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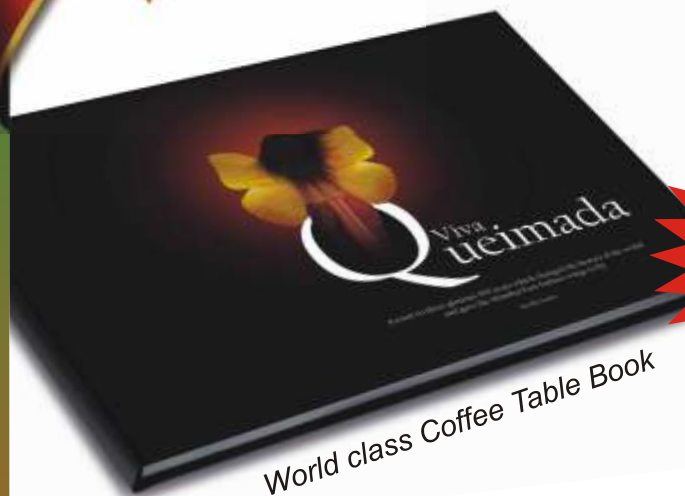
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- There will be a typical East Indian house built with a Museum, office, meeting room and a community hall.

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EAST INDIAN APPEAL

“ **Every Hand Matters! Every Rupee Counts!** ”

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 sponsor s will be mentioned on one common page in the East Indian Dictionary.



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MGP ORGANISES THIRD EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE

The first ever East Indian group to organize a Conclave, Mobai Gaothan Panchayat organized its 3rd Annual East Indian Conclave at Hotel Avion on 21st November. The Conclave was attended by 26 East Indians with 2 Group discussions. The finalised East Indian Agenda for the year was announced through Online Survey for the Central/State Government, Municipal Corporation, Archdiocese and East Indian Associations/Activists.

MGP will continue to organized the Annual East Indian Conclave and plans to host the First Ever East Indian Leaders Summit 2016. MGP thanks Hotel Avion for sponsoring the Conclave by offer the Conference Hall facilities with Lunch.

MGP OPENS IT'S FIRST SHAKHA AND PAATIL

MGP launched the first ever East Indian Shakha and Paatil in Modern Bombay at Worli Village. The Shakha and Paatil Was initially planned for Worli more than 6 months ago but with the current emergency it was announced immediately. Samir Netto has provided space to be used as the East Indian Shakha of Worli Village. Sachin Kinny, the Director if the first East Indian Dialect play was announced as the first Paatil of Modern Bombay.

MGP has appealed to all like-minded East Indians individual, families and groups to come forward and offer space for the East Indian Shakha and those interested can also apply to be inducted as the Paatil.

MGP ORGANISES FIRST EVER SINGING COMPETITION

MGP organized its first East Indian Singing Competition with a full house audience of around 1500 people. The Competition at Gorai was organized in memory of Avelon Dmello with an objective to protect the Tongas, Gaaras and Reklas.

The East Indian Singing Competition has solo, duet and group singing. MGP will communicate its plans to protect our community transport modes at the next Core Team meet scheduled for January.

MGP OBJECTS TO WORLI VILLAGE BEING CONSIDERED A SLUM

Mobai Gaothan Panchyat send its objection on receiving the news that Worli Village was likely to be considered a Slum. MGP quickly planned on its immediate steps and is in touch with locals on the plan ahead to raise objctions.

In its communication MGP clearly stated that Gaothan residents were land owners and not encroachers like slum dwellers. MGP is also drawing its plans to ensure all East Indian Gaothans are protected and will also launch a Gaothan Beautification Project to preserve the Gaothans.

KALINAS CHRISTINA LAUNCHES EAST INDIAN COZINHA

Christina Kinny, a youth from Kalina Koloverly village launched the first ever East Indian Specialty food brand under the name East Indian Cozinha. The Brand will be launched at Indias largest food exhibition, Upper Crest Food Show. There are 6 East Indian Masalas and a pickle on sale under this brand.

