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## **MGP Team Attends Meet at UDRI - Gaothans DP Objections**

**M**GP Team attended a Meeting at Urban Design Research Institute Office at Kala Ghoda. The meet was attended by various activists from Gaothans and Koliwadadas.

The 2 hour meeting on the DP was to raise objections and also seek an extension date for the same. MGP presented its objection letter at the Town Planning Department. The Gaothans were represented by Alphi Dsouza, Walter Murzello and Neil Pereira

## **MGP'S Digital Branding Team**

Digital Branding Team to build and develop MGP's online presence. This team will develop social media content on Facebook, Instagram, and other platforms and help MGP connect digitally with likeminded individuals and organizations worldwide.

\*Prof Conrad Coelho will lead this dynamic and enthusiastic team.

## **Gaothan Bachav Andolan Protect! Preserve! Restore!**

**M**GP is glad to announce the New Look Gaothan Bachav Andolan with a sole objective of Serving the East Indian Community and the Gaothans

\*Alexander Dsouza will be the GBA Commissioner with immediate effect

\*GBA will comprise of the GBA Core Team, Gaothan Advisory Panel and Gaothan Coordinators

\*The Gaothan Bachav Andolan will comprise of Gaothan Coordinators and we plan to have around 100 Gaothan Coordinators by this year end

\*GBA plans to have a network of more than 100 Gaothans across Mumbai, Thane, Vasai and Raigad

\*GBA will organize Gaothan Specialised Seminars to create awareness amongst the community

\*The GBA will have quarterly Meet and an Annual Gaothan Coordinators Meet

\*GBA will strive to liaise with the authorities at all levels to protect, preserve and restore our Gaothans

\*A special Gaothan Policy will be drafted basis inputs from experts

\*GBA will be the chief Authority to decide on Gaothan Matters

\*GBA is an MGP Initiative and MGP will play an active role along with like-minded community members

## **The 1st East Indian Baazaar Master Chef**

**T**he 1st East Indian Masterchef for home chefs and professionals was a huge success, with seeing so many traditional desserts of the community coming to the fore.

\*One gentleman was seeing and tasting Honey balls after almost 4 decades.

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**Date :** Sunday, 29th July 2018 **Time :** 10:30am to 11:30am **Organised by :** Mobai Gaothan Panchayat  
**Main Theme :** Special Gaothan Policy– Restoration, Resettlement, Demarcation, Development & Infrastructure



**Location 1 – Andheri\* (right 3rd)**  
**Assembly point – In front of Gazdar Hall, Opp Moti Mahal. Near Andheri Station West**  
**Sarpanches – Bryce Rodricks, Darryl Gonsalves, Cyrus Misquitta, John Buthello**



**\*Location 2 - Vakola\* (right second)**  
**Assembly point - Western Express Highway, Near Vakola Signal**



**\*Location 3 – Kanjur\* (right 1st)**  
**Assembly point – Kolvery Cross Ground**  
**Sarpanches – Regan Mendonza**



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# EAST INDIAN MASALA

The Local Gaothan Community Market

## Recipe

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### Ingredients:

½ Kg. Mutton or Beef  
¼ Kg. White Pumpkin, peel,  
cut into pieces, wash  
8 flakes garlic, crushed  
½ coconut juice  
2 tablespoons Bottle Masala  
tamarind to taste or amboshi  
Salt to taste  
Ghee



### Method:

Cut meat into pieces, wash, cook with little water and salt. In a vessel heat 2 table spoons ghee, oil fry the crushed garlic, do not brown. Add the Bottle Masala, fry for a few minutes. Add the pumpkin and stock from the cooked meat. When pumpkin is cooked, add the coconut milk, salt and the tamarind pulp. Simmer for a few minutes

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

MGP Team at the Book Launch of Brenda Rodrigues, thanks to the special invite by Joe Rodrigues



MGP Team at the Independence Cup 2018 with Bishop John Rodrigues & MLA Ashish Shelar.



Participants of the East Indian Masterchef held at the East Indian Baazaar, Bandra.



MGP Team Meets MLA Parag Alavani, Vile Parle  
Our team discussed on issues faced by the East Indian Community and Gaothans especially for Vile Parle region



Valentine Machado the king of East Indian Music released his 2 albums at the East Indian Baazar Aug 2018



MGP Team meets Ex MLA Krishna Hegde to discuss various East Indian Community and Gaothan issues. A series of meetings planned



# EAST INDIAN BAAZAAR

## The Monthly Local Market

The second East Indian Master Chef was back with a bang  
This time it was all about savory snacks it was a tough competition among the gang

Valentine Machado, a famous East Indian Singer inaugurated the Bazaar with his flamboyance and flair  
He released his two new East Indian Marathi CDs 'Dosti Chi Shaan' and 'Jejus Maza Raza' amidst much fanfare

There was a live performance by Valentine, his daughter Trinette and Stanlon which had the crowd cheering for an encore  
Accompanied by the 'Ghumat' (clay drum) we had everybody dancing on the floor

Cedric and Jane Tixeira also belted out a few East Indian Marathi songs  
It was a great community feeling to dance and sing along

'Te-a-me Teas', Kolkata very graciously sponsored the prize hampers courtesy Chef Vijayendra,  
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Celebrity Chef Vijayendra Pawaskar and our very own Chef Michael Swamy were the judges for the competition  
Both were in agreement when it came to deciding the winners there was no friction

There were sixteen contestants with twenty mouth watering dishes  
The presentation and taste fulfilled all the judges' wishes

There was Kolbi(Shrimp) Kebabs, Pan Rolls, Potato chops with Mooshi (shark fish) and Kolim(shrimp) filling  
Along with different versions of Meat loaf, Patties, Corned Tongue, Chitaap Wraps, Croquettes and Roast Chicken with stuffing

The First Prize winner was Anna Mary Pereira who came dressed elegantly in a purple sari  
She is in her sprightly eighties and produced a master chef worthy dish which was the best so far

The dish was 'Ice cream Khuba(shells) Patties' which was time consuming and took a lot of effort  
The accolades and cheers that 'Mai' Anna Mary got from the judges and the crowd made it all worth

Aaron her grandson took second place with his traditional 'Kolim Waras'  
Third was Candida Remedios who wowed the judges with her modern version of 'Pork Roast Shawarmas'

Elizabeth Dharmai in fourth place had authentic 'