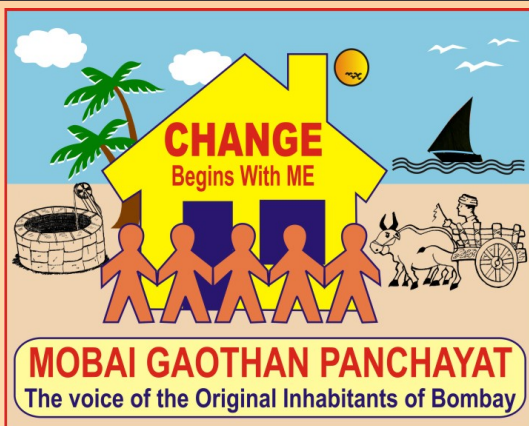


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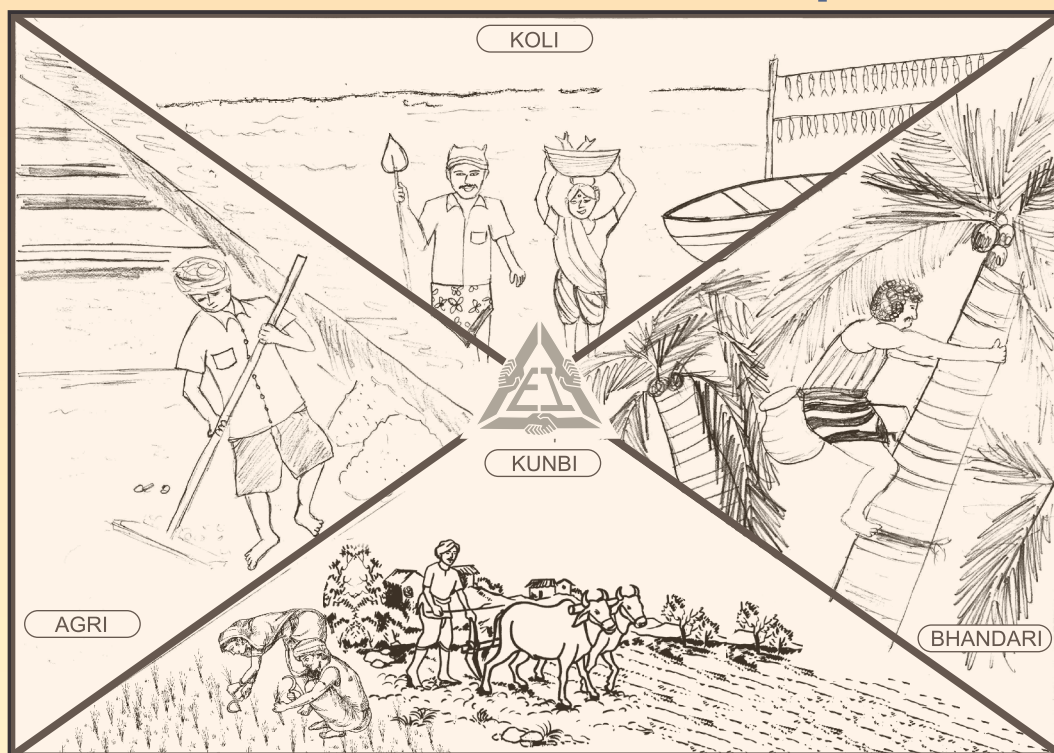
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AAMI EAST INDIAN

The Sons of Soil to Focus on Self Dependence



**East Indian Role Model
of the Year 2014**



Mobai Gaothan Panchayat congratulates Pope Francis in taking a firm stand to cleanse the Catholic Church. We pray that God may bless him with Good Health and Support of the entire Catholic community so that he may succeed in his plans. MGP looks forward to the support and prayers of Pope Francis to resolve the issues of the sons-of-soil of Bombay, the East Indian Community.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

MGP Sarpanch Elections

March - April 2014

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat is glad to announce its Sarpanch Elections scheduled every two and a half years. The Elections which are scheduled for March and April 2014 will be held at each Gaothan wherein we receive applications from villagers to contest the Elections. Each Gaothan will elect a Sarpanch (Village President). All Gaothan Residents who wish to contest the elections should meet all the eligibility criteria as mentioned below. The elected Sarpanches will elect the MGP Head Sarpanch by ballot vote in April 2014.

