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Agera 2019 – The East Indian Harvest Festival



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Agera Celebrations cross the 100 Gaothans mark

Agera, our East Indian Community's Harvest Festival was celebrated in 106 Gaothans this year. The Gaothans had decorated reklas and people dressed up in traditional outfits. Five years ago, Agera was just another Sunday in October, MGP was one of the first associations to revive this festival. And this year we have over achieved our target of 100 Gaothans. MGP thanks all the residents of the Gaothans for celebrating Agera, a great sign of promotion and preservation of our culture and tradition.

Seven Candidates supported by MGP have been elected as MLAs

MGP Team had connected with 7 candidates who have won the MLA elections - Ameet Satam, Ashish Shelar, Aditya Thackeray, Parag Avalani, Ramesh Latke, Sanjay Potnis and Dilip Lande. MGP Team will coordinate with these elected representatives on a regular basis and update on developments. Gaothan issues will be spearheaded by GBA Commissioner Bryce Rodricks. East Indian Community issues will be Coordinated by MahaSarpanch Alphi Dsouza and Founder Trustee Gleason Barretto. As always MGP remains committed towards the fulfilment of East Indian Community and Gaothan demands

The road ahead is challenging and we look forward to your support and prayers.

MGP Team Meets MLA Ameet Satam

MGP Team met MLA Ameet Satam at his Andheri West Office on 5th November to congratulate him on his re-election as Member of the Legislative Assembly. The East Indian Bhavan, Gaothan Demarcation, Gaothan DP Policy, Gaothan Restoration Project and local issues in Gaothans of Andheri and Juhu were the major points of discussion. Ameet assured MGP team of his Support for Gaothan and East Indian Community issues.

MGP conducts 7th Annual East Indian Survey 2019

The 7th Annual survey was open to all in the East Indian Community across the world.

The survey covered the demands to the Central & State Government, Municipal Corporation and the Archdiocese. The survey also covered the issues to be taken up by Community associations and activists.

- Jamaica D'lima - Marve

Seventh East Indian Conclave 2019 focussed on Education

The Seventh Annual East Indian Conclave was held at Hotel Avion on Saturday, 23rd November to plan the way forward for the sons-of-soil community of Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad. The Conclave started with a brief introduction on the Annual Community Agenda to have a focused approach and to work collectively as professionals, experts and activists. MGP thanks all the 25 Participants at the East Indian Conclave for making it interactive and a grand success. As we move forward with the Conclave theme we will Initiative projects focussed on Education and Career.

East Indian Calendar 2020 to adorn more than 2000 Homes across the world

The East Indian Calendar was released by MGP this year. This year's theme and concept was planned by MGP founder trustee Gleason Barretto. The calendar features East Indian community festivals and East Indian recipes. Important East Indian Community Festivals and special days are also marked. MGP had initially only printed 1200 copies but once the advance booking began we realized the demand and had to go for reprinting. More than 2000 thousand copies have been sold. The East Indian Calendar has become so popular that they will soon adorn walls across the world as we have got orders from Australia, America, New Zealand, Singapore, UAE, Malaysia, Germany to name a few. So incase you haven't got a copy yet please don't wait too long or then you may just have to wait for another year!

MGP Launches 10 Initiatives at the East Indian Conclave

MGP launched 10 initiatives at the East Indian Conclave in tune with its 10th Year Celebrations in 2020:

1. East Indian Bhavan - Dharavi Beth - First Phase
2. East Indian Calendar 2020 release
3. St. Gonsalo Garcia Chapel Project (Manori)
4. East Indian Sann 2020 (8 events proposed)
5. Sarvajanic Krist Janmotsav 2019 (National, State and Gaothan Level)
6. East Indian Idol - Singing Competition
7. East Indian Education Project (seminars and Counselling sessions)
8. Gaothan Games (sports promotion at St. Andrews Grounds Bandra)
9. Gaothan Project (GBA to meet and release plans)
10. East Indian Calendar 2021 Theme (by majority vote - Gaothans and Heritage)

