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MGP Launches its Youth Initiative



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MGP Team has been busy with various initiatives and projects like Annual East Indian Rally, Kaka Baptista Day, Gaothan Beautification plan inauguration, East Indian Annual festival, East Indian Day, World Museum Day, East Indian Football Cup and lots more. With handful of volunteers and loads to do our issue of the Gaothan Voice has been delayed and we present you with a 4 month issue. We invite East Indians to join our Gaothan Voice family to help us with a timely release to keep you updated on the news across the Gaothans and in the East Indian Community.

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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 5th Phase to be released in May 2017. 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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Support in Education, Medical and other Emergencies

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. Through this Fund we plan to help our community in our own small way.

MGP will appoint the EIC Fund Coordinators in each village/zone and will also have a central coordinator. On submitting an Application form the family will be supported from the Fund account basis the fund balances in the account. MGP will support the amount in full or partially towards Education, medical needs and in case of emergencies. MGP is sure that each East Indian will contribute to ensure that the needy in our community are given the support they need. Special drives and initiatives will be released from time to time to generate funds for the East Indian Community.

The Highlights of the East Indian Community Fund are as follows:-

*Donors can also sponsor basis the number of students for education support

*All Donors names will be mentioned in the Gaothan Voice

*The names of beneficiaries will not be published but will be provided to donors as per their request

*This support will be provided only to the East Indian Community

*The financials of this account will be released once a year

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THE EAST INDIAN DICTIONARY

The First Ever edition of the East Indian Language

MobaiGaothan 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

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 SUCCEEDS IN BUILDING KEENAN REUBEN MEMORIAL

In a meet with Andheri West MLA Ameet Satam on 21st August 2015, Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) requested for a memorial dedicated to Amboli Brave hearts, Keenan and Reuben. Amboli comes under Andheri West Assembly under MLA Ameet Satam. After the meet at the MLA office at Andheri, MGP has been continuously following up with Ameet Satam. As soon as the meeting was held MGP informed Keenan's father, Valerian Santos about the plan to take his view. Valerian appreciated the initiative by MGP. Regular updates were given to Valerian on the memorial.

MLA Ameet Satam installed a Bravery Pillar dedicated to Keenan and Reuben which was inaugurated by the parents of Keenan and Reuben. A central median along Ceasar Road, Amboli will also be inaugurated. The inauguration ceremony was held on **Sunday, 5th June 2016 at 7:00 pm outside Mayfair Meredian, Ceasar Road, Amboli**

DEMAND FOR A EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY CULTURE VILLAGE IN OUR NATIVE VILLAGE

MGP has made a fresh demand on East Indians Community Day for the East Indian Culture Village which will attract tourists to experience East Indian Culture and Tradition. This place will also serve as the native place for the East Indian Community. The MGP Cultural Committee will soon plan the facilities proposed at the East Indian Community Culture Village.

EAST INDIAN SANN 2016 GETS A GREAT RESPONSE

The Annual Community Festival, MGP's East Indian Sann got a tremendous response. Thousands attended this Annual MGP event. Highlights of the East Indian Sann : **Sann Inauguration** – The Gaothan Beautification Project was inaugurated on 1st May at Juhu Gaothan by MLA Ameet Satam and MGP coordinators. The Entrance Arch, history board and the street lights will be installed in the coming months. **East Indian Food Fest Awards and Concert** – This was the main event held on St. Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra on 5th May. Around 1000 people attended this event with special guests like Gerson Da Cunha, Jeanetta Dsouza, Darryl Dmonte, Fr. Michael G, Fr. Benny Aguiar and Justice Aguiar. **East Indians Day** – The Special day dedicated for the community was observed on 15th May at the Mobai Bhavan at Manori. Hundreds gathered for this day with a special mass in the East Indian dialect followed by performances and a special East Indian lunch. **World Museum Day** – Was celebrated at the East Indian Museum at Manori on 18th May. On this day the Museum was officially dedicated to Kaka Baptista. A programme was organized in coordination with Anam Prem followed by dinner. **East Indian Football Tournament** – This was the first event of the MGP youth group held at Malwani BM Grounds. Manori Gaothan were the Champions of this tournament. **Holy Cross Day** – Was observed on 31st May with a prayer at all Holy Crosses in our Gaothans.

