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Kaka Baptista East Indian Theme Gardens Coconut Breaking Ceremony

Chief Initiator - **MLA Ameet Satam**

Guest of Honour - **Fr. Magi Murzello & Fr. Ronald Dsouza**

Chief Guest - **MLA Ashish Shelar**

Ceremony Hosted by - **Ex Corporator Aneesh Makwaaney**

Project Suggested by - **Mobai Gaothan Panchayat**





My Christmas Gift to MGP



1. Join a us as a MGP Member or upgrade your membership – Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze
2. Donate or sponsor an amount of your choice towards MGP projects and Activities.
3. Refer Corporates with CSR as Contributions towards Mobai Gaothan Panchayat are eligible for tax exemptions under 80G.
4. Join our Special Team of Ambassadors or Advisors to take our community forward.
5. Pray for MGP and the East Indian Community



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MGP PROJECT WATCH

Visual Updates on East Indian Projects

Proposed Garden Design



Artist Yogesh Barve
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Aapla Gaav! Aaplaa Raaj!

One Community! One Voice

KAKA BAPTISTA EAST INDIAN THEME GARDENS A DREAM COME TRUE

The coconut breaking ceremony of the Kaka Baptista East Indian Theme Gardens was held on Monday, 12th December 2022 at the proposed site in Juhu

Proposed inclusions at the Kaka Baptista East Indian Theme Gardens site .

1. PERGOLA

- * The pillars will have a wood finish or a brick look
- * The shed to have an heritage home tile look
- * A elevated stage for performances

2. MUSEUM

- * A portacabin will house the Musuem
- * East Indian artefacts will be on display
- * An Audio visual presentation space will also be featured

3. MAQUET

- * A small model of a typical East Indian Gaothan
- * Will also serve as a selfie space
- * Efforts to include a aspects of a Model Gaothans
- * Features of the Gaothan Restoration and Beautification project also to be included

4. WELL

- * The well which was an important inclusion will find a special place here
- * The core activity for the traditional Umbrachapani efforts will be made to have an original well
- * This space will be promoted as an ideal place to celebrate umbrachapani

5. OCCUPATION SPACE

- * A demarcate zone for each occupation
- * Live size statues with a display of the occupation to be included
- * The selfie or photography aspect to be included
- * A brief note on the occupation will be placed on a lollipop board

6. CHILDREN PLAY AREA

- * A special space for children to play will be created
- * The inclusions will have fabricated large size artefacts with the play area theme

7. AMPHITHEATRE

- * A special place for open air events
- * Special performances will be planned on a monthly or quarterly basis

9. LIBRARY

- * A Mobile library placed in a silent area of the Gardens
- * Books on East Indians and authored by East Indians will be on the book stand

8. LAWNS

- * A perfect place for community gatherings and meetings
- * This place will be surrounded by King size artefacts of the East Indians
- * Lighting will also match the ambience of the lawns

10. KAKA BAPTISTA STATUE

- * Since this garden is dedicated to Kaka Baptista having a statue will be perfect
- * The statue will be placed at the entrance



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

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Special Announcements for the East Indians

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 Sarvajani 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

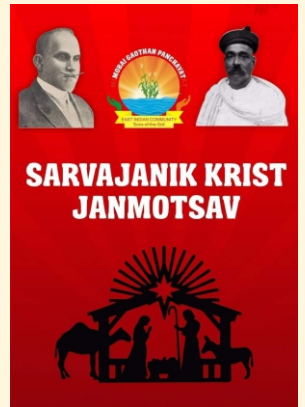
Christmas themed Decoration - Village level Decorations to give them a festive look

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



HECTOR TIXEIRA

East Indian Music Composer
and Singer

Passed away on 22nd December
2022

Hector Tixeira was a strong supporter of the MGP Juhu Unit and GARAJ. His performances and participation at the Flag Hoisting ceremony on Independence Day and Republic Day will be missed.

Our Condolences to the Family
from the MGP Team and GARAJ

EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the East Indian Community

MOTHA BAKSHIS MILAY AAPLYALA NAATAAL DHANKYAN GAAJWALA

East Indians Get Perfect Christmas Gift

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Never in the history of the Maharashtra State Assembly has a Political leader spoken and thought about the importance and contributions of the East Indians except one, MLA Ameet Satam. The others were invited chief guests at our community events, gave empty promises, we clapped and they went away having the last laugh. We were fooled but our very own who aligned with these politicians need to be blamed to call such people and give them the stage for a few thousand rupees. When everything seemed impossible, came a leader who assured to support the community, it was hard to believe for many of the critics, but this leader stuck to his word by presenting the East Indian Community with a Perfect Christmas Gift.

