect with audiences, market their work, and monetize their skills. It's high time it recognize the economic and social impact of the creative economy and champion its growth within government policy," the Bishop said.

The government has been challenged to up support for the creative sector so as to unlock the sector's economic potential as well as create jobs for the youth.

The creative and arts industry is taunted as the best shot towards addressing the unemployment crisis in the country according to stakeholders and players in the sector.

They aver that the government can support the growth of the creative economy by investing in infrastructure, developing entrepreneurial skills, reviewing policies that hinder growth and promoting digital platforms.

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The Bishop, known for his interdenominational ministry, asserted that creatives talents should be supported so as to make a meaningful life out of their art adding that time is ripe for talented but jobless youths turn their talents into their sources of income for them to lead decent lives.

Bishop John is a lead actor in a recently released Nollywood movie dubbed 'Prophet Suddenly 3' that has attracted over 2 million views a week after it was released. His stage name in the movie is 'Bishop Bazuu Maina'.

In interview during his milestones celebrations at the Church, the cleric quipped acting and or participating in creative content has proved to be an effective way of ministering gospel adding that players in the sector can draw a myriad of inspirations from the movie.

The movie was casted in Kenya-particularly Murang'a County, Nigeria and USA. This highlighted that potential the country holds in terms of creative and cultural content that can be exploited to put the country in the global stage.

He pointed out that the creative econ-

omy being one of the fastest growing sectors should be identified not only as a source of employment but also as an enabler of national cohesion and innovation adding that Kenya's creative economy presents economic and cultural opportunities that require development.

The Bishop at the same time rallied Kenyan creatives and especially those in who create content on gospel ministry or religious art to exploit opportunities in the digital space to grow and sustain their talents.

"I'd advice the youth in the creative industry, and I'm biased to those producing religious content, to use their phones to drive their growth in the industry. There's no need to wait. They don't require huge equipments like cameras to start and grow, they can use their phones for the work," he said.

Similar sentiments were echoed by Evangelist Evangeline Karimi who rallied support for the talented youths so as to perk up their livelihoods. She averred that most youths are jobless despite being skilled due to frustrations from the government and at times by the society.

She noted that Share The Love Center Ministry, youngsters are nurtured, trained and equipped with requisite skills required to succeed in this digital age.

"We plead with the government through the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage to make the funds available for the talented youths so that they can be able to monetize their work. Producing content is costly and with financial hiccups our youth end up losing hope," she said.

Tabitha Small, a budding actor, called on the government to scout and support talents in villages, schools, universities and colleges adding that the state should establish public-private partnerships (PPPs) to expand training opportunities and bridge the digital divide in creative communities.

Kenya's creative sector's evolution is attributable to many factors including the expanded digital environment, characterized by increased consumption of creative works, improved Internet infrastructure, better legislative framework, and a growing global interest in Africa's creative sector.

Collectively, these factors have created opportunities for diverse revenue streams, especially for the youth who make the biggest number in the population and whose innovative and creative talents have thousands seeking entrepreneurship opportunities for the betterment of their livelihoods.



Bishop John CW of Share The Love Center Ministry.



Evangelist Eve CW during the celebrations.

Nakuru Gun-Gang Rounded Up As Police Recover Killer Rifle

By: The DCI

A team of detectives deployed to hunt down a daring armed gang that had become the nightmare of Nakuru County dwellers rounded up the five gang members and recovered the AK-47 used in their crime spree. Acting on intelligence leads, the team drawn from DCI's Operation Action Team and Crime Research Bureau augmented their Nakuru counterparts in a coordinated raid that saw the gang member flushed from their hideouts. After interrogating the suspects, police proceeded to Rhoda area of Nakuru, where the AK 47 loaded with three rounds of ammunition was found concealed in dry grasses near a residential house. Regrettably, the gang goes down, leaving behind a trail of sad memo-

ries and untold pain to the victims of their violent attacks. On Monday night, the robbers ambushed and opened fire at police officers on foot patrol, killing one and injuring two. The injured officers are still receiving treatment. In a separate incident, the gang staged a violent robbery at a shop located in Soilo area of Nakuru, attacking the 24-year-old owner with machetes and daggers before stealing hundreds of thousands from his shop. After the daring robbery, they dragged the already suppressed young man from the shop and shot him dead. Several other incidents have been reported across the County. The five have since been identified as William Nywhili Rioba, Nyahili Nyamuhaga Magige, Emmanuel Muita Muita, Catherine Nkatha Zakayo and Peter Chacha and are expected to be charged in court today.



Medical Supplies Firm Rolls Out 98 CT Scans, 400 Theatres and Labs in Kenyan Counties

By: Contributor

Sunview Medipro International has officially launched Phase 1 of a large-scale installation of advanced medical equipment across public health facilities at the national, county, and sub-county levels in Kenya. This transformative project, implemented under the National Equipment Service Program (NESP) by the Ministry of Health (MoH) in collaboration with the Council of Governors (CoG), will see the deployment of an initial 98 Diagnostic Imaging CT Scan Machines (2 per county), 2 Diagnostic Imaging Mammogram Machines, 400 Operating Theatres, and 400 Laboratories across the country. Structured under a Fee-for-Service (FFS) model, the initiative is designed to modernize healthcare infrastructure while strengthening early diagnosis and treatment of prevalent conditions in public facilities. The rollout represents a critical milestone in Kenya's commitment to decentralized access to specialized medical services and the broader goal of

Universal Health Coverage (UHC). "Our integrated approach ensures that healthcare providers receive seamless support throughout the entire process," said Mr. Sirat Amin, CEO of Sunview Medipro, during the flag-off ceremony at the company's Nairobi headquarters. He emphasized that the program is not just about equipment delivery, but also includes installation, setup, comprehensive training, maintenance, spare parts, consumables, and continuous consultation to ensure uninterrupted and high-quality healthcare delivery. Installations are already underway at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital, King Fahd Lamu County Referral Hospital, Kerugoya County Referral Hospital and the Wajir County Referral Hospital. According to James Kamau, Principal Supply Chain Officer at the Council of Governors, the first phase will prioritize Level 5 and key referral hospitals. "With the FFS model in place, public health facilities can now deliver high-end medical services without heavy capital costs," Kamau said. "This will save counties millions in



maintenance costs, which can be re-allocated to hire more health workers and procure essential medical supplies." The upgraded facilities are also expected to enable reverse referrals, where patients who would typically seek services at national referral or private hospitals can now access comparable care locally. This shift will support one-stop, quality, and free public healthcare services at the county level, aligning with the goals of the Universal Health Coverage agenda. To ensure the public can fully benefit from these improved services, county governments are urged to fast-track registration with the Social Health Authority (SHA). Health Principal Secretary Ouma Oluga praised the initiative stating that it will ensure that no expectant mother or sick patient is denied care due to inability to pay. "Equipping our health facilities with the right tools is a cornerstone of effective care. This is how we build a responsive, resilient health system," he stated. Sunview Medipro has partnered with globally recognized manufacturers, including GE, Fuji, and United Imaging, to deliver high-end equipment.

