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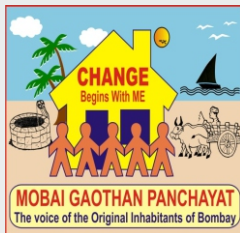
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# EAST INDIAN APPEAL

## Together Lets Lend a Helping Hand

### **EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND** Support in Education, Medical and other Emergencies

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) has launched the East Indian Community Fund to support 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. MGP has decided not to be depend on these authorities who seem to be least cared about the East Indian Community. The challenge now remains to help our community in our own small way.

MGP will appoint the EIC Fund Coordinators in each village/zone and will also have a central coordinator. On submitting an Application form the family will be supported from the Fund account basis the fund balances in the account. MGP will support the amount in full or partially towards Education, medical needs and in case of emergencies. 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.

#### **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- \*The names of beneficiaries will not be published but will be provided to donors as per their request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
- \*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

#### **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

### **East Indian Museum** Promoting Culture and Tradition

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) has been trying it's best for allotment of land for the East Indian Bhavan and this could take a couple of years or even decades. There is an urgent need to create awareness about our culture and the Museum is one great way. MGP has opened an East Indian Museum(2nd Phase) at Mobai Bhavan, Manori. The Basic Plan of the East Indian Museum had an estimated cost of around Rs.9 lacs and the Dream Project could cost much more. We appeal to you to help us in recovering costs for the 3rd Phase to be released in May 2015. The List of planned additions to the Museum will be shared by out Museum Team soon.

You could support us in the following ways:-

Family Donation - Rs.500/-

Special Donors - Rs.10,000/-(names will be mentioned at the Museum Entrance)

Memorial Sponsors – Rs.25,000/-(photographs will be installed at the Museum entrance)

Monthly Sponsors - Rs.6,000

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- \*You could also donate a higher amount and donations in kind are also welcome.
- \*All donors names will be mentioned in the Gaothan Voice.
- \*Please inform your East Indian Friends and Relatives to Support this East Indian Museum Project.

Bank account details:-

Account Name -Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Bank name – Citizen Credit co-op bank, Santacruz West

Savings Account no. – 4891

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For more details you may contact 9820087771.

### **THE EAST INDIAN DICTIONARY** The First Ever edition of the East Indian Language

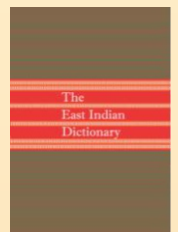
MGP is giving the final touches to the first-ever East Indian Dictionary. The East Indian Dictionary will create awareness amongst youngsters and will promote our East Indian dialect. The East Indian Dictionary will be a compilation of the words spoken in English and after the release of the English version the book will be translated in Marathi.

Our Dictionary Team has done a great job in collecting East Indian words and the Dictionary. Our Team has tried its best to cover all east Indian words and we look forward to your suggestions and feedback. We have tried to cover East Indian words on the basis of Weddings and Celebrations, Grammar and general words, religion and caste, occupation and business, food and drink, household and kitchen. The Objective of this project is to promote awareness of the East Indian Language, demand recognition of the language and be a handy reference to young EastIndians and other communities. We propose to release the East Indian Dictionary in 2014.

**The MGP Dictionary Team has been formed and work on the project has begun. Our volunteers are as follows :-**

Chief Project Coordinator - Candida Remedios, Dictionary Team - Gladys Dsouza, Marcus Couto, Cedric Tixeira, Sybil Rodrigues, Seema Nunes, Corina Misquitta and Bernard Miranda.

*The Dictionary project will cost us around 1 Lac for 1000 copies. All those who wish to assist us in this project in whatever small way are requested to contact 9820545302 or email us at mgpmobai@gmail.com*



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# MGP NEWS ISLAND

## THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

### MGP OBJECTS TO LONDON EYE AT GORAI

As soon as a news item appeared in a news paper about the London Eye to be set up at Gorai, MGP sent a letter of objection on the same. The proposed project was to build a structure like the London Eye on Gorai beach. The project undertaken will surely affect the livelihood of the locals. Gorai is already facing issues due to an amusement park which has destroyed precious mangroves.

