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# EAST INDIAN RALLY 2017

ANNUAL RALLY OF THE EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY OF BOMBAY, THANE, VASAI AND RAIGAD

Date: Sunday, 5th March Time: 10.30 AM Sharp Rally Starts: Mount Marys Church, Bandra Rally Ends: St.Stanislaus Hall, Bandra

- Rally Supported by all likeminded East Indian Groups
- Rally to highlight the various issues faced by the sons-of-soil community
- East Indian family should send atleast one member to represent their Family and Village

FOR DETAILS CONTACT: 9820087771/9930229742

## East Indian Calendar

17th March - Kaka Baptista Day

April May - East Indian Sann 2017

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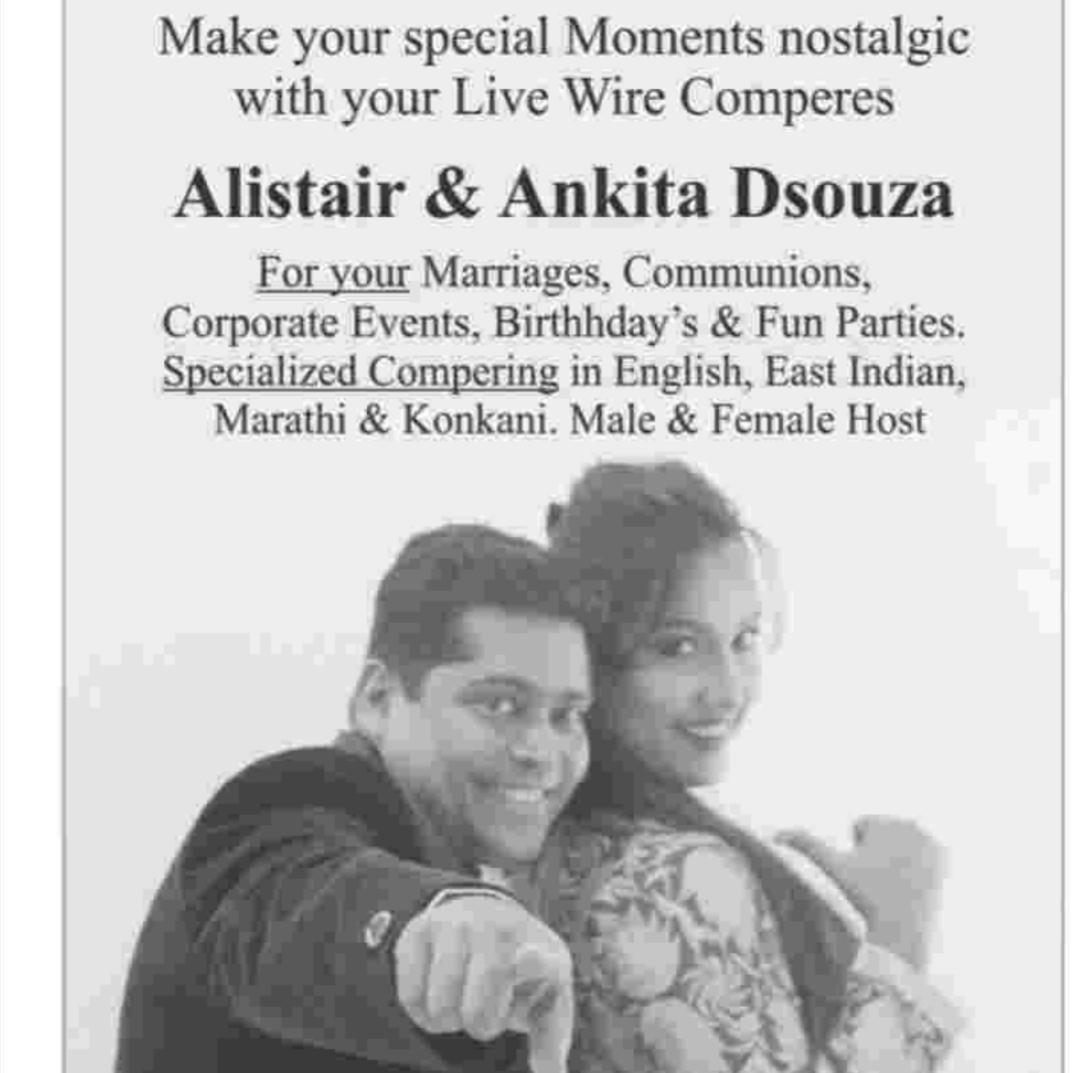
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## East Indian Museum

