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- 1)Gaothans - Demarcation, Special DCR, Preservation, Restoration.
- 2)Holy Crosses - Protection and Preservation
- 3)East Indian Bhavan/ Reetiñ Gaothan - land to be allotted
- 4)East Indian Dictionary - Promotion & Preservation of dialect
- 5)East Indians to be recognised as Sons-of-soil
- 6)Kaka Baptista to be recognised and memorial dedicated to our Freedom Fighter.
- 7)plans shared for the first ever SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV.

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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 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:-

Special Donors - Rs.10,000/-

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

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For more details you may contact 9820087771.

EAST INDIAN SANN 2018 14th January 2018 to 11th February 2018

Proposed Event Line Up

Sr.No.	Name of Event	Venue	Gaothan
1	Baravi Cha Sann	St.Bonaventure Church	Erangal
2	Theme Dinner	The Bagel Shop	Bandra
3	East Indian Leaders Summit	Manuel Gonsalves/Cloud 9	Bandra
4	East Indian Awards and Cultural Show	St.Andrews Auditorium	Bandra
5	St.Gonsalo Garcia Day	East Indian Museum	Manori
6	East Indian Olympics	Juhu Beach	Juhu
7	East Indian Food Festival	Tulip Star/Church Grounds	Juhu
8	East Indian Heritage Walk	Dharavi beth	Uttan
9	Aitwar Baazaar - Sunday Bazaar	Vakola/Kalina	Vakola/Kalina
10	Introze	Sahar	Sahar
11	East Indian Exhibition	Khotachiwadi	Khotachiwadi
12	East Indian Photography Competition	East Indian Museum	Manori
13	East Indian Poster Competition	East Indian Museum	Manori
14	Nasik Cha Sann	Infant Jesus Church	Nasik
15	East Indian Sola	East Indian Museum	Manori

To participate, volunteer, organize, sponsor or donate please contact 7506175302/9820087771/9930229742

EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE

Date – Saturday, 25th November 2017

Venue – Avion Hotel, Vile Parle

The 5th Annual East Indian Conclave will be attended by around 40 community members. The participants will comprise of Professionals, Experts and Activists. The East Indian Agenda 2018 will also be announced at the Conclave basis online survey responded by more than 200 community members.



Bernard Miranda was an active MGP member and supported us at all our activities and Meetings. We will surely miss his support.

MGP offers condolences to his family members and assures them of our Prayers. May his soul rest in Peace



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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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Apangseva GROUP of 80 handicapped people reached home safe on 20th Oct.! Though 8 of them were on eheelchairs, they had many rare experiences. Comfortable stay at Agnel Ashram, Verne and Marathi Mass at Bon Yesu Church! The Goan onlookers noticed that the group inspite of their handicaps, was dressed well. They seemed to say, "We want dignity not sympathy!" Benefactors like Mr. Lorenzo Braganza made the trip economically pliable. The expensive boat cruise with the whole group dancing was the climax. It was sponsored by Mr. Niel Monteiro. The Welcome accorded by Mr. Elvis Gomes AAP CM Candidate & his associate Mr. Walmiki Naik at the Goa Cruise Jetty trully honored the group! 3 days were full of activities roaming in all parts of Goa!

While returning The director Cynthia Baptista thanked at Chiplun all who helped the 32nd venture in one way or the other!

ST ROQUE ORGANISATION WADALA CELEBRATE CENTENARY

Mr Herbert Barretto president of St Roque committee invited MGP for the celebration . a packed audience of 600-700 were seated in the ground awaited us at St Josephs School ground wadala .There was a beautiful programme on stage dances by the uttan group and also local ladies in lugra sang and danced . There were many dignitaries on stage and all of us were felicitated with bouquet and a trophy with recepients name embossed on it . We thanked Mr Herbert and his brother Louis Barretto for inviting and honouring us .

MGP TEAM MEETS BISHOP ALLWYN D'SILVA

We met Bishop Allwyn at St pius Seminary Goregaon . MGP was represented by Walter Murzello, Gleason Barretto and Alphi D'Souza . We had a preset agenda sent to Bishop earlier. We spoke of the Gorai church and a need to find a closure to the belfry issue as suggested by the archdiocese Heritage committee . We also apprised Bishop of the Mount Mary procession which was restarted by MGP after 250 years . The procession began from St Micheals Church Mahim with Fr Borges blessing the Mount Mary Statue via St Peters church was taken in a Tonga to Mount Mary Basilica . We were joined by a sizable audience including the irmaos of st Peters Confraternity and Fr Andrew who led the prayers at St Peters .The long pending need for a stall at Mount Mary during the feast for East Indians was stressed at the meeting with Bishop . The East Indian culture promotion at Parish level was also discussed with Bishop Allwyn.The meeting ended with an invite to Bishop Allwyn to attend the MGP Conclave to be held at Hotel Avion on Saturday 25th November 2017 which the Bishop readily agreed to grace .



