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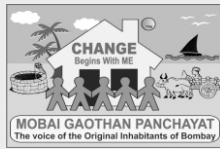
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# EAST INDIAN APPEAL

## Together Lets Lend a Helping Hand

### East Indian Museum

#### Promoting Culture and Tradition

MobaiGaothan 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 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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### EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND

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MobaiGaothanPanchayat(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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### 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.

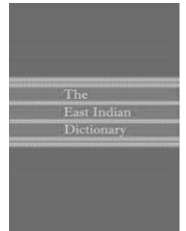
#### The MGP Dictionary Team volunteers are as follows:-

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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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# EAST INDIAN CENSUS 2016

## Making the Community Count

MobaiGaothanPanchayat(MGP) launched the first-ever East Indian Census on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016 which also happened to be an important date in the East Indian Community Calendar. On this day, the East Indian Community celebrates the feast at St.Bonaventure Church along the Madh Island popularly known as Baravi Cha Sann or Erangal Cha Sann.

This census will be open to all in the East Indian Community online and also through printed Census forms. This will be one of the most challenging Projects to be undertaken by MGP which will be led by Alistair Dsouza who will be the Chief Census Officer. As per reports there are around 5 lac East Indians across Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad.

### Highlights of the Census

- ✦ First ever Census launched exclusively for the East Indian Community
- ✦ Printed 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 first Batch of cards will be released in the coming months
- ✦ The Census will help in getting an update on the actual East Indian Population
- ✦ Will also help us create a data with important references in networking amongst the community and creating a support system to uplift the community
- ✦ A Census form will be approved by 2 Census coordinators basis which the Census entry will be approved and be allotted a Unique East Indian Census Identification Number

### **The East Indian Census 2016 covers details like :**

- Personal Details
- Family Hierarchy
- Relations Spread
- Life events
- Property History
- Home/Residence details
- Education History
- Professional History
- OBC Certificate details
- Annual Income

### **For more details you may contact:**

Alistair Dsouza, Chief Census Officer - 9820169092

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# MGP NEWS ISLAND

## THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

### CARDINAL CELEBRATES HIS FIRST EAST INDIAN MASS

Cardinal Oswald Gracias granted the first demand of the East Indian Community by approving the East Indian Dialect Holy Mass. Although there were reports that it was the first mass, the East Indian dialect Holy Mass has been celebrated many a times in the past. The Cardinal celebrated the Holy Mass at the Holy Cross Church, Kurla with USWA(United Social Welfare Association) playing the leading role.

Around 1500 attended the Holy Mass from across the East Indian Villages in Bombay, Thane and Dharavi Beth. MGP has communicated to local East Indian associations and activists to demand an East Indian dialect mass on a daily or weekly basis. All locals who need the assistance or support of MGP may call us on 9820087771.

### MGP PROMOTES ITS CORE TEAM MEMBERS AS EAST INDIAN AMBASSADORS

In one of its major decisions, MGP decided to promote all the Core team members as Ambassadors and all have been given special functional roles and projects to manage. Alphi Dsouza will be the MGP CEO as well serve as Chief Ambassador of the East Indian Community.

The initiatives and activities of each Ambassador of the East Indian Community will be reviewed every quarter and their service will be continues basis their performance.

### MGP LAUNCHES GAOTHAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT – JUHU GAUTHAN TO BE THE MODEL GAOTHAN

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat officially launches its Gaothan Beautification Project on Sunday, 27th December at Juhu Gaothan. THE GBP has been initiated by MGP to Preserve and Beautify the Gaothans. The Model Gaothan for this project will be Juhu Gaothan No. 2 and 3 through the funds of Andheri West MLA Ameet Satam. Ameet Satam was present at the Annual GARAJ Awards and Christmas Party where he made the announcement that 5 of the parameters will be in place within a year.

The work on some of the GBP parameters will begin around April 2016 and MGP will

connect with other gaothans to join this beautification. MGP also plans to tie-up with designers for having customized designs to give the East Indian touch.

### MGP TO ANNOUNCE GAOTHAN ADVISORY PANEL

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat will soon launch its very own Gaothan Advisory Panel(GAP) to play an advisory role in all gaothan related issues and plans. The GAP will ensure that no gaothans are touched or affected without their inputs. The Gap is being formed to ensure protection of the gaothans.

The GAP will have a mix of legal professionals, architects and activists to ensure that it has a well-planned approach. The recent issues faced by the gaothans has prompted the MGP to form the GAP to fix the gap between the authorities and gaothan residents.