ARCHDIOCESE REMAIN SILENT ON BANDRA FAIR STALLS FOR EAST INDIANS

In spite of communication to the past as well as present Rectors of Mount Mary's Church there was no response to the demand of allotting Bandra Fair stalls to East Indians. The last communication was sent to Bishop John Rodrigues and he is yet to respond or send a reply to our communications. Fr. Aniceto Pereira the past Vice Rector of Mount Mary's had assured that this need of the community will be granted and the same was also confirmed by him in a front page story on Sunday Midday dated 13th September titled, "Annual Bandra Fair hijacked by 'outsiders'".

The Cardinal has also remained silent on MGO demand for a meet pending since more than a year. With this developments MGP plans to work on alternatives and will continue to remind the Church authorities on the land donor and indigenous people of Bombay, the East Indian Community.

ONE LINERS

• Roger Drego – an East Indian popularly called in Bombay as King of Sound managed the biggest Music and Sound show in India, "World Culture Festival" inaugurated by our Prime Minister and organized by Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

• Brinston Miranda wins the Gold medal at the Asian Athletic Championship at Singapore

• MGP Youth to organize the first-ever East Indian Youth Singing Competition

• East Indian Community Associations object to the Development Plan - Gaothan Bachav Andolan launched



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We welcome everyone who desires to sing for the First ever East Indian Youth Singing Competition. Singers, existing as well as new please get in touch with us for registration.

EAST INDIAN AWARDS 2016

Appreciating those who have taken the Community to Greater Heights

The 7th Annual East Indian Awards was held on Thursday, 5th May at St. Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra. This is an initiative to appreciate our community members who have excelled in their professions or have been of great service to our community. The awards are dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta and Kaka Baptista who have both been inspiring members of the East Indian Community.

East Indian of the Year 2016 - Gerson Da Cunha

Actor(Indian and International), Advertising,(Lintas/Hindustan Lever), Activist (Social and Civic). First CEO of NGO, NAGAR and AGNI. Gerson actively participated in the fight against SEZ in the Manori-Gorai-Utan region.

East Indian Priest of the Year 2016 - Fr.Francis Correa

Local Church Historian and has been promoting our East Indian Culture and Tradition.

East Indian Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 - Joseph Dsouza

Director of ALF Engineering with headquarters at Ambadi, Nasik - Supplying automobile parts to Tatas and Mahindra. Director of ALF Farms with headquarters at Sion, Mumbai – Manufacturers of Meat Meals and Chicken processed foods.

East Indian Author of the Year 2016 - Fr.Benny Aguiar

Fr. Benny has been the editor of the mainline Catholic Tabloid "The Examiner" consistently for more than 30 years. He has been contributing to the "London Tablet" and foreign periodicals like "Mouth" and "National Catholic Reporter". His biography of Pope John Paul II, published on the eve of the Holy Father's visit to India received wide acclaim. As a writer par excellence he has written books like "Blessed James Alberione", "Indira Gandhi - a Political biography", "Rajiv Gandhi - The flight of the scion" and "The making of Mumbai - History of the Metropolis and its past".

East Indian Educationist of the Year 2016 - Vivien Amonkar

Vivien completed PhD without FIP. She took over as Head of Department at a young age of 32. On several exam committees at University in both UG and PG. BOS member of University Member of Committee to approve laboratory for PhD work. VP of Science and later VP Academic Improvement authority on Processes involved with Autonomy. Has personally met APJ Kalam, President Obama and Clinton in during their visit to India.

East Indian Expert of the Year 2016 - Ashley Quiney

Ashley Quiney has an ATCL Diploma in Guitar from Trinity College, London. Ashley has been guiding budding guitarists for over 30 years and is widely respected for his deep knowledge of music theory, playing techniques and teaching methods. He is a stage performer and has performed as a classical, pop and jazz guitarist in various bands and has also shared stage with the best musicians in the country.

East Indian Heritage Cross of the Year 2016 – Gorai Shefali Pakhadi Cross

This Holy Cross is maintained in its original structure at Gorai and dates back to more than a 100 years.

