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THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

MGP Team Meets with MLA Ameet Satam

The MGP Team had a confidential meet with MLA Ameet to plan way forward for the Gaothans and the East Indian Community. Some of the issues faced by the Catholic Community were also discussed. Ameet assured the East Indian Community of his support and will meet us at regular intervals.

Charmaine Dsouza wins Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the Christian Chamber of **Commerce and Industry Excellence Awards.**

Charmaine Dsouza won the prestigious Award at The Christian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Excellence Awards. The Award was presented by MP Gopal Shetty. Charmaine is a Nutritionist and Director of Charmaine's Good Health Always Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. and has over 28 years of experience in the field of holistic healing based primarily on the therapeutic properties herbs and spices. Charmaine is an East Indian Community member from Amboli.

Orlem Heritage Cross Reinstalled

Great things happen when God mixes with us! This was proved true when "God's Angels" cutting across party lines and different faiths, worked to reinstall the 213 year old Orlem Bazaar Cross in its original place. Few months ago some unknowledgeable persons had dismantled this Holy Cross in undue haste.

MGP expresses its gratitude to Deepak More (SS Shaka Pramukh) along with Nevada Putman and our MGP member Bonnie Pereira (SS). This happening was possible because of support from the scores of other supporters, who worked to achieve this

MGP organizes First-ever **East Indian Bands Meet**

An East Indian Event is incomplete without a Band and to encourage more community members to join the Bands MGP organized a meet at Kirol. The Bands representatives from various bands attended this meet -

Valentine Music Makers- Kirol, St. Anthonys Band - Kanjur, St Francis Band-Kanjur, Rangers Band-Kurla and Our Lady Velankanni Band-Parle. This Meet was organised by MGP to preserve and protect our bands with a strong cultural connect.

Points discussed were:

1.Bands Way Forward - training to be held by connecting with Band Masters. Thanks to Alan Master for his inputs. Training to start at Parle thru Wilburn. Announcements to be made in Church about the training plan and thru social media. Encourage our youth to join Bands

2.Umbrachapani - Bands to stop play if Water, eggs or shining powder thrown on them. Efforts to request host to follow our cultural practices and not create Bad image by misbehaving on roads

3.Bands Annual meet - all bands to be invited to play and promote East Indian Bands and their cultural connect with Maharashtra and Mobai

4. Next meet to be held in Lenten season.

MGP team meets Fr Gonsalo Pereira Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sea church Madh Island

to set up a stall for Baravicha Sann

MGP team Crysanthus Miranda and Alphi Dsouza met Fr Gonsalo Pereira Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sea church Madh Island and Mr Cedric Miranda to set up a stall on the feast of St Bonaventure at Erangal Baravicha Sann on Sunday 14 th January 2018 to mark the inaugural of MGP Sann 2018. We thank Fr Gonsalo Pereira and Cedric Miranda for their cooperation.



Mr.Agne lPereira (Agu) 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

Special Community Calendars 2018

MGP is glad to announce that this year we have 2 East Indian Community theme based calendars both prices at Rs.150/- each 1. East Indian Calendar 2018

This is the 15th edition of the Calendar designed by Jude and Marie Concessio from Bandra. Inspite of various challenges they continue to release the Calendar year after year. To order your copy you call Jude on 7045485262

2. Calendar 2018 - Old Houses of Giriz Parish, Vasai

This is the very first calendar released by the East Indian Memory Co. paying tribute to the ageing yet marvellous old East Indian homes of Giriz, Parish in Vasai. To order you may message on 92844 37657

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The First-Ever Mega Christmas Festival of Maharashtra

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

Highlights of SKJ 2017:

- •This celebration is dedicated to Kaka Baptista, our Community Freedom Fighter who played an active role in organizing the Sarvajanik Movement along with Lokmanya Tilak
- •All Association and Groups who organize Christmas activities or make Community Cribs can contact us as supporting groups in this Movement. We target around 50 groups to support us.
- •A Special Inter-Church Crib Competition is being organized for the first-time on an All Mumbai level. We plan to have similar competitions in other cities in Maharashtra
- •Christmas Competitions are also being encouraged on parish, ward, assembly and city level
- •MGP team along with Ex-MLA Krishna Hegde briefed the Maharashtra Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis a month back on this theme-based Christmas Celebration plan and he was impressed with our initiative on the Sarvajanik theme.

SKJ 2017 is an initiative by Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, represented by the Native East Indian Community.

