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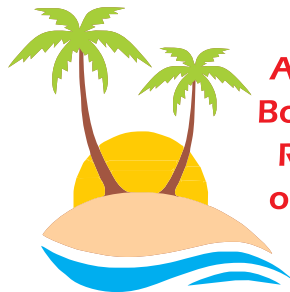
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Post Pandemic - Create Employment, Professionals & Entrepreneurs

The difference between who you are and who you want to be is what you do.....

Dr. Ablin C.Alphonso

The recently concluded International East Indian Conclave 2020 on November 28th, 2020 delved on the Theme: 'Post Pandemic - Creating Jobs, Professionals and Entrepreneurs' which was a very relevant and need of the hour topic for highlighting the plight of our youth, especially the youth from the East Indian community.

As an educationist, I strongly believe in the idea that an economic holocaust is the catalyst for change. The recent pandemic crisis has created an avenue for opportunities and a chance to change provided one has a positive attitude and an open mind.

Listening to the ideas put forward by the participants attending the Conclave, what struck me most was the carefree attitude in the minds of our youth. Interacting with youth in the age group of 18 to 25 years, I am of the opinion that the most essential criteria is self-interest and motivation to achieve great heights. For this to be achieved, investment in the form of time, effort and responsibility is important.

Another idea that the youth of today have to focus on, is an introspection and discovery of oneself through the identification of soft skills that one is gifted with. To cite a case of an individual who can utilize their creativity and talent would be one who is computer savvy connecting with a chocolate maker and a florist to design chocolate boxes that can be created for every occasion – be it a birthday celebration, an anniversary and so on.

An entrepreneur is an ordinary individual who is constantly searching for a change in approach, responds to it and expounds on this concept for monetary benefits. Our youth of today need that perseverance and passion to discover a career that will support an opportunity for enhancing their talents.

In this endeavor, we as a community can be a mentor or a facilitator to enable our youth to recreate employment opportunities in their own way. Networking and upgrading of self-management skills do play a crucial role in unleashing the path to being a professional. One option currently in vogue is preparing dishes which showcase the East Indian confectionery and culinary heritage. Another avenue is in the field of supply chain management or in the case of blended learning..... various alternative opportunities can be conceptualized if one has a creative mindset and the drive to take it forward.

Additional skills that will be most in demand would include:

- Strategic Leadership – ability to make connections, understand complexities and make brave decisions
- Innovation and Entrepreneurial Mindset – to provide solutions that are needed to solve problems
- Communication Skills – ability to find the right balance
- Languages – to enable connection and collaboration
- Carry out a Skills Audit - to highlight one's unique and transferable skills

Walt Disney had famously remarked *“All Our Dreams Can Come True, If We Have The Courage To Pursue Them.”*

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INTERNATIONAL EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE 2020

The International East Indian Conclave 2020 was held virtually on Saturday 28th November 2020. The Conclave Theme was Post Pandemic - Creating Jobs, Professionals and Entrepreneurs.

The conclave had 26 participants from across the globe. Bishop Allwyn Dsilva conducted the opening prayer. There were International Participants for the first time from USA, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. There were 8 Special MGP Releases which happens every year.

Agenda basis Online Survey announced for State/Central Government, Municipal Corporation, Archdiocese and Community Activists / Associations. All participants were given an opportunity to speak on the Conclave Theme.

MGP Team thanks all Participants and Supporters for their Prayers and Encouragement.

EAST INDIAN CALENDAR 2021 RELEASED

The East Indian Calendar 2021 was released on 28th November 2020 at the International East Indian Conclave 2020.

The list of 12 Gaothans to be covered in the East Indian Calendar 2021 was released at the East Indian Awards 2020 at Hotel Avion - Vile Parle.

The Gaothan and Heritage theme was finalised at the East Indian Conclave 2019. Each calendar month has interesting information regarding the Gaothan and one mouthwatering East Indian recipe.

The following Gaothans are a part of the 2021 calendar.