Life Is A Teacher In Love Too



At the crossroads, shadows play,
A steadfast heart will find its way.
Through the pain, a lesson grew,
Life is a teacher in love too.

At times it's harsh, at times it's sweet,
Love has trials, yet none retreat.
In teardrops lies a wisdom true,
Life is a teacher in love too.

Love may come and love may go,
But hearts endure, they do not slow.

Each longing leaves a trace in view,
Life is a teacher in love too.

In sorrow deep, defeat was sown,
Yet victory in my soul was known.
Even pain taught something new,
Life is a teacher in love too.

And now I smile, my path is bright,
I chase my dreams with fearless light.
Each wound has wisdom shining through,
Life is a teacher in love too.

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Lady of Black



What does your black color hide for me other than blooming fields of Madonna lilies, proudly guarding the gates of your highest paradise, burning all the sins of my insolent fingers if they come any closer? Don't you know that my fingers have rebelled against me and become wild horses neighing loudly when they listen to those murmurs?! Would you shower them with a dose of your legendary honey sealed with red wax, so that their mad lust might calm down and subside?! Which of us is screaming at the other? My longing or the flowers of your black color?! If it were up to me, I would have rested on its banks perfumed with the scent of Prada* and would not have benefited from the excitement of his pure femininity. If it were up to me, I would have questioned its depths drowned in his aristocratic dreams and sowed in it the seeds of a dictatorial lust for love. If it were up to me, I would have kissed him a thousand kisses from the front and smelled the

vigour of his madness from behind, mined with Roman myths, every moment of waiting. How jealous the soul is of the lace as it cuts the stillness of polished legs. Pride defies me not to come closer, lest this world burn?! And how much the stormy winds of his lust suffocate me, dyeing the partings of my gray hairs, my days of anticipation, shyly, his lips flushed with the long silence?! Ah! If its doors were suddenly opened, this longing would blossom into fresh Sumerian flowers. Oh, if my conquering horses entered deep, an earthquake would occur, sweeping away all the false gods of love, and we would be victorious!

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* Madonna lily? : The Madonna lily (or Virgin lily) is a type of flower considered a symbol in art and religion, representing purity and chastity. It is sometimes called the "Virgin lily" because of its association with the incarnation of the Virgin Mary in Christian tradition, as these flowers are believed to represent purity and innocence.
* Prada: A global Italian perfume brand.
* Sumerian flowers: Used in literary or artistic contexts to indicate ancient or traditional beauty, inspired by the ancient Sumerian civilization.

Kareem Abdullah - Iraq

The Power Of Writing



Greetings to all! For many students, seeing their name in print is a dream come true. To achieve this, consistency is key. Write daily, regardless of the quality or length of your writing. Mistakes can be rectified over time. Writing is a skill that needs to be developed in the early stage

In today's world, many of us struggle to express our emotions, feelings, and thoughts. Instead, we suppress them, lacking the practice to channelize our feelings. If we knew our emotional quotient (EQ) level, we could better manage our emotions and behaviors. Writing can be a powerful tool to vent out our feelings and emotions, freeing our hearts from burden.

Through writing, we can undergo a transformation, shifting from frustration to calmness. I personally believe that writing is essential for emotional well-being. As a child, I used to scribble on leaves and write diary

entries to express my feelings. This habit helped me find pleasure and clarity. It's time for us to recognize the importance of writing and encourage others to do the same. Let's not be swayed by external validation; instead, let's focus on nurturing our creativity. Children should be encouraged to express their talents in various ways, balancing studies with extracurricular activities.

Life is a mix of joys and sorrows. By managing our time effectively and persevering through challenges, we can reach the peak of success. With numerous opportunities available, let's grab them and make the most of them.

Children should not be a frog in the well, instead they should come to express their feelings in many ways.

Let's learn and share our emotions, knowledge, and thoughts together. Wishing you all the best!

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Stars Of Rhythmic Gymnastics



Sports help strengthen a person both physically and mentally. A child who is healthy in body and spirit can become a worthy leader of tomorrow. When speaking of this, it is impossible not to mention the agile and graceful members of the Rhythmic Gymnastics club of the "Barkamol Avlod" (Harmoniously Developed Generation) children's school. Indeed, the head of the "Rhythmic Gymnastics" club in the "Physical Education and Sports" direction of the Romitan District "Barkamol Avlod" children's school, Feruza Bobokulova, stands out with her dedication and tireless efforts. Talented members of the gymnastics club consistently achieve top places at district, city, and even national levels. The tireless work of our esteemed coach is yielding real results. Students such as Shahrizoda Kholiqova,

Sabina Islomova, Nozanin Mamurova, Amira Mamurova, and Ruhshona Khatamova, who are sincerely devoted to this sport, are among the most talented and promising participants.

Rhythmic gymnastics, with its elegance, finesse, and graceful movements, brings warmth, love, and affection to people's hearts. By sharing these thoughts with you, our dear readers, we aim to encourage you to contribute to making your children's and loved ones' summer holidays meaningful and enriching.

Just as we do not consider any child a stranger, their health, well-being, and future are the responsibility of all of us.

