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@Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum - Manori**



EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the East Indian Community

AAPLAA GAAV! AAPLA DEVOOL! ST. GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL.

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Churches all across Bombay Diocese are dedicated to various Saints and it's time now to dedicate a religious structure to our Patron and Native Saint Gonsalo Garcia. Every East Indian should be proud of our Saint who was born in Vasai and died in Nagasaki, Japan. There are Churches dedicated internationally too to St. Gonsalo Garcia and we have 4 churches in Vasai. A need to have a religious structure in Bombay Diocese was felt very strongly, and so Mobai Gaothan Panchayat decided to take forward this project to build a Chapel.

History and heritage will be the themes under which we plan to build this chapel. Giving the chapel a relevance to the place of his birth in Gass, Vasai and also his place of martyrdom in Nagasaki, Japan, is what we are planning on. The important happenings in the lives of our Patron Saint will be compiled, and ways to connect with the chapel will be drawn. Depending on the feasibility, we plan to build the chapel structure on a boat to connect our Saint History, going back to when he set sail on a boat from India to Japan. The chapel structure may have a linkage to the church structure in Nagasaki dedicated to the 26 Martyrs or the Gass church in Vasai. The facade of the boat structure may have the images of the 26 Martyrs linked to the Nagasaki Museum dedicated to our Saint and his companions.

Awareness of the Chapel project is being drawn by a dedicated team from various backgrounds. In a few weeks, the team will be assigned their jobs and start work actively. The fund generation will be the major challenge as this project may cost around 1 crore if we have to purchase the land. The teams will brainstorm on various ways to generate support for the biggest MGP project. The first step through appeal has been finalised already and will be distributed across Mumbai. East Indians abroad will also be approached to help this community mega project. The finance team is drafting its 1st phase of plans for the Chapel Finance Management.

Promotion of our Saint will also be one of our major objectives. St. Gonsalo Garcia has a rich history unknown to so many and ways to promote them are being finalized. We will soon approach the publishers of the book on St. Gonsalo Garcia for a reprint to be distributed to all donors. Special merchandises are being created to present memorabilia to those who support this project in the form of fridge magnets, key chains and more. Miniature statues to be placed at home altars are also being planned.

Enriching our religious devotions to our native devotions are also on plan for St. Gonsalo Garcia, as well as, Mount Mary. Special hymns will be written by experts with music by the most talented in our community. Prayers in the East Indian Dialect will also be created with special East Indian Marathi Holy Masses at regular intervals. The community members will be requested to place large Statues at Gaothan Holy Crosses for veneration of our Saint. The St. Gonsalo Garcia Day announcement by MGP few years back seems to be slowly succeeding with many websites also mentioning St. Gonsalo Garcia as the Patron Saint of the East Indians.

Love for our Patron Saint was missing and gradually vanishing, and reviving this will be our top priority and on the Agenda. MGP has taken upon itself one of the biggest challenges through this project and it's success is totally dependent on our community at large. We appeal to all in our Community for their prayers and support. Let's build the first religious structure dedicated to our Native and Patron Saint in Bombay Diocese. This could very well be our first step towards a self dependent and dedicated Community working towards Development, Upliftment and Empowerment. Hands that have a strong passion and desire to serve our Community are more than welcome to join our Vibrant Chapel Team. Together, let's make this dream a reality.

27 Gift Hampers! 27 Family Smiles! One Easter Celebration

Easter Hampers - Rs.500/- per family. Let's Ensure the Needy Celebrate too.

East Indian Community Fund Supporting The Needy of the Community

Gaothan wise Support given - 27 Hampers

Bhayander- 3 families

Kalina - 9 familie

Chakala -4 families

Kurla - 6 families

Kirol - 3 families

Malwani- 2 families

East Indian Community Fund Helpline - Chief Project Coordinator, Kalina - Sybil Rodrigues *9930229742

MGP Team thanks all the Sarpanches/Coordinators for distribution.

As a MGP policy we do not disclose names of needy families and photographs during gifting is not permitted

MGP - Every Smile Matters

EAST INDIAN DAY 2022

Rita Rodricks, Bandra

MGP celebrated their annual East Indians Day on the 15th of May, 2022
Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Theresa Villa, Manori was the designated venue
The East Indian Marathi Holy Mass at 10.30 am was celebrated by Bishop Allwyn D'silva
Concelebrated by Fr. Ronny Pereira OFM Cap, Fr. Thomson Kinny and Fr. Magi Murzello of St. Andrew's, Bandra

It was a thanksgiving mass in honor of St. Gonsalo Garcia and Mount Mary
There was a free bus service from Kirol to Manori
Swaranjali Choir, Kharodi sang the East Indian Marathi hymns with everybody participating
Their music accompanied by the beat of the drums was lilting and uplifting
Constantine the compere was vocal in English and East Indian Marathi
He was lively, humorous and entertaining we all agree
Hot Dogs, Pan Rolls, Potato chops, Cold drinks, Tadgola (ice apple) and toddy were on sale
Religious items and traditional masalas were also being sold on a small scale
Alphi Dsouza an MGP trustee welcomed all the guests graciously
Ribbon sandwiches and a soft drink was served after the mass we were all so thirsty