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	12 th Jan
2	Valnai East Indian Baazaar	Shelter	Orlem	18 th Jan
3	Gaothan Games	TBD	TBD	26 th Jan
4	East Indian Food Festival	St.Andrew's Quadrangle	Bandra	TBA
5	St.Gonsalo Garcia Day	East Indian Museum	Manori	6 th Feb
6	Vandre East Indian Baazaar	St.Andrew's Cafeteria	Bandra	8 th Feb
7	East Indian Awards	TBD	TBD	TBA
8	East Indian Theme Dinner	TBD	TBD	TBA
9	Nasik Cha Sann	Infant Jesus Church, Nasik	Nasik	9 th Feb
10	Introze	East Indian Museum	Manori	TBA

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

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EAST INDIAN AWARDS 2020

Honouring Our Community Members

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian of the Year

This Award will be presented to an East Indian who has made our community proud in state of Maharashtra, India and even Abroad.

St.Gonsalo Garcia Award - East Indian Priest of the Year

This Award will be presented to a Priest or Nun who has gone beyond the call of God to voice the issues of the East Indian Community and has supported or encouraged our community.

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Corporate of the Year

This award is presented to a Corporate managed by East Indian Community members and has excelled in its area of business.

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Educationist of the Year

This Award will be presented to an East Indian who has excelled in the field of Education.

St.Gonsalo Garcia Award - East Indian Heritage Cross of the Year

As our Holy Crosses across the Gaothan are being renovated the very essence of its heritage and sentiments are sometimes lost. To encourage the preservation of Holy Crosses especially those which are centuries old and have been maintained with its original structure.

St.Gonsalo Garcia Award - East Indian Social Worker of the Year

This Award will be presented to an East Indian who has done remarkable service to the community in social work.

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Association of the Year

This Award will be presented to the East Indian Association which has promoted a series of activities in their village or in the city thereby creating awareness of the East Indian Culture and Tradition.

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Initiative of the Year

Every year we come across newer initiatives to promote our community and this Award will encourage the initiatives that have brought our community to greater heights.

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Young Talent of the Year

The Youth are the future of a community and with this objective MGP has introduced this awards to encourage young talent

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Entrepreneur of the Year

Encouraging the business mindset is urgently needed. This award will be presented to the East Indian who has excelled in business.

St.Gonsalo Garcia Award - East Indian Singer of the Year

Our East Indian Singers have created awareness about our community music in a big way also promoting East Indian Dialect. Some of the songs are fabulous and so it's fitting to appreciate Singers who have given East Indian music a new meaning. This Award will be presented to the Singer of the year who has performed exceptionally well in Male as well as the Female Category.

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Photo of the Year

Photographs promoting our East Indian culture and tradition are appreciated by us all. In this award we will appreciate the best photograph. We will also display some of these photographs at our East Indian Museum at Manori.

Kaka Baptista Award - East Indian Sportsperson of the Year

Many from our community have a passion for sports and this Award will be presented to the individual who has done outstandingly well in the field of sports.

Cardinal Simon Pimenta Awards of Appreciation

The Appreciation awards will be presented to various individuals or groups who have made our community proud and famous across India or the World in their specialised field or East Indian Community related issues.

For more detail and to nominate a community member you may send details at mgpmobai@gmail.com or call 9820545302

EAST INDIAN DIARY

Dates to Remember

October

- 6th October – Agera, The East Indian Harvest Festival celebrated at 106 Gaothans
13th October – Karjat Cha Sann, Our Lady of Fatima Church
27th October - MGP Team presents East Indian Dictionary to Bishop Allwyn D'silva
28th October – Jhansi Cha Sann, St. Jude's Church
29th October – MGP launches the Annual East Indian Survey
30th October – MGP Team launches plans for Sarvajanic Krist Janmotsav 2019

November

- 2nd November – JeleMelecha Dis, All Souls Day
3rd November – East Indian Singing Competition at Madh Island, MGP represented by Walter Murzello
5th November - MGP Team Meets MLA Ameet Satam
9th November - East Indian Baazaar at Bandra
9th November – East Indian Singing Competition at Versova, MGP Team represented by Gleason Barretto and Bryce Rodricks
10th November - East Indian Baazaar at Vakola
16th November - East Indian Baazar at Orlem
23rd November - East Indian Conclave at Hotel Avion, Vile Parle attended by 25 participants
29th November – MGP Team announces East Indian Political Party Coordinators
30th November – MGP Team announces plans for East Indian Bhavan at Dharavi Beth

SAD DEMISE



GERALD MISQUITA OF ORLEM

Gerald Misquitta has been instrumental in setting up the East Indian Museum at Manori and was the former Director of the Museum.

