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- *The names of beneficiaries will not be published but will be provided to donors as per their request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

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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 our 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
Weekly sponsors - Rs.2,000

- *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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Bank name – Citizen Credit co-op bank, Santacruz West
Savings Account no. – 4891
ifsc code - CCBL0209015

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

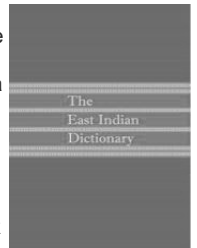
MGP is giving the final touches to the first-ever East Indian Dictionary. The East Indian Dictionary will create awareness amongst youngsters and will promote our East Indian dialect. The East Indian Dictionary will be a compilation of the words spoken in English and after the release of the English 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 East Indians 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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DON BOSCO COLLEGE ORGANISES EAST INDIAN THEME LUNCH

As every year the second year students of Don Bosco College –Hospitality Studies come up with a theme lunch, this year their theme lunch was an East Indian theme lunch called the “Umracha Pani” which was hosted on 22nd of January 2015 in the college training restaurant as suggested by the faculty, Andre Fonseca and Melroy Gomes. The students managed to have 210 guests as it was a weekday.

The Restaurant had a typical East Indian village ambience, with 18 service staff members tending to 20 tables ranging from 4 to 6 guests per table. The college team at this theme lunch were Glen D’Souza, Geetanjali Batelli, Kelvin Braganza, Ruchita Gaikwad, Keith Fernandes, Kift D’souza, Ray Henriques and Anil Kaushik and Pratik Chhichhiya.

The menu for the event consisted of Apple Kimaad (the welcome drink), Veg potato chop/prawn cutlet, Veg khuddi/chicken khuddi, Pork sorpotel(optional), Vegetable foogath, Wedding rice, Wedding pickle, Rice papad, Thaali sweets and Chach. All this was served to guests at a price of rupees 200 all inclusive.

JUHU SARPANCH ORGANISED MEET YOUR MLA

The Sarpanches of Juhu – Clint Caston, Cyrus Misquitta and Daryl Gonsalves organized the first Meet your MLA at Juhu Gauthan No.2 which was attended by around 75 residents. The MLA, Ameet Satam was very supportive and appreciated all suggestions raised at the meeting.

The issues raised were water pressure,

blockage of drains, traffic issues and illegal stalls. Ameet stated that he would look into the same on priority. The Gauthan representative of BJP, Clint Caston organized the meet for the Juhu Gauthan.

Juhu Gauthan residents thanked the MLA as he was the first to organize a meet within the Gauthan.

UMRACHA PANI CELEBRATIONS RAISES CONCERN AMONGST ACTIVISTS

The Umbrachapani celebrations have now changed compared to the actual celebrations decades ago. In a letter sent to Gauthan Voice, Clarence Gomes Editor of Bandra Times requested that we tone down the Umbracha Pani celebrations as it affects the local residents.

The people in procession nowadays use eggs, glitters and water which at times even affects passerby. MGP appeals the East Indian Community to celebrate the Umbarcha Pani in the traditional way so that our culture is promoted for centuries in the future.

ONE LINERS

*Ramp on the cement Road towards Mount Marys Church removed

*Goregaon East Indian Association is launched

*Across Gauthans East Indian Associations organize Introze to promote culture

*As per reports Introze organised by Sahar East Indian Association, Vakola East Indian Association and United Social Welfare Association, Kurla.

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EAST INDIAN DAYS

Special Days made extra Special for East Indians

ST.GONSALO GARCIA DAY

East Indian Community celebrates feast of Maharashtra's Native Saint

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) has appeals to all in the East Indian Community and all catholics who have migrated to Maharashtra to celebrate St. Gonsalo Garcia Day on 6th February every year. In the year 2013, MGP announced St.Gonsalo Garcia as the Patron Saint of the East Indian Community, as the saint is the only native saint and also of East Indian community origin.St.Gonsalo Garcia is the first Indian Saint, who lived in Vasai and born to parents of Portuguese Christians origin(the community later came to be known as East Indian Community during British rule). MGP plans to create awareness amongst the community to ensure the saint has a special place in each East Indian Village and Home.