Inter-Church Crib Competition (Open to all Churches in Mumbai)

- Three Best Cribs will be presented with a Trophy
- The Church Representative to send 3 to 5 photographs of the Church Crib
- •The Crib will be selected basis overall looks, theme, inclusions and any other important features
- •Basis the Cribs shortlisted the Selection Panel may visit the Churches

Gaothan Crib Competition (Open to all Gaothans in Mumba)

- •Three Best Cribs will be presented with a Trophy
- •The Group Crib Representative to send 3 to 5 photographs of the Church Crib
- The Crib will be selected basis overall looks, theme, inclusions and any other important features
- •Basis the Cribs shortlisted the Selection Panel may visit the Community Crib

The entries may be sent to <u>eastindianoffice@gmail.com</u>. For details you may call 9820545302

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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.

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EAST INDIAN SANN 2018

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) was established on 24th March 2010 to create awareness and fulfill the needs of the East Indian Community, Sons-of-Soil of Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad. We have around 100 village coordinators across East Indian Gaothans.

As on date we have around 30 initiatives aimed towards uplifting and empowering the East Indian Community. Our theme for the Year 2018 is to Create Awareness – Locally Nationally and Internationally. Gaothan Voice is our East Indian Magazine, through which we highlight community issues while striving to preserve and protect East Indian Culture and Gaothans. Gaothan Voice is now has a readership of 50,000 community members across Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad.

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat(MGP) is glad to announce plans for its Ninth Annual Community Festival, "East Indian Sann 2018". The festival will showcase East Indian Talent, Culture and Tradition. The activities proposed for East Indian Sann 2018 are:-



Sr.No.	Name of event	Venue	Gaothan/Village
1.	Baravi Cha Sann	St.Bonaventure Church	Erangal
2.	East Indian Heritage walk	Vasai Fort	Vasai
3.	East Indian House Exhibition	James Ferreira Residence	Khotachiwadi
4.	East Indian Singing Competition	Sahar	Sahar
5.	East Indian Food Festival	St.Andrew's Quadrangle	Bandra
6.	East Indian Heritage Tour	Dharavi Beth	Uttan
7.	St. Gonsalo Gracia Day	East Indian Museum	Manori
8.	East Indian Photography Competition	St.Andrew's Museum & Art Gallery	Bandra
9.	East Indian Poster Competition	St.Andrew's Museum & Art Gallery	Bandra
10.	East Indian Awards& Cultural Show	St.Andrew's Auditorium	Bandra
11.	Theme Dinner	St.Andrew's College Restaurant	Bandra
12.	East Indian Bazaar	St.Andrew's Cafetaria	Bandra
13.	Nashik Cha Sann	Infant Jesus Church	Nashik
14.	Introze	Sahar	Sahar
15.	Gaothan Olympics	Santacruz/Kalina	Santacruz/Kalina

The Sponsor Rates for East Indian Sann 2018 are as follows:

Main Sponsor - Rs.4,00,000/-

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East Indian Conclave 2018















EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE

THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONNECT

East Indian Conclave Theme - Creating Awareness Locally, Nationally and Internationally

The Fifth Annual East Indian Conclave was held at Hotel Avion on Saturday, 25th November to plan the way forward for the sons-of-soil community of Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad. The Conclave started with a brief introduction on the Annual Community Agenda to have a focused approach and to work collectively as professionals, experts and activists. There were 35 participants who were actively involved in brainstorming on the Conclave Theme. Bishop Allwyn Dsilva also attended the East Indian Conclave.

The special speakers for the Conclave based on the Theme based on their expertise were:

- 1) Dr. Prof. Fleur Dsouza (Historian)
- How we got our
- 2) Roger Pereira (Advertising Expert)
- Marketing Strategy
- 3) James Ferreira (Fashion Designer)
- Fashion Statement
- 4) Darryl Dmonte (Former Editor TOI)
- Media Connect

As done every year MGP launched 8 initiatives at the East Indian Conclave and the same were:

- 1) East Indian Special Ambassadors Roger Pereira and James Ferreira
- 2) IEICC Chief International Coordinator Rohan Figueirado Toronto, Canada
- 3) Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav The first-ever Community Christmas Festival for Maharashtra
- 4) East Indian Sann 2018 16 events planned in the Annual Fest scheduled in January/February
- 5) Reetin Reevaj The East Indian Culture Guide
- 6) East Indian Card Special benefits to card holders
- 7) MGP Brochure a Brief on MGP activities, projects and initiatives
- 8) Gaothan Voice a colour copy for all Special Members

The Online Survey results responded by 237 community members for the East Indian Agenda 2018 was also announced with demands to the Central/State Government, Municipal authorities, Archdiocese and the East Indian Activist & Associations. The top three points in the East Indian Agenda were as follows:-

Central/State Government — Simplified OBC certificate process, Special time limit for the traditional Umbrachapani & Midnight Mass and Special job reservations for East Indians. Municipal Corporation — Regularization of Holy Crosses, Stop Harassment by BMC officers during house repairs and East Indian Food Stalls to be allotted

Archdiocese – Properties Donated not to be Sold, Simplified OBC process and Housing Schemes for East Indians on Vacant land & Redevelopment projects

East Indian Associations/individuals — Education Support, Ration Schemes for East Indian Families and Medical Support.

