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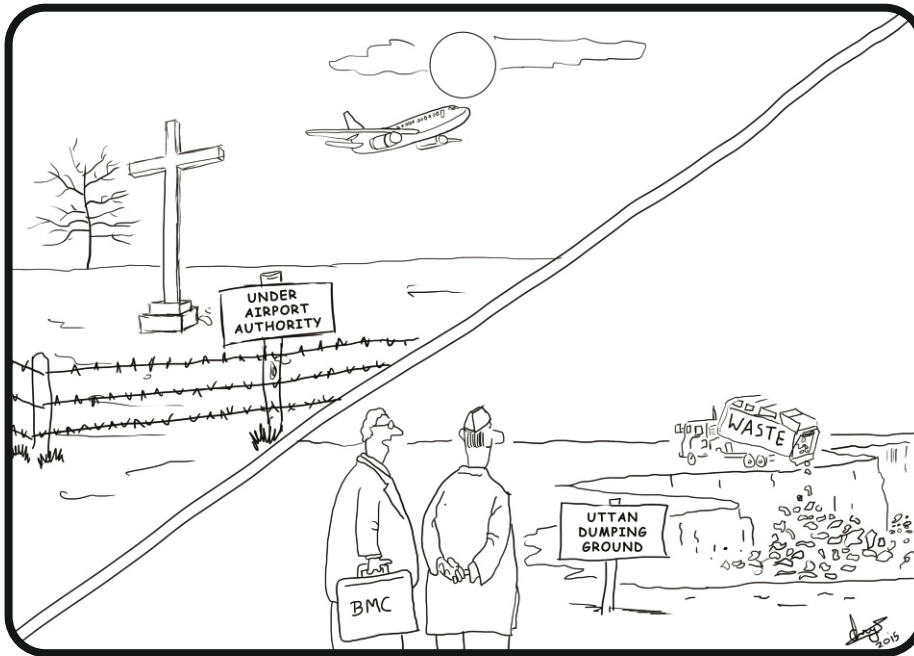
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Taking Our Community to Greater Heights

East Indian Museum Promoting Culture and Tradition

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) has been trying its 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 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 5th 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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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 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 and Assistant Editor - Candida Remedios
Editor - Gleason Barretto

Dictionary Team - Gladys Dsouza, Marcus Couto, Cedric Tiveira, Sybil Rodrigues, Corina Misquitta and Bernard Miranda.

The Dictionary project will cost us around 1.2Lacs for 1000 copies. All those who wish to assist us in this project in whatever small way are requested to contact 9820545302 or email as at mgpmobai@gmail.com

MGP NEWS ISLAND

The East Indian Gaothan Channel

MGP Meets MLA Ameet Satam

The MGP Team met Andheri West MLA, Ameet Satam on 6th August to discuss the East Indian Community issues. Ameet Satam assured the MGP delegation that he would look into the demands. A majority of the demands pertaining to Central/State Government and the Municipal Corporation were discussed in detail. Ameet gave a positive response to most of the demands.

A request was also made to initiate the Gaothan Beautification Project to which Ameet assured that he would visit the Juhu Gaothan and as per updated Ameet visited the Gaothan along with local Sarpanches Clint Caston, Darryl Gonsalves and Cyrus Misquitta. Ameet Satam also assured delegation that he would help in renaming a Junction in Amboli and dedicate the same to Keenan Santos and Reuben. Keenan's father called MGP to thank them for taking this initiative.

East Indian Groups Support Dream Team

MGP for the first time decided to support the Dream Team which contested for the Bandra Gymkhana elections. The Dream Team who had a special agenda keeping in mind the East Indian Community approached MGP and our team decided to support them.

The current team who had named themselves the Dedicated team won the elections and MGP was happy to take a tough stand for the cause of the community. The Bandra Gymkhana is popularly considered by a majority of the East Indian community as a Gymkhana with prominence to East Indians however things have been changing offlate. MGP hopes the trustees and the Managing Committee ensure that the Gymkhana continues to give preference to the East Indian community in memberships as well as social and cultural programmes.

East Indian Bhavan project to get a new face

The East Indian Bhavan project will now be led by Alexander Dsouza with active assistance from Audrey Dsouza. Audrey Dsouza, an Architect by profession has designed the proposed East Indian Bhavan in November last year. Alexander has decided to take this project on a fast track by getting support from like-minded East Indian community associations and individuals.

