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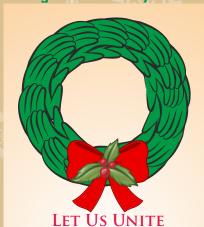
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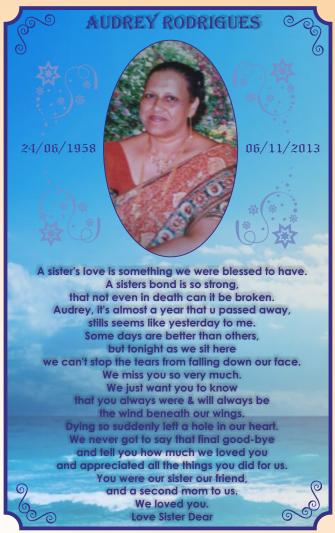
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### EAST INDIAN APPEAL

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- \*The names of beneficiaries will not be published but will be provided to donors as per their request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

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#### 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 2015.

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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The East Indian bhavan structure will be approx 15,000 sq.ft. situated on a land area of about 1 to 2 acres. It will consist of 2 main areas of about 4000 sq. ft. each.

**East Indian Auditorium** - It will have a capacity to accommodate around 500 people. This area will be used for various cultural programmes of our community. It will be acoustically prepared for the screening of movies as well as cultural programmes.

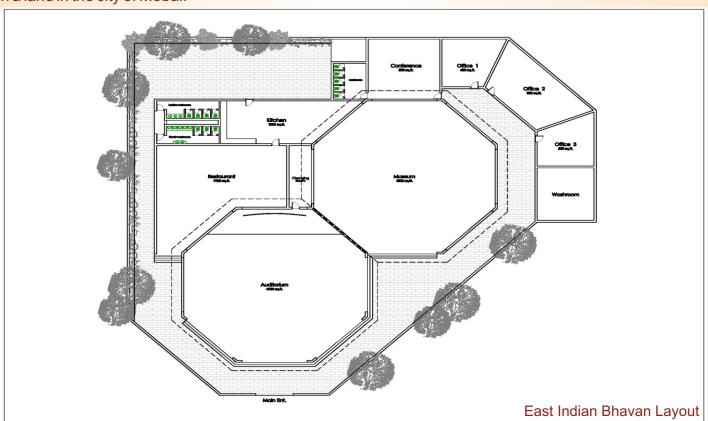
**East Indian Museum**: This area will showcase the original living style of our community. Articles used by our ancestors down the ages will be displayed in this area along with the original names of the various articles used. There will also be photographs and write ups of prominent East Indian community members displayed and also pictures of any significant events that our community or individuals had participated in. The museum will mainly focus on the rich culture and heritage of the people of our community.

**East Indian Restaurant** - This will be with a kitchen facility which will cater to only our indegenous East Indian cuisine.

**East Indian Conference Room** - It will have a seating capacity of around 10 to 15 people which can be used for discussing the various meetings organized by our community.

**East Indian Offices** - A couple of office/administrative areas will also be included to look after the functioning of the Bhavan and will also cater as a central place for any East Indian who requires assistance.

Overall, The East Indian Bhavan will be a place wherein the East Indian people can identify as their own, on a land in the city of Mobai.



To be a part of the East Indian Bhavan project contact Audrey on 9920078585 or email us at eastindianbhavan@gmail.com



### MGP NEWS ISLAND

### THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL



#### MGP SEND COMMUNICATION TO MAHARASHTRA CM FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT 12 MIDNIGHT

obai Gaothan Panchayat sent a communication to the Chief Minister requesting him to give a blanket permission to allow the Christmas Service at 12 Midnight. MGP specified that decades ago the East Indian Community, Bombays Sons-of-soil celebrated the Mass at 12 Midnight and recently due to sound restrictions the masses are held earlier. The communication also specified that across the world the service is held at 12 Midnight. A point was made on other communities not following this rule for religious purposes.

MGP awaits reply and hopes the Archdiocese makes a similar request.

