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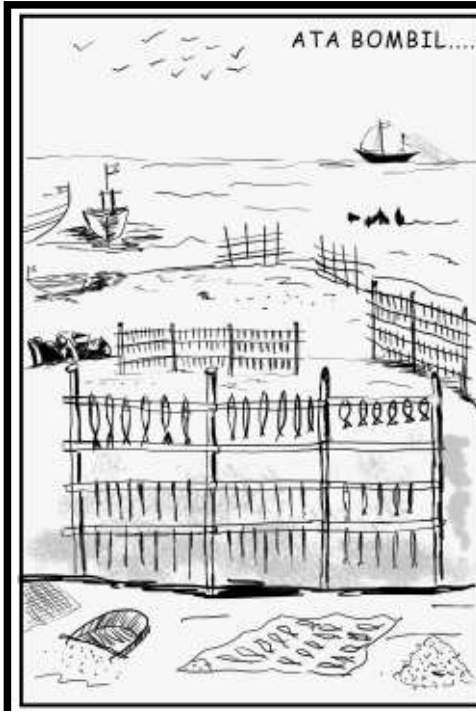
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EAST INDIAN APPEAL

Taking Our Community to Greater Heights

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 in need of financial support. 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.

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- *Donors can also sponsor basis the number of students for education support
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 - *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 EIC Fund Coordinators 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-operative Bank Ltd, Vakola Branch
Savings Account number – 15624
IFSC code - CCBL0209016

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

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat announced its plans to release the first-ever East Indian Dictionary in July 2012. The project took its time as we had a small bunch of volunteers who came forward to compile the Dictionary. The East Indian Dictionary is now set for release by this year end and the Dictionary Team has planned all the actionables pending to ensure timely release.

The East Indian Dictionary will create awareness amongst youngsters and will promote the East Indian dialect. The East Indian Dictionary will be a compilation of the words spoken by East Indians initially in the English version and also plans to have a Marathi version released later.

Our Dictionary Team has done a great job in collecting East Indian words. Our Team has tried its best to cover as many East Indian words. 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.

The MGP Dictionary Team volunteers are as follows:-

Chief Project Coordinator and Assistant Editor - Candida Remedios, Vikhroli, Editor - Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla
Team Members - Gladys Dsouza (Bandra), Marcus Couto (Panvel), Cedric Tixeira (Juhu), Sybil Rodrigues (Kalina), Corina Misquitta (Parle) and Bernard Miranda(Kalina).

The Dictionary project will cost us around 1 Lac for 1000 copies. All those who wish to assist us in this project are requested to contact 9820545302 or email us at mgpmobai@gmail.com. Sponsors are welcome at Rs. 5000 each and the names of the sponsors will be mentioned on one common page in the East Indian Dictionary.

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(3rd 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 4th Phase to be released in May 2016. The List of planned additions to the Museum will be shared by our Museum Team soon.

You could support us in the following ways:-

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- *You could also donate any amount big or small 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

*Please mention your name in your funds transfer

For more details you may contact 9820087771.

MGP NEWS ISLAND

The East Indian Gaothan Channel

MGP MEETS THE CARDINAL

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat got an appointment after almost one and a half years on 14th July 2015. The earlier meet with Cardinal Oswald Gracias was in January 2014. The main points discussed at the meeting was Simplicity in OBC process, Housing for East Indian community and land for the East Indian Bhavan. The Cardinal stated that he would like to help the community however the response on the issues raised was not very encouraging. After the discussion MGP released its action plan which will be shared in the next issue.

MGP also raised the issue on the Uttan Dumping ground and how the local East Indians were silently suffering due to agitation. Housing may not be provided to the Community inspite of the East Indians being the land donor community.

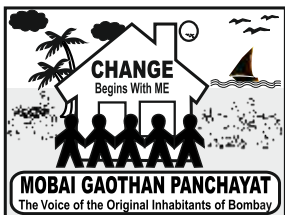
ASHISH SHELAR ASSURES EAST INDIANS THEIR RIGHTS

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat had a special meet with BJP Mumbai President and Bandra West MLA Adv. Ashish Shelar. The MGP team had briefly met Ashish Shelar at the East Indian Rally in March 2015 and also at the East Indian Awards and Food Festival in May 2015. Ashish Shelar has always been positive and has assured that he will try to fulfill our demands.

