

MEC observes challenges

>> Legislature attends to problems at schools

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THE KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Ravi Pillay, witnessed a number of challenges when he visited the Kokstad schools that did not perform well in last year's matric results.

The visit occurred during one school's opening on Wednesday and is in line with the Legislature's Schools Functionality Programme. The programme consists of members of the Legislature who visit schools in the province and make follow-ups where needed.

The visit started at Shayamoya High School and continued to some schools in the poorest Horseshoe township. Challenges of overcrowding and lack of professional teachers especially in Mathematics and Science were the key reason that dominated the visit.

In Shayamoya, the MEC was disappointed to be told that the school has only 40 teachers instead of 66. A few of those teachers were reported to be unqualified while teaching Maths and Science.

The passing rate at Shayamoya High School has reduced to 52% compared to the 80% pass rate received last year. The school has 1600 learners despite having to attend classes in mobile classrooms.



The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works, Ravi Pillay, sitting behind the desk at Shayamoya high school after encouraging pupils about education.