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## THE EAST INDIAN NEWS CHANNEL

### MGP MESSAGE ON NEW YEARS EVE

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat thanks you all for your Support and Prayers. The Year 2017 was a great one for MGP and the East Indian Community. We thank all those who made 2017 extra special for us. Some of the memorable moments and activities for the year were:

**1. Social Media Communications** – Regular updates on Facebook and WhatsApp on Community News, Festivals, Culture and Tradition

**2. News Coverage** – News articles on the East Indian Community and Gaothans featured throughout the year

**3. East Indian Rally 2017** – Around 500 Community members and 44 East Indian Associations along with 7 reklas supported this Annual Rally

**4. Viva Queimada Essay Competition** – More than 50 schools participated and we got a fantastic response on the theme, "My Mumbai"

**5. Meet with Chief Minister** – MGP Team met the Maharashtra CM, Devendra Fadnavis and some of the points discussed will be fulfilled in the coming months

**6. East Indian Conclave 2017** – All 38 Participants resolved to do their best to Create Awareness about the East Indian Community Locally, Nationally and Internationally

**7. East Indian Sann 2017** – An East Indian Play and East Indian Awards were the highlights of the Annual Festival

**8. Mai Boli Day** – MGP organized this event in association with Anam Prem at the East Indian Museum

**9. Special MGP Releases** – New MGP Logo, East Indian Bands group, Rekla Gaara owners Group, OBC booklet, East Indian Merchandise, Special Ambassadors, IEICC network.

**10. East Indian Special Days** – MGP observed Kaka Baptista Jayanthi, Kaka Baptista Memorial Day and St.Gonsalo Garcia Day

**11. Mot Mauli Purcussao** - MGP revived memories of the Mount Mary procession in 1761 and plans to make this an annual tradition

**12. Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav** – The first ever Mega Christmas Festival of Maharashtra.

We look forward to your continuous prayers and Support. Wishing you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2018.

### EAST INDIAN RALLY 2018 - WILL CONTINUE BUT POSTPONED

The MGP Team cares for the Future of our community, Youth and Children and so the Annual Community Rally will be held this year.

\*MGP's Annual East Indian Rally was generally held on the 1st Sunday of March in Lent

\*Due to MGPs busy schedule in the last 2 months we had to make changes

\*The Rally has been postponed for June/July/August

\*To make up for time lost MGP has planned around 4 meets with concerned authorities by next weekend

\*For the connects with like-minded Association heads, an East Indian Leaders Summit has been planned in the coming months

### GAOTHAN VOICE COMPLETES 15 YEARS IN MARCH

The Month of March is an important one for MGP especially Gaothan Voice

\*In March 2003 the first ever issue of Gaothan Voice was released exclusively for Juhu Gaothan by GARAJ

\*On 1st March 2008 the first ever All Gaothan issue was released of the Gaothan

Voice at Vile Parle

\*Advertise in the Gaothan Voice with a readership of 50,000 spread across more than 100 Gaothans at a minimum of Rs.500/-

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### ST.GONSALO GARCIA DAY

\*MGP plans to build a chapel dedicated to our saint and we appeal for donors for land of around 1000 sq.ft.

\*A plan underway to create special merchandise dedicated to our saint

\*we look forward to your suggestions to promote our Community Saint

\*The Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum will be open on 6th February from 10am to 5pm for Veneration of the statue of St.Gonsalo Garcia.

\*Plans for a Japan Tour to Nagasaki where our saint was crucified. Some details I'm attached article

\*Request to State Government to restore the Bassein Fort especially baptismal font at St.Josephs Church where St.Gonsalo Garcia was baptized around the year 1500

\*Religious articles of our Patron Saint

### TWO MEETS ! ONE GAOTHAN VOICE!

There were 2 important meets held on 8th February by Gaothan activists.