Christina was always passionate about East Indian Food, Culture and Tradition. Her family also owns Gaothan Kala which deals East Indian Lugas and accessories.

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- Bandra's Fonseca's release family tree dating back to 440 years

EAST INDIAN RALLY 2016



Amchi Zaaga Parat Kara!
Give Back to East Indians what Belongs to East Indians



The original inhabitants of Bombay, The East Indian Community will come together to participate in the annual East Indian Rally to voice the concerns of the community against the Central/State government, Municipal Corporation and the Archdiocese. The silent community has been taken for granted by the authorities and beginning from this day we will encourage like-minded individuals and associations to fight for the rights of the community.

The East Indian Community has been a silent community and various authorities have taken us for granted. If we do not speak up we may very well die a slow death. The sons-of-soil community is being treated like strangers on their 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. We expect around 1000 community members and around 25 East Indian organisations to support this Annual Rally. All East Indians from Bombay, Dharavi Beth, Vasai, Thane and Raigad are invited to participate.

Date	Sunday, 6th March 2016	Time	10:30am sharp Rosary in East Indian Dialect followed by Rally
Rally Starts from	Mount Mary's Church, Bandra	Rally ends at	St.Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra
Rally Organised by	Mobai Gaothan Panchayat and other like-minded East Indian associations		

THE TOP 10 ISSUES TO BE RAISED AT 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, implementation of Gaothan expansion policy and Gaothans should not be considered as slums.
- 3 Single window permissions and self developed ground-plus-two SITU for gaothans to be granted and Gaothans should be demarcated and have a special policy for development.
- 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. So let us all come together as One Voice, One East Indian Community and demand what is rightfully ours.

*Each East Indian Family should send atleast one member to represent their Family and Village.

*We welcome sponsors in cash or kind towards Rally expenses like water, transport, sound, banners, posters, handbills, flags, etc.

*All East Indian Associations who wish to support the Rally may contact us

*Those who wish to volunteer at the Rally for Traffic, crowd control, security and Stalls may contact us.

*For details contact 9820087771/9930229742!

EAST INDIAN SANN 2016

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) is glad to announce plans for its Seventh Annual Festival for the East Indian Community. East Indians are the original inhabitants of Mobai (Bombay), Bassein(Vasai) and Thana(Thane and Raigad) and this Annual Festival will showcase East Indian Talent, Culture and Tradition. The festival will begin in the first week of May and will close on 31st May.

The proposed Activity line up for the East Indian Sann are as follows:-

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| ➤ May 1st week - East Indian Sann Inauguration
Venue - MGP Office, Kalina | ➤ May 15 - East Indian Day
East Indian Museum – 4th Phase
Venue – East Indian Museum, Manori |
| ➤ May 5th - East Indian Concert
East Indian Awards 2016
East Indian Directory
East Indian Food Festival
Venue – St.Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra
Time – 7pm onwards | ➤ May 18 – East Indian Museum Day
Venue – East Indian Museum, Manori |
| | ➤ 31st May - Holy Cross Day
Venue – All Holy Crosses in East Indian Gaothans |

- * Complete details of the East Indian Sann will be announced soon
- * All income earned from the festival will be allocated towards MGP projects – Preservation of Culture, Awareness bulletins and Self Help Groups.
- * All these activities will be organized only if the said projects are completed and ready for release
- * Your Suggestion and ideas are welcome to make this annual fest enjoyable and well-organised
- * We welcome Volunteers, Sponsors, Donors and Event Managers for the Festival.

For more information you may contact the MGP Spokesperson and Sarpanch of Mobai, Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771 or Sybil Rodrigues on 9930229742.

EAST INDIAN DIRECTORY 2016

A Business Link for the East Indian Community

In continuation with MGP's objective for promoting East Indian businesses, we are glad to announce our plans for the East Indian Directory. 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 are in need of 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 Directory. A business person can also email their details in the format which will appear like a classified in the East Indian Directory. Volunteers will also be appointed to get details of local businesses by distributing forms for being featured in the East Indian Directory.