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The Examiner dated 5th October, pg.16 & 17

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EAST INDIAN AGENDA

Government and Municipal Corporation

Central and State Government

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

Municipal Corporation

1. Regularization 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. Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure
6. Gaothan Infrastructure to be improved
7. East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each Municipal ward
8. Space to be allotted for Community Centre at each East Indian Gaothan
9. Roads, bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look
10. Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Gaothan civic projects

EAST INDIAN AGENDA

Archdiocese and Community Groups

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. Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians
3. Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties and existing properties going for redevelopment
4. The Word "East Indian Catholic" to be written in remarks column without visit to archbishops house, to be done as per recommendation by local East Indian association heads or professionals
5. Preference to East Indians for jobs opportunities in the Parish, Church organizations and institutions
6. Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan
7. Special East Indian Community Member to be appointed in the Parish Council to protect and preserve East Indian traditions and heritage
8. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect every week
9. Stalls to be allotted at the Bandra Fair to the East Indian Community
10. East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
11. St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
12. Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups
13. Hall, Grounds and Awards to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in each parish with East Indian majority
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

East Indian Community and Individuals

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. East Indian food restaurant to be opened
5. East Indian Village office to be set up to assist locals in various projects and matters
6. Sports projects to be launched to promote talented youngsters
7. Business network to be encouraged to promote East Indian businesses
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

EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE 2019

Education Scope and Career Prospects

23rd November, 2019

Rita Rodricks

MobaiGaathan Panchayat had their 7th annual conclave at Hotel Avion today

This year's theme was 'Education Scope and Career Prospects' which was discussed in depth all the way

Twenty-Five Guests were welcomed with Hot Tea, Fugias and Biscuits which was set up on a table at the rear

The Conclave began with Mrs. OttieD'souza of Orlem, Malad reciting the opening prayer

*Fr. Magi Murzello, Principal of St. Andrews School was the Chief Guest of Honor he is also a university Senate member
He has a whole lot of education degrees to his name and is an educator innovator*

Each Guest briefly introduced themselves amidst much humor and applause

There was a lot of topics to be covered there was no time to pause

Gleason briefly spoke about the State and Central Government, Municipal, Archdiocese and the East Indian Community Agenda which was the need of the hour

He also updated us on the MGP Project status and the press coverage which had happened so far

Aldridge D'souza, a trustee of Aldel Education Trust, Palghar was the first speaker

He was of the opinion that when making career choices one should think out of the box about the future

Next was Fr. Magi who emphasized that both parents and children needed career counseling

He suggested that a Hospitality college be built on the Dharavi Beth Island for the local students to curtail their travelling

Dr. AblinJoanes Carneiro-Alphonso, the third speaker is an Economics lecturer at National College, Bandra, an author and gold medalist

She stated that a child should list down their abilities and capabilities to make the right career choices the parents should persist

Moses Gomes a trustee of Michael High School and Junior college, Kurla was the last speaker

He has waived away school fees for those who cannot afford education, he is indeed a leader

Group Discussions were held at each of the four tables suggestions were announced and noted down

Seminars, Counseling sessions, Mentorships and Financial assistance for students was the only way around

Fr. Magi released the very first MGP's East Indian Calendar 2020

The theme being East Indian Community Festivals accompanied by an East Indian Recipe

Lunch was Rice Pulav, Naan, Papad, Pickle, Salad, Dal, Mixed Vegetable and a Chicken Curry

To end on a sweet note Dessert was a bowl of Vermicelli

I was indeed very happy to meet my friend Candida Remedios, co editor of the East Indian Dictionary

She has excelled in producing this fine piece of literature which is a part of our history!

SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV 2019

The Third Mega Christmas Festival of India

Kaka Baptista, An East Indian Freedom Fighter was a close confidante of Lokmanya Tilak. He assisted Tilak actively during the Sarvajanic movement. As a fitting tribute to his active involvement in the Sarvajanic movement we decided to name the Christmas Programme under this Unity theme. The Sarvajanic Krist Janmotav is dedicated to our freedom fighter, Kaka Baptista and his close connect with Lokmanya Tilak.

