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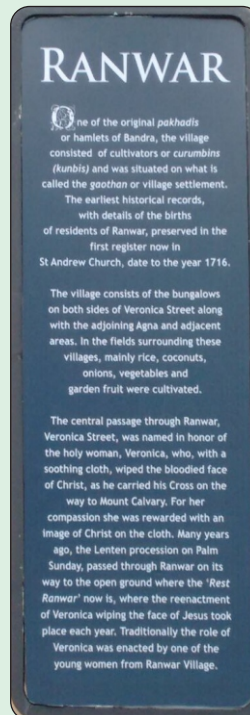
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Tuesday, 3rd May 2022



EAST INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL 2022

The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat hosted their annual food festival on the 3rd of May, 2022.

The food stalls opened at 4 p.m. St. Andrew's School Quadrangle, Bandra being the venue.

The back drop had two Ghumats (clay drums), a broom, cane basket and a cane winnower on display.

A vinyl banner of the festival was highlighted with a curtain of fairy lights in an array

Roysten the compere for the event was nattily dressed up we agree.

He did an excellent job alternating between English and East Indian Marathi.

Earlier at 11.30 am MGP had their football Mobai Premier League 2022 the competition was extreme

It was held on St. Andrew's Football Turf with sixteen gaothan (villages) teams

Vakola gaothan took away the winner's trophy and cash prize the runner ups were Vasai, Kirol and Vikhroli gaothans.

Best Defender was Divyanshu and Abner Almeida was the Player of the tournament both from Vasai gaothan.

Best goalkeeper was Albert and the highest goal scorer was Samson Fernandes both from Vakola gaothan.

I was cheering for my friend Aaron Pereira from Vikhroli gaothan, constantly enquiring about the scores.

They placed third place, I was more than happy to meet and greet him after years.

There was a special East Calendar 2023 Golden Raffle tickets on sale

Each ticket purchased assures you of a 2023 special East Indian calendar which you can avail.

Along with a chance to win a gold coin if you are one of the lucky ones.

Tickets are still available so purchase one quickly and be done.

East Indian Cookery and East Indian History Books were sold out in a hurry.

We will be replenishing our stock soon so no need to worry.

Rosen G a talented saxophonist played the most amazing Jazz music.

He had us all enthralled with his melodious tunes it was simply ecstatic.

Valentine Machado the legendary East Indian singer had the crowd dancing to his beat.

Along with his daughters Luvella and Trinette and Neil Machado everybody was on their feet.

Roysten, Collet and Shallet sang and danced to 'Mobaichi asli bhumiputra' an East Indian Marathi song.

Collet and Shallet beautifully attired had people join in the sing along

Seah, Consica and Naomi a trio of girls gave a delightful dance performance.

We cheered and applauded them as they went through their sequence.

There were stalls selling authentic East Indian food like vindaloo, sorpotal, tongue roast, Kaldin and moile.

Accompaniments were fugiyas, orias, hand breads, chitaphs and wedding pickle

Snacks were potato chops, cutlets, croquets, pan rolls, sandwiches, nevrís, and colorful letri.

Also available to stock up on was Bottle Masala, Purish Masala, Fish Masala, Dry fish and (white onions) Kandris.

The Koli (fisherfolk) stall had fried fish, stuffed fish, prawn pickle and fish curry.

Accompanied by rice handbreads the food was sold out in a hurry.

There was traditional imitation jewellery, lugras (saris), surkhas, fusion wear and cotton bags on sale.

Candles, plants, mangoes, aam panna with aam raas being tasted without fail.

Chef Paul Kinny – Director of Culinary – The St. Regis, Mumbai along with his wife and daughter graciously attended the food festival.

I was happy to finally meet him after coordinating with him for his contribution to the calendar 'Bottle Masala Seekh Kebab' recipe accompanied by Wedding Pickle.

Among the distinguished guests Sylvester D'souza, Chairman of St. Lawrence Educational and Charitable Trust was present

Joel Fonseca Director Sparkle Productions, Merck D'silva editor of Bandra Buzz attended the event

Trevor Carvalho famous footballer inaugurated the tournament along with Alphi Dsouza and Gleason Baretto

Thanks to Diana Gomes and Dialynn Dias for managing the football tournament very efficiently also Mr. Aneesh Makwaaney a civic corporator too joined us on this special occasion

MGP thanks Fr. Magi Murzello for gracing the festival in spite of his busy schedule for this celebration.

Thank you Alphi, Gleason and team, it was indeed a successful, entertaining, gastronomic and fun filled day

Hop on to the ferry at Marve to get to Manori for Museum Day on the 15th of May!

EAST INDIAN AGENDA CASE STUDY

A research on the Community demands

By Gleason Barretto - Old Kurla

HOUSING BENEFITS TO THE EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

The East Indian Community has always come forward and played a major role as Land donors to the churches across the Archdiocese of Bombay. The community has also, at large, played a significant role in not only laying the foundation, but also in building the local churches.