Eligibility Criteria :-

- ✦ The Candidate should be an original inhabitant of Bombay.
- ✦ The Candidate Should not be an office bearer of any political party.
- ✦ The candidate should preferably be active in social and civic activities.
- ✦ The candidate should be proposed by two local villagers of his Gaothan.
- ✦ The candidate should not be convicted of any offence.
- ✦ The candidate should act as per the rules and regulations of the MGP.
- ✦ The candidate should obtain consent if he chooses to contest the election to any government body.
- ✦ The candidate should not indulge in any acts of commission or omission, whereby the MGP image is tarnished or disrespected.
- ✦ In all his actions, the candidate should always strive to act diligently and honestly.
- ✦ The candidate should submit all details and forms as required by the MGP.

General Announcements

- ✦ MGP Core Team will make the final decision on the application of candidates.
- ✦ All Gaothan residents with a valid identity and address proof will be eligible to vote.
- ✦ Gaothan Residents above 15 years of age will be eligible to vote.
- ✦ MGP has the right to recall any candidate who is found to work against its principles.
- ✦ The voting ballots will have the photographs as well as the symbols.
- ✦ The elected Sarpanches and other influential individuals will vote for the Head Sarpanch and the Deputy and the Deputy Head Sarpanch only after the approval of the MGP Core Team.
- ✦ The voting exercise at the Gaothan will be conducted by non residents to ensure the elections are transparent and fair.
- ✦ The candidates will serve their Gaothan for 2 and a half years and their performance will be reviewed every six months.
- ✦ The local Gaothan Panchayat will also function as an ALM of the village area.
- ✦ The sarpanch and his Deputy will take an oath to serve the village selflessly.

All those who wish to contest for the Sarpanch (Village President) of their respective Gaothan are requested to fill the MGP profile and the Declaration. For information you may contact **9820087771** or e-mail at mgpmobai@gmail.com

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

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MGP IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The MGP Sarpanch elections are due in March-April-May this year. The MGP Emergency Team has decided the code of conduct period to begin immediately and hence all existing MGP Sarpanches and Deputy Sarpanches will not communicate with their respective designations. If they still go ahead and communicate they will be disqualified from contesting and the authorities communicated will be updated accordingly.

The communication on Mobai Gaothan Panchayat letter head in the capacity of MGP Sarpanches/Deputy Sarpanches can be sent only after obtaining prior permission of the MGP Head Sarpanch, Alphi Dsouza. A series of changes in the Sarpanch elections are to be announced and the important changes will be communicated in the Gaothan Voice.

A special training session will be conducted on civic activities of MGP Sarpanch or a MGP Village Representative in the month of January. All those who wish to attend this important training session may contact 7506175302 or email us at gaothanvoice@yahoo.in



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EAST INDIAN APPEAL

Together Lets Lend a Helping Hand

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND

Support in Education, Medical and other Emergencies

Mo b a i G a o t h a n Panchayat(MGP) has released in its annual project list its decision to launch the East Indian Community Fund. We have received feedback on the struggles by a section of our community who are poor or belong to the middle class. The authorities who boast of helping the poor do not help in the right spirit as they have improper processes which prevent our community members to approach these authorities. Besides our community members are always known to suffer silently.

At a recent meet MGP raised this issue to the authorities but were told that that the

processes will not be changed. MGP has decided not to be dependent on these authorities who seem to be least cared about the East Indian Community. The challenge to us now remain to help our community in our own small way. We appeal to our community members to support us by staying away from contributing towards the weekly, monthly, yearly and seasonal collections. You could route these contributions towards the East Indian Community Fund.

MGP will appoint the EIC Fund Coordinators in each village and will also have a central coordinator. On submitting

an Application form the family will be supported from the Fund account. Support will depend on the fund balances in the account. MGP plans to support in Education for the full amount, partially for medical needs and in case of emergencies it will depend from case to case.