Nozima Namozova
Methodologist of the "Barkamol Avlod" Children's School, Romitan District, Bukhara Region



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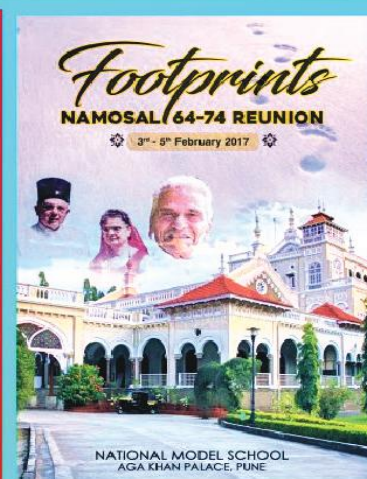
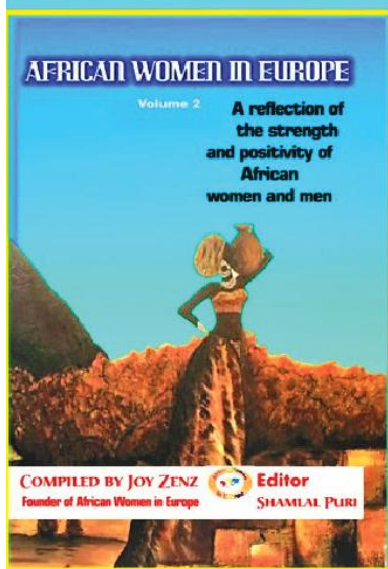
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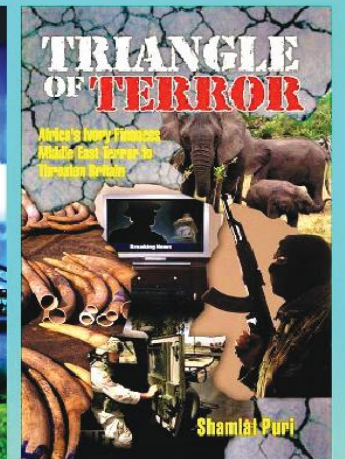
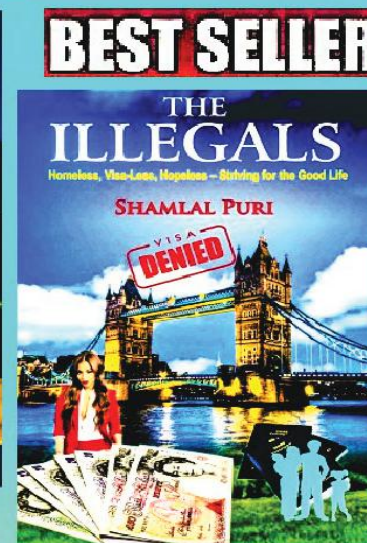
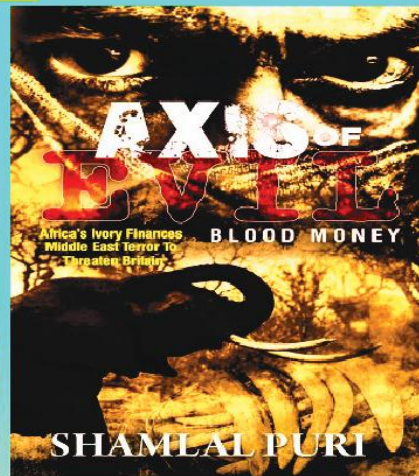
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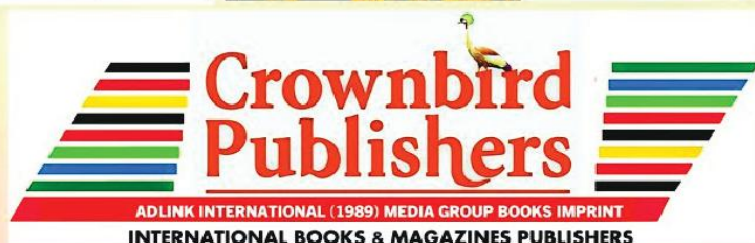
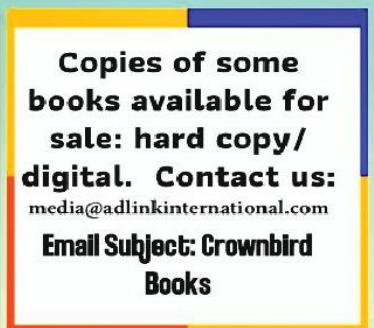
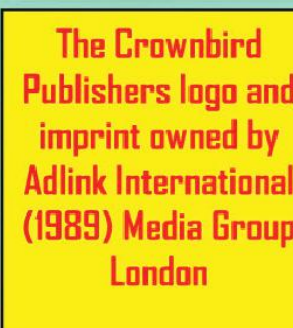
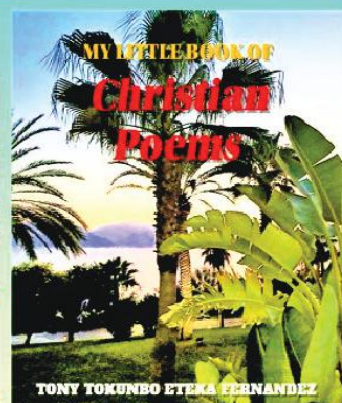
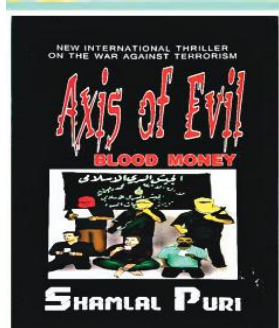
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Murang'a Residents Call For Proper Handling Of Green Waste By Avocado Processing Firms

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Worth Noting:

- Speaking to journalists, the residents averred that firms that dump the waste in the area should ensure it's treated properly so as not to put the environment and their health in jeopardy.
- The locals led by Paul Marugu, Josphat Njoroge and Mary Njoki claim that trucks have been ferrying the waste into the area adding that their only worry is the foul odour emanating from the waste.
- "Our only concern is the foul odor emanating from the waste. We fear there might be outbreak of diseases if the waste is not properly handled including treating it with enzymes," said resident Paul Murugu.
- They also claimed that the pods were the waste is being dumped have turned into breeding places for mosquitoes adding that they pose danger to locals and children who use the roads in the area.

A section of Murang'a County residents have raised concerns over handling of green waste by avocado processing firms in the region.

The locals from Kibuu, Rukira and Muruka areas in Kandara constituency claim that waste from processed avocado fruits, known as pomace, is being dumped in the area, raising environmental concerns.

Avocado pomace is a fibrous by-product of avocado oil production, generated when avocado fruits are pressed to extract oil. It's a waste product that can be used as a source of bioenergy like biofuel or briquettes, and can also be used in functional foods and cosmetics.

The waste is mainly composed of the fibrous part of the avocado fruits including the pulp, skin and some remnants of the seed.