As communicated last year, MGP installed a statue if St.Gonsalo Garcia at the East Indian Museum at Manori in May 2014.

The plans for the St.Gonsalo Garcia Day this year is as follows:-

- 1)February 6th to be observed as Saint Gonsalo Garcia Day amongst all from the East Indian Community. A similar appeal to be made to celebrate thsi dau amongst all catholics all over India.
- 2)St.Gonsalo Garcia is now considered as a Patron Saint of the East Indian Community. A similar appeal will be sent to the Archdiocese to consider St.Gonsalo Garcia as the principal patron of the Archiodese of Bombay.
- 3)MGP is still following up on the request to the Archdiocese of Bombay to dedicate a Church or Chapel to Saint Gonsalo Garcia. MGP also plans to build a Chapel dedicated to St.Gonsalo Garcia in the Bombay diocese.
- 4)MGP will appeal to all community groups to install a statue of St.Gonsalo Garcia at Holy Crosses within the East Indian Gaothans.
- 5)MGP will appeal to parishes across Bombay to install a statue of St.Gonsalo Garcia in their parish premises
- 6)In catholic religious articles stores across Bombay the statue or picture frame of St.Gonsalo Garcia is not availaable. MGP plans to have a miniature status of the Saint which the community can venerate at their Holy Altar at home.
- 7)MGP has appealed to all East Indian local associations/groups to organise a prayer/novena to St.Gonsalo Garcia at our village Holy Crosses
- 8)An appeal to the Maharashtra Government to be sent to dedicate a project and various other initiatives to honour the only Catholic Saint of Maharashtra State.

St.Gonsalo Garcia was honoured as India's only saint for almost 140 years. St.Gonsalo Garcia was born on February 6, 1557 at Vasai(called Bacaïm during Portuguese rule). He died a Martyr along with 25 other companions by being crucified in Nagasaki on February 5, 1597.

Across the East Indian Community and Catholic Parishes in Bombay, Vasai, Thane and Raigad the feast of St.Gonsalo Garcia is celebrated on February 6.

To be a part of the East Indian Community Promotions Team you may call Alphi Dsouza- MGP Head Sarpanch and Spokesperson on 9820087771.

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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EAST INDIAN AWARDS 2015

Honouring our Community members

Cardinal Simon Pimenta Service and Community Awards

East Indian Religious of the Year

This Award will be presented to a Priest or Nun who has gone beyond the call of God to voice the issues of the East Indian Community and has supported or encouraged our community.

East Indian Educationist of the Year

This Award will be presented to an East Indian who has been a strong promoter of Education.

East Indian Association of the Year

This Award will be presented to the East Indian Association which has promoted a series of activities in their village or in the city.

East Indian Initiative of the Year

Every year we come across newer initiatives to promote our community and this Award will encourage the initiatives that have brought our community to greater heights.

East Indian Project of the Year

East Indian Projects are the need of the hour to get our community to greater heights. This Award will be presented to the most impressive project for the East Indian Community.

East Indian Sarpanch of the Year

Individuals who serve the community are the biggest gift for us as they give time for our community inspite of the challenges at work and home. This Award will be presented to the Sarpanch who has done exceptional service to our East Indian Community.

East Indian Heritage Cross of the Year

As our Holy Crosses across the Gaothan are being renovated the very essence of its heritage and sentiments are sometimes lost. To encourage the preservation of Holy Crosses especially those which are centuries old and have been maintained with its original structure.