Alexander will also include in the core team Alphi Douza and Ryan Dsouza. Association heads who would like to play an active role will also be a part of the project team. The East Indian Bhavan team will follow up on the land needed with authorities and also get the trust registered. All those who wish to be a part of the Bhavan project and assist in this challenging project may send details at eastindianbhavan@gmail.com

MGP TO ORGANISE THIRD EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat will organize its 3rd Annual East Indian Conclave on Saturday, 21st November. Around 40 East Indians will participate in this private meeting to plan way forward for the community. The Conclave participants will be from various backgrounds with a mix of professionals, activist, East Indian group heads, youth, religious and experts.

The East Indian Agenda 2016 which will consist of demands to various authorities will also be announced at the Conclave. This year the demands will be finalized basis online survey. A report on the East Indian Conclave will be given in the next issue of Gaothan Voice.

ONE LINERS

- East Indian delegation meets NCP with demands and emphasis on East Indian Bhavan
- Adv. Shane Cardoz joins NCP, May contest the BMC Elections from Bandra
- MGP makes an appeal to the East Indian Community to actively participate in politics
- MGP gets set to organize its 1st East Indian Singing Competition
- MGP to announce more projects and also launch projects its had announced earlier

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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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.

MGP EXCLUSIVE

Archdiocese Action Plan

ARCHDIOCESE AGENDA 2015 – ACTION PLAN

The MGP Team presented the demands to the Archdiocese at a special meet with Cardinal Oswald Gracias and Bishop John Rodrigues. We are yet to receive a response to each of these demands and there is no positive sign from the Hierarchy on our community demands. Taking this into consideration, MGP has send a communication to the Archdiocese on the action plan against each of the demands.

1.Closure of Uttan Dumping ground

We are in touch with some activists from Uttan. Latest updates state that the green tribunal at Pune has ordered MBMC to stop dumping garbage in 18 months. Case was filed by Nagri Hakka Sangarsha Samiti. MGP will also survey and see how the locals can be assisted for their health issues, land being destroyed and other issues.

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

An alternate plan for recognition of East Indians is being worked out. A communication to the Archbishops house as per meet will be sent for authorizing Parish Priests to write "East Indian" in the remarks column. MGP will also launch its census plan and check out ways to identify East Indians and inform the government authorities to recognize the same.

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

If any news on sale of land, the local East Indians will be encouraged to raise their objections. MGP will support the locals. If donor families approach MGP for return of lands we will support them.

4.Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties

An appeal will be made to the community to donate land for this project. Also a demand to the state government has been made for housing projects for the East Indians and also MHADA quota for East Indians.

5.Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan

The Bhavan team will appeal for land donation or may purchase land. An appeal has also been made to the state government.

6. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect should be introduced

The awareness on this has started from 1st August. To start with we plan to have a mass once a month beginning from September 2015. An East Indian dialect mass has already been organized more than a couple of times before.

7.East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees

MGP will support local East Indian groups that approach us for finance or property issues at the parish level.

8. St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made the principal patron of the Bombay Diocese, St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint

MGP will appeal to our community for a small piece of land to build a chapel in honour of St. Gonsalo Garcia. A mass will be held here every year on the feast day. MGP has already announced St. Gonsalo Garcia as the East Indian patron saint. A statue of the saint is already installed at East Indian Museum, Manori

9.East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings

East Indian Association heads will be informed to approach their local parish priest for venues to be provided for free. If no success our MGP team will also join with the request. Some of the Parishes are already providing premises for East Indian groups for free.

10.Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians

A request will be made by MGP to all East Indian parishes. MGP may also meet the parish priest on the same if required. Venues that offer discounts to East Indians will be publicized amongst the community.

MGP EXCLUSIVE

Archdiocese Action Plan

11.Space to be provided for East Indian businesses in parish property

Community members will be encouraged to set up stalls outside parishes to promote businesses. An East Indian Business centre and a Business community group is also being planned. An appeal for East Indian community food stalls has been made to the State Government on the lines of Shiv Vada Pav and Zunka Bhakar Kendras.

12.Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund

MGP has already initiated the East Indian Community Fund about a year ago. We will further strengthen the process and appeal to the community to contribute for this Fund. The Community Fund will assist for Education, Medical and other emergencies.