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They called for proper regulation and implementation of policies of handling of the waste by the relevant authorities including the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Public Health Officials and the county government, so as to avert a possible health and or environment crisis.

A spot check by journalists in various firms indicated that they are struggling to handle pomace especially during this avocado season due to an influx of the produce.

However, they are implementing measures to recycle the waste including the pomace and avocado cake which is now being turned into feeds and fertilizer.

Murang'a County NEMA Director Catherine Wanjiru acknowledged the locals concerns but dispelled fears that the pomace is posing threat to the environment noting that it's organic waste which can be used to make fertilizer.

She also averred that the sites where the waste is being dumped have been thoroughly scrutinized and licensed by the relevant authorities adding that stringent regulations have been put in place for the waste handlers.

"In Murang'a, those who deal with the waste haulage have formed an association to ensure that the regulations and



Avocado pomace at a dumpsite in Kandara, Murang'a County.

policies are strictly adhered to. We have also notified them that all trucks ferrying the waste are painted green and labeled green waste to distinguish them from exhausters that haul raw sewerage," she said.

She put on notice rogue transporters who are ferrying the waste using exhausters, noting that they are contraven-

ing the laws on green waste handling and endangering the lives of residents.

The Director also averred that most avocado processing firms in the region are adopting latest technologies and practices to manage the waste including recycling it into more useful and environmental-friendly products like organic fertilizer and livestock feeds.

"There are factories that are already recycling the waste after it has dried to make biochar and briquettes which are a good source of energy. Others are making fertilizer and livestock feeds," she noted.



One of the lorries used to ferry avocado waste. Owners have been ordered to paste them green to distinguish them from exhausters that ferry raw sewerage.

Researchers: Universities Financial Crisis A Threat To Advancement

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Researchers have raised concerns over the current financial struggles facing most local universities, warning that they pose a threat to research and innovation.

Many institutions, they noted, are struggling to secure adequate funding, making it difficult to support and sustain innovative projects through to completion.

They added that only a few universities are in a position to effectively fund researchers and innovators, locking out the many opportunities that lie unearthed and which can contribute positively to the country's economic development.

Led by the Executive Director of the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), Dr Catherine Kyobutungi, they said

the financial constraints have forced most Universities to focus only on their core business of education.

They called for urgent partnerships between the institutions and the government and the private sector to save the future of innovations.

Kyobutungi decried the low investment towards research and innovation by most African governments at an average of 0.45% of their GDP, with Kenya investing about 0.6 per cent saying this has left the institutions of higher learning stretched.

"If African governments don't inject more funding into research and innovation, then we fear economic growth in the continent. They need to direct more to this field, as most universities are cash-crunched," said Dr. Kyubutungi.

She added that financial constraints have caused frustrations among innovators whose projects have never scaled past the prototype stage with funding not forthcoming.



Executive Director of the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), Dr Catherine Kyobutungi with other stakeholders.

"Research is a cost; it must be itemised on priority funding and will become effective in solving the many problems that bedevil African countries. Without research, we will not have development; we must always be innovative," she said.

The official, at the same time, challenged the universities to tap into research and innovation to be able to maintain relevance and potentially diversify revenue streams.

Audit Exposes Sh304bn In Idle Govt Project Funds

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At least 14 flagship government projects have failed to absorb more than half of their allocated budgets, resulting in the underutilisation of Sh304.4 billion over the past five years.

This represents 59.1 per cent of the total Sh515.1 billion earmarked for development, according to Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Budget and Appropriations Committee, Gathungu highlighted stalled development and chronic underperformance, warning that continued inefficiencies in budget absorption are jeopardising critical national infrastructure and social initiatives.

"Many of these projects now risk lapsing without achieving their intended goals," Gathungu cautioned.

Her report further revealed that taxpayers have incurred a staggering Sh6.569 billion in commitment fees charges levied on undrawn loan balances paid to foreign lenders between the 2020/21 and 2023/24 financial years.

These loans were tied to underper-

forming projects whose funds remained idle.

"Indeed, between the FY 2020/2021 and FY 2023/2024, the Government paid commitment fees totalling Sh6.569 billion on undrawn amounts in respect of loans signed between the Government of Kenya and foreign lenders," she said.

A breakdown shows that Sh2 billion was paid in 2020/21, Sh1.48 billion in 2021/22, Sh1.43 billion in 2022/23, and Sh1.58 billion in 2023/24.

Legal Breach in Development Allocations

Gathungu also raised alarm over the low priority given to development spending in the national budget.

In the 2023/24 financial year, only Sh708.85 billion or 15 per cent of the total Sh4.26 trillion expenditure was allocated to development.

In the proposed 2024/25 budget, development spending stands at Sh643.9 billion, or 25.8 per cent of projected expenditure, still falling short of the legally required threshold.

"This is contrary to the provisions of Section 15(2)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, which requires that, over the medium term,



Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu.

a minimum of thirty per cent (30 per cent) of the National and County Governments budgets shall be allocated to development expenditure," reads the Auditor-General's report.

Flagship Projects Stalling

Among the projects cited for significant delays is the East Africa Skills Transformation Project, budgeted at Sh1.1 billion over six years to 2024, but which had absorbed only 61 per cent of donor funding by June this year.

The Kapchorwa-Suam-Kitale and Eldoret Bypass road projects, valued at Sh23.5 billion, had an undrawn balance of 35 per cent by September 2023.

Most concerning, however, is the Mombasa Gate Bridge, a major infrastructure venture launched in December 2019 with a Sh49.05 billion budget over seven years. Four years in, only Sh938.2 million (2 per cent) has been spent, leaving a staggering Sh48.11 billion untouched.

"In accordance with Clause II (2.03) of the financing agreement, the loan will continue to attract a penalty on the undrawn balance in the form of commitment fees," Gathungu warned.

Unlocking Wealth: Monetizing Intellectual Property In Kenya Through A Legal-Commercial Lens



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Worth Noting:

- The importance of IP monetization in Kenya lies in its ability to drive economic and commercial growth. It provides businesses with a competitive edge by distinguishing their products in a crowded market, as seen with Kenyan startups leveraging trademarks for brand recognition.
- Monetized IP attracts investment, as investors value companies with robust IP portfolios, according to a 2024 Bowmans report. It also supports global expansion through international treaties like the Madrid System, enabling Kenyan businesses to protect and monetize IP abroad.
- Additionally, IP monetization contributes to job creation and tax revenues, aligning with Kenya's Vision 2030 goals. By turning intangible assets into financial returns, businesses can reinvest in innovation, creating a virtuous cycle of growth.