1) Worli residents met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to object on the SRA classification of Worli Gaothan. The CM assured that there will be a special policy for the Gaothans and Demarcation of Gaothans

2) Neil Pereira from Pali Gaothan arranged for a meet with BJP Mumbai President and Bandra West MLA Ashish Shelar to discuss Gaothan issues. Architect David Cardoz and MGP representatives Alphi Dsouza, Chrysantus and Douglas Lobo attended this meeting.



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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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# EAST INDIAN SANN 2018

**Food Festival 2018 :** On Thursday, 1 st February, 2018 the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat organized its annual East Indian Food Festival at the St. Andrews Quadrangle Bandra. There were over 25 Stalls both Food & Non Food ,Michael Swamy, Celebrity Chef picked the best decorated and authentic East Indian food stall which was the Koli Food stall .Traditional food, jewellery, recipe books and lugras were on sale for all Maria Goretti, TV Celebrity Host and former VJ inaugurated the fest, The culture on stage was lit up by East Indian songs belted by Valentine Machado his daughter Lynnette. Besides Rocky , Crompton Tixera also enthralled the crowd in his own style. Pat & Shirley also sang a duet .Our MC Alistar D'Souza rocked the show with the ease he is known for . Sachin Kinny was the backbone of the music and performances like the Koli Dance group . The visit of MLA Ashish Shelar was the high point of the evening. All in all it was a fun filled evening with over 1500 people attending .

## **The East Indian Awards and Cultural Show :**

The East Indian Awards and Cultural Show was held at St. Andrews's Auditorium, Bandra on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018

It began at 7.30 in the evening with awardees and guests arriving all dressed up with glamour and sheen

Valentine Music Makers, an East Indian band performed in the lobby before and in the interval of the show

We could not help swaying to the music and tapping our feet to the beat on the floor

The curtain rose up and the show began with the East Indian Anthem being sung in chorus

It was a proud moment where we all felt we were united by joining in, it was sheer bliss

Alistair hosted the show in his inevitable style of speaking in English and Marathi

When he was roasted by a performer about his weight gain he took it sportingly with glee

Shining Stars Band a cultural group from Uttan put up an amazing performance in sync thanks to Morgan Rodrigues and team

Their Koli dance was truly spectacular people got up from their seats and started dancing before you could blink

Valentine Machado of the 'Darling some love one' fame East Indian

Cedric Tixeira the composer of the East Indian anthem and his wife Jane gave a performance which was lively by far

There were twenty two recipients for the MGP awards this year who had contributed to the community

Prizes were also given to the Christmas competition winners of the best crib, best decorated gaothan (village) and best decorated church in Mumbai city

Reena who was a recipient for the awards twinned with her daughter Tara wearing her own creation

She received numerous compliments and accolades which definitely raised her elation

The evening ended with a East Indian theme buffet dinner at the newly launched 'San Andres' Banquet Hall

The hospitality students of St. Andrew's College under the guidance of Chef Michael Swamy had prepared it all

There was Chicken khudi, Bean Foogath, Rice pulav, Pork sorpotal all East Indian specialties

Dessert was pancakes after which we were busy taking pictures saying 'Cheese'!

Thanks to The Hospitality Students and staff Anthony Joseph ,Micheal Swamy and their Rector Fr Magi Murzello .

Rita Rodricks

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## East Indian Awards & Cultural Nite 2018



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1. Cedric & Jane Tixera at their best

2. East Indian of the Year 2018- Neale Murray (left in the photo) was presented this Award by Adv.Neil Creado, Solicitor at Supreme Court UK & Bombay High Court

3. Koli Performance.

4. East Indian Band of the year 2018 - Valentine Music Makers,Russel Dmello (left on the photo) was presented this Award by Ashish Shelar, Bandra West MLA and BJP Mumbai President.