This continues to be a plan by vested interests along with politicians to destroy

the last East Indian bastion. The authorities have already destroyed Bombay and the East Indian Community has been totally ignored and not granted a single basic right of being the indigenous community.

The Gorai Sarpanches, Rossi and Royston in their letter have clearly stated that no such project will be allowed without getting the locals into confidence. In the meanwhile Sarpanches also thanked Mr.Suresh Rathod, Forest Department-Mangrove Cell for supporting the locals in protecting the mangroves on Dharavi Beth island especially in Gorai.



### !!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Ms. Niva Valerian Miranda** has secured 91.80% in SSC Boards Exams 2013-2014, being the first East Indian girl to be the 3rd highest in Maharashtra state board in science securing 98/100 she has also topped St. Anthony's High School Versova making her School, family & village proud by her outstanding performance.

### EAST INDIAN OWNED SCHOOL AT THANE COMPLETES 25 YEARS

June 2014 began with the illumination of the magnificent board portraying St. Lawrence and the 25 glorious years on the school building, by His Lordship The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Penha, Rev. Father Kenneth Mendes and many other priests. Snacks were distributed to one and all present, followed by the PowerPoint presentation, taking the audience down memory lane from the year 1989-90 to 2014-15 and also introducing the new St. Lawrence International School at Kalyan.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the felicitation of the dignitaries. Our dignitaries Mr. Ravindra Phatak, Dr. Sanjeev Naik, Bishop Bosco Penha praised our chairman Sylvester D'souza for his contribution to society in the field of education. Ex-teachers associated with the school in the last 25 years were also felicitated.



Our chairman thanked all the guests and especially Fr. Kenneth Mendes, who inspite of health issues willingly graced the occasion. It was truly a moment of fulfillment and joy.

Finally, after being led in prayer by the priests, everyone joined the sumptuous dinner and enjoyed to their heart's content.

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## EAST INDIAN AWARDS



Ricky Couto receives the award for East Indian Sportsperson of the Year 2014 from Alpha Dsouza, MGP Head Sarpanch



Ladislau Pereira receives the award for East Indian Educationist of the Year 2014 from Leandar Dias from Irla



Advocate Godfrey Pimenta receives the award for East Indian Activist of the Year 2014 from Fr. Vernon Aguiar



Members of the USWA(United Social Welfare Association) from Kurla receive the award for East Indian Association of the Year 2014 from Greg Pereira from Silent Voice



Regal Band members receive the award for East Indian Band of the Year 2014 from Rossi Dsouza and Royston Godinho, MGP Sarpanches from Gorai



Adolf Creado and team, Juhu receive the award for Pudding which was announced as the East Indian Album of the Year 2014

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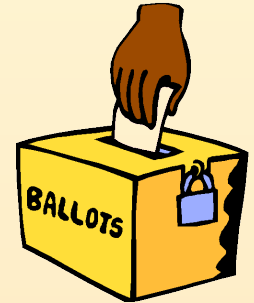
### MGP Sarpanch Elections

July - August 2014

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat is glad to announce its Sarpanch Elections scheduled every two years. The Elections which are scheduled for July and August 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.

#### 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 candidature 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 [mghpmobai@gmail.com](mailto:mghpmobai@gmail.com)

#### Candidates who have come forward to contest the Sarpanch Elections

**Kurla - Jacob Gomes**

**Juhu Gaothan No.2 - Daryl Gonsalves and Clint Caston**

**Poinsur - Ulrich Dsouza**

**Kalina Big Village - Reuben Dias**

**Gorai - Rossi Dsouza and Royston Godinho**

**Kalina Koloverly Village - Gladwin Gomes**

*All those who wish to volunteer for the elections may contact **Sybil** on **9930229742***



# EAST INDIAN PUNCH

## THE MOUTHPIECE OF THE MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

**Sant Anthon saargan, pani partai dongran**

**Sant Anthon mafi kar, pani para shetavar**

*Only the East Indian Community can bring rain on native land in their traditional way*

Bombay may have developed and is now a concrete jungle. The Bombay authorities have forgotten the Sons of Soil community whose lands were snatched under the disguise of development. But the authorities and the migrants in Bombay perhaps need to remember that in times of need only the indigenous community knows how to resolve issues and natural emergencies of their native land.

