



**Forum, urges fishermen to keep**  
**Picture: ZANU DAMWENO**

# to clean up

particular. I don't blame them," D'Sa and the forum chairman, Essop Mohamed, had vowed to hold spot checks on fishermen, day and night. He said the forum was considering buying bins for some fishing spots. "There are a few bad elements. Where have the mature fishermen gone to?" D'Sa asked. A total of 8 000 fishing permits have been allocated to the forum, with 4 000 outstanding. Mohamed said "Present was close to finalising the permit issue."

# bus in Verulam

at other accident after completing a traffic circle," Botha said. He was unable to explain

SCIENCE and mathematics teachers have been urged to make their lessons more fun and exciting.

With South Africa having being ranked last in a recent World Economic Forum report that looked at the quality of maths and science education, pupils need both resources and creative teachers to better grasp the subjects. This is according to those behind a new campaign that hopes to put some sparkle into school laboratories, starting with one Durban township.

In a partnership between the city, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and private stakeholders, more than R660 000 worth of science equipment will be donated to 20 high schools in uMhlati.

It is hoped that the equipment will assist in producing awareness – and eventually the engineers, mathematicians and scientists the country needs.

Professor Deresh Ramjugernath, a researcher at the UKZN college of science and technology, said there was a serious skills shortage of scientists, mathematicians and engineers. He stressed that children needed to get involved in science and experiment in the primary school phases, which he said laid good foundations for high school and university.

This would be vital if the National Development Plan was to succeed, he said, as the plan placed emphasis on a knowledge-based economy, innovation and skills development.

"We've got to have engineers to be able to invent and to generate that knowledge-based economy for you. That's the serious side of it. We have a strong belief that South Africa can address the kind of socio-economic challenges we have as a nation by building a stronger foundation in science



**AMAZING!** Naidoo walks through an A4 piece of paper that had been cut up by scientist Meganthron Govender. He was at the launch of the Life of an Engineer campaign, which aims to



**WHAT ARE YOU SMOKING?** eThekweni Municipality Speaker Logie Naidoo appears to be smoking, but he was taking part in a science experiment at the launch of an educational campaign. Naidoo was eating a liquid-nitrogen-immersed biscuit, showing how the substance would change from liquid to gas at different temperatures.

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erate a lot of interest from pupils.

Razak Moosa, chief executive of the Willowton Group, which has provided the bulk of the R500 000 donation, said the science kites had functions that would assist in the teaching of subjects of light, chemistry, sound and experiments.

through providing learners the best possible resources with the objective to improve results," said Moosa.

Councillor Rawza Peer, eThekweni's finance committee chairwoman, said a video to demonstrate the role of an engineer would be shown to pupils at the 20 schools.

The kites were for Grades 10