Promoting Culture and Tradition

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) has been trying it's best for allotment of land for the East Indian Bhavan and this could take a couple of years or even decades. There is an urgent need to create awareness about our culture and the Museum is one great way. MGP has opened an East Indian Museum (3<sup>rd</sup> Phase) at Mobai Bhavan, Manori. The Basic Plan of the East Indian Museum had an estimated cost of around Rs.9 lacs and the Dream Project could cost much more. We appeal to you to help us in recovering costs for the 4th Phase to be released in May 2016. The List of planned additions to the Museum will be shared by out Museum Team soon.

#### You could support us in the following ways:-

Special Donors - Rs.10,000/-

(names will be mentioned at the Museum Entrance)

Memorial Sponsors - Rs.25,000/-

(photographs will be installed at the Museum entrance)

Monthly Sponsors - Rs.6,000/-

Weekly sponsors - Rs.2,000/-

\*You could also donate any amount big or small and donations in kind are also welcome.

\*All donors names will be mentioned in the Gaothan Voice.

\*Please inform your East Indian Friends and Relatives to Support this East Indian Museum Project.

Support in Education, Medical and other Emergencies

**EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND** 

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) has launched the East Indian Community Fund to support a section of our community who are poor or belong to the middle class. 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.

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
- \*Please mention your name in your funds transfer
- \*Please inform your East Indian Friends and Relatives in India and Abroad to Support the East Indian Community Fund

For more details or to be EIC Fund Coordinators you may contact 7506175302 or email us at eastindianfund@gmail.com

#### Bank account details:-

Account Name -East Indian Community Fund Bank name – Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank Ltd, Vakola Branch Savings Account number – 15624

IFSC code - CCBL0209016

#### Bank account details:-

Account Name -Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Bank name – Citizen Credit co-op bank, Santacruz West

Savings Account no. – 4891

IFSC code - CCBL0209015

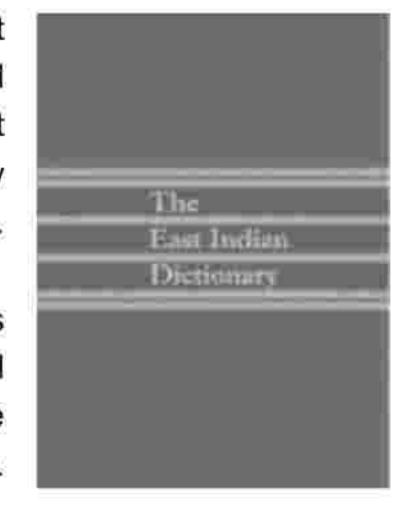
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## THE EAST INDIAN DICTIONARY The First Ever edition of the East Indian Language

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 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.

Information technology is one of the leading drivers of globalization. A desire to reveal the status of the Indian IT software and services industry based on my Doctoral Work and the attainment of the Ph.D Degree in Economics awarded to me by University of Mumbai in the year 2012 inspired the publication of the book titled:

## Dynamics of The Domestic Software Industry

- Case of Software Firms in Mumbai City

The book is available on the following online stores in India: amazon.in / flipkart.com / paytm / ShopClues.com / infibeam.com / notionpress.com

Important conclusions drawn from the study throws light on the fact that if significant avenues are provided for the development of the indigenous domestic IT software and services sector, it can lead to many positive externalities. The book is significant for academicians, research scholars, students, software industry consultants and personnel to attain an economic perspective on the domestic software market and to work on vital aspects that will increase the worthiness of the Indian IT software and services industry.

