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**MALAD TEAM ACCEPTING THE AWARD
FOR BEST UNITED GAOTHAN AGERA
CELEBRATION**



**KURLA TEAM ACCEPTING
THE AWARD FOR BEST AGERA
EVENT 2022**

EAST INDIAN AGERA 2022

List of Goathans that celebrated Agera

AGERA - The Harvest Festival of the East Indian Community

List of 110 Gaothans who confirmed Agera Celebrations

Acton - Vasai	Juhu Gauthan No.2	Naupada - Thane
Agashi Mangla - Virar	Juhu Gauthan No.3	Navghar - Uttan
Agashi 4.Kumbharwada - Virar	Kalina Big village	New Giriz - Vasai
Aldea - Uttan	Kandivali - Gaothan	Old khar - Khar
Amboli - Andheri	Kanjur Lower Pakhadi	Old Kurla - Kurla
Andheri - Andheri	Kanjur Upper Pakhadi	Oshiwara Gaothan
Bamanpuri - Andheri	Kantwadi - Bandra	Pakhadi - Parle
Bamanwada - Sahar	Kashegaon - Kashimira	Palghar - Palghar
Bangli Village - Vasai	Kevni - Amboli	Pali - Naigaon
Bazar Road - Bandra	Kelve - Palghar	Pali - Uttan
Bhandarwada - Gorai	Khajori wadi - Uttan	Palli - Bandra
Big Carpentry - Vasai	khallai - Kirol	Panchghar - Manori
Big Giriz - Vasai	Kharodi - Malavni	Papdy Village - Vasai
Chakala - Andheri	Killabundar - Vasai	Parle - Parle
Chapel Road - Bandra	Kirol -Kirol	Poinsur - Kandivali
Chimbai - Bandra	Koldongri - Andheri	Pond - Parle
Church pakhadi - Gorai	Koloverly - Kalina	Ranwar - Bandra
Church pakhadi - Sahar	Kolbad - Thane	Remedy - Vasai
Cherai - Thane	Kondita - Marol	Rathodi - Malavni
Cross Garden - Bhayendar	Kumbharwada - Manori	Sahargaon - Sahar
Culbavor - Kurla	Kumbharwada - Vasai	Santacruz - Santacruz
Culvem - Gorai	Lepora Street - Bhayendar	Sandor - Vasai
Dongri - Uttan	Lower koliwada - Gorai	Satmai Village - 80.Sandore Vasai
Dharavi - Dharavi	Madh Christian village - Madh	Shepali pakhadi - Gorai
Dadar - Dadar	Malavni Gaothan	Shire - Uttan
D'Souza Nagar - Thane	Mandli Street - Bhayendar	Small Carpentry - Vasai
Dahanu - Dahanu	Mandpeshwar - Borivali	Small Giriz - Vasai
Eksar - Poinsur	Manickpur - Vasai	Suttar pakhadi - Sahar
Erangal - Madh	Manori koliwada	Talzen, mulzen pakhadia' - Gorai
Mann - Boisar	Marol - Andheri	Tape - Amboli
Ghodbandar - Ghodbandar	Majiwada - Thane	Upper koliwada - Gorai
Golibar - Santacruz	Marve - Malavni	Vairala pakhadi - Gorai
Gomes Street - Bhayendar	Mota Gaon - Uttan	Vakola Gaothan
Gundavli - Andheri	Muddhan pakhadi - Gorai	Vikhroli - Vikhroli
Halawar pakhadi - Gorai	Mulgaon - Vasai	Valnai (Orlem) Gaothan
Hall Village - Kurla	Naigaon - Naigaon	Versova Gaothan
Juhipada - Gorai	Naupada - Kurla	

EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the East Indian Community

BHUMIPUTRANCHA EK AVAAJ

AAPLA GAAV! AAPLAA RAAJ!