#### **USWA ORGANISES VILLAGE SPORTS**

nited Social Welfare Association organized their 2nd edition of the Village Sports at Holy Cross Grounds, Kurla. The Village sports were earlier organized by the village association in the 1980's. The sports line up was planned for the entire day with 8 teams created from the 4 villages of Old Kurla, Hall Village, Culbavor and Naupada. The various games held were races for children, walking race for adults, telegames, tug-of-war, needle and thread race, sack race and cycle race. The highlight of the day was Catch-the-hen for women and catch-the-pig for men.

The Village Sports is a great initiative and will be a great idea if each East Indian Association organizes this event at their respective villages.

### BRIGHT SEVA SAMITI ORGANISES 5TH BRASS BAND COMPETITION

he Bright Seva Samiti, Kurla organised their 5th brass band competition on 1st november 2014 to encourage our East Indian Brass Bands. The 1st prize was won by Sainath band (Manori ),2nd prize by Mother Theresa Band (Manori) and 3rd prize by St Anthony Band (Dharavi). Prizes were also presented for best rhythm, best trumpet player, best costume. The Chief Guest at the programme was Morris Kinny from Manori.

### INTERNATIONAL EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

It's being now a year since the IEICC concept was first floated in the East Indian conclave in November last year at Avion Hotel ,Vile Parle.The following IEICC committee is now in place

Alexander D'souza Kurla Elected Commissioner

Alphi D'souza Vakola Elected Dy. Commissioner

Cedric Tixeira Juhu
Executive council member

Ryan D'souza Marol Executive council member

#### **Nominated Members**

Simon Gomes Kurla
Anthony D'souza Oshiwara
Gleason Barretto Kurla
Walter Murzello Orlem
Brian Pereira Marol
Gerrard Misquitta Orlem
Leander Dias Vile Parle
Marcus Couto Panvel

A meeting was held in July 2014 in Kurla , wherein members from 17 associations were invited to attend . Encouraged by the response wherein 24 members from various associations attended this meet .

We now propose to take on a fast track the following issues facing

our East Indian community.

- + EAST INDIAN FAMILIES PROPERTY ISSUES
- + EAST INDIAN FAMILIES ACQUIRED LANDS ISSUES
- + GUIDANCE TO EAST INDIAN FAMILIES PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
- + EAST INDIAN FOOD STALLS IN GAOTHANS
- + CAREER GUIDANCE TO EAST INDIAN YOUTH
- + ASSISTING IN BUILDING AN EAST INDIAN BHAVAN
- + ESTABLISHING A CONNECT BETWEEN NRI EAST INDIANS WORLD WIDE

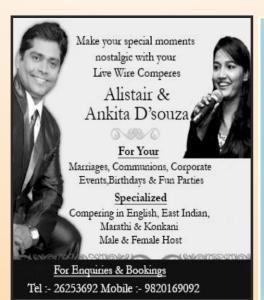
We will now be meeting in January 2015 to put into action our above plans with the support and participation from the various East Indian associations We look forward to your support.

Alexander D'souza Commissioner Alphi D'souza Dy. Commissioner

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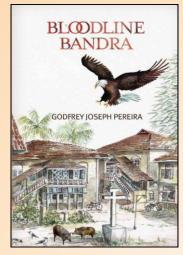


### EAST INDIAN BOOKS



### BLOODLINE BANDRA BY GODFREY JOSEPH PEREIRA

Published by Harper Collins India



**About The Author**: Godfrey Joseph Pereira. Born in Pali Village, Bandra, Bombay. He is an East Indian. His grandmother was from Uttan. He studied English Literature and Philosophy. Turned to journalism. Worked as Assistant Editor at Society and Celebrity magazines. Principal Correspondent, Sunday and India Today. War Correspondent covered the first Gulf War from Israel.

Later Pereira left for America. Was a 'Legal Slave' in New York City for a long time. Wrote Bloodline Bandra. Godfrey Pereira now lives in 'The Heights' in Jersey City, New Jersey. Works as Creative Director for The Monroe Center for the Arts in Hoboken, New Jersey. Godfrey Joseph Pereira is currently writing his next novel 'Letters To Esther.'