5. Valentine A Machado and Luvella Stanlon Rodrigues performance

6. East Indian Priest fo the year 2018 -Fr.Magi Murzello (right in this photograph) was presented this Award by Justice Aloysius Aguiar

7. East Indian Sportsperson of the year 2018 - Adv. Ryan Menezes was presented this award by Ex MLA Krishna Hegde

8. Valentine Music Makers Perform at the awards.

9. Reena Almeida received an award of appreciation by Dr. Fleur D'souza for starting the East Indian Memory Co.



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## East Indian Awards & Cultural Nite 2018



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1. Our MGP Star Alistair dsouza Shining Bright
2. East Indian Entrepreneur of the year 2018- Charmaine Dsouza was presented the Award by Fr.Michael G, a Social Activist from Vasai
3. East Indian Activist of the year 2018 - David cardoz was presented the award by Fr. Magi Murzello



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4. East Indian Corporate of the year 2018 - Romell Group was presented the Award by Fr.Vernon Aguiar
5. East Indian Professional of the year 2018 - Dr.Maria Barretto was presented the Award by Fr.Vernon Aguiar

6. Lugra Clad little girl Performing with her troop at the awards nite

7. Dance Performances at the awards nite



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8. East Indian Cross of the year 2018 - Orlem Bazar Cross more 214 years old, Bonnie Pereira who played an important role in Reinstalling the Holy Cross was presented this Award by Ricky Couto.

9. Vote of Thanks by MGP CEO Alphi D'souza



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## East Indian Baazaar 2018

- MGP plans to have this East Indian Community Market at Bandra on every 2nd Saturday of the Month
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1 tbsp. yeast

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## KOREZMA (Korezmam) – MGP Guidelines for Lenten Season

As we begin the Lenten Season, Korezma today we at MGP have listed out guidelines which can help make this time of Prayer and Penance more meaningful.

1. Khurzachi Vaat – Attend the Stations of the Cross held at Church or in the Gaothans at Holy Crosses
2. Maaf – Forgive those who may have hurt you
3. Mees – Attend Holy Mass everyday
4. Pass – Attend the Passo Service held every Sunday during Lent
5. Luzaar – Recite the Holy Rosary with the family
6. Lazar – Pray everyday
7. Paapya – Participate in the papaya singing held at the Gaothans
8. Daan – Perform acts of Charity
9. Madath – Volunteer and Support Church groups and local associations
10. Oopaas – Observe fasting on Fridays and Abstinence from meat, alcohol and smoking

Please try to follow as many guidelines and let's set an example to all other communities around us.

## Papiyas – Special Prayers and Hymns at Lenten time\*

**Bhavando, utha tumche neezemanche, deemi ghala, lazaar kara, ek Amche Bapala.....**

\*Papiya is a Marathi word which means Penitents

\*Papiyas or Devaats as they are called, are a group of devout Christians who move about from cross to cross at the dead of night, chanting prayers and imploring Christians to wake up from their sleep, get down on their knees and pray and ask for God's forgiveness

\*These groups become active from the Sunday night before Palm Sunday and their activity culminates in a crescendo on Maundy Thursday

\*Papiyas organize themselves into groups of 10 to 20 persons or more and start with visiting various Gaothans during Lenten time

\*They shroud themselves in black or blue or brown tunics with a hood so they cannot be easily recognized

\*Their lamentable chants in tones similar to Gregorian chants are in East Indian dialect

\*Listening to their mournful chants can be a hair raising experience and can send shivers down one's spines, especially when one hears them at the dead of night.

\*Tradition has it that Papiyas from one village would visit the neighbouring village and vice versa, No two groups could come face with each other.

\*If both groups had the occasion to travel and would cross paths, then the group that spotted the passing group would hide behind the bunds (baands) of the field till the other group passed by

\*People of the neighbourhood would keep a kettle of hot tea at the foot of the cross for the Papiyas. Papiyas are representative of the apostles Peter, James and John who accompanied Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed and during the 'Agony' on the Mount of Olives.

MGP thanks all our community members who join Papiya Singing for ensuring our Religious Traditions are revived and passed on to our future generations.