East Indian Heritage Project of the Year 2016 - St. John the Baptist Church, Thane

Thanks to the Parish Priest, Fr. Allwyn Fernandes and his team this church which was built even before the Taj Mahal is now Restored to its original glory. The local East Indians, Prof. Fleur and Jervis Alvares of Thane were among those who worked with the world renowned restoration architect like Vikas Dilawari of the Prince of Wales museum. This church today is a Tourist Attraction and worthy of international acclaim. In recognizing and Awarding St. John Baptist Thane this exemplary award, we at MGP would like to send out a strong message to parishes across Mobai not to renovate our churches but instead restore them..

EAST INDIAN AWARDS 2016

Appreciating those who have taken the Community to Greater Heights

East Indian Social Worker of the Year 2016 - Manuel Touscano

Manuel Touscano in an active Social Worker at Vasai.

East Indian Community Project of the Year 2016 - Fonseca Family, Bandra

No other East Indian Family has ventured to embark upon an impossible task of finding their lineage dating back to more than hundreds of years. The project of building the Fonseca family tree was spearheaded by Maj. Leon Fonseca whose untiring efforts have borne fruit. This East Indian Family has to be commended and complimented and we at MobaiGaothan Panchayat recognize and applaud this effort. The Fonseca family has proved with this project that the East Indian Community is truly the “sons of the soil”.

East Indian Association of the Year 2016 - Koloverly Welfare Association

This association based at Kalina organises a variety of events like Introze, Singing Competition, seminars and nine days St.Roque Feast celebrations.

East Indian Singer of the Year 2016 - Hubert Pinto

A singer from Dharavi Beth region and has been performing for more than 30 years.

East Indian Star of the Year 2016 - Joel Fonseca

A professional photographer and cameraman who runs his own media company is synonymous with any East Indian event. His professional photographs uploaded on the social media has gained him popularity among the EI diaspora worldwide. Joel makes it a point to cover each East Indian event and festival.

East Indian Band of the Year 2016 - Eastiria

The first-ever East Indian Beat group. The Band will surely make East Indian events and functions memorable.

East Indian Play of the Year 2016 – KhacheVarchaNaach

The first ever East Indian Play produced by the R&S Cultural group. The play has been enacted twice at Versova and Worli respectively. The group plans to come out with more stage plays in the near future giving the community an additional opportunity to enjoy their culture and tradition.

East Indian Sportsperson of the Year 2016 - Marcus Couto

Marcus is a Gold Medalist Mumbai Cricket Association Cricket umpire for 37 years. Umpiring for the Board of Control for Cricket in India for 25 years in first class Cricket including two one day International(Womens). Written and published over dozen books. Last week inaugurated the Coutos School of Cricket and Academics in the presence of Ajit Tendulkar. In this project his dream is the child should both study and play together.

East Indian Initiative of the Year 2016 - Christina Kinny

For propagating East Indian culture in the form of designer lugras. Also manufacturing, branding and selling the world famous Bottle Masala.

East Indian Award of Appreciation 2016 - James Lobo

For Initiating the East Indian Dialect Holy Mass

East Indian Award of Appreciation 2016 - Jude and Marie Concessio

Year after year, this East Indian Couple sit together from the second half of the year to decide the theme of their annual East Indian Calendar. MGP thanks and salutes the couple for their efforts and wishes them many more fruitful years.

East Indian Award of Appreciation 2016 – AmeetSatam

For supporting the East Indian Bhavan and raising the demand of the sons of the soil community in the Assembly house. Also for inaugurating the Gaothan Beautification Project, an MGP initiative by announcing JuhuGauthan as the Model Village.

EAST INDIAN STORIES

The First Village Tournament

Based on a True Story

Mobai was now a modern city and was slowly losing its village connect. The Mobai villages were being eyed by the authorities for development and were under danger of being destroyed. Some of the activists tried their very best but it was going to be a challenging task.

In the midst of all these happenings was the launch of a youth group of the native community popularly known as the Mobaikars. The youth group started on a small note but decided to do their bit to encourage talent, culture and tradition. They decided to organize a football tournament open to all village teams as many Mobaikars were fond of the game. The Youth team approached their senior members who advised them to approach the parish venues as they were all donated by the native community.