GRANT INDIGENOUS RIGHTS TO EAST INDIANS

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Bhumiputra East Indian Community should be granted a special policy as Indigenous People. MGP will release a draft policy to the authorities by early next year. The draft policy will cover all the core points on leadership opportunities, community welfare, cultural protection, revival of Traditions and housing schemes. MGP reference will be the annual online survey and research on this topic. Like-minded community experts and advisors will be consulted to finalise the first policy draft with a review at regular intervals. The Policy for Indigenous East Indian Community will also go well with the East Indian Conclave to RISE (Revive * Initiate * Serve * Empower) and we will try new out of the box ideas after the Conclave.

Housing seems to be the biggest need of the Indigenous Community of MMR region. As per the online survey housing seems to be a core need with increasing members of families and lesser space to accommodate. Lack of permissions to develop vertically aggravates this issue. A Housing plan is being drawn for approaching various authorities under the Bhumi Putra Policy. Permissions for SITU to accommodate only the original residents or compensation to maintain heritage villages or system to provide alternate accommodation. Implementation of the Goathan Expansion Policy will be demanded to ensure the Indigenous People get their basic rights to a housing facility.

Unique leadership positions should be granted to the East Indian Community. On the government administration side there is a demand to have a community member represent the Indigenous People in the State Assembly as well as the Municipality. Having a nominated community member stands important to ensure their community issues are raised in the house. On the Diocesan side a nominated East Indian Community member in the Parish Council to ensure the East Indian Voice is heard at the Parish level. Also other committees on the Parish as well as Diocesan level should have a nominated East Indian representative.

Mobai was rich in many ways in the past and remains the same today. A section of the migrant communities have raked in millions and a section of Indigenous People struggle to make ends meet. The Original landlords were snatched off their properties under various pretexts like infra development and legislations to restrict land holdings. These same confiscated properties have now been given to Corporates for commercial use while the Indigenous People got nothing. The Administration now needs to give back to the community what is rightfully theirs in terms of compensation or return of lands. Even on the Diocesan level the premises are used for celebrations and sports on a commercial basis when the original owners donated these lands for the welfare of the community.

Indigenous People have a lot of rights in other states of India and across the World so its time for Maharashtra to follow. The East Indian Conclave 2022 lays the foundation for the community to Differ, Deviate and Divert from the current ways by Initiating community needs Differently, supporting Deviation from what is being done at present and a Diversion from our regular path to community development. The task ahead is very important and many at times we may have to join hands with other Bhumi Putra communities like Kolis and Agris. MGP hopes to bring in a change, to ensure some demands see the light of day by 2023 year end keeping this years Conclave theme in mind. The way ahead looks very challenging and we look forward to your support and prayers to take our community forward. God's Presence and Your Support will make a Difference.

EAST INDIAN AGENDA 2023

Demands of the East Indian Community: Agris-Kolis- Bhandaris-Kunbis

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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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 archbishops 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

MGP NOTICE BOARD

Special Announcements for the East Indians

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS FOR AGERA 2022

MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT - AGERA COMPETITION 2022

BEST CULTURAL DISPLAY

Candol East Indians - Kandivali

*The East Indians of Kandivali organised on a bigger note this year

*A display of artefacts was the highlight with a special get together for locals



BEST AGERA EVENT

AGERA NITE

Organised by East Indians of Old Kurla

*This event had a packed audience with the beat group, Ethnic Vibes playing

*A food festival was also organised with a variety of food Specialty

BEST TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION

Our Lady of Bethlehem Church - Dongri

*This celebration was organised in the traditional way from the field to the Church

*The procession included the traditional Reklas and the Brass Band

BEST NEW GAOTHAN TO CELEBRATE AGERA

St. Anthony's Church - Dharavi

*This parish organised Agera for the first time ever

*MGP supported them with the Agera corn for blessing of the church

BEST UNITED VILLAGE AGERA CELEBRATION

Antonian East Indian Welfare Association

Char Gaav Ek Naav

Kharodi Rathodi Malwani Marve

*4 Gaothans of the parish got together on an active note to have a bigger United celebration