Monetization of intellectual property (IP) refers to the process of generating revenue or economic value from intangible assets protected by law, such as patents, trademarks, copyrights, and industrial designs. In Kenya, a hub of innovation and creativity, IP monetization involves strategies like licensing, franchising, selling, or leveraging IP assets as collateral to create financial returns. These assets, legally recognized under Article 40(5) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, are critical for businesses and creators seeking to capitalize on their innovations. Monetization transforms ideas into tradeable assets, fostering economic growth and competitive advantage. By exploiting IP rights, businesses can generate consistent revenue streams, attract investors, and expand into global markets. This process is pivotal in Kenya's evolving economy, where IP is increasingly seen as a driver of innovation and entrepreneurship.

In Kenya, the primary IP rights that can be monetized include patents, trademarks, copyrights, industrial designs, and trade secrets. Patents protect inventions, allowing owners to license or sell novel technologies, as facilitated by the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI). Trademarks, also managed by KIPI, enable brand licensing or franchising, as seen in global brands expanding through Kenya's vibrant market. Copyrights, overseen by the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO), cover creative works like music and literature, generating royalties through licensing agreements. Industrial designs and trade secrets, protected under common law, can be licensed or used to enhance product differentiation. Monetizing these rights not only creates revenue but also strengthens market positioning and fosters innovation.

The importance of IP monetization in Kenya lies in its ability to drive economic and commercial growth. It provides businesses with a competitive edge by distinguishing their products in a crowded market, as seen with Kenyan startups leveraging trademarks for brand recognition. Monetized IP attracts investment, as investors value companies with robust IP portfolios, according to a 2024 Bowmans report. It also supports global expansion through international treaties like the Madrid System, enabling Kenyan businesses to protect and monetize IP abroad. Additionally, IP monetization contributes to job creation and tax revenues, aligning with Kenya's Vision



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From a legal-commercial perspective, monetizing IP in Kenya involves navigating a robust yet complex regulatory framework. The Industrial Property Act (2001) and Copyright Act (2001) align with international standards like the TRIPS Agreement, ensuring IP rights are enforceable. Licensing agreements, where a licensor grants usage rights for royalties, are a common monetization strategy, but require careful drafting to avoid disputes. Franchising, popular among global brands, allows Kenyan businesses to leverage trademarks for scalable growth. Taxation of IP transactions, including VAT and capital gains tax, demands compliance to avoid penalties, as outlined in a 2024 Lexology article. Businesses must also conduct IP audits to ensure assets are registered and protected, enhancing their commercial viability.

Reflecting on Kenya's IP monetization landscape, the potential is immense but underexploited. The creative and tech sectors, from Nairobi's Silicon Savannah to rural artisans, produce valuable IP, yet awareness and expertise remain limited. For instance, Kenyan musicians often miss out on royalties due to unregistered copyrights, while startups struggle to leverage patents as collateral. The government's push for a single Intellectual Property Office of Kenya (IPOK) via the Intellectual Property Bill, 2020, signals progress toward streamlined administration. However, businesses must proactively engage with legal experts to maximize IP value. Monetization not only fuels individual enterprises but also positions Kenya as a regional innovation leader.

Despite its promise, IP monetization in Kenya faces significant challenges, the first being the high cost of registration and enforcement. Registering a patent with KIPI can be prohibitively expensive for startups, with fees and legal costs deterring small businesses. Enforcement through litigation, often necessary to combat infringement, is costly and time-consuming, limiting access to justice for smaller entities. A 2024 Bowmans report notes that only well-funded companies can typically afford protracted IP disputes. This financial barrier stifles innovation and restricts monetization to larger firms. Addressing this requires subsidized registration fees and streamlined legal processes.

The second challenge is the lack of specialized IP valuation professionals and frameworks. Accurate valuation is critical for monetizing IP through licensing or as collateral, yet Kenya lacks standardized valuation methods. Lenders often undervalue IP assets due to this gap, as highlighted in a 2024 Lexology article. This limits the ability of businesses to use IP for financing, hindering growth. Developing a cadre of trained valuers and enacting valuation legislation could unlock IP's economic potential. Such reforms would enhance trust in IP as a commercial asset.

A third challenge is inadequate enforcement of IP laws, particularly against counterfeiting. The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) struggles with nationwide presence, allowing counterfeit goods to erode legitimate businesses' revenue. Weak enforcement discourages investors and undermines consumer trust, as noted in a 2024 trade.gov report. This issue is compounded by lengthy judicial processes, despite specialized IP tribunals improving efficiency. Strengthening ACA's capacity and

fast-tracking IP cases could bolster monetization efforts. Effective enforcement ensures that IP owners can confidently commercialize their assets.

Finally, limited public awareness and expertise in IP monetization pose a significant hurdle. Many Kenyan creators and businesses lack knowledge of IP rights and their commercial potential, as emphasized in a 2025 WIPO report. Tech startups, for instance, often fail to protect trade secrets, leaving them vulnerable to copycats. This gap is exacerbated by a shortage of specialized IP lawyers, with few firms offering dedicated services. Awareness campaigns and capacity-building programs, like those by KIPI, are critical to bridging this divide. Educating businesses on IP's business value will drive broader adoption of monetization strategies.

In conclusion, monetizing IP in Kenya offers a pathway to economic prosperity, leveraging the country's rich innovation ecosystem. By transforming intangible assets into revenue streams, businesses can enhance competitiveness, attract investment, and fuel growth. However, challenges like high costs, valuation gaps, weak enforcement, and low awareness must be addressed through legal and institutional reforms. The proposed IPOK and increased collaboration with WIPO signal a promising future. Businesses must adopt proactive strategies, including audits and legal counsel, to unlock IP's full potential. With concerted efforts, Kenya can emerge as a regional leader in IP-driven economic development.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pioneer African Civil Service Head, Central Bank Of Kenya Governor, Duncan Ndegwa Turns 100 Years

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100 years, happy birthday Duncan Ndiritu Ndegwa son of Ndegwa Wahome and Njeeri Wahome.