For more details on the Conclave you may call Gleason Barretto on 9820545302 or Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771.

PARTICIPANT	GAOTHAN
Alexander Dsouza	Kurla
Alphi Dsouza	Vakola
Ashley Dmello	Bandra
Audrey Dsouza	Borivli
Avion Misquitta	Vile Parle
Barses Dsouza	Orlem
Belmira Miranda	Vakola
Bishop Allwyn Dsilva	Thane
Cassia Pereira	Amboli
Charleston Gonsalves	Versova
Conrad Coelho	Vakola
Corina Misquitta	Vile Parle
Darryl Dmonte	Bandra
Darryl Fernandes	Gundavli
Fletcher Baptista	Vasai
Fleur Dsouza	Thane
Fr.Micheal G	Vasai
Gleason Barretto	Kurla
Glenn Remedios	Vasai
Gloria Moraes	Marol
Gordon Dsouza	Vile Parle
James Fereira	Khotachiwadi
Joe Rodrigues	Bandra
Ladislaus Pereira	Gundavli
Merck Dsilva	Bandra
Pascal Lopes	Vasai
Penny Miranda	Amboli
Ramson Dias	Chembur
Reena Almeida	Vasai
Rita Rodricks	Bandra
Roger Pereira	Oval
Ruth Miranda	Vakola
Ryan Menezes	Bandra
Sylvester Dsouza	Thane
Vivien Amonkar	Bandra
Walter Murzello	Orlem

EAST INDIAN AGENDA 2018

The Community Demands for the Year 2018

MGP conducted an Online Survey which was responded by 237 Community Members. We thank all those who made time to respond to our Annual Survey to finalize the East Indian Agenda 2018

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. Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates
- 4. East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
- 5. Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
- 6. Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
- 7. Manori Gorai Uttan Tourism Plan to be scrapped
- 8. Revision in the Municipal Tax calculation method for all houses in the Gaothans
- 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. East Indian Bhavan in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad

Other Demands

- 11. Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
- 12. East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government
- 13. Special Tour subsidies for Travel to Holy Places and Pilgrimage Shrines
- 14. Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni, twice a week
- 15. Cremation grounds to be allotted at all locations with a Christian majority
- 16. Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community housing projects in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans
- 17. Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans

Municipal Corporation

- 1. Regularization 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 Food stalls to be approved for each BMC ward
- 4. East Indian Municipal Corporator to be nominated to represent the city basis elections amongst East Indian Community
- 5. Lesser tax to be charged for gaothan homes
- 6. Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure
- 7. Roads, bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look
- 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 2018

The Community Demands for the Year 2018

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. 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
- 3. Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties and existing properties going for redevelopment
- 4. Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians
- 5. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect every week
- 6. Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan
- 7. Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups
- 8. St. Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
- 9. East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
- 10. East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings
- 11. Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops
- 12. Space to be provided for East Indian businesses in parish property
- 13. Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund
- 14. Development projects, Monopoly for hired halls, quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses
- 15. Hall, Grounds and Awards to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in each parish with East Indian majority

East Indian Community and Individuals

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



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EAST INDIAN MASALA

Chocolate Cake Recipe

Chocolate Cake. It's moist and fudgy and will keep well for 4-5 days.

Ingredients For the cake: 225 g / 8 oz plain flour 350g / 12½oz caster sugar 85g/3oz cocoa powder 1½ tsp baking powder 1½ tsp bicarbonate of soda 2 eggs 250ml milk

125ml vegetable oil 2 tsp vanilla extract 250ml boiling water

Ingredients For the chocolate icing: 200g/ plain chocolate 200ml double cream

preparation method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Grease and line two 20cm/8i sandwich tins.
- 2. For the cake, place all of the cake ingredients, except the boiling water, into a large mixing bowl.
- 3. Using a wooden spoon, or electric whisk, beat the mixture until smooth and well combined.
- 4. Add the boiling water to the mixture, a little at a time, until smooth. (The cake mixture will now be very liquid.)
- 5. Divide the cake batter between the sandwich tins and bake in the oven for 25-35 minutes, or until the
- 6. top is firm to the touch and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.
- 7. Remove the cakes from the oven and allow to cool completely, still in their tins, before icing.
- 8. For the chocolate icing, heat the chocolate and cream in a saucepan over a low heat(double boiler)
- 9. until the chocolate melts. Remove the pan from the heat and whisk the mixture until smooth, glossy and thickened.