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

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| 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.

CENTRAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT

- ❶ Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian community (63 Votes)
- ❷ Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass (54 Votes)
- ❸ Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians (51 Votes)
- ❹ Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans (51 Votes)
- ❺ Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates (50 Votes)
- ❻ East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community (45 Votes)
- ❼ East Indian Bhavan in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad (31 Votes)
- ❽ Manori Gorai Uttan Tourism Plan to be scrapped (31 Votes)
- ❾ 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 (28 Votes)
- ❿ Revision in the Municipal Tax calculation method as almost all houses in the Gaothans (28 Votes)

OTHER DEMANDS

- Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans (26 Votes)
- East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government (25 Votes)
- Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans (25 Votes)
- Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni, twice a week (21 Votes)
- Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community buildings in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans (20 Votes)
- Cremation grounds to be allotted at all locations with a catholic majority (17 Votes)
- Tour Packages and discounts for Travel to Holy Places outside India (17 Votes)

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

- ❶ Regularisation of all Holy Crosses in the East Indian gaothans and their vicinity (70 Votes)
- ❷ Harassment by BMC officers to be immediately stopped during house repairs (64 Votes)
- ❸ East Indian BMC Corporator to be nominated to represent the city basis elections amongst East Indian Community (62 Votes)
- ❹ Lesser tax to be charged for gaothan homes (56 Votes)
- ❺ East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each BMC ward (53 Votes)
- ❻ Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure (50 Votes)
- ❼ Roads, bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look (48 Votes)
- ❽ Gaothan Infrastructure to be improved (46 Votes)
- ❾ Space to be allotted for Community Centre at each East Indian Gaothan (33 Votes)
- ❿ Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Gaothan civic projects (31 Votes)

ARCHDIOCESE

- ❶ Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties (62 Votes)
- ❷ 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 (61 Votes)
- ❸ Closure of Uttan Dumping ground (59 Votes)
- ❹ 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 (53 Votes)
- ❺ Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect should be introduced (47 Votes)
- ❻ Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians (41 Votes)
- ❼ Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan (39 Votes)
- ❽ East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees (36 Votes)
- ❾ Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops (34 Votes)
- ❿ Space to be provided for East Indian businesses in parish property (27 Votes)

OTHER DEMANDS

- ➔ Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups (26 Votes)
- ➔ East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings (26 Votes)
- ➔ St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint (19 Votes)
- ➔ Development projects, Monopoly for hired halls, quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses (15 Votes)
- ➔ Halls, Grounds and Awards to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in each parish with East Indian majority (14 Votes)
- ➔ Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund (13 Votes)

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUALS

- ❶ Education support through scholarships and discounts in courses (85 Votes)
- ❷ Medical support through full or partial assistance (68 Votes)
- ❸ Business network to be encouraged to promote East Indian businesses (66 Votes)
- ❹ East Indian food restaurant to be opened (60 Votes)
- ❺ East Indian Village office to be set up to assist locals in various projects and matters (59 Votes)
- ❻ Ration scheme for poor East Indian families (56 Votes)
- ❼ Special and Exclusive East Indian Community Television Channel (44 Votes)
- ❽ Signages to be installed at various East Indian gaothans giving information and history on the gaothan (37 Votes)
- ❾ Sports projects to be launched to promote talented youngsters (32 Votes)
- ❿ Promotional books and CDs to be released to promote East Indian culture and tradition (25 Votes)

EASTINDIAN.CAM - NEWS IN PICTURES - East Indian Conclave 2015

MGP thanks Hotel Avion for Sponsoring the East Indian Conclave 2015



East Indian Conclave 2015 participants. MGP thanks each one of them for their active participation.



Denver Dsilva, Preeta Buthelo, Fr. Michael G and Alexander Dsouza during the Group Discussion.



Sachin Kinny, Russell Gonsalves, Phiona Dsilva and Roney Bugree during the Group Discussion.