One of the first African graduate teachers at Kagumo High School alongside John Waruri Githuku, Alexander Njoroge Gitau, brother to Mama Edith Wanjiru Matiba etc Duncan Ndegwa, a down to earth personality and a good story teller did his further education at St Andrew’s varsity Scotland varsity before coming back to the country. He is pioneer African Head of Pubic Service/ Secretary to the Cabinet. But in mid 1960s he requested Jomo Kenyatta for permission to leave his plum job in the civil service and join the county’s monetary authority, Central Bank of Kenya as pioneer African governor. Ndegwa left office purely because a clique of Kiambu mafia started undermining him behind the curtains for their self serving selfish interests. Kenyatta accepted his request. Ndegwa, an accomplished administrator and a titan of fiscal management performed his duties at CBK with characteris-

tic gusto until his retirement in early 1980s after which he dedicated his energy in entrepreneurship thus in 1990 an international fiscal magazine rated Ndegwa and his three partners namely retired Kenya shell CEO Nick Muriuki, ex CBK governor Phillip Ndegwa Mutuku and Roger Wanton as business trail blazers owning one of the largest conglomerate of investors in East African region . Before leaving plum job in civil service, Kenyatta asked Ndegwa to recommend one person to take over his job at Harambee house and reporting back to Jomo he came up with three names ie Ken Matiba, John Michuki and Geoffrey Karekia Kariithi. Ndegwa recommended Kariithi for the job arguing that besides being a level headed personality he was in analyzing intelligence reports and making necessary recommendations further arguing that Matiba and Kenyatta were equally efficient public servants but they were hot tempered and the position required quite relatively a cool headed person a vital attribute in decision making processes in such a senior position in the public service. Despite aforementioned qualities of Ndegwa, he lives a down to earth life for instance he owns old model but well maintained vehi-



Duncan Ndiritu Ndegwa

cles like an ancient Range Rover grey metallic registration, white range rover vogue. He is a well known philanthropist e.g paying school fees for children

from poor families, that kind of thing. From his pocket, he refurbished Ngangarathi secondary school near Nyeri town and bought school bus etc.He is a keen listener also.

When Hope Hangs By A Machine

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Cancer patients at Kenya’s largest public hospital found themselves facing an unexpected crisis when the facility’s Linear Accelerator machine broke down, leaving hundreds of them without access to critical radiotherapy treatment for two weeks. The equipment failure at Kenyatta National Hospital has highlighted a pressing need for robust investment in medical infrastructure.

The recent equipment failure at the country’s largest public hospital has exposed a harsh reality: in the battle against disease, even the most advanced medical facilities remain vulnerable to technical breakdowns that can leave hundreds of patients

in limbo.

Cancer treatment operates on strict timelines. Radiation therapy sessions are carefully calibrated, with delays potentially compromising treatment outcomes. When critical equipment fails, patients face an agonizing choice between traveling to distant facilities or postponing care they desperately need.

The breakdown highlights why investing in medical equipment extends far beyond purchasing machines. It demands comprehensive maintenance protocols, backup systems, and rapid replacement strategies. Countries that prioritize healthcare infrastructure understand that redundancy isn’t luxury; it’s necessity.

Modern medical equipment represents decades of technological advancement compressed into devices

that can mean the difference between life and death. A single radiotherapy machine serves hundreds of patients annually, making its operational status crucial for entire communities. When such equipment fails, the ripple effects extend to families, healthcare workers, and the broader health system.

The financial argument for robust medical equipment investment becomes clear when considering alternatives. Emergency patient transfers, delayed treatments, and the human cost of interrupted care far exceed the expense of maintaining properly functioning equipment and having backup systems in place.

Healthcare facilities worldwide are learning that equipment procurement must include long-term service agreements, staff training, and contingency planning. The most



sophisticated machine becomes useless without skilled technicians to maintain it and protocols to address failures swiftly.

As medical technology advances, so must our commitment to sustaining it. Patients deserve healthcare systems that anticipate equipment

failures rather than simply react to them. The difference lies not just in better outcomes, but in preserving hope when it matters most. When patients need their lifeline, the machines must be ready to deliver it.

The Role And Future Prospects Of Artificial Intelligence In The Education System



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Worth Noting:

- In recent years, the global education system has undergone a digital transformation. With the development of AI technologies, educational processes are taking on new forms. AI tools offer vast opportunities for tailoring lessons to individual student needs, automatically identifying and analyzing knowledge levels, and organizing education through personalized approaches. Unlike traditional education, this fosters a flexible, learner-centered model.
- The main objective of this research is to study and evaluate the application of AI technologies in general secondary and higher education. Although the global adoption of AI tools in education is rapidly progressing, their effectiveness, impact on pedagogy, and the evolving roles of teachers versus AI remain unclear. Thus, addressing the current shortcomings and opportunities in this field from a scientific perspective is a pressing task.

Abstract:

This article analyzes the role of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in the modern education system, their impact on educational quality, and relevant implementation aspects. The study examines how AI-based digital tools personalize learning, enable automatic assessment, and foster individualized approaches in education. It also explores the influence of these technologies on teacher-student interaction, associated concerns, and offers recommendations for addressing them. According to the findings, AI is emerging as an effective tool for optimizing the educational process; however, its use requires caution and a methodological approach.

Keywords: Artificial intelligence (AI), education system, digital education, online learning platforms, personalized learning process, adaptive learning systems, data analysis.

Introduction:

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This research investigates the practical implementation of AI in modern education, its advantages and disadvantages, and its future development prospects. The aim is to formulate well-founded recommendations for the pedagogically appropriate use of AI technologies.

Literature Review:

The role of AI technologies in education is being widely studied by researchers around the world. In particular, studies by A. Luckin and M. Holmes (2019) discuss the use



of AI-based educational systems to monitor student learning continuously and provide tailored education. UNESCO's 2021 report also offers an in-depth analysis of the social, ethical, and technical aspects of integrating AI into education.

In recent years, local literature in Uzbekistan has also expanded research on the integration of AI technologies into education. For example, A. Karimov (2023) studied the application of AI tools in general secondary schools during the country's digital transformation. His findings show a gradual implementation of interactive platforms, automated assessment systems, and activity analysis algorithms. N. Khidirova (2022) emphasized that AI-based teaching tools positively affect students' independent learning skills.

Other authors have also raised concerns about AI in education—such as the diminishing role of teachers, the loss of human elements, and data privacy issues. Based on the analyzed literature, while AI has strong potential to enhance educational efficiency, its full implementation requires a methodological, ethical, and technological balance. Therefore, this study conducts an in-depth analysis of AI's advantages and limitations based on existing scientific viewpoints.