The points raised at the meet as per the East Indian Agenda to the Municipal Corporation and the State/Central Government were Repair permissions and SITU for East Indian Gaothans, Housing policy or MHADA reservations for the East Indians and land for the East Indian Bhavan. Ashish Shelar stated that he will come back to us with the response and will also have the 2nd meeting with us. Ashish Shelar has assured the MGP team on continuous meets to discuss the demands of the East Indian Community.

MIRA ROAD WILL SOON HAVE AN EAST INDIAN GROUP

In line with the MGP ACT project a meeting was held with East Indians residing at Mira Road. There were around 20 Mira Road residents who have decided to form a group for the Mira Road area. The group will be formed soon and they will start with activities to promote the East Indian community at Mira Road.



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For Auditions & Songs
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(Deputy Sarpanch of Gorai)
961 96 20 902

ONE LINERS

- MGP to launch its new initiative at Worli Village by appointing a Paatil
- MGP releases action plan to the Archdiocese of Bombay
- East Indian Dialect Mass to be promoted and demanded at all East Indian majority parishes
- MGP sends strong message to Core Team, "Participate or Perish"
- East Indian Bhavan to relook strategy and announce new plans soon.
- MGP launches its Network theme with Village Visits, Gaothan Sabhas and Monthly Open Meets.
- IEICC to get on the active front with Association meets from September

EAST INDIAN BHAVAN

Aapla Haq. Aapla Bhavan

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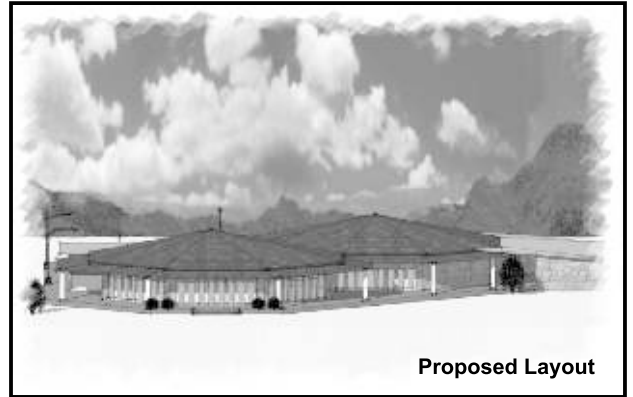
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**An individual will be considered an East Indian if any one parent, any one grand parent, any one great grand parent or spouse belong to the East Indian Community.*

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.

EAST INDIAN AWARDS AND FOOD FESTIVAL 2015

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BJP Mumbai President and Bandra MLA, Adv. Ashish Shelar addresses the audience at the MGP East Indian Awards



Joe Rodrigues presents the Award of Appreciation to the Dsouza family for donating large tracts of land for the Orlem Church



Brinston Miranda being presented the Award of Appreciation for excellence in Sports



The Kalina Big Village team is presented the award for the Heritage Holy Cross of the Year from MGP CEO, Alphi Dsouza



Moses Gomes presents the award to the founder of Mona Remedial School, Leena Dsilva



Fr. Michael G presents the award to Roger Drego on being announced the East Indian Expert of the Year for his expertise in the Audio industry

EAST INDIAN AWARDS AND FOOD FESTIVAL 2015

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Umbrachapani theme restaurant entrance design by Franco and Mark from the (MAC) MGP Action Committee



Roger Drego (centre) and our MGP guests are all smiles at the Annual East Indian Awards function



Micheal Swamy (The East Indian Kitchen author) was present at the East Indian Awards and Food Fest along with his team who were all praises for the East Indian Theme Restaurant - Umbrachapani



The Juhu Team of performers in their traditional attire all ready to perform at the Awards Ceremony



Fr. Milton (extreme right), Fr. Austin (2nd from right) and our MGP guests at the Annual Awards

MGP Kalina Office

Our office will remain open for the East Indian community on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The contact person on all these days are as follows:

Wednesdays - 5:30pm to 6:30pm,
Douglas Lobo - 9773682392

Thursdays - 7:00pm to 8:00pm,
Bernard Miranda - 9892689587

Fridays - 7:00pm to 8:00pm,
Alexander Dsouza - 9930758997

You may also taken an appointment to meet our MGP CEO, Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771.

