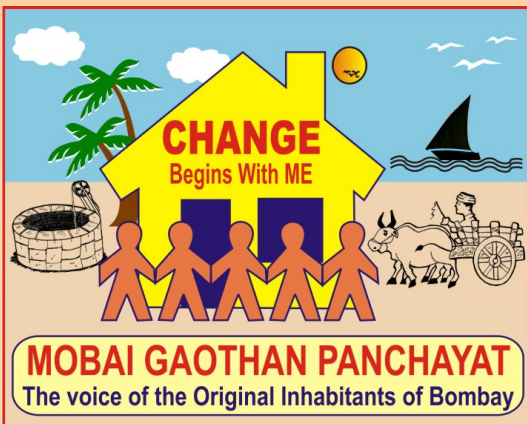


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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

### MGP Sarpanch Elections June - July 2014

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat is glad to announce its Sarpanch Elections scheduled every two and a half years. The Elections which are scheduled for June and July 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 July 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](mailto:mgpmobai@gmail.com)

Date for Submission of Candidate forms - **30th April 2014.**

MGP Trustees will have a special Core Team Meet to discuss various new options for the MGP Sarpanch elections vis-a-vis the current plan. All readers are requested to send their suggestions for the sarpanch selection process and criteria to [mgpmobai@gmail.com](mailto:mgpmobai@gmail.com) **30th April 2014.**

#### **MGP IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The MGP Sarpanch elections are due in June – July 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.

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# EAST INDIAN APPEAL

Together Lets Lend a Helping Hand

## EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND

Support in Education, Medical and other Emergencies

**M**o 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.

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.

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

### **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](mailto:eastindianfund@gmail.com)

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# MGP NEWS ISLAND

## THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

### MGP SPEAKS OUT AT BMC MEET AGAINST INJUSTICE TO GAOTHANS

**A** M C G M Public Consultation was held on Saturday 18th January at the BMC Ward Office at Parel. The Meeting with BMC officials, Raheja College of Architecture, YUVA and residents of Gaothans, Koliwadas and Adivasi padas. Around 150 people were packed in the BMC conference room for the meeting which went on for 5 hours. Representatives from the urban villages were given an opportunity to speak and share their issues.

MGP spoke on behalf of the East Indian Gaothans and raised the issues issues faced by the community. MGP spoke on the injustice to the sons-of-soil community and demanded immediate action for the betterment of the Gaothans. The presentations from the Koliwadas and Adivasi padas also gave insights on the similar issues faced by them. MGP assured residents of Koliwadas and Adivasi padas that they would all support each other and ensure our demands are fulfilled. A Gaothan Vision Document was presented to the BMC.

Gaothan residents were also shocked when told that as per BC records there were now 8 Gaothans. MGP objected and stated that there were 189 Gaothans and the changes will not be accepted. A demand was made for the demarcation of the Gaothans to be done all over again.

### EAST INDIANS TO CELEBRATE 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF KAKA BAPTISTA

**M** G P made an announcement last year that the 17th of March would be celebrated as Kaka Baptista Day and the same was covered by various newspapers. This year MGP will celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary by paying honours at the bust of Kaka Baptista at Uttan.

MGP will once again send its demands to the Government to give recognition to the East Indian Freedom Fighter who coined the line, "Swaraj is my Birth Right". Kaka Baptista was a close friend of Lokmanya Tilak and also later on went on to be the Mayor of Bombay. MGP has decided to also dedicate some of its annual East Indian Awards to Kaka Baptista as a mark of respect and appreciation to the East Indian leader.

### EAST INDIANS PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE REPUBLIC DAY PARADE

**T**he East Indian Community participated in the Republic Day Parade in Marine Drive, Mumbai for the first time. A 90 member strong contingent showcased the East Indian culture with ladies dressed in their best Lugalas. There was also a brass band which played the favourite East Indian music as the contingent danced to their tunes. A video of the East Indians at the parade has been uploaded on the social media.

The 1st Republic Day parade in Delhi in the year 1950 also had an East Indian couple representing Bombay. From the MGP the members who took part in the contingent were Cedric Tixeira, Sybil Rodrigues, Seema Nunes and Angelo Galbano.