Methodology:

This research employs both qualitative and quantitative methods to study the use of AI technologies in the education system. The study is based on scientific literature, reports from international organizations (e.g., UNESCO, OECD), practical

analyses from advanced educational platforms, and information on ongoing digital reforms in Uzbekistan's education sector.

Key data sources included:

- Scientific articles and dissertations published between 2018–2024;
- Official documents from the Ministries of Public and Higher Education of Uzbekistan related to digital education policy;
- Survey results involving 30 university faculty members and 100 students;
- Analyses of current AI platforms (e.g., ChatGPT, Squirrel AI, Google Classroom AI integrations) used in education.

Content analysis, statistical grouping of survey results, and comparative methods were used. Additionally, the study incorporated case study techniques to assess the practical experiences of select educational institutions.

Results:

The research findings show that the effective use of AI technologies in the education system has led to several positive changes. According to survey data, 78% of respondents reported increased student interest in lessons due to AI tools. Automated grading systems, personalized learning materials, and real-time feedback functions were cited as key factors improving education quality.

In higher education institutions, AI-based analytical systems have been found to enhance student engagement and performance. For instance, in one university studied, students taught via an AI-supported platform showed a 12% improvement in final

grades.

However, limitations of AI technologies were also identified. About 42% of participants noted that these tools may overly standardize the learning process, offering insufficient incentives for creativity and critical thinking. Additionally, inadequate technological infrastructure in some institutions has hindered full utilization of AI tools.

The study emphasizes the need to improve teachers' digital competencies, ensure data privacy, and align AI tools with pedagogical approaches. These findings confirm that integrating AI into pedagogy requires a systematic and scientifically grounded approach.

Discussion:

The study results confirm that AI technologies offer significant potential in education—especially in personalizing learning, adapting lesson content to students' levels, automating assessments, and enabling quick analysis. These outcomes align with theoretical and practical insights from Luckin (2019) and OECD (2020).

However, the challenges identified deserve attention. Improper or one-sided use of AI tools may negatively affect creativity, independent thinking, and socio-communicative skills. Some teachers still distrust AI or lack the skills to use it effectively. This raises issues of digital inequality and equal opportunity.

Boniface Mwangi, Ugandan Activist Allege Torture And Sexual Assault In Tanzanian Custody

By: Capital News

Kenyan activist Boniface Mwangi and Ugandan human rights defender Agather Atuhairi have come forward with harrowing accounts of torture and sexual assault allegedly carried out by Tanzanian security agents during their detention in Dar es Salaam last month.

Speaking publicly for the first time yesterday, Mwangi described in graphic detail a series of violations they say they suffered after being arrested on May 19 while in Tanzania to show solidarity with opposition leader Tundu Lissu, who is facing treason charges.

Mwangi, a renowned photojournalist and pro-democracy campaigner, said the ordeal began the night before, when armed men attempted to access his hotel room at the Serena Hotel under the guise of conducting a routine police inspection. After refusing to open the door, citing concerns over safety, he alerted local activists

and posted a warning on social media.

The following morning, Mwangi was apprehended by immigration officers led by Commissioner Samuel Mahirane and taken in for questioning. Security agents later arrested Atuhairi after hotel CCTV showed her removing Mwangi's bag from his room—a move that authorities cited as justification for her detention.

According to Mwangi, what followed was a series of degrading interrogations, physical beatings, and eventually, horrifying acts of sexual violence. The two activists say they were blindfolded, beaten, and sexually assaulted at an undisclosed location by individuals they believe were part of Tanzania's state security apparatus.

"They laughed as they tortured us," Mwangi wrote in a public statement. "They beat the soles of my feet with wooden planks, inserted foreign objects into my anus, and threatened to release videos and photos if I ever spoke out."

Mwangi said their torturers made threats against his wife and children, demanded access to his electronic de-



Kenyan activist Boniface Mwangi and Ugandan human rights defender Agather Atuhairi address a press conference in Nairobi on June 2, 2025, where they detailed their alleged torture and sexual assault while in Tanzanian custody.

vices and social media accounts, and accused him of helping to burn Kenya's Parliament—an allegation he believes was fed to Tanzanian authorities by unnamed Kenyan sources.

Atuhairi's screams for help, Mwangi said, could be heard during his own torture. He also recounted being told to crawl "like a dog" due to the

excruciating pain inflicted on his feet.

The activists were later dumped at the Horohoro border near Ukunda, Kenya, on May 22, without official deportation orders. Mwangi says he was released with a warning: never return to Tanzania and never speak about the experience.

Neither the Tanzanian nor Kenyan

governments have issued official statements in response to the allegations, which, if verified, would constitute serious violations of international human rights law and the East African Community's foundational principles.

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The discussion shows that AI can serve as an important tool for enhancing education quality, but it must be harmonized with pedagogical strategies, national education contexts, and socio-ethical norms. Importantly, AI should not replace human input but support and enhance human educational efforts.

Recommendations for educational institutions:

Organize specialized training courses on AI for teachers;

Integrate AI technologies into education step-by-step with a methodological basis;

Develop clear policies for protecting student personal data;

Ensure transparency and accountability in AI-based education evalu-

ation systems.

Conclusion:

This study comprehensively analyzed the role, benefits, and challenges of AI technologies in modern education. The results demonstrate the potential of AI tools to make the learning process more interactive, personalized, and efficient.

Key strengths include automated assessment, individualized approaches, and real-time monitoring. However, full implementation requires careful consideration of several factors, including enhancing teachers' digital competencies, improving infrastructure, protecting student data, and ensuring alignment with humanistic and ethical standards.



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student majoring in Mathematics at the same institute.

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Sixth Absa Kip Keino Classic
Athletes Visit Nairobi National Park



Nigerian sprinter Chidi Okezie (L) enjoys the experience at the Nairobi National Park. Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) treated a number of international athletes from the Kip Keino Classic 2025 to a familiarization.