Ryan Dsouza, Otillia Dsouza, Barse Dsouza and Chrys Dmello during the Group Discussion



Neil Creado shares his personal view about the East Indian Community to the Conclave Participants.



Mumbai's famous Civic Activist, Gerson DaCunha introduces himself at the East Indian Conclave.

CONCLAVE PARTICIPANTS

- Alexander Dsouza • Barse Dsouza • Chrysologus Dmello • Gerson Dacunha • Merck Dsilva • Preeta Buthelo • Sachin Kinny
- Alistair Dsouza • Brian Dias • Denver Dsilva • Gordon Dsouza • Neil Creado • Roney Bugree • Vitrus Dsouza
- Alphi Dsouza • Christian Gracious • Fr. Micheal G • John Buthelo • Otillia Dsouza • Russell Gonsalves
- Anthony Sequeira • Christina Kinny • Francis Kinny • Leslie Dsilva • Phiona Dsilva • Ryan Dsouza



The MGP East Indian Singing Competition Winners along with Judges at Gorai



The MGP Core Team at the East Indian Singing Competition at Gorai



Worli Shakha Inauguration – Raymond Kinny, Alphi Dsouza and Worli Village Paatil – Sachin Kinny hold the East Indian Shakha official board before the Inauguration along with Alexander Dsouza, Gladys Dsouza and Francis Kinny in the background.



Worli Inauguration 2 – Local East Indian Group President - Raymond Kinny and MGP CEO – Alphi Dsouza inaugurate the First East Indian Shakha in Bombay.

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 D'souza for appointments on 9930758997 between 5 pm and 7 pm on all days, meet Alexander on all Fridays from 7 pm to 8pm for email us at eastindiancell@gmail.com for better understanding before availing these services.



Yours In Service for the East Indian Community



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

02nd OCTOBER 2015 – The MGP Core Team had its Bimonthly Meet at the MGP Kalina Office. This was a three hour meet to discuss the various issues to be taken up, the status of projects, new initiatives and way forward. Meet attended by Royston Godinho, Suzie Napier, Gladys Dsouza, Rossi Dsouza, Gleason Barretto, Sybil Rodrigues, Bernard Miranda and Francis Kinny.

02nd OCTOBER 2015 – MGP sent a communication to the Bishop Team of Bombay and Vasai to celebrate the 1st Sunday of October as Agera and not just Thanksgiving as announced in some parishes.

10th OCTOBER 2015 – MGP appeals to Chief Minister for the East Indian Bhavan vide a communication. The communication was sent in reference to the allotment of land for Ambedkar Memorial.

01st NOVEMBER 2015 – East Indian Play "Khaacha Varcha Naach" staged at Versova by R&S East Indian Art and Cultural Group. MGP members invited by organisers and MGP represented by Cedric Tixeira, Sybil Rodrigues, Gladys Dsouza and Suzie Napier.

12th NOVEMBER – First Evert East Indian Singing Competition organised by Core team members Royston Godinho and Rossi Dsouza on behalf of MGP. Got a full house response and was dedicated to preserve and protect the Bail Gaaris, Tongas and Reklas.

19th NOVEMBER – MGP Objects to Worli Village being considered a slum. Begins plan of action to protect the East Indian Gaothan residents of Worli Village.

21st NOVEMBER – MGP organized the Third East Indian Conclave at Hotel Avion, Vile Parle. The Conclave was a great success with 26 participants for the Conclave.

25th NOVEMBER – Inauguration of first ever East Indian Shakha at Worli Village and appointment of first ever Paatil of Modern Bombay. First Shakha opened at Netto House, Worli and Sachin Kinny inducted as Paatil of Worli Village. MGP represented by Alexander Dsouza, Francis Kinny and Gladys Dsouza. Worli Village Shakha opened by Alphi Dsouza and Raymond Kinny.

27th NOVEMBER – MGP participates in the protest at SRA Office against Worli Village being considered a Slum. Alphi Dsouza, Bernard Miranda, Douglas Lobo and Francis Kinny represented MGP.