## EAST INDIAN CENSUS/CARD

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:

- 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 Alphi Dsouza, Chief Ambassador of the East Indian Community - 9820087771



## GIFT US YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We invite each one of you to register as an MGP member. You are also invited to register your family members and even children and infants. The idea behind having this membership drive is to show our number following to influential individuals and groups to ensure that we are not deprived of our basic right as the original inhabitants of Bombay.

#### FREE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OF MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

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- \*Volunteers welcome to garner membership in their villages
- \*Special award for those who register maximum members
- \*For membership forms and more information you may call

Alphi: 9820087771

#### MGP Members Privileges

- \*Discount upto 50% at Mobai Bhavan, Manori
- \*Attractive discounts on some products and services at East Indian Bazaar
- \*No courier charges on El books and some goodies
- \*Gaothan Voice The East Indian Magazine will be delivered at your Doorstep

# MGP NEWS ISLAND

## THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

## MGP ANNOUNCES NEW STRUCTURE

Panchayat (MGP) organized its new structure basis the participation of its active members. The MGP Core Action Team(MCAT) will consist of Alphi Dsouza, Gleason Barretto and Sybil Rodrigues. The MGP Action Committee will also work closely with the MCAT to ensure the MGP projects and initiatives run smoothly. MCAT will keep in regular touch and each member will coordinate for around 10 MGP projects MGP have also invited prominent community members to be a part of the MGP Advisory Panel(MAP). The MAP will give their inputs and advice on various plans for the East Indian Community. The MAC team will participate actively in MGP functioning by taking up atleast one MGP project. The names of these projects, the Project coordinators and the project teams will be announced once the same is finalized. MGP team will have regular reviews on these projects to ensure their effectiveness.

## MGP RELEASES MASCOT FOR THE **YEAR 2017**

GP released its Mascot for the first time ever nicknamed, Chimbora which means crab in the East Indian Dialect. During various meetings and family gatherings the community was always referred to as Chimboryachi jaath(crab culture) which meant community members pulled others down like the Crab and did notwant to see anyone grow The MGP Mascot, Chimbora will work to be a different Crab which will work towards raising the East Indian Community to greater

heights. The theme for the year 2017 is "Uplift! Empower! Restore! Revive!" The MGP Mascot will continue to make announcements on initiatives and happenings in connection to the theme.

## VIBHAG SARPANCHES APPOINTED FOR THE FIRST TIME

s a part of the restructure and with the end of the term of the MGP Sarpanches a plan for a new MGP structure for better local management was announced. The MGP Core Team decided to appoint only the youth under the age of 35 as Sarpanches and those above 35 years can be appointed as Paatils. With this announcement we only have two Vibhag Sarpanches appointed, Ryner Desai for Dharavi Beth and Franco Patil for Mobai. Sachin Kinny from Worli continues to serve as the Paatil of Worli Village. To ensure active participation and leadership the performance of the newly appointed Sarpanches and Paatils will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. MGP thanks all the past Sarpanches for being a part of our team and wishes them the very best in their future activities. The first MGP Gaothan Shakha at Bhayendar will be opened in the coming months.

## DHARAVI BETH MASSIVE MORCHA AT MMRDA

he local villagers gathered in thousands to oppose the MMRDA tourism plan at the MMRDA office at Bandra on 3rd February. East Indians from Vasai, Dharavi Beth and Bombay joined the morcha in large numbers to oppose the plan which will damage the region. MGP was represented by Alphi Dsouza, Sachin Kinny, Walter Murzello and Bernard Miranda. MGP massive morcha for doing the very best AMAZON to save their villages.

INTERNATIONAL MAI **BOLI DAY** TO BE CELEBRATED BY MGP IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ANAM PREM ON TUE 21 FEB AT KAKA BAPTISTA EAST INDIAN MUSEUM AT 4PM WITH DINNER ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

## ONE LINERS

GP RELEASES GUIDELINES FOR ERANGAL CHA SANN APPRECIATED BY THE COMMUNITY AS A PART OF THE REVIVE THEME

LYDE HENRIQUES DISPLAYS SPECIALLY DESIGNED PASSENGER BOAT IN AN EXHIBITION AT NSE

GP GETS READY FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL EAST INDIAN RALLY

GP FACILITATES MULNNIVASI REKLA GAARA SANGHATANA

INDIAN COUZINHA SETS UP STALL AT KALA GHODA congratulates the organisers of this - BOTTLE MASALA NOW ON

## EAST INDIAN AGENDA 2017

## CENTRAL - STATE GOVERNMENT & MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

## Central and State Government

- 1. Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian community
- 2. Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass
- 3. Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
- 4. Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
- 5. Manori Gorai Uttan Tourism Plan to be scrapped
- 6. East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
- 7. Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates
- 8. East Indian Bhavan in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad
- 9. 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
- 10. No Property tax for East Indian Gaothan Houses.

