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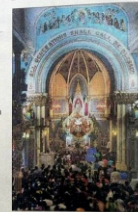
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**DNA**  
DAILY NEWS & ANALYSIS

**East Indians to bring  
back 250-yr-old tradition**

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Reliving its over 250-year-old tradition, the East Indian community in the city will be marching to wardh Bandra's Mount Mary on September 16, Saturday.



According to the community, they will be reviving the tradition dated back to 1761 when the Mount Mary statue was carried in procession, by the natives, from Malini Church to Bandra. The initiative is organised by the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat with an aim to revive the tradition which their forefathers followed.

A procession named 'Mot Mauli Panchayat' (Mount Mary Procession) will be carried out from Malini Church to Mount Mary's Church in Bandra.

Speaking about the procession, Alpi Dsouza, head surgeon and spokesperson of Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, said, "The tradition goes back to 1761. However, the community slowly started discontinuing the tradition. Community members stopped the tradition due to various reasons such as urbanisation, relocation from one place to another. In order to bring back the tradition, after over 100 years, we want to revive the tradition."

## East Indian Community Native Devotions



Mount Mary devotion was first started in Bandra, Mumbai and St.Gonsalo Garcia was born in Bassein and is an East Indian Patron Saint.

MGP has observed that both these devotions are not actively supported by the East Indian Community though they have the Perfect East Indian Connect.

MGP appeals to all like-minded individuals and Groups to promote these Native Devotions. A Token of Appreciation will be given to those who promote these Native Devotion

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# EAST INDIAN APPEAL

## Every Hand Matters ! Every Rupee Counts!

### East Indian Museum

#### Promoting Culture and Tradition

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) has been trying its best for allotment of land for the East Indian Bhavan and this could take a couple of years or even decades. There is an urgent need to create awareness about our culture and the Museum is one great way. MGP has opened an East Indian Museum at Mobai Bhavan, Manori. The Basic Plan of the East Indian Museum had an estimated cost of around Rs.9 lacs and the Dream Project could cost much more. We appeal to you to help us in recovering costs for the 6th Phase to be released in May 2018. 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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**Savings Account no. – 15620**

**IFSC code - CCBL0209016**

**\*pls mention your name in your funds transfer**

**For more details you may contact 9820087771.**

### EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND

#### Support in Education, Medical and other Emergencies

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 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
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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 [mghpmobai@gmail.com](mailto:mghpmobai@gmail.com). Sponsors are welcome at Rs.5000 each and the names of the sponsors will be mentioned on one common page in the East Indian Dictionary.*



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MobaiGaathanPanchayat(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. 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

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## THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

### MGP ORGANISES FIRST SPECIAL VISIT TO EAST INDIAN MUSEUM

**M**useum cleaning Day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 : Team MGP consisting of Major Leon Fonseca, Darryl Fernandes, Crysanthus Miranda, Gladys D'Souza, Sybil Rodrigues along with care taker Noel Kinny and Vir Bhadur visited the Museum at Manori. The proceedings began with a short meeting to discuss way forward for the museum and to take it to the next phase. There was suggestion to put some colourful partitions at two or three spots and also to rearrange some of the items. There was a long pending suggestion to charge an entry fee of Rs 10 per visitor to be deposited directly into the box kept for the purpose. Thus an Entry fee of Rs 10 per head was initiated with Major Fonseca inaugurating the same. This was followed by cleaning the various artifacts of the museum by the team with a liquid cleaner provided by the brother of Dadaji of Anam Prem an organisation which spreads love by its service to all sections of society and are associated with MGP for promotion and recognition of Museum..

### MGP TEAM MEETS ARCHBISHOP OF VASAI

**V**asai visit on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 : Met Fr Micheal G, Ms Cynthia Baptista and Team at Abhang Bhavan, Umela Near Papdy. MGP team comprised of Major Leon Fonseca, Crysanthus Miranda and Alphi D'Souza. The discussion among other East Indian issues revolved round the question of how to obtain OBC certificate. Fr Micheal G was surprised as to why nobody did

something about bc when it is so important to our people. Major Fonseca explained the various process to obtain the same and presented a book written by him on obc guidelines to the participants with a promise to follow up the matter soon.