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.

Office address: Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, Bennett House, Kolivery village, Next to Chris Chinese, Kalina, Santacruz East, Mumbai 400 029 or call 9321795938, only between 5 pm and 7 pm on all days.

EAST INDIAN PUNCH - THE MOUTHPIECE OF THE MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

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Time to Beautify and Decorate our Gaothans

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The East Indian Community was shocked when they heard of plans to consider the Worli Village as a slum. The East Indians were up in arms, There was just One Voice, "Don't consider our Gaothans as slums." Meetings were held and the authorities were informed about our objections. Things seem to have been settled but there is every possibility of this issue coming up all over again.

MGP decided to take an immediate step and so the Shakha and Paatil initiative was launched in emergency. Coincidentally the first Shakha was to be opened at Worli Village. This Gaothan Initiative will not end here and by the end of the Year 2016 we plan to open 20 Gaothan Shakhas and have around 50 Sarpanches/Paatils/Pramukhs. We welcome all East Indian Groups and individuals to contact us to create an effective system.

To preserve and protect the Gaothans we plan to launch the Gaothan Beautification Project which will include various features to give our gaothans the East Indian touch. The Gaothan features to be included will be shared in the next issue and we are sure that many of the Gaothans would like to be Certified Gaothans under this Project. Juhu Gaothan will be the Model Gaothan for this project and we have already got a confirmation from the local MLA that he will initiate the Gaothan Beautification Project in Juhu.

Beginning from now and through the year 2016, MGP plans to launch many initiatives for East Indians and Gaothans. We have the Gaothan Board, East Indian Census, East Indian Mini Bhavan to name a few. The task we have on hand are very challenging so we appeal for your support and prayers to succeed in these initiatives.

As Gaothans live in a future which is unpredictable it is the duty of each East Indian residing in the Gaothan to preserve and protect the Gaothans. We need to ensure that our culture and tradition is not destroyed. No builder or politician should eye our Gaothan, we don't need their help to develop the gaothan. The Gaothans will be developed as per our decision as we are land owners.

We will need to protect our gaothan in whatever best way we can. Don't sell your houses to any other community except the East Indian community. If you build your house vertically do it for your own family and not to accommodate other communities who may try to destroy the gaothans. Every cross in the gaothans to be maintained with the original structure to give the gaothans its heritage connect. We look forward to your suggestions for protecting gaothans.

This Christmas lets us all give our Gaothans the perfect Christmas look. We need to give our Gaothans the Christian look with Cribs, Stars, lights and much more. Everyone who enters our gaothans should realize that it is an East Indian Bastion.

So once again a humble appeal to all to decorate the Gaothans this Christmas and Beautify the Gaothans to give it that perfect East Indian look. Every Hand that Supports us will help the East Indian Community Shine like a Star.

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FOUR LAUNCHES AND A CONCLAVE

MGP LAUNCH #1

EAST INDIAN CENSUS

Taking the Community Count

Census Brief

- First ever Census launched exclusively for the East Indian Community
- Led by Alistair Dsouza – Census Chief Officer
- Physical as well as Online form will be available
- Any individual whose any one parent, any one grand parent or spouse is an East Indian can register for the Census
- Census entries will be listed Free of Cost
- Those listed can also apply for an East Indian Card @Rs.100/-
- The Census will help us know the actual East Indian Population
- Will also help us create a data with important references

Proposed Launch – Around Christmas Day

Target registrations for the Year 2016 – 10,000 East Indians

MGP LAUNCH #2

EAST INDIAN SHAKHA AND PAATIL

The East Indian Voice of Every Gaothan

Initiative Brief

- Worli Village will be the first Gaothan to have a Shakha and a Paatil
- The main objective will be to Protect and Preserve the Gaothans
- A Gaothan Sabha will be held every month
- The Paatil will be the Voice of the Gaothan
- Locals can have meets and assemble at the Shakha

Launch Date : 25th November 2015

Target Gaothan Network by 2016 year end – Combined total of 50 Sarpanches, Paatils or Pramukhs.

