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The Journey of the East Indian Community Awards



East Indian of the Year - Late Augustine Koli
Award was presented to the family at their Uttan Residence

East Indian Sann 2022
The Annual Festival of the
East Indian Community

East Indian Baazaar

On 23rd April 2022

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**East Indian Food Festival
2022**

On 3rd May 2022 @Bandra

**MPL 2022 - Mobai Premier
League 2022**

Football Tournament

On 3rd May 2022 @Bandra

East Indians Day

15th May 2022 @Manori

Holy Cross Day

On 31st May 2022

@ all Gaothans

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East Indian Book of the Year 2021
Fr. Milton Gonsalves - Koley Kalyan



East Indian Initiative of the Year 2021
Hazel Parikh - Christmas with Hazel Online Event



Special Award of Appreciation
Shania Pais - Maharashtra BMS Topper



East Indian Project of the Year 2021
Aami East Indians Radio Channel



Special Award of Appreciation
Sequeira Brothers - Governor Award Recipient



East Indian Community Awards 2021
Covid Warrior - Dr. Milind Kadam

EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the East Indian Community

**EASTINDIAN HAN MOBAICHI SHAAN
DETAV TYANA MAAN NA SANMAAN**

The Journey of the East Indian Community Awards

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

East Indian Community Awards (EICA) was initiated in the year 2010 and it all started in a small way. The Awards have grown each passing year and it's a great way in presenting community members, many of whom have never been heard of. The Awards were held at various venues across like Parle, Bandra and Santacruz. This EICA 2021 was presented in the online version due to the pandemic. MGP has presented more than 100 community members till date and the Awards are eagerly awaited by our supporters and team members.

Encouraging and appreciating is one of the best ways to take our community forward. A sizeable number of recipients have been great advisors and supporters for our MGP projects. The awards have various categories with the main focus now being on the East Indian of the Year presented to individuals who have made our community proud. The East Indian of the Year 2021 was awarded to Freedom Fighter Augustine Koli who passed away a couple of months before the presentation. In the past this prestigious award has been presented to Genelia Deshmukh, Roger Pereira, Joseph Dsouza, Justice Aguiar, Darryl Dmonte and Gerson DaCunha

Identifying the Awards categories and nominations have been diligently done to ensure the award recipients have justified their service to the East Indian community or society. We have added new categories to make this award ceremony cover all sections that need to be honoured. During the awards, we have also made efforts to introduce new community bands and performers. Initially the awards were open to all community members but the last edition was by invitation only to ensure the event is organised smoothly and effectively. We have also dedicated awards to community members who have made a difference like St. Gonsalo Garcia, Kaka Baptista, Fr. Benny Aguiar and Hyginus Dlima.

Community Upliftment and Empowerment is one big step for any region and EICA is a fitting way to fulfill this objective. We hope to continue with this chain and create an effective network to see our community move forward hand in hand. Special project on the Empowerment side are being worked upon and promoted from time to time like the East Indian Baazaar. MGP has around 40 projects with around 10 being active, the next 20 which are decently active and 10 which need to pick up on their initiation. A majority of our Recipients are now our Advisors which help us in our decision making and planning process.

Appreciation awards have been introduced in newer forms each passing year. Last year we introduced an award to non-community members who have served our community. Special awards of Appreciation is also presented for outstanding work which has made our community stand out. The 2022 edition will have a special Music category of around 5 awards under the title - EIMA (East Indian Music Awards). Some categories are not considered if we do not get an apt nomination. Awards are a great way to be acknowledged and that's what EICA actually does for our community members.

EICA is one of the top 10 MGP projects. We plan to make this project grow each passing year with newer concepts to keep this initiative interesting and effective. EICA has transformed the hidden names to household names. We invite nominations from all our community members and after basic review the same will be shared with the Special Awards Team for finalisation. EICA 2021 has just been streamed online and EICA 2022 will be held at a venue mostly in September 2022. EICA in our community dialect means listen. Through this initiative let's listen carefully to our recipients so that they are a great inspiration for the future of our East Indian Community.



East Indian Calendar 2023 Golden Raffle

Organised by - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Date of draw - 26th December 2022

- Each ticket entitles you to a complimentary copy of the East Indian Calendar 2023.
- Raffle contribution Rs.100/-.

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- 1st Prize - Gold Coin 5 gms**
- 2nd Prize - Gold Coin 2 gms**
- 3rd Prize - Gold Coin 1 gm**

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY AWARDS

Appreciating and Encouraging the East Indian Community

By Alphi Dsouza, Vakola & Sharon Misquitta, Marol

EAST INDIAN OF THE YEAR 2021 - AUGUSTINE KOLI



Augustine Bandya, also known as Augustine Master, was born in a Koli family, on 11th January 1921. He studied in the local vernacular school and then went to Thomas Baptista High School in Vasai for further studies. He was the first to pass the Matric exam in the Koli community of Uttan.