This Christmas Festival promotes Unity in Diversity amongst the General Public. There will be Celebration at the National, State and City level.

Highlights

- National Level Inter-Church Crib Competition
- State/District/Tehsil/Vibhag/Parish Level Christmas Crib Competitions
- All Groups/Associations/Societies can be a part and support this Festival
- Special Events to be lined up on a local level by Groups and Associations

SKJ Christmas Competitions

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| 1. Gaothan Voice Cover photo contest | 6. Best Decorated Area competition |
| 2. Gaothan Crib Competition | 7. Best Decorated Structure |
| 3. All India Church Crib Competition | 8. Best Decorated Gaothan Entrance |
| 4. Best Decorated Church Competition | 9. Best Christmas Symbol Installation |
| 5. Best Decorated Gaothan Competition | 10. Maharastra Outdoor Crib Competition |

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ST.GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL **Aaplaa GAAV! Aapla Devo**

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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EAST INDIAN CALENDAR 2020

East Indian Community Festivals

Rita Rodricks

Fr. Magi Murzello, Principal of St. Andrew's School, Bandra released the East Indian Calendar 2020 at the MGP's 7th East Indian Conclave 2019 today

The theme of the calendar is the East Indian Community Festivals which are celebrated in Mumbai and even other places far away

The release was at Hotel Avion, Vile Parle which has always been the venue

Thanks to Avian Misquitta who has always been a strong supporter too

The calendar background is cream color with the red, white and yellow lugra (East Indian Sari) border running through Each page has a collage of colorful pictures depicting the monthly festival and an East Indian Recipe too

The East Indian Calendar was first conceptualized by Jude and Marie Concessio of Bandra

I have a collection of their calendars which was very much in demand by people from near and afar

Gleason Barretto, Kurla was in charge of the theme concept and plan

Jamaica D'lima, Marve, chief co-coordinator lent in a helping hand

Credit for the Layout and Design goes to our very own Darryl Fernandes of Gundavli who is the very best

He creates unusual and quirky gifts and will even customize your item at your bequest

The amazing photographs are by Brendan Dias, Joel Fonseca, Lenster Rodrigues, Pritam Colaso and Verus Ferreira

The Coordination team comprises of Bryce Rodricks, Andheri, Candida Remedios, Vikhroli, Sybil Rodrigues, Kalina, Walter Murzello, Orlem and Alphi Dsouza, Vakola

The Front Page of the Calendar has pictures of young boys wearing fancy lugra shirts and surkhas

While the pretty little girls are clad in stylish lugra outfits with traditional jewellery and multi hued lugras

The traditional East Indian recipes are by Sybil Rodrigues, Kalina, Sarina Hendricks Miranda, Canada and Louella Farias, Bandra

The culinary delights consists of Dried Bombil (Bombay Duck) and Curdhee(shrimp) Chutney, Tendli (Ivy Gourd) and Carrot pickle, Umber and Atola

Mutton Stew, Mutton Khudi, Fish Chinchoni, Pomfret Kujit and Duck Moile are the traditional East Indian Curries that have been added to the list

Roast Suckling, Coconut Pancakes and Kulkul a Christmas treat are not to be missed

East Indian Singing Competitions, Feast and Festival Dates are part of the calendar content

It will serve as a reminder for those people who want to attend an event

The cost of the Calendar is only One Hundred and Twenty Rupees, you must buy one

For enquiries and sales please contact Gleason 9820545302 or Alphi 9820087771!

To read more log on to the Blog – Rita Tales

EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

DAVRUYA GAOTHANCHI KAMAAL

DHANKYAN GAZUYA NAATAAL

Lets Create a Gaothan Identity This Christmas

Gleason Barretto – Old Kurla

Gone are those days when all the Gaothans had that perfect Christmas look with lights, stars, symbols and cribs. As time passed by the influx of the migrants had a big effect on the Christmas ambience and we may blame various factors but we need to blame ourselves first. Our own community members allowed the other communities to overpower us. The migrants took advantage of family infightings which led to the land being sold for a low price due to differences within the family. Also with modernisation a major chunk of youth don't have the time for community cribs and decorations.