### ONE LINERS

- ❖ East Indian community members to be felicitated at a Womens Day celebration organized by the Mahila Dakshita Samiti, Kurla
- ❖ MGP demands compensation to East Indian for Sahar Airport lands in reply to State Government announcing compensation package to villagers for the Navi Mumbai Airport

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# MGP PULPIT

## SPEAKING OUT ON THE RELIGIOUS

### ARCHBISHOP APOLOGISES BUT DEMANDS REMAIN UNANSWERED

Cardinal Oswald Gracias called the MGP Head Sarpanch, Alphi Dsouza to apologise for hurting the sentiments of the community. At a meet in January MGP had a debate on East Indian Community issues and MGP objected to remarks by the Cardinal during the meeting. In response to the same the Cardinal apologized and assured MGP that he would look into their demands.

MGP stated that they would not meet the Cardinal again till their demands for the community were responded appropriately. The Cardinal had earlier called MGP Head Sarpanch but members refused as MGP would meet only as a team after having received a response to the demands. The Cardinal stated that he would

meet MGP again after he returns from Rome. In the meanwhile MGP has started actioning on its plans to fulfil some of the demands within the community and not depend on the hierarchy.

### UTTAN DUMPING GROUND AGITATION COMPLETES FOUR YEARS

The Recall of Agitation of the Uttan Dumping Ground completes 4 years on 12th March. As per the Church announcement made in the year 2010, the parishioners were assured that the Dumping ground will be shifted in one year. At MGP's meet, the Cardinal stated that he was not accountable to MGP but only to the local people to which MGP responded that they were representatives of the East Indian Community and so

represent the locals. The Cardinal informed MGP that numerous letters and meetings were held but there was no success.

MGP stated that the locals were quietly suffering and had lost faith in the authorities. MGP is still waiting to hear an apologetic statement from the Cardinal to the locals in the affected Uttan region. Agitation was recalled at the behest of the Cardinal, yet Cardinal is silent." The dumping still goes on, protesters were mercilessly beaten up and their scars are yet to heal.

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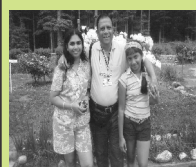


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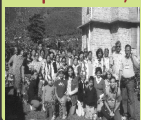
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# EAST INDIAN VISION

## A View on the Issues of the Community

### Gaothan Vision Document

Presented to the BMC at a Consultation Meeting on Gaothans

The Biggest Issue of the East Indian Community is HOUSING. Under Housing ,  
The three sections in the East Indian Gaothans

#### 1.Maintaining Heritage Structures

\*The Owners of these Gaothan Houses should be provided funds for maintaining their heritage structures

\*TDR to be allotted to the owners of these Heritage houses so that they can accommodate increasing families by buying new houses and these funds will also assist in maintaining their structures

\*Lesser Property Tax as a bonus for maintaining the Heritage structures

#### 2.SITU Ground plus Two Constructions to be allowed

\*At present there are numerous structures which are Ground plus two and termed illegal yet existing for more than 10 years. In this case permissions were given through political influence or payment of bribes

\*The Permissions to be given only for accommodating existing families

\*These houses should be given the Village look by placing mangalore tiles on the roofs to be funded by the Government

#### 3.Government funded Construction of Gaothan Houses

\*There are families who cannot afford to build their homes which are in bad shape and need to be rebuilt to accommodate increasing families

\*The Central Government should provide 50% financial assistance, the state Government should fund 35% and the remaining can be spent by the original owners.

\*This will surely ensure that the families are not forced to sell their houses and also maintain the Gaothan Culture

#### Major blockades to East Indian Gaothans

- ✦ Simplified One Window Permissions to be granted
- ✦ High rise buildings around Gaothans to be prohibited
- ✦ Simplified process for transfer of owners names
- ✦ Written Permissions to be given to avoid harrassment
- ✦ Scrapping of SEZ, SRA and other schemes for Gaothans
- ✦ Lesser Property Tax as these are Village Houses

#### Special Demands

\*Special Facilities for Gaothan Residents by allotting land for Community Centre, Library, Senior Citizens Meeting Points, Recreation Centres, Community Self Help Groups.