He went on to secure a job in the erstwhile Bombay-Baroda Railways. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and other freedom fighters, Augustine Koli left his railway job and jumped onto the struggle for freedom in 1940. After playing active roles in undercover operations in Dahisar, Borivali and Panju Island in Naigaon near Vasai, Augustine Koli openly jumped into the freedom struggle arena in response to a clarion call given by Pandrang Nanaji Gawde while addressing a gathering of more than 300 people in Uttan on 15, January, 1941.

After that he participated in various movements including the Salt Satyagraha and also the Quit India Movement at Gowalia Tank Maidan (renamed as August Kranti Maidan) in August, 1942.

After India achieved Independence, Augustine Koli began his social crusade and started teaching at St. Joseph School in Uttan, before he was elected Sarpanch in 1954 and held the position for 17 long years.

He was a man who devoted himself to the service of the community. He solved the water problem by digging a new well to provide water for the villagers, and also built a bridge, to overcome the problem of the village road that always got submerged during the high tide.

Augustine Koli is also known for his selfless mission of training and guiding the local youth to upgrade their skills for better job opportunities and self-employment. He also fought for equality in pensions for freedom fighters.

Augustine and Monica have eight children: six sons and two daughters. One of the daughters is a religious nun, Sr. Catherine. He celebrated his hundredth birthday on 11th January 2021.

He passed away on 30th January 2022 at the age of 101. Notably his demise coincided with Martyr's Day (Shaheed Diwas) which is observed every year on 30 January in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and to commemorate freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

COVID WARRIOR - DR. SCHNELL DSA

An East Indian of Mumbai origin was raised in Belgium educated in Germany and France, did medical studies in the UK. She worked very hard during the pandemic in Peterborough England where she met and treated mainly Goan, Daman and South Indian origin people who came daily and she had to put in over 12 hours a day and 14 days at a time with hardly any rest or maybe one day off sometimes. Back home she has many friends who are doctors and would share the scenarios in her country and they would in their country which would help her as well as doctors in India. She is happy to advise friends in India who are in contact with her. Many doctors feared their own lives and that added to the shortage but she never shied away from work but braved it out to support human lives which is the basic reason for her choosing this career. She is proud of her original goathan in Thane. We wish her all the best for her future.



COVID WARRIOR - DR. MILIND KADAM



Good doctors treat the disease, whereas great doctors treat the patient who has the disease. While most of us would have come across this powerful quote time & again, its only during rare occasions that we truly experience its real meaning. He started his clinic 16 years ago in Manori. A humble & softspoken person, most of his patients agree that just a brief chat with the doctor lifts their spirits & they feel much more optimistic about fighting their illness. Despite being a family man himself, he devotes most of his time at the clinic every single day (including weekends) & ensures that every single patient gets the required treatment regardless of the time. He is not just a doctor but also a friend, a counsellor whom you can call or message anytime and he is always there to help you. During the recent pandemic outbreak, he worked tirelessly and successfully cured over 200 covid positive patients in Manori and Gorai. Few years ago, when many people were down with Dengue, he had completely given up on his family and personal life and prioritized people's health. He used to visit the clinic early morning and

leave at midnight. While the consulting fee the charges is very nominal, he ensures that money doesn't become a hindrance to one's wellbeing. If he comes across anyone struggling with finances, he doesn't charge them at all and helps them with free medicines.

East Indian Book of the Year 2021 (FR. MILTON GONSALVES - KOLE KALYAN)

The historian father has several books to his credit. Simple in nature his books speak volumes about the places he writes about. Kolekalyan is about Kalina while his book on Dharavi Beth takes you on journey from Manori to Bhyander embracing all the historic stories it holds. Presently posted at Holy Cross parish in Kurla, Fr. Milton we have to thank you for these masterpieces.



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East Indian Project of the Year 2021 (AAMI EAST INDIANS RADIO CHANNEL)



As the name suggest this radio channel is the first of its kind. Nestled in the busy Uttan village in the Dharavi Beth islands and run by Shoun and his friends. In the tiny but compact studio one is transported into a powerful sound world where music is the spoken language. We are sure the channel will become popular not only among East Indians but universally accepted.



East Indian Initiative of the Year 2021 (HAZEL PARIKH - CHRISTMAS WITH HAZEL ONLINE EVENT)

She comes across as a loving and simple person. Her many albums of yesteryears tell us much more of her singing prowess. She has won several awards especially during the various East Indian singing competitions held in most gaothans. Thank you, Hazel, for giving us such lovely songs.