Centuries ago when Bombay was struck with plague, Holy Crosses were built at entrances and prominent locations across Bombay to protect the gaothans and its people from plague. This initiative of building Holy Crosses did work and from that time people still venerate Holy Crosses, however the authorities have served notices on some of these Holy crosses that once saved the city from Plague. Some of the authorities have become so passionate about urbanization in Bombay but have forgotten that the culture of the city needs to be preserved and promoted.

Bombay now waits anxiously for rain and even here the sons-of-soil would practice what they believed helped bring rains to Bombay centuries ago. While in some villages the community has begun the ritual other villages will start the same if there are inadequate rains. As a sizeable number of community members were into farming at that time, rains were a basic need. Today although most of the farming lands no more exist, rains continues to be a basic necessity.

Centuries and decades ago whenever the city wanted rains the local community went through the village in procession with some placing a stone on their head invoking God to bless the city with rains. During the procession the prayers said were "Sant Anthon saargan.. pani partai dongran... Sant Anthon mafi kar pani para shetavar" while some other villagers pray "Jesus pani de, pani nay tar maran de". The procession goes through the village stopping at every Holy Cross and praying for rains. In some places like Bhayendar villagers pray before the statue of St. Anthony.

MGP appeals to all community members to pray for rain in the traditional way as done by their ancestors. MGP feels that Bombay now faces these times as the authorities and industrialists have forgotten the community which helped build the city to what it is today. East Indians were a peace loving community but their silence has been taken for granted.

As Bombay waits anxiously for rains, the East Indian Community will continue to pray in their traditional way for rains. East Indians hope now that the eyes of the authorities and industrialists are opened and their basic rights are granted.

### GIFT US YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We invite each one of you to register as an MGP member. You are also invited to register your family members and even children and infants. The idea behind having this membership drive is to show our number following to influential individuals and groups to ensure that we are not deprived of our basic right as the original inhabitants of Bombay.

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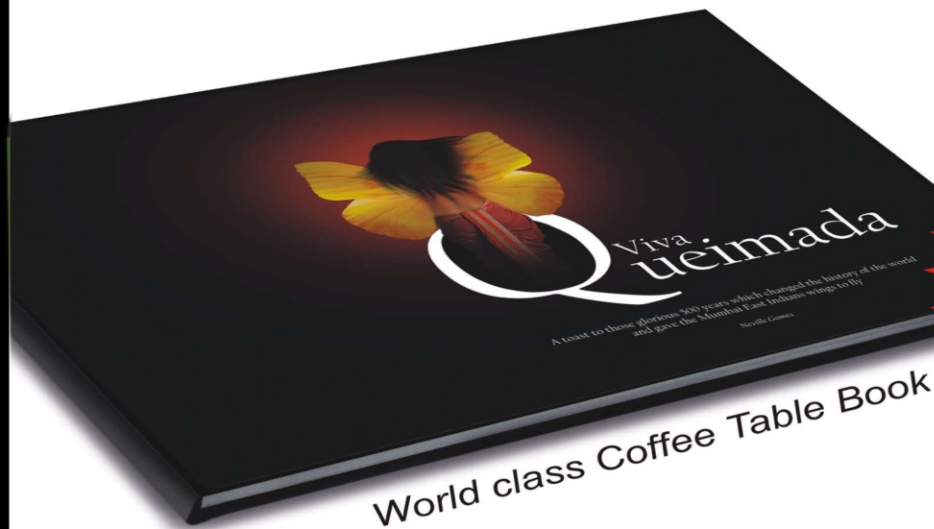
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