MGP is sure that each East Indian will contribute to ensure that the needy in our community are given the support they need. Special drives and initiatives will be released from time to time to generate funds for the East Indian Community Fund.

The Highlights of the East Indian Community Fund are as follows:-

- *Donors can also sponsor basis the number of students for education support
- *All Donors names will be mentioned in the Gaothan Voice
- *The names of beneficiaries will not be published but will be provided to donors as per their request
- *This support will be provided only to the East Indian Community
- *The financials of this account will be released once a year

Bank account details:-

Account Name -East Indian Community Fund
Bank name – Citizen Credit co-op bank, Vakola Branch
Savings Account number – 15624
IFSC code - CCBL0209016

*pls mention your name in your funds transfer

*Please inform your East Indian Friends and Relatives in India and Abroad to Support the East Indian Community Fund.

For more details or to be local coordinator you may contact **7506175302** or email us at eastindianfund@gmail.com

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EAST INDIAN COMMUNE

Communications from the IEICC

INVITE TO EAST INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Friends,

Acknowledging the fact, Unity among we East Indians is the need of the hour. An effort was made through a conclave where over forty five influential East Indians attended to plan the way forward for our community.

The conclave took a conscious decision, in the interest of the community, to form an umbrella organization bringing all the associations on one platform and forge a UNITED FACE OF EAST INDIANS, and named it "International East Indian Community Council "(IEICC)

We as Managing Council Members, elected by the conclave, appeal to you to lend your support to this initiative and make it a success. We call upon you to nominate 1 members on IEICC panel as an IEICC Ambassador to represent your association and participate in the decision making process of IEICC. We plan to include all East Indian Associations to make the IEICC the effective voice of the East Indian Community.

As most of us realize that this is a "now or never situation" We either unite together or be marginalized in our own land. Together we can fulfill this dream of a United East Indian Front. We are hopeful to have your support, guidance & encouragement by being a part of " IEICC " think tank .

***COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.***

Alexander D'souza ,Alphi D'souza, Greg Pereira / Cedric Tixeira
Commissioner Deputy, Commissioner Managing Council Member.

Names of the participants at the East Indian Conclave

Alexander Dsouza	Godfrey Pimenta
Alphi Dsouza	Greg Pereira
Anthony Dsouza	Jeffrey Veyra
Anthony Sequeira	Justice Aguiar
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1st Prize - Goodwill Boys, Old Kurla
2nd Prize - Good Shepherd, Old Kurla
3rd Prize - Bhandarwada Crib, Gorai

Best Decorated Gaothan

1st Prize - Old Kurla Gaothan
2nd Prize - Madh Island
3rd Prize - Kalina Big Village

Best Gaothan Celebration

1st Prize - USWA(United Social
Welfare Association), Old Kurla
2nd Prize - GARAJ(Gauthans Active
Residents Association), Juhu
3rd Prize - Kalina Big Village

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for collection of your trophies.

MGP NEWS ISLAND

THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

MGP TO INITIATE SELF DEPENDENT PROJECTS TO TAKE COMMUNITY FORWARD

Saddened by the treatment meted out by the political and religious authorities, MGP has decided to initiate self dependent projects. Around 10 projects have been announced and they are likely to be more projects initiated. The success of the announced projects will depend upon the volunteer and fund base.

MGP has announced 10 projects

MGP TO SUPPORT AAM AADMI PARTY

MGP Core Team decided to break its non-political stand by deciding to support the Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) as its matches its non-corruption ideology. A special meet was held with Mayank Gandhi and he welcomed MGP to support AAP to create better governance. MGP has launched its online membership drive and will soon start local drives for membership. MGP representatives in the meanwhile assisted the AAP local unit at Kurla Village in their membership drive.

and it expects to set around 5 of these launched within a couple of months. MGP released the East Indian Pocket Calendar for the first time which was in its project plan for the year 2014. A formal appeal will be made to the East Indian Community to ensure there is a good response and better support to the proposed plans released by MGP.

MGP is sure that the corrupt officials will have a tough time harassing the Gaothan residents who decide to repair or reconstruct their homes to accommodate their growing families. The arrival of AAP will also ensure various government departments are corruption free. MGP plans to ensure around 50% of the East Indian Community support AAP especially due to the neglect by various other political parties to the sons-of-soil community.