Several international athletes from the just-concluded sixth Absa Kip Keino Classic Continental Tour had a unique experience on Sunday as they toured Nairobi National Park. The athletes drawn from various countries were treated to breathtaking views of Kenya's iconic wildlife at the Nairobi National Park in what is part of the Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) broader initiative to leverage sporting events for destination promotion and establish Kenya as a premier sports tourism destination. "The Nairobi National Park's juxtaposition with the city's skyline and giraffes is unlike anything I have seen before," said Thomas Röhler, Olympic cham-

pion in the javelin from Germany, who was participating in his second Kip Keino Classic. Simon Verherstraeten, a Belgian sprinter making his debut at the event, expressed his surprise at the difference between Kenyan sporting events and those in his home country. "It's a big difference with Belgium meetings, which are a bit smaller and less enthusiastic, also less public. It is really nice to be here and to feel the warmth of the people and also the interest in athletics." Said Verherstraeten The excursion forms part of the continued strategy by KTB, banking on high-profile sporting events that attract international athletes and media coverage to

showcase Kenya's tourism potential to global audiences. Norwegian athlete Amalie Luel, who won the 400m hurdles, setting a meeting record, highlighted the cultural aspects that make Kenya unique. "Kenya and Nairobi are just so full of culture, and you can tell that the people here are so proud of their country, and they want to show off all the things that they have to offer, such as the beautiful wildlife." Amalie noted The sixth edition of the Absa Kip Keino Classic Continental Tour took place on May 31, 2025, at the Ulinzi Sports Complex in Nairobi, Kenya. "The reach of sporting events has become a very powerful

marketing currency, and any destination looking to stay competitive must grasp the essence of that audience," said KTB CEO June Chepkemei. The Kenyan meet was the 6th round of the World Athletics Continental Tour Gold Series events brought together 189 athletes from different nationalities. Two meeting records were shattered with the other two world leads in this year's event, which was held at the Ulinzi Sports Complex for the 1st time.

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Pyramids FC Clinch Maiden CAF Champions League Trophy



Pyramids FC were crowned the winners of the CAF Champions league for the 1st time after beating Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa 2-1 in the return leg of the final on Sunday night at the June 30 Stadium in Cairo.

The Egyptian side opened the scoring in the 23rd minute with Fiston Mayele capitalising on a defensive error to find the back of

the net.

Later, during the second half, defender Ahmed Samy extended their lead to 2-0 with a powerful header.

Iqraam Rayners pulled a goal back for the Brazilians in the 75th minute, but it was not enough as Pyramids held on to triumph 3-2 on aggregate.

After the first leg concluded in a

1-1 draw at Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria, Pyramids emerged as winners with a 3-2 aggregate score, becoming the fourth different Egyptian club to lift the trophy, following in the footsteps of Al Ahly, Zamalek, and Ismaily.

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“Women Of Wisdom” Anthology Shines Spotlight On Unsung Heroines Across The Globe

A celebration of resilience and feminine strength, compiled by young visionary Dr. Sameera, founder of Quantum Quill Publication

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Worth Noting:

- At the heart of this literary initiative is Dr. Sameera, an award-winning author, biochemist, and the youngest recipient of numerous national and international honors. Hailing from Thiruppathur, Tamil Nadu, Sameera is a Guinness World Record holder, published researcher, and the first young female researcher of India for 2023 and 2024. She holds titles like Rashtriya Ratna, Bharatiya Kavi Ratna, and Bharat Vibhusan.
- As the founder and CEO of Quantum Quill Publication, she has already authored several impactful titles and compiled multiple national anthologies. Her works combine science, social awareness, and literary elegance, setting her apart as a symbol of modern multidisciplinary brilliance.

In a time when authentic stories of courage and transformation are more vital than ever, Women of Wisdom, a new anthology published by Quantum Quill Publication, arrives as a powerful tribute to the indomitable spirit of women. Compiled by the extraordinary Dr. Sameera, a 21-year-old literary and scientific prodigy, the book offers an inspiring collection of real-life narratives from women who turned adversity into triumph.

A Movement, Not Just a Book

Women of Wisdom is not merely a compilation—it's a call for recognition, reverence, and reflection. Through deeply personal stories, readers are invited into the lives of everyday women—mothers, daughters, dreamers, and leaders—whose journeys are testaments to strength and self-discovery. The book seeks to honor the unsung heroines who shape families and communities with their quiet resilience.

A Young Visionary Behind the Vision

At the heart of this literary initiative is Dr. Sameera, an award-winning author, biochemist, and the youngest recipient of numerous national and international honors. Hailing from Thiruppathur, Tamil Nadu, Sameera is a Guinness World Record holder, published researcher, and the first young female researcher of India for 2023 and 2024. She holds titles like Rashtriya Ratna, Bharatiya Kavi Ratna, and Bharat Vibhusan.

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A Dynamic Team of Youth and In-

novation

Supporting this literary movement is a team of equally passionate individuals:

Sakthi Rohini, 20, co-founder of Quantum Quill and founder of Regal Quill and Thulir Organics, brings her creative writing flair and entrepreneurial drive. She is also a budding filmmaker contributing stories to the Telugu industry.

RJ Muhammad Thameezudeen, SEO and Project Head at Quantum Quill, blends biomedical expertise with his passion for storytelling and cinema. His contributions to literature, including books like Dreamy Tales and Optimistic Smile, reflect his desire to influence minds positively through words and visuals.

Dr. Priyanka, environmental scientist and digital educator, brings academic depth and sustainability expertise. She has been honored with the Rising Star Icon Award 2024 and is a driving force in educational innovation.

Co-Authors from Across the World

The book features the voices of several talented co-authors, including Roshnara Banu, Chandana Kasipuram, Sangeeta Gulati, Chenjerai Mhondera, Anisha Crasta, Aakaash Chaudhary, Devayani Subrahmanyam, Aisha Shahini, Juveriya Banu, Irfana Begam, Noorul Haseena, Anusuya Ramar, and Deena Jaswa—each bringing unique stories of transformation and empowerment.

A Literary Milestone for a Generation

As Women of Wisdom reaches bookshelves, it marks a generational milestone in literature—crafted by youth, fueled by empathy, and designed to inspire. The anthology is expected to be featured in over 500 websites and literary platforms, further elevating the voices it represents.



Dr. Sameera



Dr. Sameera's literary journey is far from over. With more books, including Empowering Minds – Women Scientists and Their Sacrifices and Inspiration Renaissance – 200 Quotes, already in progress, she

continues to be a beacon of empowerment and innovation.

For readers seeking inspiration, recognition, and the beauty of resilience, Women of Wisdom is not just a read—it is a revelation.