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## VARLANZOOM GAZILE SANN TAVEM APLEM BI HOTAI MANN

The Annual MGP Festival Grows Each Passing Year

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

This was the first time we decided to celebrate our Annual Fest, East Indian Sann in January and February. Inspite of challenges with a little time on hand we decided to have a variety of 15 events, some of them for the very first time. Our experience was great but with less hands we had loads to do.

The Sann was inaugurated at one of the oldest Village Festivals, Baravi Cha Sann(Erangel Feast). MGP was allotted a stall at a prominent location at the Fair and lakhs visited this traditional festival. The Erangel Feast gave us a perfect start to our East Indian Annual festival.

We had a series of plans to promote our Heritage with an East Indian House Visit, Vasai Fort Tour and Dharavi Beth Tour. The East Indian House Visit at the Residence of James Ferreira, Khotachiwadi got a good response. All present appreciated the well-maintained house with its original Gaothan East Indian House look. The Vasai Fort Tour also got a very good response and all present had great memories. Pascal Lopes did a fantastic job guiding all present with the history of the Vasai Fort. The last event has been postponed and is likely to be scheduled in the coming months.

One of the big events of the Sann was the East Indian Food Festival on St.Andrew's Grounds, Bandra. We expected 1000 people to visit and we were surprised to see around 3000 people join us. With around 40 stalls, some food stalls sold out by 7:30 while the rest sold out by 8:30pm. The Food Festival was inaugurated by Maria Goretti who was presented a Ghumat as a token of appreciation.

The next big event was the East Indian Awards and Cultural Nite 2018 at St.Andrews Auditorium, Bandra with around 500 people who attended. The stage performances was well appreciated with Shining Stars, a Cultural Troupe performing LIVE with their Band, Dance and Music. The highlight of the Cultural Nite were special performances by well known singers, Cedric Tixiera and Valentine Machado. After the Awards the invited guests were treated with the East Indian Theme Dinner at San Andres Banquet Hall. The food prepared by the catering and hospitality college students of St.Andrew's College was delicious.

Finally we has the first-ever East Indian Baazaar at St.Andrew's College Cafeteria, Bandra. The Baazaar will now be a regular feature at this Bandra venue on all 2nd Saturdays. Very soon we plan to organize many more Baazaars across East Indian Gaothans and its vicinity.

MGP's Annual Festival has created a great impact this year and sets the foundations for better ones in the coming years. We look forward to your suggestions and feedback. Our community was always known for its celebrations since generations and it is befitting that we carry on with these festivities. We at MGP thank all those who were present and those who supported us for East Indian Sann 2018. We look forward to your continuous support.

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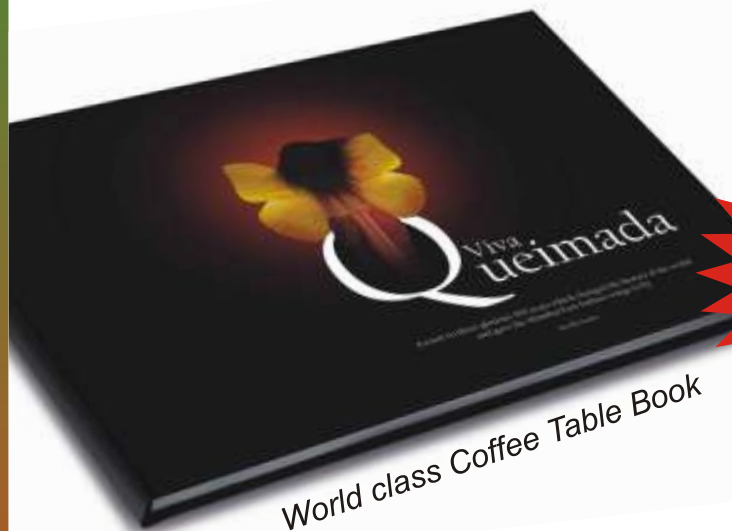
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