## Other Demands

- 11. Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community housing projects in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans
- 12. Tour Packages and discounts for Travel to Holy Places outside India
- 13. Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni, twice a week
- 14. Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans
- 15. Cremation grounds to be allotted at all locations with a catholic majority
- 16. Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
- 17. East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government
- 18.Our traditional Recklas and Gaaras(horse carriages/bullock carts) to be permitted in Gaothans and permission to be granted for Horse/bullock cart races at festive events.

## Municipal Corporation

- 1. Regularisation of all Holy Crosses in the East Indian Gaothans and their vicinity
- 2. Harassment by BMC officers to be immediately stopped during house repairs
- 3. East Indian Municipal Corporator to be nominated to represent the city basis elections amongst East Indian Community
- 4. No tax to be levied for East Indian Gaothan houses.
- 5. Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure
- 6. Roads, bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look
- 7. East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each BMC ward
- 8. Space to be allotted for Community Centre at each East Indian Gaothan
- 9. Gaothan Infrastructure to be improved
- 10. Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Gaothan civic projects

## EAST INDIAN AGENDA 2017

## Archdiocese and East Indian Associations - Activists

## Archdiocese

- 1. 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
- 2. Closure of Uttan Dumping ground
- 3. Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties and existing properties going for redevelopment
- 4. 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
- 5. Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians
- 6. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect every week
- 7. Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan
- 8. East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
- 9. St. Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
- 10. Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups

## Other Demands

- 11. Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops
- 12. Space to be provided for East Indian businesses in parish property
- 13. East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings
- 14. Development projects, Monopoly for hired halls, quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses
- 15. Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund

## East Indian Associations and Activist

- 1. Education support through scholarships and discounts in courses
- 2. Medical support through full or partial assistance
- 3. Ration scheme for poor East Indian families
- 4. East Indian Village office to be set up to assist locals in various projects and matters
- 5. Special and Exclusive East Indian Community Television Channel
- 6. Business network to be encouraged to promote East Indian businesses
- 7. Sports projects to be launched to promote talented youngsters
- 8. East Indian food restaurant to be opened
- 9. Signages to be installed at various East Indian gaothans giving information and history on the gaothan
- 10. Promotional books and CDs to be released to promote East Indian culture and tradition

## EAST INDIAN AWARDS 2017

## 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 of promoter of Education.

#### 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 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 bought 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.

## 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 Sports Person of the Year

Many rom 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.

# EAST INDIAN RALLY 2017

## Bhaari Avaaz Konacha, East Indian Maansacha

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 East Indian Community has been a silent community and various authorities have taken us for granted. If we do not speak up our community 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 500 community members and around 30 East Indian organization's to support this Annual Rally. All East Indians from Bombay, Dharavi Beth, Vasai, Thane and Raigad are invited to participate.

Date : Sunday, 5th March 2017

: 10:30am sharp Rosary in East Indian Dialect followed by Rally

Rally Starts from : Mount Mary's Church, Bandra

Rally ends at : St. Stanislaus Ground Floor Hall, 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 and if the concerned authorities cannot fulfill our demands they should give our lands back.

2)Housing quota 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 Sanskriti Gaothan in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad.

5)East Indian Food stalls to be allotted in each gaothan area and municipal ward.

6)No property tax should apply to East Indians, the original owners of Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad.

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 the 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 have not been granted a single benefit. So let us all come together in One Voice, as One East Indian Community and demand what is rightfully ours.