Gleason Barretto also a trustee spoke about the MGP's achievements and projects underway
Do contact him if you can help and be of assistance in any way
MGP released their latest 'Gaothan Voice' and an East Indian red umbrella
It can be purchased for three hundred and fifty rupees, makes a great gift too by far
Valentine Music Makers, the brass band from Kirol had the crowd dancing nonstop on the floor
Please contact Russell D'Mello 8779693876/9820274523 if you need to know more
Traditional lunch by Dsilva Caterers was Chicken Khudi, Gavar Fughat and Rice that was white
Accompanied by wedding pickle, fugias, fryums and a salad it was just right
Thank you Arlene and Bruno Fernandes for your unwavering support all the way
Since the last decade we have enjoyed each and every East Indian day
Spot prizes were given to a person who had purchased the East Indian umbrella
For stating five items from the museum and for wearing the traditional lugra
Housie was played with much mirth and bated breath as you waited for your number call
Cousin Penny Miranda donated four boxes of Mangoes as prizes for all
Awards were presented in different categories
The awardees were elated to be felicitated for their expertise

Ferdinand Buthello said the Grace before Meals
Music by Bosco Dsouza had us dancing kicking off our heels
Royston Dsilva, Collet Pereira, Charollete Dmello, Pushpa Pereira from Kirol Gaothan entertained us with their singing
Crompton Texeira, singer and music composer of East Indian music had the crowd whistling and dancing
Uncle Percy from Canada sure enjoyed himself greeting old friends
Sylvester the photographer and he danced right till the very end
I was happy to meet my old friend Charmine Fernandes from Vasai
Also made a new friend Avril Pereira and her family from Marve nearby
Special thanks to our guests Tulip Miranda, Advocate Urmila, Morris Kinny
Oliver Pereira, Hazel Parikh, Scarlett and Wenceslaus D'souza of Amboli, Andheri
Thank you Bishop Allwyn Dsilva, Fr. Magi, Fr. Ronny and Fr. Thomson for gracing this special occasion
Thank you MGP team of Sarpanchas, Coordinators, Volunteers, Sponsors, Donors and Well-wishers for this celebration!

MGP TEAM AWARDS 2022

Presented on 15th May 2022

at Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum - Manori

1. TALUKA SARPANCH OF THE YEAR

James Fernandes - Vasai

*Coordination for entire Vasai region for Gaothan Voice and calendar distribution

*Got blessed paddy distributed across Gaothans in Vasai

2. VIBHAG SARPANCH OF THE YEAR

Joan Gonsalves

*Active coordination for distribution of Calendars, Gaothan Voice and Agera paddy in Chakala, Marol and Sahar

*Active participation and support at all MGP events and meetings

3. GAOTHAN SARPANCH OF THE YEAR

Florence Gomes

*Active coordination for distribution of Calendars, Gaothan Voice and Agera paddy in Old Kurla Gaothan

*Active participation and support at all MGP events and meetings

4. SARPANCH OF THE YEAR - FUND GENERATION

Darryl Gonsalves

*Organised the Christmas event at Juhu Gaothan and excess funds generated donated to MGP

5. SARPANCH OF THE YEAR - ACTIVE MGP SUPPORT

Douglas Lobo

*Distribution of East Indian Calendars at Various Gaothan hubs

*Coordination for East Indian Baazaar

6. VILLAGE COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Bosco Patel

*Active coordination for distribution of Calendars and Gaothan Voice in Malad unit region of Malwani, Kharodi, Rathodi, Marve and Madh

*Active role in coordination of the Marthi play on the Passion of Christ

7. GAOTHAN COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Joel Kinny

*Active coordination for distribution of Calendars and Gaothan Voice in Govandi Gaothan

*Active participation and support at MGP events and meetings

8. SARPANCH OF THE YEAR - SPORTS PROMOTION

Dialynn Dias

*Active role in organising the Mobai Premier League - A Inter Gaothan football tournament

9. SARPANCH OF THE YEAR - MUSIC PROMOTION

Royston Dsilva

*Active role in releasing the MGPs 1st celebration song - Mobaichi Asli Bhumi Putra

*Chief Coordinator of MGPs music project - musElc

10. SARPANCH OF THE YEAR - CULTURE PROMOTION

Bonny Pereira

*Distribution of Agera paddy to ensure Cultural celebration across more than 50 Gaothans inspite of the Pandemic

11. SARPANCH OF THE YEAR - DIGITAL SUPPORT

Romuald Dcruz

*Creatives for various MGP project promotions

*Special creatives for YouTube channel promotions

12. SARPANCH OF THE YEAR - MGP PROJECT SUPPORT

Sunita Alphonso

*Active support for Reetiñ Reevaz and Chapel Project

*Coordination for projects and distribution in Thane region

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A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

Gaothan Crib Competition

1st Prize

Culbavour Gaothan Crib

2nd Prize

Gift of Peace Community, Malwani

Maharashtra Outdoor Crib Competition

1st Prize

Cardinal Care Trust, Orlem

Gaothan Decoration Competition

1st Prize

Uttan Devtalav Gaothan

GAOTHAN ADS VILLA

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Alphi Dsouza - Vakola
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Sybil Rodrigues - Kalina
Walter Murzello - Orlem
Jamaica D'lima - Marve
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Sharon Misquitta - Marol
Karen D'souza - Poisar



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AN APPEAL

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) is happy to announce its initiative in building the first religious structure in the Diocese of Mumbai dedicated to our East Indian Native and Patron Saint..

ST. GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL Aaplaa GAAV! Aapla Devool!

Proposed site - any place within the Archdiocese of Bombay limits

Highlights

- *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 for 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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MGP - Promoting Native Devotions



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