Set aside to cool for 1-2 hours, or until thick enough to spread over the cake.

- 10. To assemble the cake, run a round-bladed knife around the inside of the cake tins to loosen the cakes.
- 11. Carefully remove the cakes from the tins. Spread a little chocolate icing over the top of one of the chocolate cakes, then carefully top with the other cake.
- 13. Transfer the cake to a serving plate and ice the cake all over with the chocolate icing, using a palette knife

East Indian Festivals / Competitions

Singing Competition 28th January 2018 - Venue : Sahar Church Ground. Place : Sahar Contact person: Clifton Menezes 9867437511

MANPESAR CHA SANN – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, BORIVALI

This Village East Indian Community Festival continues year after year at IC Church, Borivali popularly called Manpesar Cha Sann.

- The Church structure traces its origin back to the fifteenth century, a monument with an historical and national significance. Besides the present Church building are the Mandapeshwar caves which date back to around the year 750-850AD
- · A Franciscan missionary was the founder of this Church in 1547. By October 1548, a number of locals were baptized and a 'devout hermitage' was started at Mount Poinsur.
- ·Around 1630 there were around 1500 parishioners in the Gaothans of Mount Poinsur, Dhainsa (Dahisar), Canary (Kanheri), Simpor and Cassor. Around this time the name of the Church was changed to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception from Our Lady of Piety
- ·The Village Festival is celebrated on the Sunday after the Church feast day on 8 December
- •The Local East Indian Community and from all East Indian Gaothans come in large numbers, following a tradition passed down over the centuries that has seen this Church as a centre for pilgrimage
- •The Village Fair and the Reklas of our community are an added attraction at this Feast like at all other East Indian Village Festivals
- The Kosau Mauli Manpesar Cultural & Welfare Association has organized their 1st East Indian Singing Competition on Sunday 17th December 2017 at 5.00 p.m. sharp at Concescao Grounds.

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MGP Gears up to Organize the first-ever Mega Christmas Festival for Maharashtra

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla Gaothan

Unity is one of the most important needs of the Community in today's scenario across the world. With terrorism and divisions by political groups there us an urgent need for like-minded people to come together irrespective of caste, creed or religion. The World wants Peace and Christmas is the best Festival to spread this message.

The East Indian Gaothans are colourful and vibrant every Christmas with Cribs, Stars, Lights and Decorations on every bylane. The celebration is generally within homes or within the Pakhadis(Hamlets) in the Gaothans. In recent years local associations have done a good job in organizing Christmas Parties for Children and Christmas Competitions to bring all Gaothan residents together. The Celebration needs to go steps further to be organized on a State and Country level. We need to take our community festival to a bigger platform which gave birth to this big initiative.

To fulfil the objective of Peace and Unity, MGP has initiated a Christmas Festival with the Sarvajanik theme. There is a great connect with the Sarvajanik Ganeshotav and our community as Kaka Baptista, a close confidante of Lokmanya Tilak actively helped in organizing the Sarvajanik Festival. Keeping this in mind we planned to organize the first-ever Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav dedicated to Kaka Baptista. The Sarvajanik initiative decades ago was not just about celebration but more about a Movement to come together and create an effective network.

This being the first time we are organizing the Festival, we will start on a small note and lay a foundation to make this festival grow each passing year. There are 4 activities planned this year:

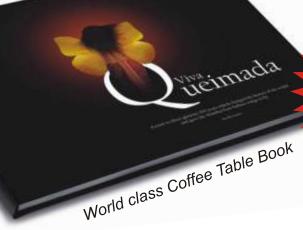
- 1. Groups organizing events or making Cribs to confirm their association with the Janmotsav
- 2. Maharashtra Church Crib Competition(Indoor and Outdoor)
- 3. Gaothan Competitions Crib and Best Decorated Gaothan
- 4. Special Online Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav Quiz

The activities lined up will help us spread the message of Peace and Unity. We expect thousands to be a part of this festival. The Christmas Festival today is celebrated by all irrespective of their religions. With this we plan to encourage all to participate and support in our vision of a United India. All these years we celebrated Christmas events or made Cribs on a local level and with this initiative we plan to make it more vibrant to create an Effective Network of Unity.

This idea was shared in MGP's meet with the Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis and he appreciated this plan. Also the Sarvajanik festival with our Freedom Fighter, Kaka Baptista in the forefront gives this a fitting platform for those who have forgotten our leader.

As MGP gets set to inaugurate the Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav in a small way for the first time we look forward to your support and prayers. We are sure that if we get the support of our community we can grow each passing year and make the festival an exemplary of Unity and Peace. Wishing you a Joyous Christmas and a Peaceful New Year 2018.





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