YEAR 2014 WILL BE A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR EAST INDIANS

MGP has announced a series of projects, protests and initiatives which will surely make the year 2014 a challenging one for the East Indian Community. Annual activities like the East Indian Rally, East Indian Conclave and East Indian Sann will be organized. The new project plans have loads of challenges and their success will ensure better focus in the coming years. MGP will also be organizing the first-ever East Indian Concert this year. MGP also plans to play an

active role in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections to showcase the importance of the East Indian community which has been taken for granted.

The BEIA will also see a series of activities with the new President being elected last year. IEICC will also release its plans in the coming months to ensure networking and support across East Indian associations and professionals.

ACTIVITIES GROW ACROSS GAOTHANS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

All Gaothans inhabited by the East Indian Community reported of a growth in activity at Christmas time. MGP received reports from Juhu, Kurla, Gorai and Kalina on an increase in activities. Many villages decorated their entire stretch of bylanes with some being lit up to showcase the Gaothans as an East Indian bastion.

In Old Kurla gaothan the local residents contributed to ensure that village roads were lit up with an arch welcoming all to the Christian village. Juhu continued with its annual Christmas programme with a special procession on Christmas day, a party of kids and a Crib Competition. Big Village Kalina organized a Christmas Party for children for the first time.

ONE LINERS

- ✦East Indian Community to participate in the Republic Day Parade in Bombay for the first time.
- ✦St.Gonsalo Garcia Day celebrations to be organized at an all Mumbai level at Kurla by USWA on 6th February.
- ✦MGP announces East Indian Rally on Sunday, 9th March from Irla to Vile Parle.
- ✦Old Kurla Gaothan holds special meeting to preserve and protect the East Indian Village.

East Indian Events

Date	Association	Event Type	Time	Venue	Place
12-1- 2014	Gorai Manav Mitra Mandal	Competition	7.00 p.m.	Gorai Church Ground	Gorai
2-2-2014	S.E.I.A	Competition	7.00 p.m	OLHC Quadrangle	Sahar
6-2-2014	USWA	St.Gonsalo Garcia Day	7:00pm	Holy Cross Church	Kurla
17-3-2014	MGP	Kaka Baptista Day	9:00am	Kaka Baptista Chowk	Uttan

EAST INDIAN AGENDA

Demands finalized at the East Indian Conclave 2013

Central and State Government

1. Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
2. Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian community
3. ManoriGoraiUttan Tourism Plan to be scrapped
4. Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
5. Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
6. Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans
7. East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
8. Revision in the Municipal Tax calculation method as almost all houses in the Gaothans
9. An East Indian Community welfare fund to be instituted through funds allocated from land income on East Indian owned acquired lands like airport, industrial and infrastructure projects
10. Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass.

Other points in Agenda :

1. East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government.
2. East Indian Bhavan in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad
3. Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates
4. Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community buildings in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans.
5. Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni, twice a week.
6. Tour Packages and discounts for Travel to Holy Places outside India

Municipal Corporation

1. Regularisation of all Holy Crosses in the East Indian gaothans and their vicinity.
2. East Indian BMC Corporator to be nominated to represent the city basis elections amongst East Indian Community.
3. Gaothan Infrastructure to be improved
4. Harassment by BMC officers to be immediately stopped during house repairs
5. Lesser tax to be charged for gaothan homes
6. East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each BMC ward
7. Space to be allotted for Community Centre at each East Indian Gaothan
8. Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Gaothan civic projects
9. Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure.
10. Roads, bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look.