East Indian Social Worker of the Year

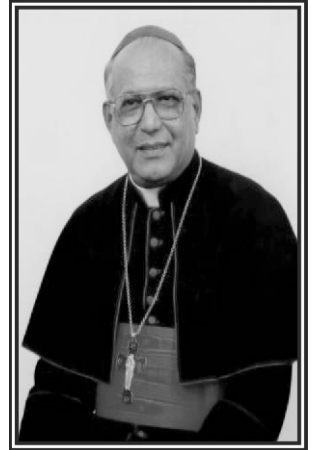
This Award will be presented to an East Indian who has done remarkable service to the community in social work.

East Indian Activist of the Year

Our East Indian Community issues begin to grow and there is an urgent need to voice our concerns. This Award will be presented to individuals who have voiced our concerns with the authorities.

East Indian Panchayat of the Year

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat created a new face to the community by initiating the Panchayat in some villages. This award will be presented to the most active Village Panchayat in the East Indian community.



Kaka Baptista Appreciation and Excellence Awards



East Indian Entrepreneur of the Year

Encouraging the business mindset is urgently needed. This award will be presented to the East Indian who has excelled in business.

East Indian Singer of the Year

Our East Indian Singers have given the best contribution towards our music. Some of the songs are fabulous and so its important to appreciate Singers who have given East Indian music a new meaning. This Award will be presented to the Singer of the year who has performed exceptionally well.

East Indian Album of the Year

Every year we get the opportunity to come across East Indian Albums which give us a flavour of East Indian music. We will appreciate the most impressive East Indian Album of the year.

East Indian Photo of the Year

Photographs promoting our East Indian culture and tradition are appreciated by us all. In this aware we will appreciate the best photograph. We will also display some of these photographs at our East Indian Musuem.

East Indian Band of the Year

Our East Indian weddings are incomplete without a brass band. We will honour the band which has been most impressive for promoting our community. This award will be presented to the oldest East Indian band.

East Indian Sportsperson of the Year

Many from our community have a passion for sports and this Award will be presented to the individual who has been a great supporter and performer of sports.

East Indian Book of the Year

We come across various books on our Community or members of our community. We will present this award to the most appreciated Book of the year.

Appreciation Awards

The Appreciation awards will be presented to various individuals or groups who have made our community known across India or the World.

EAST INDIAN RALLY 2015

Annual Rally of the East Indian Community of Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad

Mumbai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) has organized this annual rally for the third time. The response has been good and we pray that more community members may join and realize the importance of coming together to voice our rights as aboriginals. At the East Indian Rally, the East Indian Community comes together to voice the concerns of the community against the Central/State government, Municipal Corporation and the Archdiocese. Our peace-loving community has been taken for granted by the authorities and we encourage like-minded individuals and associations to fight for the rights of the community.

If our community fails to speak up right now we may very well die a slow death. We the sons-of-soil community are being treated like strangers on our native land. Of late the East Indian Gaothans are being targeted by authorities and its time we tell them that we have the right to suggest what we need and they cannot force us to follow their regulations. The first East Indian Rally was attended by around 1000 community members and the 2nd Rally was attended by around 600 community members. Around 25 East Indian Associations are likely to support the East Indian Rally 2015.

The 3rd East Indian Rally will be held on Sunday, 1st March 2015 at 10:30am sharp. The Rally starts from Mount Carmels Church, Bandra and will end at St. Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra.

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

- 1)To demand our rights as original inhabitants of Bombay and if the concerned authorities cannot fulfill our demands they should give our lands back.
- 2)Housing and Job reservations for the East Indian Community and implement of Gaothan expansion policy
- 3)Single window permissions and self developed ground-plus-two SITU for gaothans to be granted.
- 4)Land to be allotted for East Indian Bhavan and Museum in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad.
- 5)East Indian Food stalls to be allotted in each gaothan area and municipal ward.
- 6)If No tax to Encroachers then no tax should also apply to East Indians, the original owners of Bombay.
- 7)Lands donated to churches and the archdiocese should not be sold and if not developed should be returned back for community development.
- 8)Simplified OBC process and East Indian Community to be recognized as natives of Bombay by the State and Central Government.
- 9)An East Indian Community welfare fund to be started in lieu of properties given to government for airport and other infra projects
- 10)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

It is surprising to see other migrant communities being granted their demands and the East Indian Community, the original inhabitants of Bombay have not been granted a single benefit. It's time we all come together as One Voice, One East Indian Community and demand what is rightfully ours.