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

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

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

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

\*For details contact 9820087771/9930229742/7506175302

## East Indian Associations Supporting East Indian Rally 2017

- 1. All Friends Association, Bhayendar
- 2. Bassein East Indian Association, Vasai
- 3. Bhayander East Indian Gavki Mandal
- 4. Catholic Welfare Association, Versova
- 5. Dahanu East Indians
- 6. Dahisar Borivali East Indian Marathi Association
- 7. Dharavi Beth Bachav Samiti
- 8. Dongri Chowk Koli Samaj
- 9. Dongri East Indian Federation
- 10. East Indian Cultural and Welfare Association, Mira Road
- 11. East Indian Catholic Owners Association, Worli
- 12. East Indian Welfare Association, Kirol
- 13. Gauthans Active Residents Association of Juhu
- 14. Gorai Manav Mitra Mandal
- 15. Goregaon East Indian Association
- 16. Holy Cross Group, Uran
- 17. Juhu Welfare Association
- 18. Kanjur Gaothan Catholic Association

- 19. Khar East Indian Welfare Association
- 20. Kharodi Gaokari Sanghatana
- 21. Kolovery Welfare Association
- 22. Madh Island East Indian Welfare Association
- 23. Marouli East Indian Welfare Association
- 24. Matharpacady Residents Welfare Association
- 25. Mobai Gaothan Panchayat
- 26. Mulnivasi Rekla Gaara Sanghatna
- 27. Oshiwara East Indian Association
- 28. Pali Welfare Association, Uttan
- 29. Sion Mulgami East Indian Association
- 30. St. Jerome Youth Committee, Gorai
- 31. St.John's East Indian Community, Marol
- 32. Thane East Indian Association
- 33. United Social Welfare Association, Kurla
- 34. Vakola East Indian Association
- 35. Vile Parle Catholic Welfare Association
- 36. Young Boys Welfare Association, Chakala

## EAST INDIAN SANN 2017

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) is glad to announce plans for its Eighth Annual Festival for the EastIndian 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:-



- \*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 CEO, Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771 or Sybil Rodrigues on 9930229742.

## **EAST INDIAN DIRECTORY 2017**

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/-Four colour full page - Rs.10,000/-Full page(B/W) - Rs.2000/-

Inside Covers - Rs.25,000/-Four colour half page - Rs.6,000/-Half page(B/W) - Rs.1000/-

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

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## EAST INDIAN PUNCH

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## Bhaari Avaaz Konacha! East Indian Maansacha!

The Peace Loving Community will remain Silent no more

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The East Indian Community gets all set to have its 5th Annual Rally to raise our voices against the injustice towards our peace loving community. The first ever rally had a record crowd of around 1000 participants and all present were passionate during the entire walk. Many wanted immediate results and so the numbers varied year after year. No community has won their rights overnight so why do East Indians expect miracles? As a community it's good to have expectations but they just cannot be fulfilled overnight, it may take months, years and at times even decades.

The Annual Rally is organized to create awareness that we are the original inhabitants of Bombay. Each family should send atleast one member to represent their family and village. It's a day to show our solidarity towards our community and its issues. With the Municipal elections just around the corner it's an ideal time to connect with the political parties to fulfill our demands

The East Indian Community Agenda has been released for some years now and just a few have been fulfilled. There is still a long list to be fulfilled by the Political parties and the Archdiocese. MGP has met various representatives and there has been a little movement on this front. We have been patiently waiting for a meet with the Archdiocese to discuss our demands for the last 2 years but there has been no response.

The East Indian Agenda is an open invitation to all influential community members to discuss these demands with the authorities. We are sure that if all those who have the connect do the needful we can see a better movement on this front. MGP has been connecting with many such people and if things go right we may very well have a dedicated meeting team who will keep on coordinating with respective authorities.

This year's rally will be a show of strength for our community. We expect more reklas, gaaras and tangas to join us with the launch of the Mulnivasi Rekla Gaara Sanghatna. Around 500 community members will join proudly with East Indian flags and donning East Indian paper caps led by the young bikers. The megaphones will echo with slogans like "Amhi Sagli Ek Haun", "You Gaav Konacha, East Indian Mansacha", "Parat kara parat kara, Zaaga Zamini parat kara" and this years slogan "Bhaari Avaaz Konacha, East Indian Maansacha".