### MGP OPPOSES MGU PLAN

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat stood solidly behind the Dharavi Beth Bachao Samiti and the three Koli Sansthas as well as the Shetkari sangathnas of Manori Gorai Utan Region. The activists insisted that local residents of MGU region must be inducted into the MMRDA team and allow them to have a say in the planning and implementation process. MGP representatives Alphi Dsouza and Walter Murzello questioned Mr.UPS Madon about the motive behind MMRDA's plans to construct the road bridges across the creek. They questioned the commissioner whether the MMRDA was genuinely interested in the Tourism plan on the MGU area or whether there was another sinister plan.

MGP very categorically impressed upon the MMRDA chief that tourists to the Manori Gorai Utan region visit the place to enjoy and experience the charm of the region just as the way as it is. Tourists are happy to travel by ferry service for pleasure derived and the experience. Also Tongas and reklas add to the charm. Tourist desire that the tranquil charm of MGU should be retained. Instead of adding to the chaos of road bridges, instead the MMRDA can concentrate on providing amenities like clinics and hospitals and schools and playgrounds, communication networks, uninterrupted water and electric

supply and beautify and maintain cleanliness on the Island.They suggested that MMRDA should cooperate with the Mumbai Maritime Board to rebuild modern jetties and undertake, regular desilting and dredging operations would enhance and improve Ferry Services from Borivili to Gorai and Marve to Manori.

Mr.Madon patiently heard our suggestions but reiterated the request for bridges was based on the feelings and sentiments of the elected representatives who were requesting MMRDA to improve the amenities on the island. On a positive note, it was a good gesture on the part of the Commissioner, who called us and gave us a patient hearing. He was very receptive and allowed almost all present to speak their minds out. On the negative side of this meet, Mr. Madon seemed helpless and said the most he could do would be to put these suggestions to the government for consideration and decision.

### MGP CHRISTMAS COMPETITION - WINNERS

#### Crib Competition

- 1.Old Kurla Christian Village Citizens Forum
- 2.Gladwin Gomes, Kurla
- 3.Chapel Road, Bandra

#### Best Decorated Gaothan

- 1.Chapel Road , Bandra
- 2.Big Village, Kalina
- 3.Culbavor, Kurla

#### Best Decorated Church

- 1.St.Joseph's Church, Juhu
- 2.Our Lady of Sea Church, Madh

MGP congratulates all Winners and thanks those who participated in the Christmas Competition. The winners were finalized on St.Gonsalo Garcia Day and will be presented at the East Indian Annual Awards 2016 on 5th May at St.Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra.

# EAST INDIAN AWARDS 2016

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

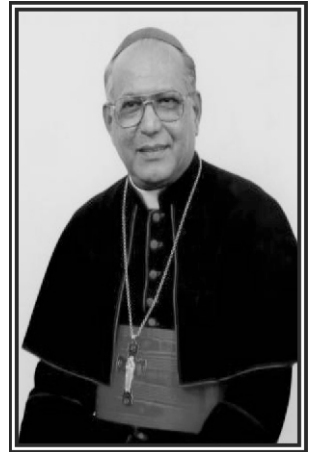
This Award will be presented to an East Indian who has done remarkable service to the community in social work.

### 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.

# GAOTHAN PAATIL

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat will launch its new initiative with the induction of the Gaothan Paatil with the inauguration of the East Indian Shakha at Worli Village/Gaothan. The first ever Gaothan Paatil of Modern Bombay will be Sachin Kinny, an East Indian and an original inhabitant of Bombay. MGP has also been instrumental in appointing MGP Sarpanches who are elected by ballot vote by local villagers. The main objective of the Gaothan Paatil (in earlier times spelt as Patil) will be to "Protect the Gaothans"

## **A brief on the Gaothan Paatil is as follows:**

- 1)Gaothan Paatil will be the Village Head of a specific Gaothan or Village
- 2)A monthly Gaothan Sabha (Meeting) will be held to discuss Village issues
- 3)The Paatil will inspect the Gaothan once a month
- 4)Local civic, social and community issues will be undertaken
- 5)Paatil will recommend various projects for the Gaothan to Government authorities
- 6)Paatil will have a Gaothan Shakha Committee to advise on matters concerning the Village
- 7)Only original inhabitants can be appointed as the Gaothan Paatil
- 8)The Gaothan Paatil will be appointed by Gaothan Monitoring Committee managed by MGP
- 9)With this each Gaothan will either have a Paatil, MGP Sarpanch or a Village Head/Chief
- 10)This initiative will be applicable in all East Indian enclaves of Bombay, Dharavi Beth, Vasai, Raigad and Thane.