EAST INDIAN SINGING COMPETITION

NAME	MOBILE #	DATE	TIME	VENUE	PLACE
Peter	9867538999	03 Jan' 16	07:00 pm onwards	Gorai Church Ground	Gorai
Anthony. S.	9821166705	17 Jan' 16	07:00 pm onwards	Our Lady of Health School, Quadrangle	Sahar
Allwyn	9833489849	26 Jan' 16	05:30 pm onwards	St. Theresa Convent Ground	Khar
Charlie. D.	9820337025	07 Feb' 16	06:00 pm onwards	St. Louis Church Quadrangle	Dahisar

MGP LAUNCH #3

EAST INDIAN BHAVAN

A Centre at all major areas of East Indian Origin

Bhavan Brief

- One each to be built at Mumbai, Dharavi Beth, Raigad, Thane and Vasai
- IEICC will focus on the Dream Project, East Indian Bhavan
- This project will be assigned to a local East Indian Association/Village Head
- Around 5 Gunthas(approx. 5000 square feet) required
- This Bhavan will give basic support facilities to locals and will have a typical East Indian House look
- Facilities could include an Office, Meeting room and a Community Hall

Launch Date : Christmas Week

Target Completion of 1st East Indian Bhavan – December 2017

MGP LAUNCH #4

GAOTHAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Giving Gaothans the East Indian Look

Beautification Features

- ❶ Arch at entrances of Gaothans
- ❷ Brief history of Gaothan at the entrance - board
- ❸ Rubber speed breakers with special colour for gaothans
- ❹ CCTV at each entrance
- ❺ Special wooden benches
- ❻ Artificial community wells/beautification of existing wells for traditional weddings
- ❼ Special coloured cobbler stones
- ❽ Lantern Street lights
- ❾ Common house colours off white with brown borders
- ❿ Community NewsDesk

Beautification Brief

- To be initiated and managed by MGP
- A Gaothan should have number of parameters as specified to be certified
- Gaothans that meet the parameters specified will be considered as a Certified Gaothan
- The Model Gaothan for this Project is Juhu Gaothan.
- The Beautification can be initiated through Government funds or through local associations
- MGP will also provide designs for the Beautification Plan

Launch Date - Advent Season

Model Gaothan - Juhu Gaothan

Target Certified Gaothans in 2016 – 10 Gaothans

For Suggestions/feedback on these launches you may mail us at mgpmobai@gmail.com or call Alphi on 9820087771.

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EAST INDIAN STORY - ONCE UPON A TIME IN A VILLAGE

THE VILLAGE THAT LOST ITS TRADITION

Specially written for the Gaothan Voice

The Sun Shine Village was getting ready for the festive season of Christmas with stars, cribs and lights on houses and along the bylanes. Jack and Rose were decorating their house along with their son Ozzie. As soon as they finished they had their dinner and were warning themselves when little Ozzie popped a question to his dad Jack on whether there were any traditions in Sunshine Village with regards to Christmas.

Jack got nostalgic and shared the much liked and missed Christmas Tradition. Jack told his wife and son of the tradition followed by Sun Shine village for hundreds of years and for five generations. Jack stated that before the midnight mass the statue of Baby Jesus covered with a soft blanket was taken in procession from the Village and every villager took part in this procession. The people were dressed at their best and the statue of Baby Jesus was carried by the Parish Priest from the Village to the Church in time for the Christmas Mid-Night Mass. The priest then laid the statue of Baby Jesus in a giant-size Crib at the Church and all the Villagers sang the Happy Birthday Song to Baby Jesus and then the festive mass was celebrated. After Mass the entire village was celebrating wishing each other, sharing sweets and gifts.

However 10 years back a new Parish Priest, Father Leo was posted in our parish and Christmas was never the same again. Father Leo did not belong to the local community and so did not know the importance of the village tradition followed for generations. Father Leo belonged to the migrant community and he along with his Parish council which was dominated by migrants decided against having this Christmas procession. The migrant Parish leaders also convinced the leaders from the local community to stop this tradition and have a Christmas Ball instead.