\* Regularization of Holy Crosses

\*Special Gaothan Housing Policy in lieu of the Gaothan Expansion Scheme by having a Special quota in MHADA in the capacity of sons-of-soil of Bombay and Special land to be allotted for creating a East Indian Housing Society

#### Important Demands

- ✦ East Indian Bhavan – To Preserve the Culture and Tradition of the Sons-of-Soil of Bombay.
- ✦ East Indian Food Stalls – To Promote East Indian Food and specialties.
- ✦ Better Infrastructure facilities – Water supply, sewage lines, storm water drains, street lights and bylanes.
- ✦ Special Allocation of funds for Gaothans – The locals should have the right to suggest and initiate projects for the villages from these special funds.
- ✦ Restoration of Gaothan Wells and Ponds – These wells and ponds have a great significance in the history and culture of the Gaothans.
- ✦ Gaothan Road names from East Indian Community – All Roads that are connected to the East Indian Gaothans should be named as per suggestions from locals only

# EAST INDIAN VISION

## A View on the Issues of the Community

### Formation of Gaothan Monitoring Committee

- ✦ Gaothan Monitoring Committee(GMC) members should be residing in the Gaothans only
- ✦ Basis suggestions and feedback the GMC will finalise projects and initiatives for the Gaothans
- ✦ The GMC will appoint a representative in each Gaothan for better network to raise local issues for immediate action
- ✦ GMC will be empowered to make enquiries with the BMC on all local issues of concern to the Gaothan residents
- ✦ The GMC will be the link between the authorities and the Gaothan locals.
- ✦ All projects in the Gaothans will be initiated only after the approval of the GMC

### Formation of the East Indian Gaothan Panchayat

- ✦ Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) has done a model set-up of this Panchayat system by electing MGP Sarpanches by ballot vote
- ✦ Some of the Village Panchayats formed by MGP have been doing extremely level and has successfully solved civic problems
- ✦ As a Corporator is not easily approachable the Gaothan Sarpanch can serve the community better
- ✦ The Sarpanch should be given the authority to suggest projects for the betterment of the Gaothan
- ✦ As the Gaothan issues are of different nature and the locals being the sons-of-soil community a separate authority should be formed for better management in the form of the Sarpanch as they actively existed before the BMC was formed.

For a detailed copy of the Gaothan Vision Document you may send us an email at [eastindianoffice@gmail.com](mailto:eastindianoffice@gmail.com) or refer to our website [www.mobaikaar.com](http://www.mobaikaar.com). You may send us your feedback and suggestions to [mgpmobai@gmail.com](mailto:mgpmobai@gmail.com) or call Alphi on **9820087771**.

Bombays Natives, the East Indians to pay their respects to Community freedom fighter

## KAKA BAPTISTA DAY

### EAST INDIAN FREEDOM FIGHTER'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) in its efforts to create awareness of Bombay Natives, the East Indian Community declared that March 17th every year will be observed as Kaka Baptista Day. Joseph "Kaka" Baptista is a freedom fighter who was a close associate of Lokmanya Tilak during India's freedom struggle. Kaka Baptista was born on March 17, 1864 at Matharpacady, Mazagaon. His father, John Baptista hailed from Uttan, near Bassein.

The East Community now gears up to celebrate the Sesquicentennial Birth Anniversary this year and the community has now taken upon itself to revive its culture, tradition and raise their voices against the injustice towards the community.

#### Some of the highlights about Kaka Baptista are as follows:-

- \*Kaka Baptista coined the phrase "Swaraj is my Birth Right" which was later made popular by Tilak
- \*Kaka Baptista was the First Mayor of Bombay in the year 1925-1926
- \*He worked with BMC for 17 years from the year 1901
- \*The Mazagaon Gardens is named after him and was recently renovated
- \*He assisted Tilak by launching the Sarvajanik Ganpati(public Ganpati celebrations)
- \*He was a legal advisor to Lokmanya Tilak.
- \*Played an active role in the Home Rule Movement along with Lokmanya Tilak and Annie Besant.
- \*As an Advocate in the High Court, he defended Veer Sarvarkar and demanded an open trial on the basis of fundamental rights.



