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19 Tech Stories from 2015 you should know about



There were many tech stories that caught our eye in 2015. Here are 19 examples that either touch on GE technology and research or received funding from the company. They stretch from the depths of the human genome to edge of the solar system. Take a look:

*Scientists around the world have been experimenting with a powerful new tool called the **CRISPR-Cas9** system, which has begun to open up the possibility of rewriting faulty or unwanted human, animal and plant DNA.*

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Gordhan must close R30bn funding gap to avoid downgrade – economist



Standard Bank economist Goolam Ballim estimates that Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan has a yearly funding gap of between R30-billion and R50-billion to close through a combination of expenditure cuts and tax hikes in his upcoming Budget in order to stave off a mid-year credit-rating downgrade to.

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10 appolutely useful tools for students



To assist students in mastering the mountain of academic work expected in 2016, there are thousands of apps that can assist the process. Wonga Ntshinga, senior head of programme at the Faculty of ICT at The Independent Institute of Education, recommends 10 of them that are tried and tested platforms.

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Ann Bernstein: How cowardly SA business leadership chose road to impotence



For the past decade, CDE head Ann Bernstein has been a full voiced canary in SA's coal mine. An excellent researcher and forthright commentator, she has been warning about much which has now come to pass. Unfortunately, the courageous Bernstein's fretting fell on deaf ears. Those who should have publicly supported her, business leadership, simply tut-tutted while shoveling the maximum abroad (and letting SA-blocked cash lie fallow in the bank). Bernstein repays the compliment in this typically direct op-ed, explaining how SA business has emasculated itself. Some years back [then Finance Minister Trevor Manuel](#) accused SA business of cowardice. The way Bernstein sees it, little has changed. – Alec Hogg

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