Madh Island, Amboli, Tamtalao, Khotachiwadi, Culbavour, Charai, Culvem, Manickpur, Pali, Dongri, Giriz, Ranwar

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EAST INDIAN SANN 2021

Aaplaa Gaav! Aapla Sann!

MGP is glad to announce the Community Annual Festival, "East Indian Sann 2021" which will held in April-May 2021.

Highlights - Event Line Up

1. East Indians Day
2. East Indian Awards
3. Valnai East Indian Baazaar
4. Gaothan Games
5. East Indian Food Festival
6. Vandre East Indian Baazaar
7. East Indian Theme Dinner
8. Holy Cross Day

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EAST INDIAN MUSIC AWARDS 2021

Music is a very integral part in an East Indian's life. Baptisms, birthdays, communions and weddings are incomplete without our foot tapping music. Mobai Gaothan Panchayat is going to honour our musicians at the first-ever Exclusive Music Awards for the East Indian Community on Saturday 23rd January 2021 This award ceremony is being held to appreciate all those talented musicians who take our music to greater heights.

Since this will be the first ever music awards, MGP is looking for sponsors, donors, memorial dedications and sponsors in kind as well. Bands who would like to perform LIVE can send their quotes. Suggestions for different awards categories are welcome too.

For details, sponsorships and quotes, contact Bryce on 8898178889

SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV 2020

The Fourth Mega Christmas Festival organised by MGP will promote Unity in Diversity amongst all communities. There will be Celebrations at all levels - National, State, City and Gaothan. This year's celebration is dedicated to Kaka Baptista, our Community Freedom Fighter who played an active role in organizing the Sarvajanic Movement along with Lokmanya Tilak.

All Associations and Groups who organize Christmas activities or make Community Cribbs can contact us as supporting groups in this Movement. We target around 100 groups to support us.

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 2020 Gaothan level Christmas Competition will also be organised - Crib, Best decorative display, best decoration, best celebration. Christmas Competitions are also being encouraged on parish, ward, assembly and city level. This initiative has been taken keeping The Kaka Baptista Project in mind.

Christmas Carol Nite has been planned during Advent for Adults and Children in East Indian, Marathi and English. Special Christmas Hampers will be handed over to Needy Families For more details and sponsorship contact 8898178889 / 9820581826/9820087771.

Jamaica D'lima-Marve

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INTERNATIONAL EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL - IEICC

New Team! New Dream! is the new motto of the International East Indian Community Council - IEICC.

- Roweena Carlos, USA is the IEICC Chief International Ambassador

- Sarina Hendricks, Canada is the Regional International Ambassador - North & South America

- Alan Gonsalves, Malaysia is the Ambassador for Asia Pacific

- Bonaventure Soares, UK is the Ambassador for Europe.

The following are the country specific ambassadors.

IEICC International Country Ambassador

Dubai - Savio Pereira

Saudi Arabia- Vivek Hendriques

Germany - Nikita Misquitta and Carol Pritz

New Zealand - Marilyn

Australia - Hansel Gomes

USA - Charmaine Gomes

MGP wishes the IEICC council the very best and hope they take our East Indian Community to greater heights in their country of residence.

EAST INDIAN BUSINESS NETWORK - WEBSITE DIRECTORY

MGP has always been promoting and encouraging businesses and professionals and now are taking it one step further by introducing the East Indian Business Network - Website Directory.

The need for this network was finalized at the East Indian Conclave 2018. EIBN will support those who want to start Business or join a Profession.

For business we plan to have a one-to-one mentorship. Entrepreneurs and Professionals will be a part of EIBN Core and Advisory Team. All Businesses and Professions can join the network - small, medium, large and corporates.

Mr. Joseph Dsouza from Alf Engineering and Farm Products will be our Special Advisor for this project.

To join this network, you may update your details with our MGP Team.

MEIY - MGP EAST INDIAN YOUTH

MGP has always believed that the Youth are our Future. And to ensure our future is in safe hands MGP is getting our youth ready to be Future Leaders and Initiators.