EX MLA KRISHNA HEGDE MEETS MGP MEMBERS.

On 15th Oct 2017 the MGP team consisting of Mr Alexander D'Souza , Ashley Rodrigues , Gleason Barretto and Alphi D'Souza met Krishna Hegde

and shared with him the concerns facing East Indians in Mumbai . The points touched upon were East Indian Bhavan in and around Mumbai or atleast at Dharavi belt . Unnecessary Demolition of Holy crosses which are over 100 years old . Demarkation of Gaothan limits need to be done on war footing . Also we requested Krishna Hegde if he could arrange for a meet with the CM .

MGP TEAM MEETS CM

When we Alphi D'Souza, Gleason Barretto, Alexander D'Souza and Ashley Rodrigues met Ex MLA Krishna Hedge on 15th October 2017 and discussed various issues plaquing East Indians we requested him to seek an appointment with the CM and by sheer coincidence we got an appointment at 8.30 pm the same day at Varsha . The CM was very receptive and listened to us patiently . MGP was represented by Gleason Barretto and Alphi D'Souza .The points brought to his notice were the need for an East Indian Bhavan, the demolition of Crosses which were over 100 years old, need for a sarvajanic Kristh Janmsth celebrations on the lines of Ganesh chaturthi as started by Kaka Baptista and popularized by Lokmanya Tilak .We also touched on the need for boundaries for our Gaothans so as to implement the Gaothan policy by the state Government and B M C .

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EAST INDIAN MASALA

Aatola

1kg new rice
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2 coconuts (juice to be extracted n kept aside)
8 -10 cardamom (remove the shell and crush the seeds)
½ kg jaggery / you may add more as per taste.



Method

Cook the black eyed beans (chavali) in sufficient water in a vessel, when it's half cooked add the rice and sufficient water for the rice to cook. Once rice is cooked you can add the coconut juice, jaggery, crushed cardamom n cook for a while n put off the gas. Serve when hot.

East Indian Festivals / Competitions

Singing Competition

30th November 2017

Venue :

Chimbai Village Jetty

Place : Chimbai

Contact person:

Daven Kandoria 9819283727

Singing Competition

3rd December 2017

Venue :

Our lady of Fatima Ground

Place : Kirol

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Sunny Dsouza 9619923009

Singing Competition

28th January 2018

Venue :

Sahar Church Ground

Place : Sahar

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Clifton Menezes 9867437511

SARVAJANIK KRIST JAMNOTSAV 2017 The First Ever Public Christmas Festival of Maharashtra

Kaka Baptista, An East Indian Freedom Fighter was a close confidante of Lokmanya Tilak. He assisted Tilak actively during the Sarvajanik movement. As a fitting tribute to his active involvement in the Sarvajanik movement we have decided to name the Christmas Programme under this Unity theme. The Sarvajanik Krist Janmotav is dedicated to our freedom fighter, Kaka Baptista and his close connect with Lokmanya Tilak.

This Christmas Festival will promote Unity and Diversity amongst the General Public. There will be Celebration at the State and City level and this being the first-ever time it is done we may limit it to some few cities and zones.

Highlights

- City Level Inter-Church Crib Competition
- Ward/Assembly Level Christmas Crib Competitions
- All Groups/Associations/Societies can be a part and support this Festival
- Special Events to be lines up on a local level by Groups and Associations

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MGP Team Meets the Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Gleason Barretto,
Old Kurla Gaothan

Saturday, 21st October 2017 will be one of the most important dates for Mobai Gaothan Panchayat and the East Indian Community. It began just like a normal day with a scheduled meet with our Ex-MLA Krishna Hegde to discuss about the East Indian Community issues. It was a detailed meet on various issues which lasted for more than an hour. Alphi Dsouza, Alexander Dsouza and I was present at this meeting.