The youth contacted the management of Andrews's which had a newly renovated ground and was ideal for the tournament. They were surprised as they were quoted Rs.10,000/- per hour for the grounds and decided not to prefer the venue due to lack of funds. A member then directed them to the Seminary Grounds and here the youth were quoted Rs.30,000/- for a day. The members still found it difficult to garner funds and so decided to search for another venue. They were in two minds and were also thinking of cancelling the tournament plan as the venues were charging a high fee.

A youth member from Malvan village approached Nikhil, a political party youth president for the Municipal Grounds. Nikhil immediately assured all support and provided the grounds for free. The youth were shocked to see that another community member had quickly helped them and their very own community members made it almost impossible to organize their event.

The day arrived for the football tournament and teams from across Mobai villages participated in the tournament. The youth members were at their best ensuring that the tournament was well organized. It was their first event and they managed to collect enough funds to organize the tournament. At the end of the tournament the privilege of presenting the winner's trophy was given to Nikhil for having helped the organizers in getting the venue.

The Village youth were all happy on having succeeded in organizing their first Village Tournament.

MGP Message—This story is based on a True incident faced by our MGP East Indian Youth. The authorities to whom we have donated lands have taken our community for granted. We salute our ancestors who willingly donated lands for the betterment of the community and to encourage our community talent, culture and tradition. These lands have been developed into high class venues or let out to migrant agencies who charge heavily. Only the elite and the corporates can afford these venues.

May the souls of all donors rest in peace and may their families be blessed with the best for making such a great contribution to authorities who have forgotten the value and importance of the native community. May God bless the authorities with the wisdom to think deeply and grant the basic rights of the community.

IMPORTANT NOTICE * RE-ELECTION OF MGP SARPANCH

MGP Sarpanches will now go in for re-lection with immediate effect. All the existing Sarpanches can communicate or attend events only after the permission from the MGP CEO, Alphi Dsouza. Those who wish to be appointed as MGP Sarpanches, Paatils or Gaothan Coordinators may contact Alphi on 9820087771. The first list of MGP Sarpanches who adhere to the election process will be released in a month's time. We thank all MGP Sarpanches for their services in the last 2 years.

EAST INDIAN STARS

Making East Indians Shine Brighter

The FONSECAS of Bandora --Family Tree from 1575 -- 2015 (440 years)

Major L.G. Fonseca (Retd.)

This project was initiated by my great grand uncle Priest, Very Rev. Manoel Antonio Fonseca (1831 - 1903), a.k.a. "BigTipad". He was the first Indian and also the first East Indian to be appointed the Vicar of the Bhuleshwar Cathedral -- Our Lady of Good Hope (since demolished).

Very Rev. M.A. Fonseca was a renowned Marathi and Portuguese Scholar and an excellent Orator in both languages. His Magnun Opus was the Prayer Book ATMEACHA ROTI (Food for the Soul) published in 1884 (copy with me). This book is in Roman script and not Marathi, which made it easier for the Clergy and others to read and recite.

In 1860 whilst posted at St. Andrew's Church/School he writes in his Manuscript diary (original with me) "Whilst going through the old Church records and also,those of the Church of Santa Anna (since demolished -- where the BEST Bandra bus depot is located) I came across references to my ancestors, details of which I give below...."

My father Joseph Gaspar put these details in short form in a ledger. He kept on adding data as and when

sourced. I took over this project in the 1950's whilst in school. I collected Mortuary cards, made copies of Baptism/Marriage/Burial certificates, besides interviewing elderly relatives.

Post retirement in 2000 my son Josef Gilbert sent me the software "Family Tree Maker" where I entered all data with me. When printed the Family Tree extends 21 feet horizontally. The data was from inscriptions on the Family gravestones,obverse and reverse, diaries and Baptism/Marriage/Burial certificates from 1715 onwards,

This project culminated in a grand "Fonsecas of Bandora --440 Year Reunion" held on 29 November 2015. One hundred and twenty three born FONSECAS, their spouses and children registered. A special Postage Stamp was printed by India Post and affixed on a Special Postal Cover(Refer The Times Of India issue of Sunday 29 November 2015, page 1 & 2)

Mass was celebrated by my cousins, Frs. Clarence and Ashlyn both Parish Priests. Present was my brother ConradFonseca SJ. Fr.Mark Fonseca was unable to attend.