## **A brief on Patil or Police Patils who managed Bombay Villages centuries ago**

**P**atil meaning Head or Chief is an Indian title. Territory granted to the Patil is usually referred to as the patilki or watandar. The Patil is in effect the ruler of this territory as he was entitled to the revenues collected therefrom. Many Patils were warriors in the Maratha army.

"Patil" is predominantly used by the Deccan, Vidarbha and Maratha people of Maharashtra. The native language of most Patils is predominantly Marathi. Traditionally, Patils had assistants such as the talati or kulkarni to assist them with the clerical work involved in the collection of revenue in their areas of control. 'Patil' meant 'group' or "branch" during the regime of Mahmud Begada. 'Patt'barhate meant "part of the land" and 'Patidar' meant "Tax Collector". 'Patil' meant "chief of the village".

The word Patil could also have derived from 'Patilki'. 'Patu' means "clever", and "patta" means "chief". The person who established the village used to become Patil. Patil used to become known, because of village recognition. Patil was not a government post or self occupied post. Virtues and works of the person used to make him a Patil. Later on this post became hereditary. Patil became the Village King and later received Government honor, even after receiving many posts. In some places Patils are known as 'Mokaddam' or 'Mukadam' meaning is Chief Man (King of Village).

A man who bought his relatives and opened land became the Patil or the village chief. He in essence, owned the village land and granted it to others. A Patil generally owned about 30-40 percent of land in the village. His job was to collect revenue from the entire village and submit it to the royal treasury. He not only acted as a revenue officer but as a judicial head in the village, as the chieftain of the village. Besides this the Patil was responsible for the defence of the village, tracing every crime in the village and provide protection to the village. The Patil was also awarded with rent free lands or "Inam"(Reward). A Patil also received Patilkis (village chief rights).

Among prominent Patils were the Royal Bhonsle (or Bhosle) family. Shivaji Maharaj's grandfather Maloji Bhosle was a Patil of villages near Daund in Pune and verul (ellora) near Aurangabad. The term "Police Patil" was used by the East India Company. Generally, Patils are considered as respectful people in society because of inborn leadership qualities, healthy social relationships and economic prosperity. Many Patils have achieved top positions in social, political and cultural fields in society.

# 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:-**

May 1st week	May 5th	May 15th	May 18th	May 31st
 <p><b>East Indian Sann Inauguration</b>  <b>Venue:</b>  MGP Office, Kalina</p>	 <p><b>East Indian Awards 2016</b>  <b>East Indian Directory East Indian Food Festival</b>  <b>Venue:</b>  St.Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra  <b>Time:</b> 7:00 PM Onwards</p>	 <p><b>East Indian Day</b>  <b>East Indian Museum - 4th Phase</b>  <b>Venue:</b>  East Indian Museum, Manori  <b>Time:</b> 10:30 AM Onwards</p>	 <p><b>World Museum Day</b>  <b>Venue:</b>  East Indian Museum, Manori</p>	 <p><b>Holy Cross Day</b>  <b>Venue:</b>  All Holy Crosses in East Indian Gaothans</p>

\*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:-**

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/-

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

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



# EAST INDIAN PUNCH

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They better realize we have a say.*

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Today we have a Dream so different, it sounds challenging but surely not impossible. A community which has been a silent and peaceful one all this time but the authorities seem to test our level of patience. They have forgotten that our community was known to drive away the police during the British rule and so they initiated the Police Paatil system wherein a local head was given this assignment. So is our system waiting for the East Indian Community to react violently? We love to be peaceful but the system better not take us for granted.

The lands owned by the East Indian community were snatched, given away or donated for a specific purpose. Sadly, the purpose has been taken for granted and many of these lands have been used for income generating purposes. At times these lands have been sold away for millions and the original land owners whose names will feature in the land records have got peanuts.

The Annual East Indian Rally reminds each one of us to do our little bit and raise our voices against the injustice towards our community. Lands have been allotted to various NGO's and flats allotted to encroaching slum dwellers and migrants and what happens to the original inhabitants. The so-called parties which promote the voice of the Marathi Manoos and even go the extra mile stating MeeMumbaikar have forgotten the real Mobaikar, The East Indian Community. They have done all they could for the Marathi Manoos but have forgotten the real Marathi speaking locals. Its time the Shiv Sena and the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena open their eyes to the needs of the East Indian Community if they really care for the rights of the Sons-of-Soil of Mumbai.