13.Halls, Grounds and Awards to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in each parish with East Indian majority

MGP has already announced the Cardinal Simon Pimenta East Indian Awards for the year 2014 and 2015. MGP will appeal to community members who have institutions, venues or other businesses to dedicate a venue to our East Indian Cardinal.

14.Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops

East Indian Community open meets will be held and communications will be sent to the concerned authorities to resolve the same. Meetings with authorities will also be organized if required.

15.Development projects, Monopoly for hired halls, quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses

The East Indian Business Circle group will ensure that we promote East Indian Businesses. The Business group once formed will also organize seminars on promoting business as a career option amongst youngsters.

16.Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups

A request will be made by local East Indian groups. If requested, MGP will also communicate with the concerned parishes.

The Archdiocese Action Plan is challenging and we look forward to your support. Please pray for us. For more details you may call 7506175302.

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

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MGP Sarpanches of Gorai and local activists visited the Kaka Baptista Smarak, Uttan to pay their respects on Kaka Baptista's Death Anniversary



MGP delegation met Andheri West MLA, Ameet Satam to discuss the demands of the East Indian community



MGP delegation met Bandra West MLA and BJP Mumbai President, Adv. Ashish Shelar to discuss the demands of the East Indian community



MGP delegation met Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay to discuss East Indian community demands



MGP visited Mira Road to meet local East Indians and guide them to form an East Indian Association for Mira Road

EAST INDIAN PUNCH

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Give Back to East Indians what belongs to East Indians!

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There was a time almost every inch of land belonged to the East Indian Community in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad. Today we have just a handful of families who own large tracts as a majority of our lands were confiscated, encroached or donated. So keeping this in mind MGP announces its theme for the year 2016 – Give Back to East Indians what belongs to East Indians!

East Indians are slowly waking up from their slumber and while various individuals and associations take credit for the same the fact remains that we are an awakened community because we have realized that there is an urgent need to demand our rights. MGP thanks each East Indian Individual or Group who has been part of this awakening in their own small way for their commitment and concern to uplift the community.

Lands owned by the East Indian community were taken for industrial projects and these industries have closed and given way to commercial projects. The workers were given compensation, the authorities got funds, the business owners made a profit and what did the original owners get? Our community lands were taken away under various laws but what about these people who have benefited in a big way?

Lands owned by the East Indian community was taken for the airport and today see a commercialized airport with star hotels around. What did the original owners get? While those who manage these hotels and the airport are making huge profits the original owners feel cheated and ignored.

Lands owned by East Indian community were taken for infrastructure like railways and roads. Railways and roads have widened getting huge monies for the government authorities but the East Indians cannot even widen their own homes due to lack of repair permissions.

Lands owned by the East Indian Community were taken for government projects like Aarey, BKC and University. These places are now being commercially exploited but there is no space they can make for the East Indian community. The original owners have not got the compensation but the authorities have made a huge income from lands which rightfully belonged to the East Indian community.

East Indian community donated lands to the religious authorities and today we get a response, What is given is given? Housing projects were promoted which benefited majority of migrants, a section of lands were also used for various other institutions and some lands still lie vacant. But the authorities have no place to provide for the East Indian Bhavan and also for housing and other needs of the community. We are pretty sure that the donors may have never dreamt that the land owner community will be treated like strangers on their land. It would have been better the lands were donated for community purposes like Parsis instead of giving it to those who don't care for the community.

In the backdrop of the past which has been bitter for the East Indian Community, MGP makes an appeal to the community to raise our Voices and send a strong message to the authorities to give back what belonged to us. We feel cheated by the authorities who have proved to be ungrateful and heartless. All authorities state that lands cannot be returned but on the other side encroachers are gifted flats. If those living in slums have a right to a house under SRA, the migrants under MHADA then why no special privilege to the natives of Bombay, the East Indian community. We have been known to be a silent community but if the authorities don't understand our silent ways then we will be forced to take alternative paths.

My dear authorities, whatever your name may be, please open your eyes to the demands of the East Indian community who have the first right as natives of Bombay. Our message is crystal clear Give Back to East Indians what belongs to East Indians! We want our lands, our aboriginal privileges and our native rights.