The local community had a meeting in the village and decided to meet the Parish Priest but Fr.Leo refused to meet them. They tried to meet the assistant priest, Fr.Inas who belonged to the local community but even he did not offer to meet the local community. The locals were saddened and approached the neighbouring local community leaders from other parishes but the Bishop informed these leaders not to interfere in the matters of the other parishes. Jack recollected how when as a child they were all told to cut the Christmas cake when Baby Jesus was laid in the Church Crib. Tears rolled down Jack's eyes and he softly told his son "This is how our Village Lost its Traditon".

This tradition is no more followed by the Parish and the local villagers decided not to attend the Christmas Ball in the Church. Instead they organised a small party for the local villagers in Sun Shine Village and celebrated Christmas together. Jack, Rose and Ozzie decided to always promote Unity in the Village and celebrate each feast together with the local community.

MGP View – Its saddening to see the authorities destroy our traditions in the East Indian Native Village of Bombay. The Midnight Mass is held at around 10pm unlike the tradition to have it at Mid-night and on the other side other communities break all rules. The local community parish feasts, events and celebrations are being stopped due to the influx of migrant community leaders and local leaders who have forgotten the importance of their traditions. A handful of Religious leaders have not been supportive to the traditions of the native community.

This Christmas we pray that the concerned authorities may realize the importance of our traditions and not destroy it. We in MGP appeal to our community to raise their voice and ensure that these traditions are not targeted by any authority. May the creations and celebrations of our ancestors not be destroyed by the modernized world which has turned a blind eye to our native traditions.

CHRISTMAS SWEETS

Mawa neevries with layers

- All purpose flour -1 cup
- Ghee- 1 tbsp
- Salt a pinch
- Milk ¼ cup + 1 tbsp
- For Cover / Coating

Heat up 2 tsp oil. Mix all purpose flour, salt in to a bowl and pour hot ghee over it. Mix well the mixture. Pour warm milk slowly to make medium consistency dough, not too hard and too soft. Cover and keep the dough for 30 mts.

Make paste and keep aside

- 2 tbsp Rice Flour
- 2 tbsp ghee
- Oil for frying

For Filling

- 2 cups mawa
- Cashew nuts or badam chopped
- Raisings – ¼ cup
- Desiccated coconut 1tbsp (optional)
- Cardamom powder – 1tsp
- Grated nutmeg 1 pinch
- Powdered Sugar 6 tbsp (adjust according to sweetness)
- Ghee or oil for frying

Method

Take the dough and again knead to make it smooth. Divide dough in to 3 equal parts. Roll them in to three thin roti. Mix rice flour and ghee to make it smooth and creamy. Now take one thin roti, spread rice flour mixture evenly on it, place another roti on the top of it, again spread rice flour mixture. Now place third roti, roll it evenly from all the sides to make it little thin. Again spread some rice flour mixture. Now start to roll these three rotis together like Swiss Roll. Stretch it out little bit, now divide it in to equal parts. Take ball and roll like poori, add stuffing, apply milk around its edges and seal the neevries well. Now deep fry till the time it gets nice golden color

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- 1 cup maida
- ½ cup besan
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 2 tbsp rava
- ¼ tsp nutmeg powder
- ½ tsp cardamom powder
- ½ cup ghee (semi solid) or butter
- ½ cup sugar (to be powdered in a mixer)
- ½ tbsp curds
- 1 to 2 tbsp milk
- For garnish almond

Cream the ghee and sugar well and keep aside. Sift the flour, besan. Now add the maida, besan, baking and rava to the creamed mixture. Mix well, do not knead the dough mix and gather to a smooth dough. If the mixture is crumbly, you add 1 to 3 tbsp milk mix lightly and bring the dough together. Roll them evenly on your palm and flatten slightly and bake.



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

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