Displayed at the Hall was the Family Tree, Certificates dating back to 1715, large painting of my great grandmother, Joanna Philippa Fonseca (1842 -- 1901), wooden bust of Very Rev. M.A. Fonseca presented by Parishioners of Bhuleshwar Cathedral. Relatives were amazed about the wealth of data available about their ancestors.

The FONSECAS as far as I am aware one of the few families who have documented their lineage from 1715. They have given 23 of their sons and daughters to the Church. Notably Pedro Joao Fonseca had an Arch erected to his memory by the erstwhile British Government of Bombay Presidency. This was in recognition of his dedicated services. The Arch has since has been demolished due to widening of Hill Road Bandra.

MGP NOTES— *This is an inspiring story of how the FONSECAS created their Family Tree. We appeal to each East Indian to create a family tree to know your family roots. MGP honouredthe "Fonsecas of Bandra" with the award for East Indian Project of the Year 2016.*



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EAST INDIAN CENSUS 2016

Making the Community Count

MobaiGaothanPanchayat(MGP) launched the first-ever East Indian Census on Sunday, 10th 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 :

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- Life events
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- Home/Residence details
- Education History
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*No courier charges on EI books and some goodies

*Gaothan Voice - The East Indian Magazine will be delivered at your Doorstep

GAOTHAN BACHAV ANDOLAN

East Indian Community Launches Movement to Object against the Development Plan

Members of the Bombay's sons-of-soil, East Indian Community gathered this Wednesday to plan their protest against the Development Plan. The volunteers from Tata Institute of Social Sciences and YUVA. The meeting was held at Koloverly Welfare Association Office, Kalina.

The action plan from the meet is as follows:

- A special group to be created for objecting the DP, name finalized as GaothanBachavAndolan(GBA)
- Local residents to send their individual objections and handover a copy to the local East Indian Community Gaothan Coordinators
- Local East Indian Community Gaothans to confirm their support to the GBA
- Communications on DP objection will be sent by GBA supporting associations
- GBA to appoint Gaothan Coordinators for each Gaothan in Bombay to coordinate for objection to the DP
- The GBA will demand for a meet with the authorities by 15th July
- If no meet confirmed or if the meet does not meet the demands of the East Indian community a protest is planned by 25th July
- The GBA will also send across communications nationally as well as internationally

Demands from the East Indian Community in the Gaothans

- No road widening to be allowed in the DP for gaothans
- Gaothans demarcation to be initiated and boundaries to be marked
- Special colour coding/legend for the Gaothans only and not to be marked as Urban villages
- Special Gaothan board to be created by nominating members from the East Indian community
- No development to be planned without the consent of the sons of soil East Indian community
- Gaothan residents are original owners for hundreds and thousands of years and so as sons of soil should be identified separately and be granted all rights as indigenous people from Bombay
- Plan to cut through the East Indian community houses verandahs, balconies and compounds will not be allowed
- There are 189 Gaothans as per BMC records but the recent DP state only around 80 Urban villages(Gaothans, Koliwadas and Adivasi padas)
- All Gaothans should be mentioned with their original Gaothans names and sub-area names
- Special Development rules should be drafted for Gaothans along with discussions with the aboriginal community
- FSI not to be allowed but instead there should be SITU/Repair permissions as per family requirements

East Indian Associations who have confirmed support to the GaothanBachavAndolan

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| 1.All Friends Association – Bhayendar | 17.KharodiGaokariSanghatana |
| 2.Catholic Welfare Association - Versova | 18.Koloverly Welfare Association – Kalina |
| 3.Dahanu East Indian Association | 19.Madh Island East Indian Welfare Association |
| 4.DahisarBorivali East Indian Association | 20.Marouli East Indian Welfare Association |
| 5.Dharavi Beth BachavSamiti | 21.Matherpacady Residents Welfare Association |
| 6.Dongri Chowk KoliSamaj | 22.MobaiGaothan Panchayat |
| 7.Dongri East Indian Federation | 23.Oshiwara East Indian Association |
| 8. East Indian Association, Kirol | 24.Pali Village East Indian Association |
| 9.East Indian Catholic Owners Association Worli Village | 25.Sahar East Indian Association |
| 10. East Indian Cultural and Welfare Association – Mira Road | 26.St.John's East Indian Community – Marol |
| 11.GARAJ – Gauthans Active Residents Association of Juhu | 27. Thane East Indian Association |
| 12.Goregaon East Indian Association | 28. United Social Welfare Association – Kurla |
| 13.International East Indian Community Council | 29.Vakola East Indian Association |
| 14.Juhu Welfare Association | 30.Velankanni Social Welfare Association - Kharodi |
| 15.KanjurGaothan Catholic Association | 31.Young Boys Welfare Association – Chakala |
| 16.Khar East Indian Welfare Association | |