MGP PUNCHLINE

**Don't interfere with our culture and our rights
And we will not interfere in your functioning**

MGP DIARY

Yours In Service for the East Indian Community

August and September have been equally active for the East Indian Community through MGP. MGP lists down some of its many activities for these two months.

1st August – MGP sent the Action Plan to Archdiocese demands to the Bishops Team of Bombay.

6th August - MGP delegation met BJP MLA from Andheri West, Ameet Satam. The core points discussed were Housing reservations, Gaothan Repair permissions and land for the East Indian Bhavan. MGP was represented by Alphi Dsouza, Gleason Barretto, Clint Caston, Bernard Miranda, Bonnie Gomes, Francis Kinny and Alistair Dsouza.

15th August – MGP's Juhu unit and GARAJ celebrate their 25th flag hoisting ceremony with the privilege of hoisting the national flag given to Hector Tixeira.

2nd September – MGP has also sent a communication to the Chief Ministers, MLA's Ashish Shelar and Ameet Satam for running special trains back from Velankanni to Mumbai. MGP has also send a communication on our demands for special weekly trains to Velankanni from Mumbai

13th September – East Indians make headlines in Sunday Mid-Day with a front page headline “Bandra Fair Hijacked by Outsiders”. Similar reports also appear in Times of India and Hindustan Times.

18th September – East Indian Community observes Kaka Baptista Memorial Day. MGP forms two teams, one visits Kaka Baptista's grave at Sewri Cemetry and the second team pays its respects at the bust of Kaka Baptista at Uttan. Sewri Cemetry visited by Sameer Neto, Sybil Rodrigues, Oscar Rodrigues and Gleason Barretto. Uttan visit organized by Royston Godinho and Rossi Dsouza from MGP.

25th September – MGP members were invited for the East Indian Meeting held at the KCA hall, Bandra by the Dream Team in the run up to the Bandra Gymkhana elections. Gleason Barretto spoke on behalf of MGP at this meet. The meet was also attended by MGP supporters Susie Napier, Gladys Dsouza, Ryan Dsouza and Lenster Rodrigues.

30th September – MGP finalizes its Annual Conclave meeting on Saturday, 21st November, 2015 at Hotel Avion. The first set of invites sent to the guests to attend this important Conclave.

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

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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.

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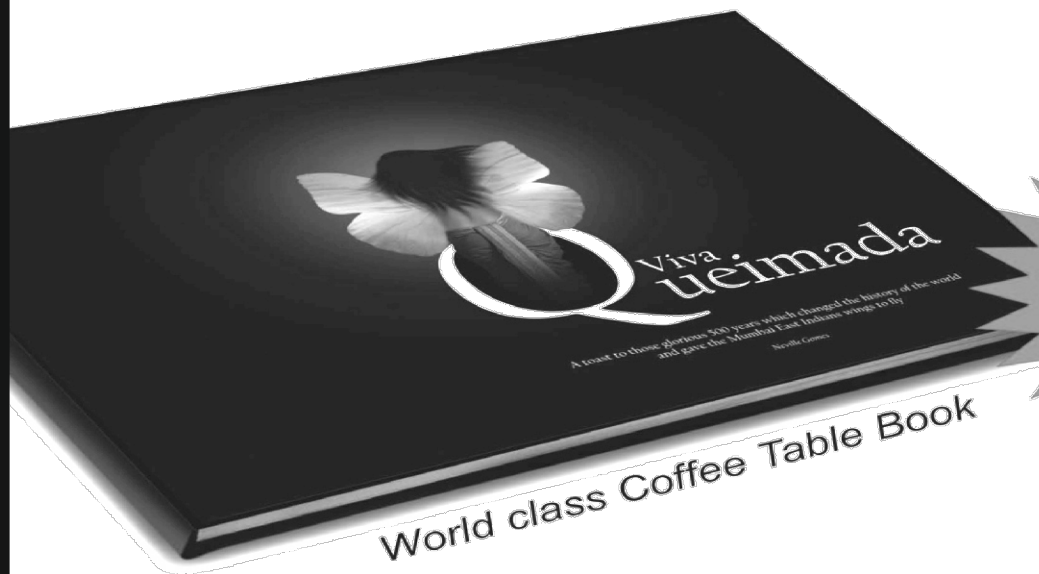
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