The East Indian community has woken up a little and its time we shake ourselves much more to have an effective Voice of the Community. Those from the community who want to be the leading voice should be driven away and only those who want to be a part of the One Voice should be encouraged. MGP has more than a dozen initiatives and we are stretching it out to make things happen with lesser hands. We appeal to you to support us in your own small way to help us streamline and smoothen our initiatives.

Our MGP Network will not have various designated individuals at each East Indian Gaothan like MGP Sarpanch, GaothanPaatil, GaothanPramukh and Gaothan Coordinators. We invite you to join the active or the local supporting team to ensure we have an active voice at the grass root level. Why should a non-East Indian be a ShakhaPramukh or Adyaksh of the Gaothan. Only the sons-of-soil East Indian Community should have this right.

Our ancestors were known to be peace loving and generous but when things went off limits they showed their true colours. So is the system waiting for this to happen? If the authorities want to avoid this situation then they need to grant the basic needs of the community with immediate effect. Give Back to East Indians, What belongs to East Indians!



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## PRESS NOTES

### Times of India - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Government will not declare Worli Koliwada a slum  
*If this scheme was allowed it would have led to the other Gaothans being destroyed stated Alphi Dsouza*

### The Hindu - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Disquiet in the Gaothans  
*Gaothan lands are owned by the residents quotes Alphi Dsouza*

### Midday - 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Five East Indian Bhavans in the pipeline  
*The Mini Bhavans which will have a different name will provide basic facilities to East Indians*

### Midday - 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Juhu Gaothans will get a makeover  
*Gaothan Beautification launched by MGP. MLA Ameet Satam announces Juhu as the model Gaothan.*

### Times of India - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Govt takes backdoor route to keep slum option open for worli village, shocks residents, experts  
*A gaothan is not a slum - MGP CEO strongly opposed the planned slum project*

### Times of India - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

First ever East Indian Census launched

### Times of India - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016

1 East Indian in family? Then all are counted in census  
An article on the first-ever East Indian Census featured MGP members Alphi and Rossi Dsouza.



## MGP Calendar

### December 2015 and January 2016



**18<sup>th</sup> December 2015** – Andheri West MLA, AmeetSatam raised the demand of the East Indian Bhavan in the Assembly by point of propriety

**27<sup>th</sup> December 2015** – Gaothan Beautification Project launched by MLA AmeetSatam with JuhuGaothan declared as the model village.

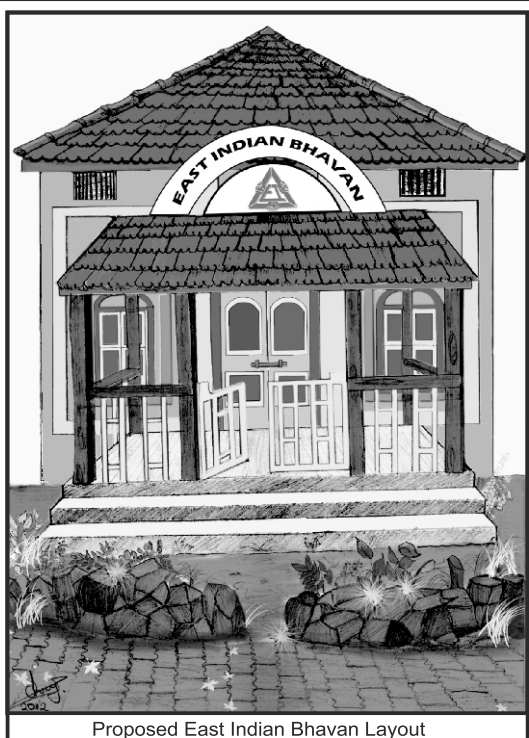
**16<sup>th</sup> January 2016** – Meeting with local residents of Chapel Road to discuss the local Gaothan issues

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2016** – Meeting at MMRDA office, BKC to oppose the Gorai-Manori Bridge

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2016** – East Indian Dialect Mass celebrated by Cardinal Oswald Gracias

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2016** – Marol East Indian Food Fest attended by Alphi Dsouza and Bernard Miranda.

