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Your Community News Page

SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV 2019

This Christmas Festival will promote Unity in Diversity amongst all communities. There will be Celebrations and Competitions on the National, State and City level. A Special Inter-Church Crib Competition is being organized for the on a National level. A State Level Competition is also being planned in tune with SKJ 2019. Gaothan level Christmas Competition will also be organised - Crib, Best decorative display, best decoration, best celebration. This celebration is dedicated to Kaka Baptista, our Community Freedom Fighter who played an active role in organizing the Sarvajanic Movement along with Lokmanya Tilak. SKJ is an initiative by Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, represented by the Native East Indian Community

East Indian Idol - Singing Competition and East Indian Music Awards

MGP is planning it's first exclusive singing talent based event. The venue would likely be in the western suburbs so it can be accessible to all. Different categories are being planned to encourage and promote East Indian music. There will be special performances by selected singers. A short play will be performed to revive the local events of earlier times when singing competition and plays were held together. The East Indian Music awards will also be presented at this event.

The First Ever Mega Sports Festival for the Gaothans.

MGP is organizing the first ever Mega Sports festival on 26th January 2020. The event will take place at St. Andrew's Ground, Bandra. The Gaothan that tops the team scores table will be given the Champions Trophy. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals and Certificates for all Games winners. The Gaothan Games will be streamed LIVE across the world. BeFit Fitness Academy and Marathon Training are our organising support partners. Cash Prizes for Champions and Runners Up Gaothan Teams are also planned. We hope to see many Gaothans participating in large numbers.

Feast President - A Native Tradition on Parish Feast Day

All the Villagers are invited for the Parish Feast Celebration at the Feast President's residence. The locals come to the Feast President's house in the morning before the Holy Mass. The locals who visit the President's house are served Tea and Fugas. The Feast President is taken to the Parish Church in Procession along with the East Indian Band. The Mass offering is done by the Feast President. After Holy Mass the Feast President is taken in procession around the Village. The procession stops over at the Residence of the next Feast President for snacks and refreshments. The procession ends at the Residence of Feast President for Lunch and Drinks. This Tradition was followed across our East Indian Villages but has been discontinued in many villages and needs urgent revival. MGP Team was invited at the Kanjur Feast President Sunny F Mendoza's residence by the Vibhag Sarpanch, Regan Mendonza. MGP appeals to all Community groups, activists and residents to revive this Tradition for their Village Parish Feast Day.

EAST INDIAN DIARY DEC 2019

4th December 2019 - MGP in the NEWS, Hindustan Times Page 5, No Property Tax for Gaothans

12th December 2019 - Naataal East Indian Baazaar at St. Andrews College Cafeteria with 43 stalls for the first time

14th December 2019 - Naataal East Indian Baazaar at Orlem

26th December 2019 - Kashimira Cha Sann at St. Jerome Church - Kashimira with a stall allotted to MGP

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EAST INDIAN SANN 2020

MGP's Annual Community Festival

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) is glad to announce plans for its Tenth Annual Community Festival, "East Indian Sann 2020". The festival will showcase East Indian Talent, Culture and Tradition. The mega events proposed for East Indian Sann 2020 are :-

EAST INDIAN SANN 2020 – EVENT LINE UP

Sr.No.	Name of Event	Venue	Gaothan - Village	Date
1	Baravi Cha Sann	St. Bonaventure Church	Erangal	12th Jan
2	Vandre East Indian Baazaar	St. Andrew's Cafeteria	Bandra	11th Jan
3	Gaothan Games	St Andrews School Ground	Bandra	26th Jan
4	Valnai East Indian Baazaar	Shelter	Orlem	1st Feb
5	East Indian Theme Lunch	Bottle Masala	Manori	2nd Feb
6	East Indian Food Festival	St Andrews Quadrangle	Bandra	6th Feb
7	St. Gonsalo Garcia Day	East Indian Museum	Manori	6th Feb
8	East Indian Awards	Avion Hotel	Vile Parle (E)	9th Feb
9	Nasik Cha Sann	Infant Jesus Church	Nasik	8th Feb
10	Introze Cha Sola	St. Anthony Ground	Vakola	23rd Feb

The Sponsor Rates for East Indian Sann 2020 are as follows:

SPONSOR DETAILS							
Sponsor Type	Rate	Title Sponsor Promotion	Event Banner	Stall	Social Media Promotion	Generic Banner	Gaothan Voice
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We invite your support in the form of sponsorships, advertisements or donations for our Festival and our 30 Community Projects. You may also be a Sponsor in Kind by being our Annual Festival Partner. Cheques may favour "Mobai Gaothan Panchayat" and you may mail it to us at our office address or call us to arrange for a pick up.

For electronic funds transfer the Bank account details are: Account Name -Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, Bank name – Citizen Credit Co-op. Bank, Vakola Branch, Savings Account no. – 2090162000015620 and IFSC code - CCBL0209016.