*The evening event had cultural performances accompanied by the brass band

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SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV 2022

The Sixth Mega Christmas Festival

This Christmas Festival will promote Unity in Diversity amongst all communities. There will be Celebrations at all levels - National, State, City and Gaothan

Highlights of SKJ 2022:

*This 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 Association and Groups who organize Christmas activities or make Community Cribs can contact us as supporting groups in this Movement. We target around 100 groups to support us

SKJ events and Initiatives planned :

Crib Competitions - planned on the national, state, city and Village level

Display Competitions - City and Gaothan level for Christmas display and decor

Christmas themed Decoration - Village level Decorations to give them a festive look

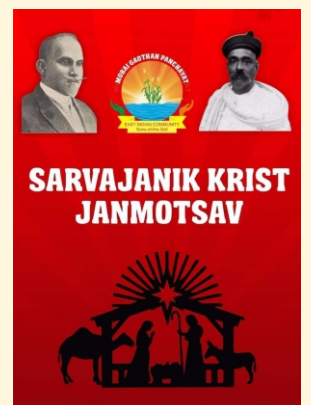
East Indian Naataal Baazaar - A Christmas themed Village Market

Christmas Party - on a village level for children, senior citizens or all residents

Christmas Carol Singing - promotion of Christmas music

Christmas Hampers - a special Christmas gift to Needy Families

SKJ 2022 is an initiative by Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, represented by the Native East Indian Community. For more details and sponsorship contact 9820545302





**Fr. Vernon Aguiar Inaugurated
The East Indian Baazaar on 12th November 2022
At St. Andrew's College Cafeteria, Bandra**



**MGP Team - Penny Miranda, Rita Rodricks,
Gladys Dsouza and Alphi Dsouza with
Charles Dango and Vernon Barrow**



**Joel Dsilva being presented a Sukhala Goodie Bag
by Alphi Dsouza at the East Indian Baazaar, one of
the offerings of the Vakola Food Festival organised
by Vakola East Indian Association**



**Errol Dmello being presented the Gaothan Coordinator
of the Month Award by MGP Global Head, Alphi Dsouza
with Constantine Dmello, compere for the
East Indian Baazaar - November 2022**



**Fr Vernon Aguiar hands over a spot prize to
the eldest visitor to MGPs East Indian Baazaar,
Aunty Gertie (91 years) from Chuim**



**The Special Lugra stall set up by
Goathan Kala at East Indian Baazaar -
November 2022**

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Alphi Dsouza - Vakola
Gleason Barretto - Old Kurla
Penny Miranda - Amboli
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Walter Murzello - Orlem
Jamaica D'lina - Marve
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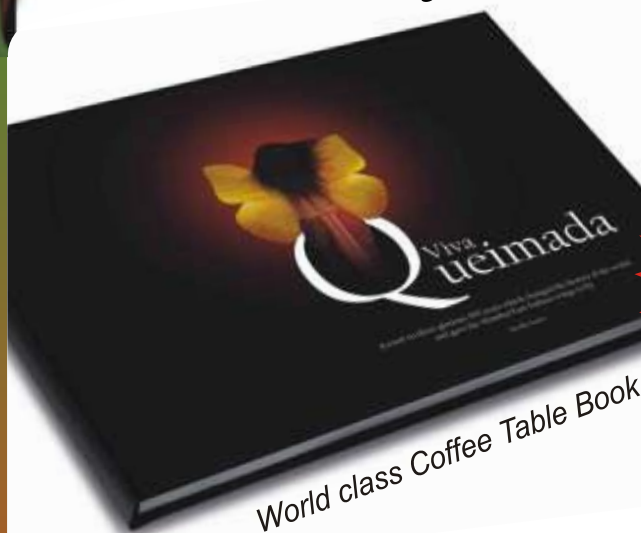
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Highlights

- *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 Altar designers to be a part of the project interiors.
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