The Youth Team will now have an International Network. Connects will be held virtually to discuss way forward to promote and revive culture.

Future of our community will also be discussed to take our community to greater heights.

Some of MGP projects will also be supported by the MEIY team

To join the Youth group, you may send an email to mgpmobai@gmail.com or message 9820545302 /982008777.

EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE 2020 PARTICIPANTS

1. Bishop Allwyn Dsilva - Thane
2. Dr. Ablin Carneiro Alphonso - Santacruz
3. Alan Gonsalves - Malaysia
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25. Corina Misquitta - Parle
26. Roger Pereira - Churchgate

Hosted by: Gleason Barretto - Old Kurla

EAST INDIAN AGENDA 2021

Memorandum of the East Indian Community

CENTRAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT

1. Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian Community
2. Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates
3. East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
4. Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
5. Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass
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7. Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
8. Manori-Gorai-Uttan Tourism Plan and Bridge Project to be scrapped
9. No Municipal Property and Water Tax for all houses in the Gaothans owned before 1960
10. East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government
11. An East Indian Community welfare fund to be instituted through funds allocated from land income on East Indian owned acquired lands like airport, BKC, University, industrial and infrastructure projects
12. Cremation grounds to be allotted at all locations with a Christian majority
13. East Indian Bhavan in Bombay-Thane-Vasai and Raigad
14. Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community housing projects in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans
15. Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni twice a week
16. Special Tour subsidies for Travel to Holy Places and Pilgrimage Shrines
17. Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
18. Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

1. Regularisation of all Holy Crosses in the East Indian gaothans and their vicinity
2. Harassment by BMC officers to be immediately stopped during house repairs
3. East Indian Municipal Corporator to be nominated to represent the city basis elections amongst the East Indian Community
4. No tax to be charged for gaothan homes
5. East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each Municipal ward
6. Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure.
7. Gaothan Infrastructure to be improved
8. Roads bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look
9. Space to be allotted for Community Centre at each East Indian Gaothan
10. Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Gaothan civic projects

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Memorandum of the East Indian Community

ARCHDIOCESE

1. Properties donated by East Indians should not be sold, if parish cannot develop or use for the betterment of the community, they must be returned back to the original owners
2. The Word "East Indian Catholic" to be written in remarks column without visit to archbishop's house to be done as per recommendation by local East Indian association heads or professionals
3. Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians
4. Special discounts and reservation of beds at Catholic Hospitals
5. Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties and existing properties going for redevelopment
6. Preference to East Indians for jobs opportunities in the Parish, Church organisations and institutions
7. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect every week
8. Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan
9. Special East Indian Community Member to be appointed in the Parish Council to protect and preserve East Indian traditions and heritage
10. East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
11. Stalls to be allotted at the Bandra Fair to the East Indian Community
12. St. Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
13. Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups
14. East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings
15. Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops
16. Space to be provided for East Indian businesses on parish property
17. Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund
18. Development projects/Monopoly for hired halls/quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses
19. Halls Grounds and Awards to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in each parish with East Indian majority

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS AND GROUPS

1. Education support through scholarships and discounts in courses
2. Medical support through full or partial assistance
3. Ration scheme for poor East Indian families
4. Business network to be encouraged to promote East Indian businesses
5. East Indian food restaurant to be opened
6. East Indian Village office to be set up to assist locals in various projects and matters
7. Sports projects to be launched to promote talented youngsters
8. Signages to be installed at various East Indian gaothans giving information and history on the gaothan
9. Promotional books and CDs to be released to promote East Indian culture and tradition
10. Special and Exclusive East Indian Community Television and Radio Channel

GAOTHAN NA GAOKARI EICH MOBAICHI WALAKH KHARI

Children-of-the-soil look forward to a positive response

Gleason Barretto - Old Kurla

At a time when things look dim around us, a ray of hope has suddenly appeared. The UDRI team connected with us that a meet is scheduled soon with State Minister and Yuva Sena Chief, Aditya Thackeray. MGP team has been thinking very deeply on a focussed approach for its project - Gaothan Bachav Andolan, an initiative to Restore and Protect Gaothans. The meet got rescheduled a few times before the first round which took place at Matoshree. Aditya seemed positive for supporting the Indigenous East Indian Community, a welcome moment we have been looking for.