Around 10 years ago, MGP was born and as years passed by our focus was on Revival and Restoration. It looked to be a lost fight but of late there are positive signs. There is a great feeling amongst all sections that we need to protect and preserve our Gaothans. It seems to be late but better late than never. Its encouraging to see more groups focusing on this theme which MGP has incorporated in its name already a decade ago. When we started, the Gaothans were taken for granted but today it remains the core area of activism.

Over the years the Celebration which was diminishing will see a slow but sure survival. Every Gaothan activist has been encouraging locals to get into the act. MGP's Sarvajanic Krist Janmotsav launched 2 years ago has created a good foundation to take the celebrations to the next level. SKJ is based on the theme of our Community Freedom Fighter, Kaka Baptista who played an active role in Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav Celebrations along with Lokmanya Tilak.

The East Indian Identity in the Gaothan should be promoted on an active note. Christmas is one of the best ways to revive this identity. MGP will connect with various local groups and encourage them to get more active each passing year. The Gaothan Beautification Project is the next big project to give the Gaothan a traditional look. A series of initiatives will be launched in 2020 keeping the Gaothans in mind in terms of Restoration, Revival, Preservation and Protection.

Has your Gaothan got its act this Christmas? Connect with us for feedback and we welcome you to play an active role in giving your gaothan a Christmas look. You may also join us as a Gaothan Coordinator or any local association. Forming activity-based groups for Christmas will also have a good impact. We will also prepare a list of Christmas activities to be initiated by these activity groups. MGP has also organised 10 Competitions this year based on the Christmas theme.

Active participation throughout the year by community members will also add to the Gaothan Identity. We need to be creative and ensure there are enough local activities across the year to keep the community engaged and together. We also plan to make a list of things every East Indian community member should participate in to be an East Indian At Heart. Saying that you are Proud to be an East Indian and meaning it are two different aspects. Its high time we are Proud East Indians At Heart.

Naataal Cha Sann, that's what we call the Christmas festival in the East Indian Dialect. The Christmas season has loads of traditional practices which need to be revived and publicised. A list is being prepared and will be released by next Christmas. MGPs plan for Gaothans and Christmas revival as mentioned above is challenging but not impossible. If more hands join us, it will help us initiate better. Every Hand Counts! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020!

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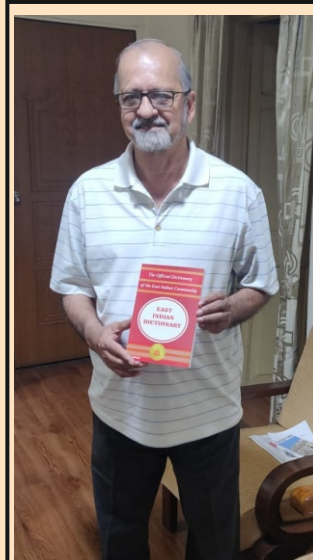
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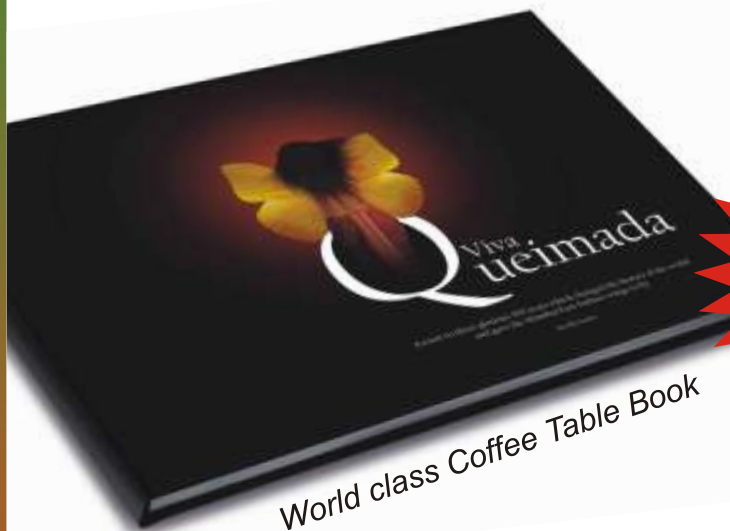


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