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EAST INDIAN AGENDA

Demands finalized at the East Indian Conclave 2013

Archdiocese

- 1.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
- 2.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.
3. Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties
4. Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians.
- 5.Closure of Uttan Dumping ground
- 6.East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
- 7.Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops
- 8.East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings
- 9.Halls, Grounds and Awards to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in each parish with East Indian majority
- 10.Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan

Other points in Agenda :

- 1.Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund
- 2.Development projects, Monopoly for hired halls, quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses
3. Space to be provided for East Indian businesses in parish property
- 4.Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups
5. St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
- 6.Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect should be introduced

East Indian Community and Individuals

1. Education support and Medical support
2. Business network to be encouraged to promote East Indian businesses
3. East Indian food restaurant to be opened
- 4.Sports projects to be launched to promote talented youngsters
5. Signages to be installed at various East Indian gaothans giving information and history on the gaothan
6. East Indian Village office to be set up to assist locals in various projects and matters.
7. Ration scheme for poor East Indian families
8. Special and Exclusive East Indian Community Television Channel
9. Promotional books and CDs to be released to promote East Indian culture and tradition
10. Resorts and Holiday homes owned by East Indians to consider giving discounts to our Community.

MGP 10 Projects for the Year 2014

1. East Indian Products - Our East Indian Product Line
 - 2 East Indian Pocket Calendar - A Handy Reference to Every East Indian
 3. Cardinal Simon Pimenta East Indian Awards - Annual Awards of Appreciation
 - 4.East Indian Community Fund - Assistance for Education, Medical and Other Emergencies
 - 5.East Indian Job Opportunities - Employing our Community
 - 6.East Indian Directory - A Handy Guide for our Community
 - 7.East Indian Card - An Identity for Every East Indian
 8. East Indian Bhavan – A place to Promote our Community
 9. East Indian Food Stall - Self Help Groups of our Community
 - 10.East Indian Tour - A Community Tour in Dharavi Beth, Mumbai and Vasai
- Special Book Release - One East Indian Book Every Year**

MGP PULPIT

Speaking Out on the Religious

CARDINAL MEETS MGP – TALKS FAIL – MGP TO GO AHEAD WITH ACTION PLAN

The MGP Emergency Core Team members Alphi Dsouza, Gleason Barretto and Walter Murzello met Cardinal Oswald Gracias and Bishop John Rodrigues on Saturday, 4th January 2014. The Meeting was called to discuss the issues of the Sons-of-Soil, the East Indian Community.

The Cardinal stated that the Church believed in equality and so the demands of the East Indian Community cannot be fulfilled but MGP replied that the same was justified as we were the native community and a majority of lands were donated by the community. MGP communicated that many Archdiocese give the natives preference and so in Bombay the same was to be implemented and was long pending. MGP also argues that in the past various schemes benefitted the migrants and in some parishes that East Indians were being sidelined and so this was a clear message that equality was not being followed.

The topics discussed at the meeting was Preference to the East Indian Community as natives of Bombay and land donors, land for East Indian Bhavan, Uttan Dumping Ground, Church stand on politics and Holy Crosses in the Gaothans. The 16 demands finalized at the first-ever East Indian Conclave were also

presented to the Cardinal. MGP will share a brief minutes in the next issue as the same is still under discussion and debate.

MGP has now decided to go ahead with the action plan on the Archdiocese. MGP will use its existing network to spread the action plan. After the Minutes of MGP meeting was released to the Cardinal for his confirmation the Cardinal's Secretary called the MGP Head Sarpanch for an urgent meeting. MGP refused and stated that they would henceforth not meet the Cardinal till the time each of the 16 demands were replied and approved by MGP for further debate with the Archdiocese.

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THE SONS OF SOIL TO FOCUS ON SELF DEPENDENCE

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The Year 2013 ended on a very sad note. We cried within as the East Indian Community was taken for granted by all the authorities. They just did not care to do anything for our community in the last year inspite of the fact that we had released the 10 point Agenda in January 2013. The authorities had a laugh and stated that we should forget we are East Indians. They took our lands, have become authorities because we laid the foundation of their existence but today they push us aside and think we are underdogs. They have the political, legal and every other influence and so think they can trample upon us inspite of the fact that we are the sons of soil.

So are the East Indians going to stay quiet with this pathetic treatment from the authorities? NO WAYS. We at Mobai Gaothan Panchayat have started working on a plan to further pressurize these authorities so that we are not taken for granted. A process towards this has already started with MGP pushing aside our past political support and going all out to support the non-corrupt party, Aam Aadmi Party(AAP). The religious hierarchy have also been communicated on what we firmly need from them and the action plan goes live this month. It is time we do not support the authorities who do not support our East Indian Community.