**Due to his valuable contribution to the city and India's freedom struggle, MGP has demanded the following to commemorate his 150th Birth Anniversary.**

- \*The Bandra-Worli Sealink to be named after Kaka Baptista
- \*Bandra Terminus to be named after Kaka Baptista
- \*A special Community fund to be started for the natives, Kaka Baptista East Indian Community Fund to support the community for Education, Medical and other needs.
- \*Land to be allotted for East Indian Bhavan to have an auditorium/hall in memory of Kaka Baptista.
- \*Kaka Baptista to be recognised by the Maharashtra Government for his valuable contribution to the city and country and various projects to be named after him.
- \*March 17th to be recognised as Kaka Baptista Day by the Maharashtra State Government and also a special commemoration by the BMC.
- \*An East Indian to be directly chosen as a Corporator by the community members and associations to represent in the BMC House

In the meanwhile, MGP plans to place a bust of Kaka Baptista at their East Indian Museum at Manori. MGP has also requested various East Indian Associations to place a bust in their offices as a sign of appreciation to their Community leader.



# EAST INDIAN.CAM

## NEWS IN PICTURES



Tableau Party from Mumbai, for the 1st republic day at New Delhi. It depicts the cosmopolitan life in the city of Mumbai of the unity in the midst of diversity which is India. 2nd from Left Lion Edwin J Baptista 'n' Rose E Baptista. Late Lion Edwin J baptista founder President of Lions Club of Bombay Airport. Founder Secretary of Vile Parle Gaothans Welfare Association, also seen in photo Pandit Nehru & Indira Gandhi.



First row 2nd & 3rd from right Lion Edwin J Baptista 'n' Rose E Baptista.



East Indian Participants at the republic day parade



East Indian Participants at the republic day parade



Teixeira Brothers from Juhu Hector and Cedric were Chief Guest at the Erangalcha San in Ajman, U.A.E held recently.



Committee Members of the Erangalcha San with the Chief Guest.



# EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

## ZAAGA ZAMINI KONACHI EAST INDIANCHI ! EAST INDIANCHI!

Give Our Lands Back !

Every sand particle in Bombay has first been touched by the hands, feet, flesh and blood of the East Indian Community. Today the community are treated like strangers in their own land but its time they raise their voices against the injustice across till the time the deaf authorities can hear us. The Annual East Indian Rally will echo those lines which has been hitting our hearts and minds all the time and that is we are the original landlords and rightful owners of Bombay. By changing various laws they just cannot snatch away our lands and if they do this the concerned authorities who have encroached or acquired our lands will always struggle as they operate from lands that were robbed from our community.

The various authorities in power whether it was the Portuguese, the British or the Indian took our lands under various pretexts and we were not returned our rightful lands. We know the Indian Central and State Government will find it difficult to return all our lands but they can surely give us privileges and benefits to make good our loss to the community. What's saddening is that they give housing for encroachers and land for community centres for migrants but just don't care to give the same to the sons-of-soil community. To add to this whenever we want to build our houses to accommodate our increasing family we are harassed and not given permissions inspite of being the rightful owners.

We knocked on the doors of the Central and State Government by meeting the Chief Minister, MLA's, Mayor, MP's and Corporators and all said they would look into it but did not bother to do a single thing for our community. We demanded our basic right but they just ignored us as we were a peace loving and silent community. In spite of being the original inhabitants they ignored us totally. So do they still deserve our vote?

The Airport, the Railways and the Defence land were all owned by the East Indian community but we were not compensated for the same. Today our community members are not even given jobs by the administration. Food stalls have been allotted to migrants by political parties but our community has not been allotted a single stall in public spaces.

The Meet with the Cardinal was an eye opener as we shared the issues of the community. In the Archdiocese there is at present a feeling that the migrants are treated better than the donor sons-of-soil community. The Cardinal refused to respond to any of our demands. We were told that the community will surely be nowhere in around 20 years if we do not get out of our ghetto mentality. MGP is clear..... We were East Indians, are East Indians and will always remain East Indians. All those who have a problem with our community can return back to the native villages.