EAST INDIAN FIRST

Initiatives of our Community

East Indian Tour

The First Community specific Heritage Tour

The first ever East Indian tour will take you to Dharavi Island, not far from Mumbai. An exclusive tour and first of its kind will showcase East Indian culture, language, cuisine, history, architecture and Portuguese churches and a visit to the first ever East Indian museum at Manori. The tourists will get an opportunity to see typical East Indian village setup and lifestyle. This four hour tour excluding lunch time is designed to give an enriching experience to the tourists.

Uttan, Gorai, Manori, Dongri, Culvem, these villages form part of Dharavi Island in the western suburbs of Mumbai. Bit isolated from the city these villages have managed to preserve the East Indian tradition and culture to a larger extent and are now attracting tourists from Mumbai as weekends getaways too.

Another tour is being planned for Vasai fort as well. The fort is the birth place of St. Gonsalo Garcia, the first Catholic Saint of India. Interestingly this 16th century Saint can be considered as East Indian as he was of mix descent i.e. Indo-portuguese. Vasai was once the capital of North Konkan region when the Portuguese ruled the Konkan coast. The tour gives valuable insights on life in Vasai fort during the Portuguese rule before it fell to the Marathas in 1739.

Both the tours will be conducted by Freelance tour guide Mogan Rodrigues from Uttan, who holds a guide license from India Tourism. Pick up points for the tour can be Manori or Gorai creek or Bhayandar station and Vasai Fort. For more details you may call Mogan Rodrigues on 9892080863.

Eastiria

The First Ever East Indian Beat Group

The name Eastiria (East-eastindians, iria-an orchestra) is taken since it is an East Indian beat group. The members of this group are from different professional backgrounds. Their passion for music and unending love for our culture has brought them together. The innovative and unique blend of East Indian music and English pop songs is a real breakthrough in this modern age. Since two years the team has been planning and organizing this concept which is one of its kind. Also it is just a small effort from the team to pay a tribute to our great senior East Indian singers. This beat group has been formed with a view to encourage our youngsters and also all those who have drifted away from our culture and tradition. The beat group consists of experienced musicians and talented singers with great voices. It is a joint effort of the group to keep the East Indian dialect alive and give a boost to the fading culture. This is a small contribution from the group towards the community giving them the best.

MUSICIANS: Kevin Jacinto – Keyboard, Terry Coutinho – Drums, Michael Pinto - Bass Guitar, Leroy Jacinto - Rhythm/Lead Guitar, Clint Caston - Alto sax, Rosen Gonsalves - Tenor Sax, Allan Misquitta - Trumpet.

SINGERS: Welbour Gomes, Marina Gomes, Anisha Antony, Lysllan Gomes, Fatima Jacinto, Joseph I Jacinto, Fatima Coutinho.

For more details contact Kevin Jacinto - 9819382594

First CD Release by R&S Group

SaudeMauli

R&S East Indian Art and Cultural Group, Versova released their 1st audio CD "SAUDE MAULI" in loving memory of Mr. Freddy and Mr. Philip Gonsalves on Saturday, 23rd July 2016. A Tribute from children and Grand Children, The CD was released by His Lordship Bishop Bosco Penha. The CD Release ceremony was also attended by the Guest of Honour Rev. Fr. Adrian Ferreira, Fr. Glasten Gonsalves, Fr. Lestor Vaz, Fr. Joe Gonsalves, Mrs. Annie Gonsalves, Mrs. Philomena Gonsalves and Mrs. Dorothy Mathews. SaudeMauli means Our Lady of Good Health in the East Indian Dialect.

The Lyrics for the songs have been written by Russel Gonsalves and the music is composed by Harish Kathin. Those who wish to purchase this Audio CD may contact Russel Gonsalves on 9892719358 or Charleston Gonsalves on 9892589049.

EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the MobaiGaothan Panchayat

MEIY cha Avaaz Gajuya Gavo Gavi

Denver Dsilva, Old Kurla

"You cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

– Franklin D. Roosevelt.

How long can we go on depending and looking up to the same people for leadership? How long must we hear the same lines of thought at every East-Indian function? How much more can we allow differences and envy kill the spirit of our initiatives? What can be done to spread a more positive vibe in the community? How fresh ideas and creativity help us remain relevant in today's changing world?

The answer to all the above questions is the youth. And channeling their energy is a must. They sure can't wait to sit for long meetings, or listen to the same things being said again and again. They would not like their ideas being shot down due to narrow-minds or conservations or "not done before" approaches. They need to express themselves best as they are and who they are and at their own terms.

With this desire in mind, the MGP latched on to the idea of creating a youth cell to drive our youngsters to think more deeply about the community. MEIY (MGP East-Indian Youth) was formed in April 2016. The aim and motto of the group is to foster unity among the East-Indians through sports and cultural platforms. It has been an independent initiative from the MGP to allow the youngsters to perform in their own space and at their own pace. But at the very onset, the MEIY has volunteered for every MGP event providing man-power and social media promotions. Within a span of a month after foundation the MEIY have created a buzz with the first ever East-Indian Cup. With youth from gaothans across Mobai, they have managed to form a happening and lively group of youngsters who are enthused for their community and want many more to join in. MEIY has received tremendous support and encouragement from many renowned individuals and associations. They plan to launch a whole series of programs to bring together the people of the community especially the young, whose voices are often neglected.

MEIY looks forward to an extended support from the community and seeks participation from all gaothans for the events, especially those that will focus on developing young talent. Apart from sports and cultural activities MEIY looks forward to starting soft-skills training, personality development and youth socials for youngsters to come together and grow. If you feel young at heart, come join MEIY or if you feel that you monetarily support our initiatives, feel free to contact us.

You can find us on Facebook or email us on mobaiyouth@gmail.com or talk directly to the co-ordinators Denver Dsilva (Kurla) @ 9920703855 or Zenobia Hanso (Rathodi) @ 9769074802

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CONTACT: PHIONA/OLIVER DSILVA – 9819010426



EAST INDIAN DIARY

East Indian Diary – MGP Action Days for February, March, April and May 2016

6th February – St.Gonsalo Garcia Day. The Statue of the Saint was open for veneration at MGP's East Indian Museum at Manori

28th February – East Indians plan rally on March 6 – DNA Page 5

4th March – East Indians plan Sunday rally to demand land back. Times of India Page 10.

6th March 2016 – East Indian Rally 2016 from Mount Mary's Church to St.Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra attended by around 500 people and supported by 32 East Indians. Six special releases launched.

17th March – Kaka BaptistaJayanthi. The MGP members paid their respects at the bust of Kaka Baptista at Uttan Chowk. MGP also launched its sports initiative, Mobai East Indians.

24th March – MGP Foundation Day, MGP's 6th Anniversary Day.

27th March – MGP releases Easter Message – Analyse! Organise! Arise! Analyse issues of the Community, Organize an activity to resolve these issues and Arise against the concerned authorities.

7th April – MGP launches its youth initiative – MGP East Indian Youth(MEIY)

19th April – MGP youth organize their first meet

1st May – MLA AmeetSatam inaugurates the Gaothan Beautification Project and announced JuhuGaothan as the Model Gaothan. Gaothan Beautification Project is an MGP initiative.

5th May – East Indian Awards Food Festival Concert 2016 at St.Stanislaus Grounds, Bandra attended by around 1000 people. The first-ever East Indian band, Eastiria made their debut at this event.

6th May – Eastiria Hysteria, a report on the MGP Annual event was covered in Midday, page 14.

15th May – East Indian Day at MobaiBhavan, Manori. East Indian Dialect holy mass followed by celebration at the bhavan.

18th May – East Indian Museum Day on the occasion of the World Museum Day organized in association with Anam Prem.

19th May – Walk the East Indian Way. A report on the East Indian Tour launched on East Indian Museum Day by MGP in association with Mogan Rodrigues.

29th May – MGP youth organizes East Indian Cup the first football tournament for our community.