Next we met Arch Bishop Dr Felix Machado along with the Chancellor Fr John Fargos and secretary Fr Richard at Bishop House. Although Bishop was busy he made some time between his meeting and Lunch to meet us. After introducing the MGP team Major Leon Fonseca presented the Bishop with two Books one Viva Queimada by Neville Gomes and the obc Guidelines written by the Major himself. Major explained to Arch Bishop about the Essay Competition organised by MGP on the topic MY Mumbai open to all students of Mumbai and Vasai upto the age of 15 years. We had lunch at the Nishkalanka Convent of Ajmer sisters prepared by the sisters mainly Sr Gloria and Sr Bobina and arranged by John Colaco from Barampur who also coordinated the entire vasai visit for team MGP and also accompanied the team everywhere in vasai. After a sumptuous Lunch with a wide spread of fried fish of three varieties very kindly brought by John Colaco we visited a world class resort known as West Palm Resort at Remedy Gaothan consisting of two pools and many rooms and play and resting areas for the young and not so young to enjoy. Owned and run by Blaise and Smita Pereira who very generously served us hot tea and snacks.

### VAILANKANNI NEWS

#### DOUGLAS LOBO ---

**Vakola** He has been going to Vailankanni Madras along with his family members since last 25 years





continuously. While in Vailankanni he assists in HELPING HANDS an NGO looking after the victims of TSUNAMI and other orphans. The HELPING HANDS has an Ambulance 24 hrs service along with 16 life guards and three motor boats operating during the feast days for protection to pilgrims. He is an activist and Ex MGP Sarpanch of Vakola.

#### EDWIN D'SILVA ---

**KIROL** He is the driving spirit behind the Train to Vailankanni during the feast time.



He visited New Delhi alone and has managed to get permission to start the direct Vailankanni train on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August and return journey on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Sept respectively with the help of Railway Ministers from the time of Jaffer Sharief, Lalu Prasad Yadav and MPs like Gilbert Mendonca, Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena MP and Suresh Prabhu, BJP Railway Minister and many others.

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# EAST INDIAN MASALA

## Recipe

### Chicken Cutlets

500g mince  
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1 boiled potato mashed  
8 flakes garlic minced  
Small piece of ginger  
5 light green chillies  
½ tsp turmeric  
1 tsp garam masala  
1 tbsp fresh sour juice  
2 bread slices without edges  
1egg beaten  
Coriander/ Pudina chopped  
Rawa

Combine mince onion ginger garlic green chillies, turmeric powder a little salt and and pressure cook upto one whistle . now add the crumbled bread, mashed potato, garam masala lime juice and chopped coriander to the cooked mince.

Mix well and then grind to a fine paste transfer to a bowl. Adjust salt Add the egg and mix well. Chill the mixture for about 15 mnts Shape the prepared mince paste into small cylindrical rolls like cocktail sauces or into or balls dip in egg and roll in bread crumbs. Chill for 15mths. Fry till crispy



## East Indian Festivals / Competitions

<b>Food Festival</b> 29th October 2017 Venue : St. Anthony's Church Grnd Place : Vakola Contact person: Alphi 9820087771	<b>Singing Competition</b> 5th November 2017 Venue : Christ the King Church Place : Oshiwara Contact person: Anthony 9819806438	<b>Singing Competition</b> 18th November 2017 Venue : Versova Ground(Nr.Church) Place : Versova Contact person: John Buthello 9167166011	<b>Singing Competition</b> 3rd December 2017 Venue : Our lady of Fatima Ground Place : Kirol Contact person: Sunny Dsouza 9619923009	<b>Singing Competition</b> 28th January 2018 Venue : Sahar Church Ground Place : Sahar Contact person: Clifton Menezes 9867437511
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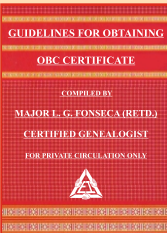


Notes and Beats band releases the single "Sangaat". This East Indian Band is based out of Uttan. The song gets maximum views on YouTube



**KAKA BAPTISTA MEMORIAL DAY**  
At 7.30 am MGP Team consisting of Alphi, Gleason, Sybil, Douglas, Chrysantus, Francis and Oscar paid homage at Kaka Baptista's grave at Sewri Cemetery.