So in the backdrop of this injustice, it is time we raise our voices as One East Indians. The Annual East Indian Rally is our way of reminding the authorities with our theme slogan – Zaaga Zamini Konachi ! East Indianchi! East Indianchi! We are thankful to the 25 associations who are supporting the East Indian Rally and we hope to reach 30 by the Rally date. It is time my dear East Indian People to come out on the roads and silently protest against the injustice to our community. The authority may till ignore us but they will surely get a strong message that we are now a united force with our popular unity slogan – Amhi Sagli Ek Haun!

From today let us resolve that we will do whatever it takes to raise the issues of the East Indian Community. Let us have a True Heart for the East Indian Community. I am sure that if we all do whatever it takes for our community we

will surely move forward and reach greater heights. Let us Together demand our Lands back because the authorities no more deserve our lands. Let us prove to the authorities that we may be peaceful and silent but if we are not heard we will take whatever it takes to bring things back in shape. East Indian are termed as the Red community and it is time we show our true colours.



# EAST INDIAN PROJECTS

## Initiatives for the Betterment of the Community

### EAST INDIAN DIRECTORY

A Business Link for the East Indian Community



In continuation with MGP's objective for self dependence this year we are glad to announce our plans for the East Indian Directory to promote businesses amongst our community. The East Indian Directory will try to cover all East Indian Businesses whether big or small in the form of free classifieds.

MGP plans to release the East Indian Directory in May this year with a print run of around 1000 copies. The copies will be distributed amongst those who request for the same. The Directory will be made available for free and special copies may be charged. The East Indian Directory will be released annually and will be a ready reference for those who need business services.

A link will soon be released online and a form will also be made available to all those who wish to be featured in the East Indian Directory. A business person can also email their details in the format which will appear like a classified in the East Indian Directory. Volunteers will also be appointed to get details of local businesses by distributing forms for being featured in the East Indian Directory.

#### The Advertisement rates for the East Indian Directory are as follows:-

<b>Back Cover</b>	Rs.50,000/-	<b>Inside Covers</b>	Rs.25,000/-
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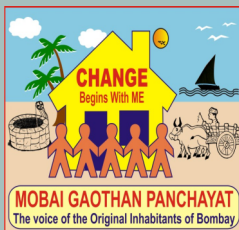
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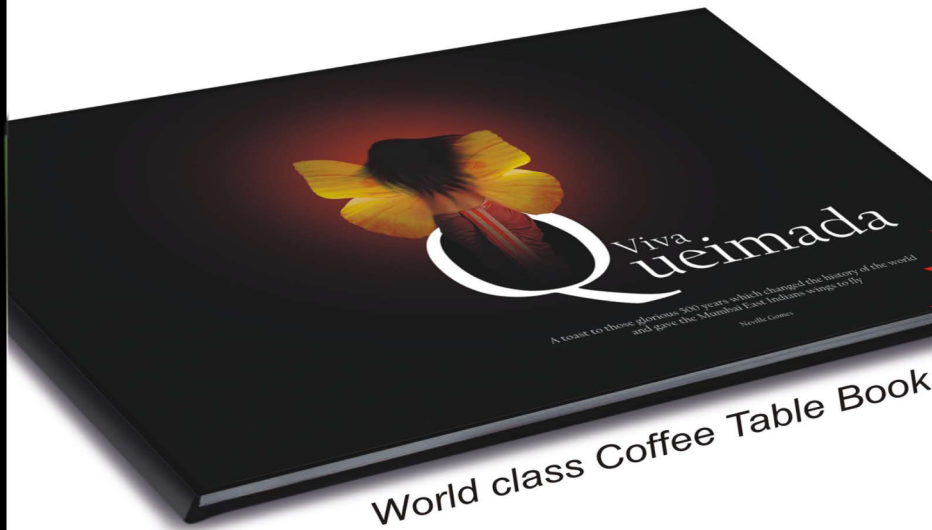
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