****For details on the Rally and sponsor the costs you may contact 9820545302/9930229742***

EAST INDIAN AGENDA 2015

East Indian Community Demands

Central and State Government

- 1.Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian community
- 2.Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
- 3.ManoriGoraiUttan Tourism Plan to be scrapped
4. East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
- 5.East Indian Bhavan in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad
6. Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
- 7.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.
- 8.Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass
9. Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
10. Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans

Municipal Corporation

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

Archdiocese

- 1.Closure of Uttan Dumping ground
- 2.The Word "East Indian Catholic" to be written in remarks column without visit to archbishops house, to be done as per recommendation by local East Indian association heads or professionals
- 3.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.
- 4.Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties
- 5.Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan
6. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect should be introduced
- 7.East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
- 8.East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings
- 9.St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
- 10.Space to be provided for East Indian businesses in parish property

East Indian Community and Individuals

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

EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

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We see this place developing at a rapid pace

Outsiders have made it their living base

Migrants call it their native but its not the case

We East Indians can only call it our Native Place

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The Sena's are busy stating Amchi Mumbai but the fact remains that only the Pathare Prabhus, Kolis and the East Indian Community can actually call this as our Mobai. So our communication should always state Amchi Mobai or Mee Mobaikar and similar to people from Vasai, Thane and Raigad where our community also resides. Seeing the sad state of our community its time we speak up. Some say its too late but we feel better later than never.

By the time you have read this write-up hundreds or thousands would have attended the 3rd annual East Indian Rally. A day when we call our community members to come together and voice their concerns. MGP has realized that there has been widespread awareness about our community in the last 5 years and we thank all like-minded associations who have created this awareness in their own little way. A special thanks to all the East Indian Associations who immediately supported this annual rally.

The theme for the year 2015 focuses on doing all we can to promote Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad as our native place. It is time we do all we can to create awareness about the rights of the East Indian Community. All these years the political and religious authorities have taken us for granted because we are a peace-loving community. To add to this some of our community leaders are not community focused as they should be and we need to ensure these leaders realize the importance of taking up our community issues.

MGP in the meanwhile will focus on a stronger functional team this year. While some groups are striving to be the biggest one, the first one or the strongest one, MGP will strive to touch the hearts of the East Indian Community with our various initiatives and projects. MGP would not mind being the last group, the smallest one or the weakest one but we will continue to raise issues and create awareness in our own little way.

MGP appeals to each community members to support and volunteer for an East Indian group at your respective villages. MGP is also in urgent need of people to assist us as we plan to reach out to larger community base. We also request you to stay away from the negativity against any East Indian Group but instead have a dialogue to work together.

MGP has learnt a lot in the last year 2014. The attitude of the Cardinal towards the East Indian Community, the Catholic Church hierarchy stand on our East Indian Community demands, the state/central government neglecting our issues and demands, BMC not having a definite plan for Gaothans inspite of communications, our community promoted political party being politicized by our own members and some of our own community groups having their own vested interests.

Every East Indian group – big or small, first or last, the oldest or the newest, the active and the inactive together have an importance in the future of the East Indian Community. No East Indian group should claim a monopoly on any community issue or project. Let each East Indian Group do their bit for the community and in this way we will see a stronger East Indian Community in



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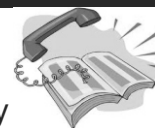
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EAST INDIAN PROJECTS

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

Back Cover	Rs.50,000/-	Inside Covers	Rs.25,000/-
Four colour full page	Rs.10,000/-	Four colour half page	Rs.6,000/-
Full page(B/W)	Rs.2000/-	Half page(B/W)	Rs.1000/-

*Excess income generated from the Directory will be allocated for various MGP Projects.