### THE STORY: BLOODLINE BANDRA

This is a story of how an East Indian boy from Pali Village, Bandra, Bombay went to New York City and was trapped by his own people the Indians, into becoming a "Legal Slave" Bloodline Bandra starts off inside the gut of Pali Village in Bandra, Bombay. The story, divided into two parts, starts in India and weaves through the tattered lower middle class fabric of its East Indian people and their lives, painting cacophonic pictures of their everyday social interactions. The East Indians speak a rare form of English that Bloodline Bandra documents; an English that is scorned by outsiders, but the cadence and tone, are a linguistic marvel. The Novel paints vivid pictures of how the East Indians from Bombay really lived and died. It is a historical account of their glorious heritage.

This has been documented in a Novel for the first time in the five hundred year history of the East Indians. The second part of the story sees the protagonist, David Cabral, a journalist emerge from this matrix of guttersnipes, heading for New York City where he is sold into 'Legal Slavery' by his own Indian people. Part II details his excruciating residency in hell. This shatters the universal concept of the supposedly guaranteed American Dream once an immigrant lands in the U.S of A. What is 'Legal Slavery?' It is happening in many places all over the world. Read Bloodline Bandra and discover what 'Legal Slavery' is, and how many successful Indians abroad treat their fellow countrymen. The brutality will stun you. This Novel is fiction based on actual circumstances that happened in New York City.

To read more go to www.bloodlinebandra.com or www.bloodlinebandra.in

### **MGP** Christmas Competition

East Indian Gaothan Crib Competition, Best Decorated Gaothan Bylane,
Best Gaothan Christmas Celebration

All associations groups or individuals are welcome to participate. For crib competition and best Decorated Gaothan a maximum of 2 photos only to be sent and for Best Christmas Celebration a brief to be sent with some photographs if possible.

Last date - 30th December 2014. You may send your details at gaothanvoice@yahoo.in





### SAAKAAR HOIEL SEPEN ZEVEM HOIEL APLEM BHAVAN

Together Lets Make this Dream a Reality

Audrey Dsouza – Architect East Indian Bhavan Coordinator

If one were to ask as to why an East Indian Bhavan necessary when there are so many other issues of the community. We would say that it's not only a necessity but a requirement which should have been fulfilled a long time ago. We being the original indigenous, the sons-of-soil.

The East Indian Community are aboriginals of Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad. This has been our native place since time immemorial as our forefathers belonged here and today we don't even have a place whereby we can proudly say that this belongs to the entire East Indian Community.

The Gujratis, the Jains and even the Parsis came to our native land, settled here, took away our lands and built their own community centers to cater to the needs of their people, whereby their people progressed and prospered on our lands. Today we are migrants on our own lands. Its time we asserted ourselves and create awareness to other communities that "The East Indians" are the indigenous community and need to be identified and respected for their aboriginal status.

Various East Indian Associations have made representations to the Government and the Archdiocese for allotting land for the Bhavan. The Government has allotted land for various community projects but it's surprising that they have not given us any response. If we wait for these authorities we may very well not have a Bhavan for decades. It's time we do not depend on these authorities and show them that if they cannot allot land for the Bhavan we will build our very own East Indian Bhavan. We need to show that the East Indian Community has the capacity and the capability to build an East Indian Bhavan.

The East Indian Bhavan is a big step towards this direction. It will generate awareness among the other communities and also to the Government which remains a necessity today. The East Indian Bhavan will have various facilities to give our community a facelift and a unique identity. As a part of the plan we have an Auditorium, a Museum, Restaurant, a Conference Room and lots more.

By giving these facilities to our community, we can go a long way in helping our community to progress and also to preserve our rich culture and traditional heritage, whereby our children don't forget the language spoken and are proud to be an East Indian.

Let us all come together, putting aside all our minor differences and contribute to build a bright future for our Community. The East Indian Bhavan will surely help in keeping the tradition and culture alive for our future generations to come.





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- 2.Christmas Crib Competition Three prizes of Rs.500, Rs.300 and Rs.200 respectively
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- **4.Community Christmas Crib** To be set up jointly with Boys For Music
- **5.New look News Desk(Vachnalay)** the GARAJ News Desk to be renovated
- **6.Republic Day Flag Hoisting** A Senior resident will be given this privilege
- **7.Drawing and Carrom Competition** Open to all Gauthan residents
- 8.Christmas Gauthan Decorations We plan to decorate the gauthans for the festival

For more details and to sponsor you may contact:

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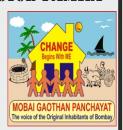
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