Development Plan may be released anytime soon but there is a sure possibility that the Gaothans will be given its special status. But the need of hour is that we all continue to follow up till we succeed. It's going to be challenging journey but we need like-minded community members to move along with a never give up attitude. Aditya after seeing the genuine demands of the Native East Indian Community and Kolis assured to arrange a meet with officials to plan way ahead in a week's time. In the meanwhile the Gaothan and Koliwada activists under the guidance of UDRI started planning the core points to be put forward in this important meet.

In the past a series of meets have been held with various political leaders and government officials but things did not materialize and we hope this time the outcome is different. MGP in the meanwhile has reviewed the participation and interests of its Gaothan representatives in the form of Sarpanches and Gaothan Coordinators. We plan to reach the 100 mark in our network soon. Our Special Advisors will cross the 50 mark soon with varied backgrounds like Professionals and Experts. Our 36 Projects seem to cover almost all the important aspects of the Community.

TTrue to his words Aditya arranged the 2nd meet in a week's time with various Government Officials at Sahyadri. All officials spoke on their updates about Gaothans and Koliwadas. The Community spoke strongly about the need for urgent demarcation and other important needs of the Sons-of-soil community. Aditya assured support to the Native representatives with an action plan to be coordinated with UDRI. A special meet with UDRI has already been held with Gaothan and Koliwada representatives and things look positive.

Yes, the Gaothans may see the light of a brighter day soon if things turn the way we want. We, at the same time should do our bit to protect our Gaothans and also ensure that a revival of our native connect is promoted. Every traditional, cultural or religious event should not be missed and local groups play an important role here. MGP in the meanwhile is reviewing its Gaothan Action Plan(GAP) to fill the gap with what we need and how we can get it. The Gaothan Restoration Plan also needs a re look to ensure every Gaothan does their bit with support from local activists and groups.

An appeal to all our community members to pray and support us. We at MGP have tried our very best with very little success as far as the Gaothans are concerned. We have not given up and will never give up to Protect and Preserve our Gaothans. Will the State Government fulfill our Demands? Only time will tell. Things look brighter but we still need to see that ray of light. Will the Shiv Sens prove that they are truly a sons-of-soil focused party? The road seems good but success still seems far away. God knows what's best for the Gaothans and we are sure we will be blessed with the best.



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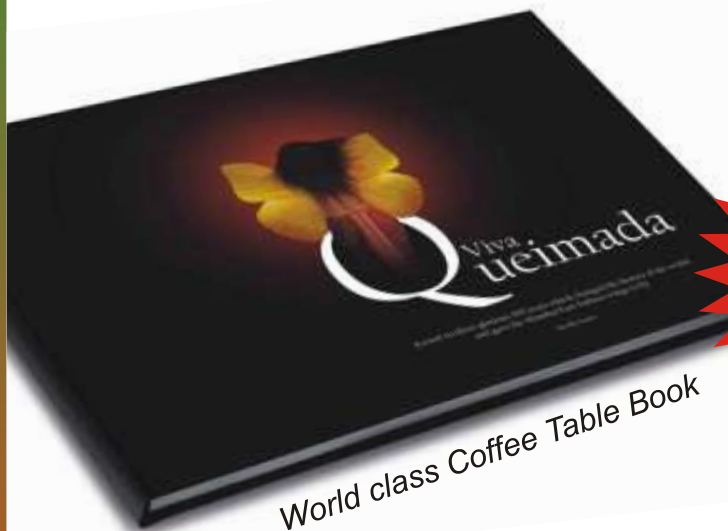
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