While we pressurize these ungrateful authorities who took our lands under various pretexts we have also decided not to be dependent on them. MGP has released its 10 projects for the year 2014 and we are likely to initiate many more projects to ensure that these people don't take us for granted. We appeal to each East Indian to support us in these projects and also suggest us other projects which we can undertake through your guidance and expertise. The East Indian Associations are also urged to take on projects to serve our community as all the

authorities have betrayed us inspite of the fact that we laid the foundation to their very existence.

MGP announces its release of the East Indian Community Fund. Here we plan to support our community in education, medical and other emergencies. In the coming month we will appoint our local fund coordinators to assist you in your village. We appeal to each East Indian Community earning member to contribute in their own little way. Any amount whether Rs.100 or more is welcome and will help the community members who struggle to meet their basic and urgent expenses. We have given the bank details in this issue and you may also handover cash to our appointed fund coordinators who will issue a receipt immediately. We appeal to you to stop or lessen your contributions towards weekly, monthly, yearly and seasonal collections. Its time we move towards Self Dependence.

MGP is also working on many other projects to promote its Self Dependence theme. The authorities cannot help our community in education and medicine so we launched the East Indian Education Funds, Cardinal Simon Pimenta has not yet been honoured for his great service to our community and so we announce the Cardinal Simon Pimenta Awards, St.Gonsalo Garcia Day has not been recognized and no church is dedicated to our community saint in Bombay and so we will have an all Bombay celebration at an East Indian village and may very soon have a Chapel dedicated to our saint, We are looking for land donors towards our housing schemes and the East Indian Bhavan. There are many more self dependent projects which will start depending on your support.

What MGP has taken up is possible only if each one of you whether individuals, associations, businesses or corporates support us in any small way. Every Hand

that helps us stands important to us. We will surely give appreciation to everyone who helps us in our dream of being Self Dependent. There was a time we laid the foundation by contributing majority of our lands for various projects and the authorities are enjoying because of our valuable contribution. Today we are treated like strangers in our own land. Now its time we lay the foundation for the Self Dependence of the East Indian Community so that the needs of our community are granted.

We know these authorities will not support us in this journey towards Self Dependence and may also create blockades. But as the popular saying goes, "If God is with us who can be against us." We are sure that God will be on our side as we struggle to fulfill the needs of our Community. Please Support and Pray for Us.

St.Gonsalo Garcia Day 6th February



Patron Saint of the East Indian Community

*Special Mass at Holy Cross Church, Kurla at 7pm dedicated to St.Gonsalo Garcia organised by USWA.

*Please organise a prayer/novena to St.Gonsalo Garcia at your village Holy Crosses

*MGP appeals to associations/groups to place the statue of our native Saint at their village Holy Crosses

*MGP appeals to our community to donate land of around 100 sq.ft. for building St.Gonsalo Garcia Chapel as there is no Church dedicated to our native Saint in Bombay.

EAST INDIAN AVAAS

The Sons of Soil Speak Up

Aami East Indian ! Aami Sagli Ek Haun !

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY RALLY

The Sons of Soil have a Right!

The original inhabitants of Bombay, The East Indian Community will come together to participate in the annual East Indian Rally to voice the concerns of the community against the Central/State government, Municipal Corporation and the Archdiocese. The silent community has been taken for granted by the politicians and the religious hierarchy and we will not remain silent. Many like-minded East Indian Associations have taken up on themselves to fight for the rights of the community. The East Indian Community Rally is an annual gathering for all associations to come together in One

Voice.

The East Indian Community has been at the receiving end during the rule of the Indian Government and of late things have got worse. Their lands were taken during the World War for infrastructure, military and airport during British rule and the community fearfully handed over their lands. After independence the Indian Government took their lands for industrial and infrastructural needs and they were made to forcibly surrender their lands. The Land Acquisition Act and Rent Act have increased our sufferings. In recent times the East Indian Gaothans are being targeted and instead of granting

benefits to the natives of Bombay the community is constantly pressurised by the selfish authorities.