MGP Office Address : Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, Bennett House , Kolivery village, Next to Chris Chinese, Kalina, Santacruz East, Mumbai 400 029. Email : eastindianoffice@gmail.com

MGP ACTION

Approachability Connectivity Transparency the MGP Way

In this issue we release the latest update on our active members. You may contact us if you would like to be a part of the MGP active team. The parameters for joining the team are as follows :

MGP Core Team - Can be included only after they have worked for MGP initially by and finalized by Core Team majority vote.

Mobai Action Committee – These members should be regular at the office meetings and take part in one regular activity/project/assignment.

MGP Sarpanch – Need to be elected by local villagers to start functioning as a Sarpanch.

If you have any feedback, suggestions or complaints of these members you may email us at mgpmobai@gmail.com

MGP CORE TEAM

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MGP Action Committee (MAC)

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Reuben Dias	Kalina Big Village	9930569225

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

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EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

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They took away our ancestral land
Destroying our sea is now being planned
Our native rights they never understand
We will now raise our voice, hand in hand

The stage is set for the East Indian Voice to rise and state that enough is enough. The East Indian Kolis depend upon our sea for their daily bread and many gaothan residents go fishing to the nearby beach for generations. We strongly object to the Coastal Road Project. An objection letter has already been sent to the concerned authorities. We will also support our Koli brethren who will be majorly affected by this project not forgetting the East Indian Kolis.

Do we need a road on our native sea? Is there no other alternative? Dharavi beth island is our precious East Indian island and the authorities should stay away from destroying this land. Development should not be at the cost of destroying the occupations and lands of the natives. The authorities should ensure that any change in the city should be initiated only after having taken the concurrence of the native community. They just cannot force us to give way for their plans but we can surely force them to do things the way we want them to as sons-of-soil.

The alternatives we suggest is that the current roads and infrastructure should be upgraded. The concerned authorities should get rid of all encroachments along the road which have narrowed down due to this menace. Instead of gifting these lawbreakers with compensation and alternate accommodation they should be deported for illegally occupying the roads. By constructing additional roads we are just providing more place for encroachers and encouraging them. Why eye the seas when there are various options by experts which can be implemented.

Surprisingly our lands have been taken and not a single benefit has been granted to us as the native community. For decades, politicians just announced East Indians as natives and we applauded for these leaders as they did not care about the rights and benefits for our community. We now have a new set of rulers and we look forward positively for change.

MGP has planned a massive network plan and if things go as decided we would have created a strong Voice to silence those who have looked down upon our community. We have our set of critics from within our community and we have learnt to ignore these crabs as every community today has their share of critics. Meetings with officials have begun already, open meets with gaothans begin soon and so also local sabha meets. And yes, we may also work on an alternate plan wherein if our authorities fail us we will manage on our own.

We look forward to support from new committed faces of our community. We need you time, support, expertise and every little you can offer to take our community to greater heights. The time has come for an East Indian revolution which will try all types of ways to see the community grow. Its not about which associations succeeds but about how our community will benefit.

For the Coastal Road the native East Indian community should be consulted. And if they can't consult then they need not touch our native sea. Our native lands have been damaged, encroached and destroyed. We will not let our native sea suffer in the same way. East Indians, it's time to come out of our comfort zones and protect our native land. MGP will work hand in hand with all like-minded associations objecting this project like the Bandra residents, Hamara Shehar and Koli samaj groups.

MGP PUNCHLINE

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MGP DIARY

Yours In Service for the East Indian Community

July has been one the most eventful months in the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat calendar. There have been a plethora of activities that were planned and initiated . List of some our impact activities that we would like to pursue to a satisfactory resolution

9th July 2015 – The Fortnightly Meet at MGP Kalina Office was attended by some Core team members, MAC members and Sarpanches.

14th July 2015 – MGP delegation met Cardinal Oswald Gracias and Bishop John Rodrigues. East Indian OBC issues, housing for East Indians and land for the East Indian Bhavan was discussed. The East Indian Agenda to the Archdiocese finalized at the Annual East Indian Conclave was also presented. MGP was represented by Alphi Dsouza, Audrey Dsouza, Alexander Dsouza, Gleason Barretto, Susie Napier, and Alistair Dsouza.

18th July 2015 – The MGP Core Team had a Special Meet at the Mobai Bhavan, Manori. This was a four hour meet to discuss the various issues to be taken up, the status of projects, new initiatives and way forward. Meet attended by Alphi Dsouza, Walter Murzello, Cedric Tixeira, Susie Napier, Gladys Dsouza, Rossi Dsouza, Gleason Barretto, Douglas Lobo and Royston Godinho.