AT 10am MGP member Walter along with local corporator Ms.Sharmila Bagaji Gandoli and Edward Gonsalves of M/s Marina Constructions paid homage at Kaka Baptista's bust at Uttan



A booklet titled "Guidelines for obtaining OBC Certificate" compiled by Major Leon Fonseca was released by Fr.Andrew on 16th of September at St.Peters Church, Bandra during the Procession to Mount Mary. The booklet is now available for FREE with MGP Coordinators across the Gaothans. Contact Sybil on 9930229742 for a copy



MGP Congratulates Brinston Miranda from Vakola for winning the Gold Medal at the 20th Asian Masters Championship, China in the 400mts Hurdles, Timing 1.01.07 sec. Brinston was presented an MGP Award for East Indian Sportsperson of the Year



MGP team met Archbishop Felix Machado at Vasai to discuss regards the Inter School Essay Competition and other issues. MGP representatives at the meet - Major Leon Fonseca, Alphi Dsouza and Chrysanthus Miranda.



MGP released the first-ever Agera hymn in the East Indian Dialect. This hymn is written and composed by famous Singer Cedric Tixeira. The hymn is sung by Tixeira family from Juhu and video by Nelson Patel, Director of the first-ever East Indian film, "Tu Maaza Jeev".

# EAST INDIAN PUNCH

## The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

### We wanted a Thousand, God blessed us with a Million

-Gleason Baretto, Old Kurla

MGP took one of its best initiatives by planning to revive memories of the year 1761 by organizing a procession from Mahim Church to Mount Mary's Church. Being a religious procession we expected around 1000 people to join us at the Mot Mauli Purcussao. The procession was organized on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September and we had spoken to the priests from Mahim Church, St.Peter's Church and Mount Mary's Church, Bandra. The procession was well publicized on social media and so we expected a very good response for this first ever procession to revive memories.

As we approached the procession day the response and support we got was fantastic. Three East Indian Bands offered to play on an honorary basis. We got some good sponsors to cover the basic cost of the procession. The Rekla owner from Bandra also offered to decorate the cart from his side. Things were just falling in place. We only faced great difficulty in purchasing the statue of Mount Mary. We had to finally go ahead with a statue of 1 feet.

The big day arrived and Valentine Music Makers played the best of hymns at Mahim Church in the presence of a few volunteers and passerbys who stopped over. We then left in procession led by the beautifully decorated Rekla accompanied by bikes and cars. As we reached St.Peter's Church two more East Indian Bands, Velankanni band – Pond and St.Blaise Band – Parle. Our community members had also gathered to join the procession. We got lesser response than expected with around 200 people but it was good turnout considering the short time we had to publicize. The procession then started with the East Indian bands and the Rekla giving the procession a great attraction to all Bandra Fair devotees and Bandra residents.

As the procession entered the Church all three bands played a hymn together in conclusion. The priest welcomed all who attended the procession but did not make a mention on the Revival of memories nor the group which took this initiative. The procession was organized to make the devotees and locals aware about Bandra Fair and its connect to the Native East Indian Community. The organizing members were a little disappointed on being ignored as if announcement was made around 2000 people present for Holy Mass would have been aware of this procession and the revival of memories. We knew that the authorities have issues and so need to be careful on making announcements.

When we stepped out we were in for a surprise as 2 newspapers, Times of India and DNA had covered the procession very nicely. To add icing to the cake another report on the procession was covered in the next couple of days in Hindustan Times. Together the readership of these newspapers is more than an million. It was a clear message to MGP trying its level best to promote and create awareness of East Indian Culture and Tradition that if we have good intentions we will always succeed.

In our communication to authorities we have always ended with the line, "If God is With Us, We Will Succeed". This time for sure God was with us and he blessed us not once or twice but three times. We had small expectations of being known to 2000 people inside the Church Compound but God blessed us with a more than a million readers spread across Mumbai city irrespective of caste, creed or religion. This great sign from God has encouraged us to create a New East Indian Tradition by organizing the Mount Mary Procession every year.

We thank all those who continue to Support and Pray for us. The road we have in front of us is challenging but your prayers will help up move forward with dedication and confidence. We appeal to all our community members to do their little bit to take our community forward with a good heart. We expected an awareness on our Procession amongst a few thousands and God Blessed US with More Than a Million. If God Is With Us, We Will Succeed. Sukhala!

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