MGP team covered all the important topics beginning with the Gaothans, the promotion of culture and not forgetting our Holy Crosses. MGP offered all the support Krishna would require from us. The meet ended on a good note with Krishna assuring us of all support required for our community issues. At 5:45pm the same day got a call from Krishna stating that he has an appointment with the Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis at 8:30pm. We had to get our letters ready addressed to the CM and leave from Vakola at 7:10pm. Alphi and I got on the job to get things ready well in time. Krishna was kind enough to pick us up in his SUV from Vakola. As we travelled we discussed about the points to be taken up and we were told we would get just around 10 minutes.

At around 8:15pm we reached the CM Residence, Varsha. We waiting at the reception area planning on the points that were to be discussed at the meet. At around 8:30pm we were called in for the meeting. As soon as we entered and shook hands with the CM he offered us sweets. The tray had a variety of sweets and I being fond of sweets took a piece of my favourite Kaju Katli. The CM personally offering sweets was a great sign of his humility. The CM gave us more time that we should have got as soon as he got to know of our sons-of-soil status. The meeting which should have been for around 10 minutes lasted for around half an hour.

The points covered at the CM Meet with MGP were:

1. GAOTHANS – Demarcation, Special DCR, Preservation, allow SITU development, simplified repair permissions, Implementation of Gaothan Extension Scheme, Gaothan Restoration Project
2. HOLY CROSSES – Protection and Preservation Holy Crosses that have been there for decades and have a significance of saving our city during famine and disease
3. EAST INDIAN BHAVAN/REETIN GAOTHAN – This Model Culture Village(Reetin Gaothan) will house an East Indian Bhavan, Typical East Indian houses, special village themes street furniture, occupation space, wells and other special inclusion in an East Indian Gaothan. This will be a place to promote East Indian Culture and Tradition and hence suggest that the State Government allot land within Mumbai city limits or in Manori-Gorai-Uttan region.
4. SONS-OF-SOIL RECOGNITION – The East Indian Community were originally called Agris, Kunbis, Bhandaris and Kolis. Together all these communities later came to be called the East Indian Community
5. DIALECT PROMOTION – The State Government to assist us with promotion of East Indian Dialect which consist of a majority of words in Marathi. MGP also shared the plans for the Dictionary.
6. DEDICATION TO KAKA BAPTISTA – Our Community Freedom Fighter, Kaka Baptista was closely associated with Lokmanya Tilak in penning the line, “Swaraj is my Birth Right” and also actively supported the Sarvajanic Ganeshotsav initiative. Kaka Baptista to be recognized and projects to be dedicated to him.
7. SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV – MGP shared its plans for the first-ever Christmas Celebrations, Sarvajanic Krist Janmotsav.

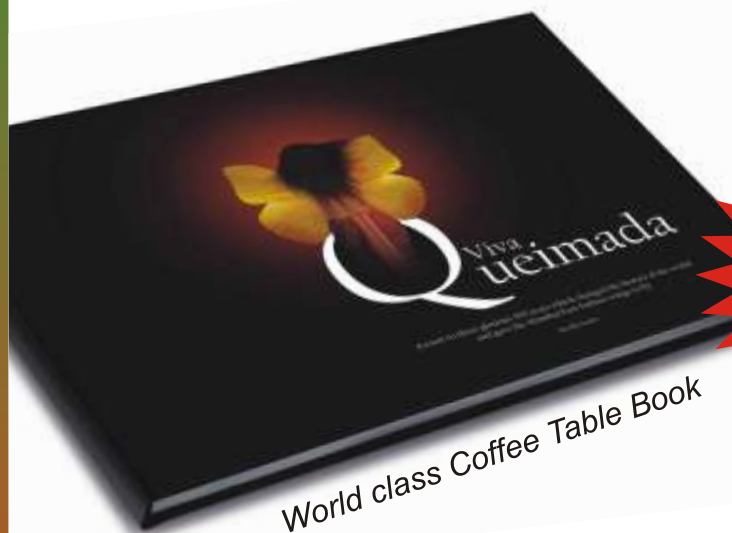
The Meet with the CM was a great one and has surely given us great learnings of Humility, Giving Time to Those Who Matter, Importance of History, Good Listening Skills, Promotion of Culture and Tradition. The CM listened patiently to whatever we shared about our community and was receptive throughout the meet.

The East Indian Community looks forward to support from the State Government of Maharashtra. Special Thanks to Ex-MLA and BJP Mumbai Vice President, Krishna Hegde for arranging this meeting at very short notice and to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis for giving us his precious time for this Meeting.



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