For More details and Sponsorships contact 9820087771/9820545302

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ST. GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL

Chapel Project Coordinator - Bonny Pereira, Orlem
Site - Manori

Highlights

- *The First Religious structure(Chapel/Church) in Bombay Archdiocese to be dedicated to our Native Saint
- *The Chapel is likely to be inaugurated in the year 2020
- *Chapel plot belongs to the family of Late Beatrice (Joanna)/Peter D'Souza (sodawalla) admeasuring about 50 sq metres opposite the Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum in Manori
- *We look forward to Support from Experts(Designers, architects, Sculptors, fabricators,etc) in building this Chapel
- *MGP Team started the Fund Generation by having a Box Collection for this project along with the Mot Mauli Yatra and we have collected Rs.111,957/-
- *A separate Bank account for this project has been opened for this project
- *Contributions by Cheque or in kind are welcome
- *We plan to get relics from Japan and promote pilgrimage to Nagasaki
- *Well known Sequeira Brothers from Vasai to design the altar and the religious statues
- *The Boat on which the Chapel will stand will be made by Clyde Henriques

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For more details or to support contact 9820087771 / 9820545302

MGP - Promoting Native Devotions

REETIN REEVAJ – THE EAST INDIAN CULTURE GUIDE

MGP launched its plan for the first ever East Indian Culture Guide "Reetin Reevaj", A Perfect Reference book for the Community around a year back at the East Indian Conclave

- *To Revive and Bring back memories of our lost Traditions
- *Will have a detail of cultural practices at weddings, festivals and religious events
- *A special Checklist detailing the things required for each Cultural event
- *A bouquet of Pictures on cultural events
- *Contacts to support the Cultural event and make it complete

Target date of release – December 2020

To be a part of this project contact us on 9820545302

EAST INDIAN BHAVAN - DHARAVI BETH - FIRST PHASE

Site - Theresa Villa, Manori

Highlights:

- *The Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum
- *St. Jerome East Indian Library
- *Art Installations - Culture and Tradition
- *Selfie Point
- *Attractive Displays on History and Culture
- *Mini Pool for full day Celebrations
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- *East Indian Food on order
- *Lawn for family functions
- *St. Gonsalo Garcia Chapel - opposite the Bhavan

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MGP Team Bhavan Coordinators - Region wise

Mumbai - Gleason Barretto Thane - Maxie Tixeira
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EAST INDIAN CALENDAR 2021

Theme - Gaothans and Heritage

- *Project to be led by Jamaica Dlima - Marve and Candida Remedios - Vikhroli
- *Theme finalised at the East Indian Conclave 2019
- *Calendar likely to be released abroad
- *The Calendar will continue to be user friendly to East Indians across the world
- *The Calendar will cover all Community regions of Mumbai, Thane, Vasai and Raigad
- *Recipe Contest will be held on social media and also Facebook pages focussed on East Indian Food
- *Photographers will be selected and assigned specific Gaothans
- *Print copies targeted between 3000 to 5000
- *The Cover page theme will be based on Community Culture and Tradition
- *Feedback and Suggestions basis 2020 calendar will be actioned if feasible

Next year calendar variety proposed - Large Wall Calendar, Small wall calendar, desktop calendar, pocket calendar, Marathi Calendar and Calendar Gift Pack


To be a part of the East Indian Calendar 2021 Team as photographers, layout designers, village visit members, theme writers, etc please call/msg Gleason on 9820545302. Your feedback/suggestions can be sent at mgpmobai@gmail.com



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BARAI CHA SANN HAVSHEN BHARTAI MANN

Jamaica Dlima - Marve

East Indian Sann 2020 starts off with the Biggest Village Festival of the Year

Pilgrimages and Church Feasts have been a tradition of the East Indian Catholic community - the original inhabitants of Bombay. The first East Indian Sann of the year takes place at St. Bonaventure Church, Erangal. The church was built in 1575 and has been an instrumental factor in promoting our rich culture and traditions. "Barai Cha Sann" or "Eragal Cha Sann" as the feast is popularly known to the East Indian community continues to be the biggest crowd puller as East Indians from more than 100 gaothans gather to venerate St. Bonaventure. Barai cha Sann, simply translated means 12 days after Christmas and marks the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This annual celebration begins with 9 day novenas in English & Marathi and concludes on the second Sunday of January. On the feast day, the wide seashore in front of the church is transformed into a huge fair with entertainment like giant wheel, merry-go-rounds, horse rides and various other games like tossing the ring, shooting the balloons and plenty of toys to enthrall both the young and old.

This feast has unique variety of stalls selling local produce like shingara, kasara, tarle and sukelis and if you have a wedding in the family don't forget to buy the Ghumat.

In the olden days many people used to travel by reklas and tongas and even today some try to keep the tradition alive. To celebrate Barai Cha Sann, patrons venture out to the ancient church in buses filled with large number of devotees to pay their respect to their beloved saint and to witness the grand gala. The first stop is the church where you can attend the Holy mass as they are celebrated hourly till noon. After venerating St. Bonaventure, the beach is the next stop so that all can enjoy the fair before you can go to relax at the various adjoining wadis which are transformed into mini gaothans. When you walk through these wadis you can see chullas fired up and the aroma of mutton curry and mula/arkhol wafts through. The various wadis come alive as festival celebrations are in full swing with the sound of music and dancing accompanied by the ghumat and echoing voices of Sukhala. And as the sun sets and people leave for their respective Gaothans, the memories of singing, dancing and merriment linger in the air eagerly awaiting the next year.

Barai Cha Sann is organised by the Madh Gaothan parishoners and is widely celebrated across Madh gaothan. The houses in the gaothan extend their festive season and don't take off their Christmas decorations until Barai feast is over. Guests arrive for the weekend, enjoy scrumptious East Indian spread of chicken moile, mutton khudi, vindaloo and fugias and many more traditional dishes and enjoy Barai cha Sann wholeheartedly.

After a very successful but tiring day, the parishoners offer a special Thanksgiving mass on Monday and enjoy the Sheela Sann along with their relatives and friends.

Chala Barai Cha Sannala
Nachuya, Gauvya Anni Majjha Karuya

P.S. Mark your calendar for 10th January 2021 and get your family and your neighbour's family and your friends and their families too and enjoy Barai Cha Sann.



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