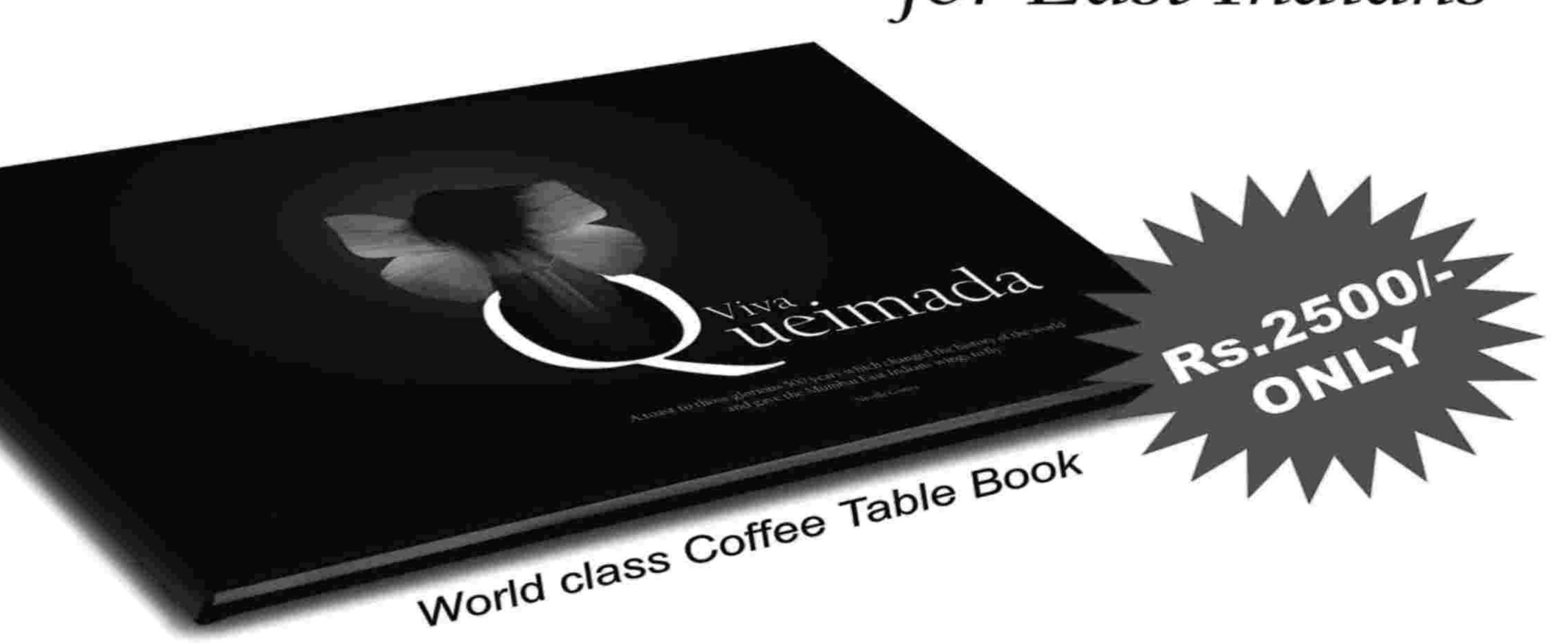
The East Indians were a strong and fun loving community. While we were having fun, the migrant community and the authorities snatched our lands. Fun times are now over and it's time to show that we are strong and brave. It's time to take back our lands or demand incentives, benefits and privileges. The Sons-of-soil indigenous community will speak aloud in a strong voice as we proclaim that we are the original inhabitants and we have a basic right which has to be granted.

Our plan to Uplift, Empower, Restore and Revive won't end here but we need to do much more. All likeminded people will come together to fulfil our dream to take our community to greater heights. We need to keep our options open and not just depend on the authorities who have taken away what rightfully belongs to us. The peace loving community will remain Silent no more. Calling each one of you to join us at the rally, each additional community member at the rally will make an increase in our count. Together we will make a difference with the presence of God. Yes we can!

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