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2016** – MGP Core Team Meet at Kalina MGP office



Proposed East Indian Bhavan Layout

For more details you may call

Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771 or Sybil Rodrigues on 9930229742

## East Indian Community APPEAL

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### East Indian Motha Ghar

Bombay, Dharavi Beth, Thane, Vasai and Raigad

- East Indian Bhavan in each of these places will be a centre to promote East Indian Culture and Tradition
- We invite families who would like to donate land or offer land at a discounted rate. Family name will be mentioned at the Bhavan.
- We need around 5 Guntas (approx 5000 sq.ft.) for this project for each East Indian Bhavan Centre
- There will be a typical East Indian house built with a Museum, office, meeting room and a community hall

#### BHAVAN DONOR PLAN

Type of Donor	Amount of Donation
Diamond	Rs.1,00,000/-
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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.*

#### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:-

**Account Name**  
Mobai Gaothan Panchayat  
**Bank name**  
Citizen Credit co-op bank, Vakola  
**Savings Account no.**  
20015620  
**ifsc code**  
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*\*pls mention your name in your funds transfer*

# EAST INDIAN PROJECTS

## Initiatives for the Betterment of the Community

### EAST INDIAN SHAKHA

The East Indian Voice of Every Gaothan

#### Initiative Brief

- Each East Indian Gaothan should ideally have a Shakha
- A Shakha should be a place where the gaothen residents can meet
- The Shakha can either be an independent room, Shop, verandah or compound
- The main objective will be to Protect and Preserve the Gaothans
- A Gaothan Sabha will be held every month at the Shakha
- Locals can have meets and assemble at the Shakha

*Target Gaothan Network by 2016 year end – 15 Shakhas*

**Those interested in offering a space for Shakha may contact  
Alphi on 9820087771**

### GAOTHAN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Giving Gaothans the East Indian Look

#### Beautification Features

1. Arch at entrances of Gaothans
2. Brief history of Gaothan at the entrance - board
3. Rubber speed breakers with special colour for gaothans
4. CCTV at each entrance
5. Special wooden benches
6. Artificial community wells/beautification of existing wells for traditional weddings
7. Special coloured cobbler stones
8. Lantern Street lights
9. Common house colours off white with brown borders
10. Community News Desk

#### Beautification Brief

- To be initiated and managed by MGP
- Gaothans that meet around 5 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

*Target Certified Gaothans in 2016 – 10 Gaothans*

*For Suggestions/feedback on these launches you may mail us at [mghpmobai@gmail.com](mailto:mghpmobai@gmail.com) or call Alphi on 9820087771.*

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

## KAKA BAPTISTA DAY

### EAST INDIAN FREEDOM FIGHTER'S 152ND 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 152nd 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.

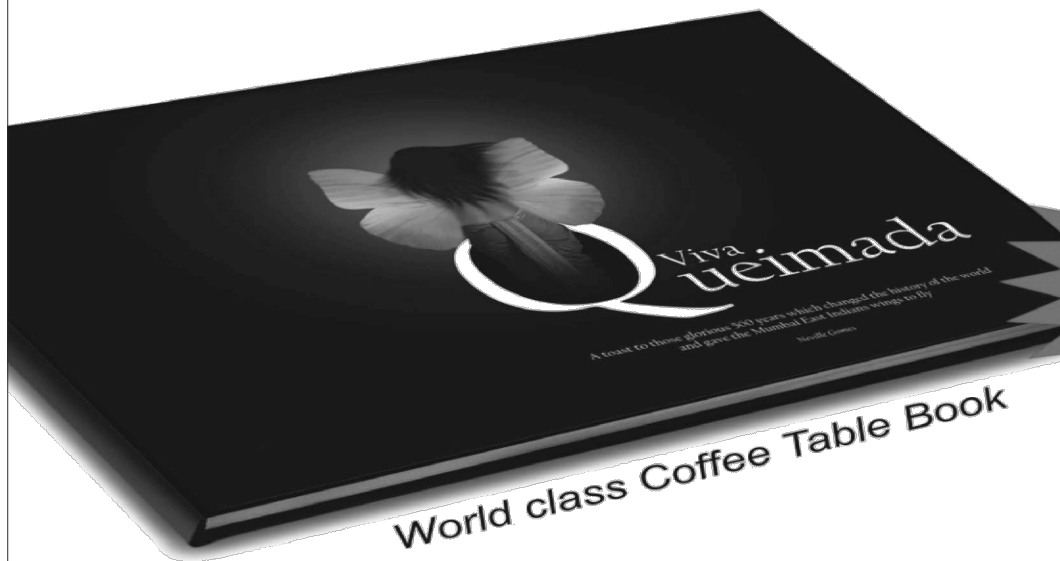


**Due to his valuable contribution to the city and India's freedom struggle, MGP has demanded the following to commemorate his 152nd Birth Anniversary.**

- \*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.

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