Unfortunately, one of the major issues of the East Indian Community, the Indigenous People of Mumbai is Housing and we are not blinded to it. In our annual survey, housing related demands get a higher vote share in agenda to the Central Government, State Government, Municipality and Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese has developed many lands decades ago for housing facilities to the Catholic community at subsidised rates. At that time the East Indian families preferred staying in joint families. In the current scenario, nuclear families are at a very high rise and of prime importance and preference which in these times have forced families to sell their homes and move towards areas with lower property rates. Decades ago, the housing benefits were majorly taken by Migrants from other states. We have heard of such housing facilities provided at Mahim, Kurla, Goregaon, Orlem amongst many others

MGP did a research on the Kurla Housing Project and the details are as follows :

- * Number of Society - 3 (Holy Cross, St. Gonsalo Garcia and Amparo)
- * Number of flats - 96 (32 in each building, 16 in each wing)
- * Type - 1 BHK
- * Approx area - 550 sq. ft.
- * Year built - 1968
- * Project initiated by - Fr. Peter Pereira
- * Cost of flat to Catholic buyers- 20k
- * Market rate of flat during project - 40k
- * Today's selling rate approx - 90 Lakhs to 1.1 crore
- * Number of non East Indian families allotted flats - less than 10%

The flat buyers got these flats at half the market rates as it was built on donated land by the Indigenous People - East Indian Community.

Will they sell the flats for half the rates today? Obviously No.

Taking this into account and also the contribution of the East Indian Community, the Archdiocese should immediately initiate the following:-

1. Allot vacant land owned by the Archdiocese for Housing projects to benefit the families at subsidized rates which will also ensure that the parish population remains intact.
2. All Church Housing projects going for redevelopment should allot the additional flats only to East Indian Community at subsidized rates.



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BHUMIPUTRANCHI NAI RELI GHARA DHARA AAPLI JAAGA NA PARKI KHAATHAN BHAARA Housing Right and Benfits Needs Urgent Attention

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Housing has got a higher vote in all our Online Surveys for the Annual East Indian Agenda to the Central Government, State Government, Municipality and Archdiocese. Most of the lands in the city belonged to the Indigenous East Indian Community and were taken under the disguise of infrastructure development. These lands are now being commercial exploited and many of these lands are on prime properties like BKC, Airport, Railways, Aarey, University amongst many others. The Indigenous People of Mumbai, East Indian Samaj owned almost all lands, but today almost all has been snatched away and migrants are benefitting financially as well as otherwise. It's time the authorities open their eyes to this injustice and announce benefits and basic rights for the Indigenous People of Mumbai, The East Indian Community.

EISHA - East Indian Samaj Housing Authority

EISHA will be the sole authority to finalise the future plans for the Gaothans basis the views of the local Gaothan people. MGP has after basic research identified some options for the future of the Gaothans - Heritage Gaothan, SiTU, Cluster development and Smart Gaothan. The *Heritage Gaothan* is detailed in the GHAR policy where efforts will be made to maintain Gaothan aesthetics. *SITU* Ground-plus-two will help accomodate increasing families but to be restricted for use of the original owners and not to be put on sale. *Cluster development* will facilitate. Few houses coming together and building a structure keeping enough room around for all amenities. Smart Gaothan will be a planned Gaothan to ensure all facilities and amenities are provided with housing structures having a Gaothan feel to accomodate increasing families.

GHAR Policy - Gaothan Heritage Aesthetics Restoration Policy

GHAR Policy team will do a detailed research on the Gaothans of the past and try to emulate the same. Every little inclusion in a Gaothan will be specified and incorporated from the entrance, the bylanes, the street lights, the facade and structure of houses. Efforts will be made to resort the Gaothan to its original glory. Since there won't be major development here the authorities will need to provide TDR facilities as well as funds to maintain the heritage structures. The TDR could facilitate housing for increasing families in the vicinity. Efforts will also be made to give a Cultural and Traditional look to the Heritage Gaothan

EIHSCO - East Indian Housing Society Circle Organization

With increasing families and lesser space the families are forced to shift which may be challenging. The aim here is to ensure a part of the family stays back and the rest shift to a society building specially built for the community. A special discount will be given in such Societies and a tie-up with like minded developers for the community will be shortlisted. The positives of this would be that the community members can live together in the same developed structure and help connect better. Also tie ups with community banks will help process housing loans faster.

EIBHRA Policy - East Indian Bhumiputra Housing Rights Allotment Policy

The Central and State Government provides housing Facilities to various segments of people under various schemes. The team plans to connect with the authorities to allot land for Housing projects for the East Indians as they are the Indigenous People of this city. With a reference to our lands provided for infrastructure development of this city, we have a strong reason to demands such housing rights. Indigenous People across the world and even in India have basic facilities and benefits and the same needs to be emulated for the East Indian Community. The EIBHRA Policy will aim to communicate about the housing needs of the community and create awareness about the importance of housing for the Indigenous People.

GHARA Policy - Gaothan Housing Area Revival Architecture Policy

Through the GHARA Policy initiative we will try to initiate MGPs Gaothan Beautification and Restoration plan. In the current scenario Restoration may not be fully possible and so beautification can fill in the gap. Here s some Gaothans have changed it's look and feel, we plan to make changes to ensure the Gaothan gets a facelift. The GHARA Policy will have a entrance arch, history board, cultural installation, theme based street lights, special benches, cobble stone bylanes, housing colour codes, traditional wells and much more. The focus here is to revive the area to give it a typical Gaothan look with a combination of Beautification and Restoration.

This entire Housing Plan for the East Indian Community is challenging and a dream. If all of us do our bit, we will surely see some of them see the light of day. Your prayers for MGP and soon to be initiated EISHA will surely help. Your suggestions and feedback welcome at mqpmobai@gmail.com



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Runner ups

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Best goalkeeper

Highest goal scorer

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By Brian Dsouza, Qatar

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- *Contributions by Cheque or in kind are welcome.
- *We plan to get relics from Japan and promote pilgrimage to Nagasaki.
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