East Indian Community Awards 2021 Special Award of Appreciation (SHANIA PAIS - MAHARASHTRA BMS TOPPER)

When one meets Shania, she comes across as a very shy person. But when she speaks, she exudes confidence and knowledge. She has completed her course in mass media and has thrown in her hat in her father's (Glen Pais) business and we are sure she will take it to great heights. A sure success story.



East Indian Community Awards 2021 Special Award of Appreciation SEQUEIRA BROTHERS - GOVERNOR AWARD RECIPIENT

Located in the quite picturesque Giriz gaothan in Vasai (erstwhile Bassien). The famous statue makers Benzoni and Mingleash are submerged in wood and name the saint and they have a statue ready. They are very hospitable and their mother insists that we have lunch with them. Their statues are a wanted commodity in most churches not only in Mumbai but all parts of India. It's a must visit wood carving factory.

East Indian Community Awards 2021 MLA of the Year AMEET SATAM - ANDHERI WEST CONSTITUENCY

- *Allotment of lands for the Kaka Baptista Gardens with an East Indian theme.
- *Support by the region Corporators team for Gaothan issues.
- *Approachable for all meeting requests.
- *Support for East Indian Cultural events.



East Indian Community Awards 2021 Special Award of Appreciation RENU HANSRAJ - CORPORATOR BMC WARD 69



- *Support for all cultural events in Gaothans
- *Prompt action to civic issues raised by the MGP Juhu Team
- *Improvement of various pathways in Gaothan
- *Water issue in Gaothans solved after decades. New water lines installed.
- *Reopened (shut for 7 yrs) health dispensary which provides free health facilities, located near Gaothan 2.
- *Health /medical /eye camps conducted and free specks distributed
- *Support given during Covid by sanitization, ration distribution, vaccination and hospitalization of covid patients.
- *Distribution of mask, sanitizers and Immunity tablets
- *Improved cleanliness in and around Gaothan, dry and wet waste segregation encouraged by providing bin to every household

East Indian Community Awards 2021 Special Award of Appreciation ANEESH MAKWAAANEY - CORPORATOR BMC WARD 71

- *Support for all cultural events in Gaothans
- *Prompt action to civic issues raised by the MGP Parle Team
- *Water issue in Gaothans solved after decades
- *Improvement of various roads and bylanes in the Gaothans
- *Support given during Covid by sanitization, ration distribution and vaccination
- *Laying of new sewage line and storm water drains
- *Distribution of mask, sanitizers and Immunity tablets
- *Proposed chowk dedicated to Kaka Baptista to be approved soon





AN APPEAL

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- *The First Religious structure in Bombay Archdiocese to be dedicated to our Native Saint.
- *The Chapel is likely to be inaugurated in the year 2023.
- *We look forward to Support from Experts (Designers, architects, Sculptors, fabricators, etc) in building this Chapel.
- *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 starters like Potato Chops, Tongue Roast, Fugyas and Varyas.
- *Special fish stall selling the best of Koli food.
- *Introducing the East Indian Thali, Special Buffet and the EI Box.
- *East Indian Bottle Masala and Pickles.
- *Lugras, Imitation Jewellery and lost more.
- *East Indian Cookery and History books.
- *East Indian Calendar 2023 Golden Raffle on sale.
- *Performances by the best East Indian talent.
- *East Indian merchandise stall selling a variety of things to treasure in an East Indian home.

Our Events of the East Indian Sann 2022

Sr. No.	Name of Event	Venue	Gaothan Village	Date & Time
1	East Indian Baazaar	St. Andrew's College Cafeteria	Bandra	23 rd April 2022 5.00 pm onwards
2	East Indian Food Festival 2022	St. Andrew's Football Turf Parking lot, In Coordination with - St. Andrew's Institute	Bandra	3 rd May 2022 4.00 pm onwards
3	Mobai Premier League 2022 Football Tournament	St. Andrew's Football Turf, In Coordination with - St. Andrew's Institute	Bandra	3 rd May 2022 12.00 noon onwards
4	East Indians Day	Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, East Indian Marathi Mass @10.00 am Followed by Performances and Games Lunch coupons @ Rs.150/- only	Manori	15 th May 2022 10.00 am onwards
5	Holy Cross Day	Across all Gaothans		31 st May 2022

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**East Indian Community Awards 2021
MLA of the Year
Ameet Satam - Andheri West Constituency**



**East Indian Community Awards 2021
Special Award of Appreciation
Aneesh Makwaaaney - Corporator BMC Ward 71**



**East Indian Community Awards 2021
Special Award of Appreciation
Renu Hansraj - Corporator BMC Ward 69**



**MGP Founder Trustee, Walter Murzello pays his
respects at Uttan on Kaka Baptista Jayanti**



Kaka Baptista Jayanti at Uttan on 17th March 2022



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