*For more information contact – **9820087771/9930229742**.

*MGP will feature classified size advertisements for FREE to all East Indian Businesses.

*East Indian businesses can send their Business name, business type, owners name, contact number, address and email id to **eastindianoffice@gmail.com**

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

KAKA BAPTISTA DAY

EAST INDIAN FREEDOM FIGHTER'S 151ST 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 151st 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 151st 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 BHAVAN

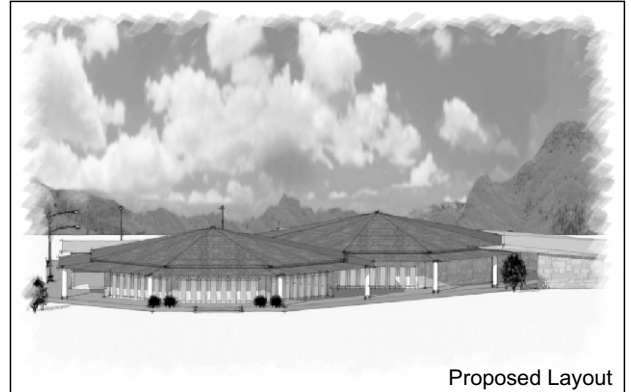
A Place to Promote our Culture and Tradition

Maaza Gaun, Mazem Bhavan An Appeal

Dear Fellow East Indians,

We hereby appeal to you to be a part of this much required East Indian Bhavan, which once built will be a landmark achievement for all of us and will be remembered by East Indian community generations to come.

"The proposed complex will help us showcase our rich heritage and culture". The estimated cost of the project as of date is around 12 Crores for the East Indian Bhavan to be built on a land measuring around 1 or 2 acres. The initial project is being planned for Bombay and then we plan to build the Bhavan also at Vasai, Thane and Raigad. The Fund raising exercise involves a mammoth effort from every East Indian where ever they are. This could also be used as a unifying factor for all East Indian Associations to come together on a common platform with a common objective of progress. This is the beginning of many good things that we can initiate for our community.



East Indian Bhavan is a big challenge that we have taken up, but together we shall fulfill our dream project. Together we can make the "East Indian Bhavan" a reality. Be a part of this project and help us build the first-ever East Indian Bhavan for our Community. As we all know, the East Indian Community has prospered over the years and we are fortunate that many can now contribute towards this cause financially. We hereby earnestly request every East Indian to donate generously and help the East Indian Community cause.

We look forward to your support as Advisors, Promotion coordinators, donors or through your prayers. Those who would like to donate land or offer a land at a discounted price can also contact us. Cheques may favour "East Indian Bhavan".

For more details and to support you may contact

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Kurla - Alexander Dsouza – 9930758997

Vakola - Alphi Dsouza - 9820087771

Bandra – Merck Dsilva – 9820783616

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Platinum Hissa	Rs.25,000/-
Gold Hissa	Rs.5000/-
Silver Hissa	Rs.1000/-
Bronze Hissa	Rs.500/-

**An individual will be considered an East Indian if any one parent, any one grand parent, any one great grand parent or spouse belong to the East Indian Community.*

East Indian Bhavan - Updates

*The Adhoc Committes are being formed like Executive Council, Advisory Board, Land, Fund Raising, Finance and Media/PR.

*More committees to be formed taking into account the future requirements and functions of the Bhavan like Culture, Music, Education, Legal, Food, self help groups and much more

*Land Committee has begun identifying the Land for the Bhavan in Mumbai and Dharavi Beth Island, Similar requests are being made for Vasai, Thane and Raigad.

*Finance Committe has finalised the donor plan for East Indians and non-East Indians.

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