EAST INDIAN PROJECTS

Initiatives for the Betterment of the Community

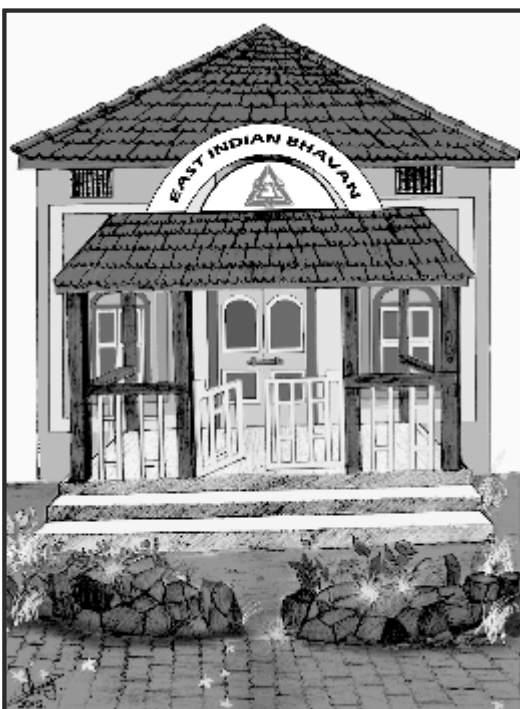
Gaothan Paatil

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat launched its new initiative with the induction of the Gaothan Paatil and the inauguration of the East Indian Shakha at Worli Village/Gaothan. The first ever Gaothan Paatil of Modern Bombay is Sachin Kinny, an East Indian and an original inhabitant of Bombay. MGP has also been instrumental in appointing MGP Sarpanches who are elected 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)GaothanPaatil 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)ThePaatil 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 MGP Core Team
- 9)With this each Gaothan will eitherhave a Paatil and MGP Sarpanch
- 10)This initiative will be applicable in all East Indian enclaves of Bombay, Dharavi Beth, Vasai, Raigad and Thane.

Those interested in being a GaothanPaatil may contact Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771 or email us at mghpmobai@gmail.com



Proposed East Indian Bhavan Layout

For more details you may call

Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771 or Sybil Rodrigues on 9930229742

East Indian Community APPEAL

Together Lets Make our Dream Come True!

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

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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.*

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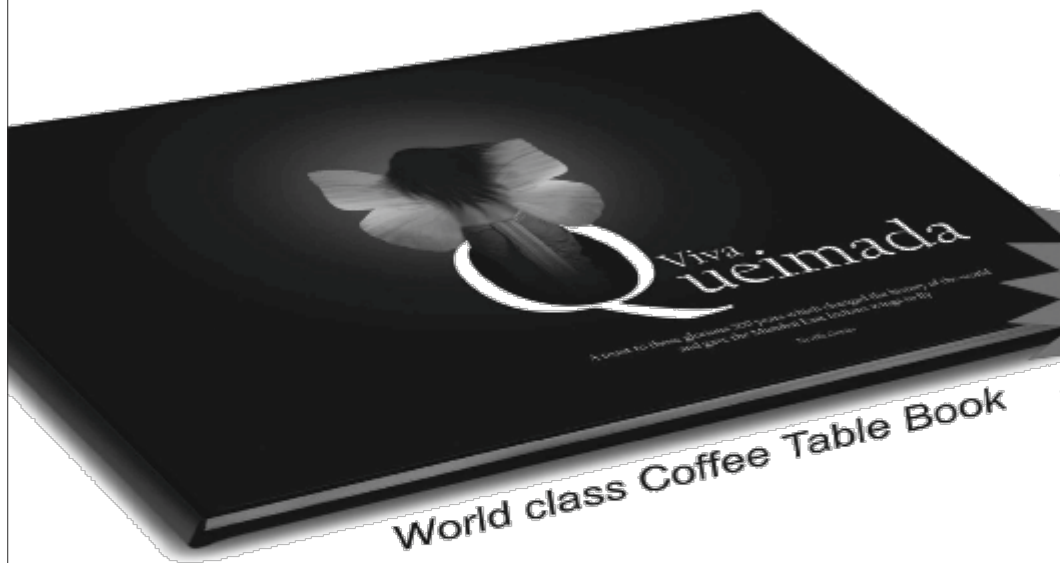
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