The East Indian Rally will be attended by around 2000 community members and around 25 East Indian organisations will pledge their support to the Rally. The Rally details are as follows:-

Date : Sunday, 9th March 2013

Time : 10:30 am sharp

Rally route : Irla Church to Vile Parle Church Grounds.

❖ The Top 10 issues to be raised at the rally are:-

- ❖ To demand our rights as original inhabitants of Bombay and if the concerned authorities cannot fulfill our demands they should give our lands back.
- ❖ East Indian Food stalls to be allotted in each gaothan area and municipal ward.
- ❖ Land to be allotted for East Indian Bhavan and Museum in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad.
- ❖ Lands donated to churches and the archdiocese should not be sold and if not developed should be returned back for community development.
- ❖ If No tax to Encroachers then no tax should also apply to East Indians, the original owners of Bombay.
- ❖ Housing and Job reservations for the East Indian Community and implement of Gaothan expansion policy
- ❖ Single window permissions and self developed ground-plus-two SITU for gaothans to be granted.
- ❖ Simplified OBC process and East Indian Community to be recognised as natives of Bombay by the State and Central Government.
- ❖ An East Indian Community welfare fund to be started in lieu of properties given to government for airport and other infra projects
- ❖ East indian gaothans to be self governed and a municipal corporator to be elected by the east indian community, an East indian to be appointed on the BMC/ MMRDA/ Town Planning committee for Gaothans.

Today, the East Indian Community remains a stranger in its own Land. Other communities are granted their demands in few days and the East Indian Community, the original inhabitants of Bombay have not been granted a single benefit and are made to run from pillar to post.

The Rally will voice the concerns of the East Indian Community. Views on recent announcements on the Holy Crosses, Gaothan cluster development and DC Rules will also be shared. The speakers will speak about the community needs and the future course of action.

***Each East Indian Family should send atleast one member to represent their Family and Village.**

***All East Indian Associations who wish to support the Rally may contact us**

***We welcome sponsors in cash or kind towards Rally expenses like water, transport, sound, banners, posters, handbills, etc.**

***Those who wish to volunteer at the Rally for Traffic, crowd control, security and Stalls may contact us.**

For more details you may contact the East Indian Rally Organising Committee :

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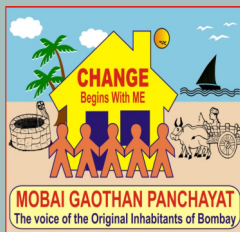
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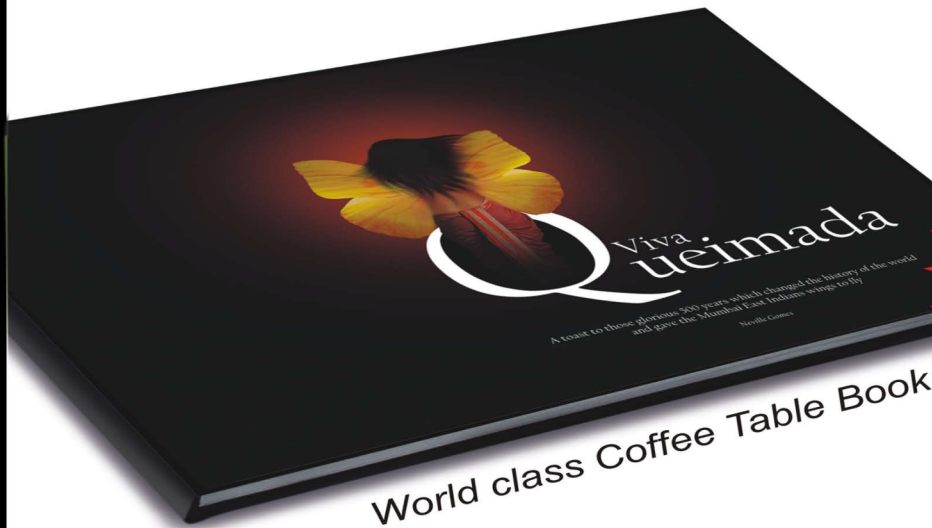
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