Ameet Satam has been very supportive to East Indians right from the time he was elected an MLA in 2014. MGP has held multiple meetings to discuss community issues with Ameet and he has tried his very best. The East Indian Bhavan was a project that he had close to his heart and so he gave an impressive speech in the Assembly House on the demand for the East Indian Bhavan. He requested the project be dedicated to the East Indian Freedom Fighter, Kaka Baptista was also a strong supporter of Lokmanya Tilak and Veer Savarkar.

Active support and participation from like-minded community members will create a difference for this project, as it will be the model and the first one ever dedicated to the East Indian Community. This place is just the first one and we will continue to demand for such space across Mumbai regionally, Vasai, Thane and Raigad. The demand for the Model Village, East Indian Reetiñ Gaothan will continue to be discussed with authorities and political leaders. Like minded associations and activists need to take this step forward, as at the end it's all about having as many spaces to be called our very own in our native place.

The coconut breaking ceremony is surely one of the big steps which initially started with the Speech in the Assembly followed by the site being identified and announced. December the 12th will go down in history as a big day for the East Indian Community. In his speech at the ceremony, MLA Ameet Satam mentioned that this idea was of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat and the team approached him with this project plan. He also mentioned the role of MLA Ashish Shelar by his active support towards this project. We also had in presence Fr. Ronald Dsouza from Holy Cross Church, Juhu and Fr. Magi Murzello, Rector of St. Andrews College, Bandra.

Appreciating those who support East Indian Community has always been one of the core principles of AMGP. At the East Indian Community Awards 2020, we introduced a new awards category for those who support our community even though they are not our very own. Ameet Satam was presented the award for MLA of the Year 2020 by the great grandnephew of Kaka Baptista, Donwin Baptista. In his speech Ameet Satam said that he will truly deserve the award when this project work starts and this project stage has now started.

As we begin this long pending project we look forward to your prayers and support. We saw some announcements being made as soon as we made a social media release. Our only request is to be persistent and not reactive. Only an activist or group which really has an heart for the community will make things happen. It has been a difficult task on hand, but we managed to make things happen with God's blessings and presence. There are loads we need to do as Indigenous People and if all associations and activists do their bit, we will have a strong and vibrant East Indian Community.

Last Christmas we announced about this project site being identified, this Christmas we have done the coconut breaking ceremony and hopefully by Next Christmas we may see the first phase of this project or much earlier too. A Gift like this around Christmas time is worth cherishing for all of us in MGP Team and the credit goes to all in the team who coordinated and supported us. A big thanks to MLA Ameet Satam for taking this up, following up and giving us a Perfect Christmas Gift. Many spoke about this project, but MGP made it happen. May this Christmas bring added Cheer to all in the Community with this place which we can transform to showcase our rich Indigenous Culture and Tradition of the original Mumbaikar. May this Christmas give birth to an East Indian Community that works for its people with great dedication and commitment.

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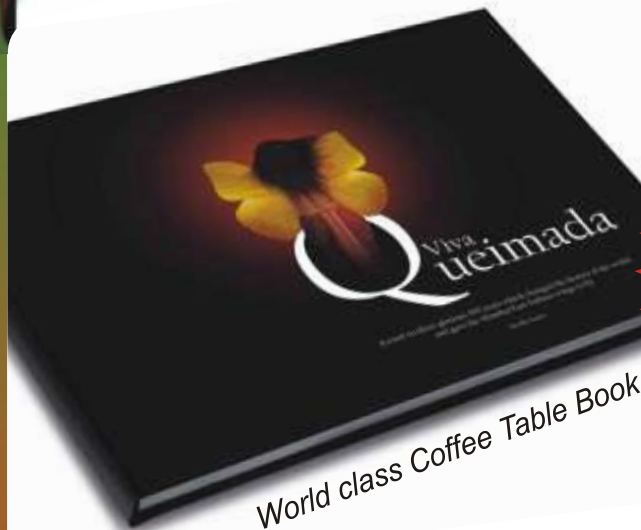
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Aaplaa GAAV! Aapla Devool!

Proposed site Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Dharavi Beth, Thane & Raigad.

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.
- *The boat on which the Chapel will be built will be made by a well-known boat maker.



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