23rd July 2015 - The Fortnightly Meet at MGP Kalina Office was attended by some Core team members, MAC members and Sarpanches

26th July 2015 – MGP Team attended a Meeting called by Mira Road East Indians to form an East Indian group in Mira Road. MGP was represented by Alphi Dsouza, Royston Godinho, Rossi Dsouza, Francis Kinny and Douglas Lobo.

27th July 2015 – MGP delegation met BJP Mumbai President, Adv.Ashish Shelar. The core points discussed were Housing reservations, Gaothan Repair permissions and land for the East Indian Bhavan. MGP was represented by Alphi Dsouza, Audrey Dsouza, Douglas Lobo, Francis Kinny and Susie Napier.

MGP NOTICE BOARD

Coming Soon..... East Indian Masala – New page in Gaothan Voice

At the onset we would like to thank all our readers who enjoy reading the Gaothan Voice for your continued support . We have received a very positive feedback and an unprecedented request to start with a “Readers News Forum” where we would invite articles from all our readers that could be featured in the subsequent GV issues.

We have decided to name this column “ East Indian Masala”. You may contribute articles on historical facts, local Activities of East Indians, East Indian Traditions, Unique East Indian Stories, East Indian Recipes and kitchen tips, East Indian Jokes, East Indian liners, Letters to the Editor or any Activities to encourage the East Indian cause.

You may send your write-ups to eastindianvoice@gmail.com

Natekar

The East Indian Marriage Bureau

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat has initiated a Marriage Bureau. Anyone interested to register may send a photograph and other details to the office which will be placed in an album of all those who have registered with us. Anyone can visit MGP office to check out the Album after registration. Registration is FREE.

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Property Disputes Arbitration Cell

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat has initiated a "Property Disputes Arbitration Cell" consisting of a team of eminent East Indians, Legal and Financial Professionals, to assist our East Indians brethren, to expeditiously - on a time bound understanding and cost effectively, resolve their interse family property disputes, issues relating to family members shares and rights to immovable properties and such family related property disputes that they would like to jointly refer for adjudication as per legal process.

You may contact Mr.Alexander Dsouza for appointments on 9930758997 between 5 pm and 7 pm on all days, meet Alexander on all Fridays from 7pm to 8pm or email us at eastindiancell@gmail.com for better understanding before availing these services.

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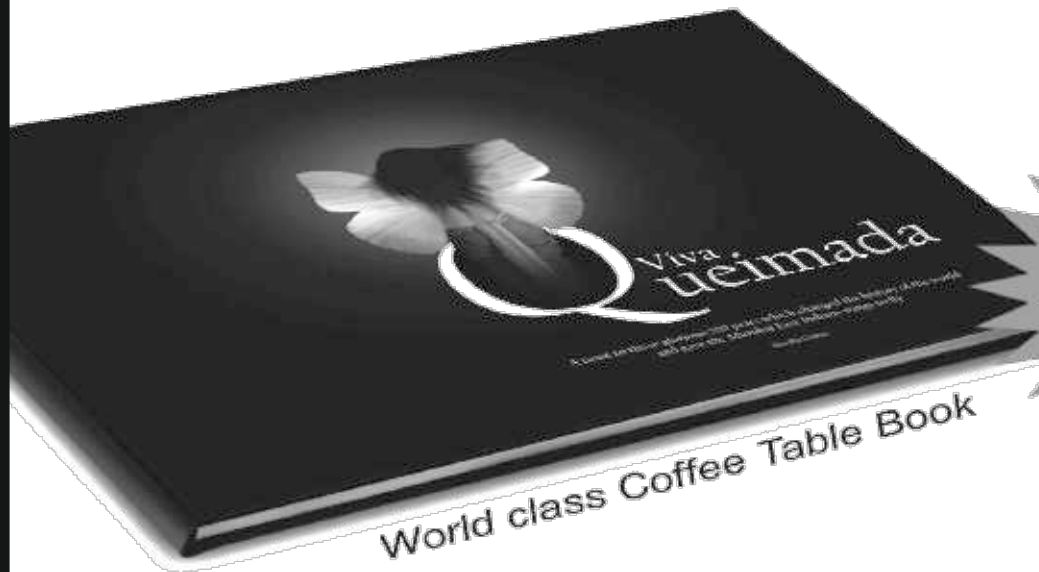
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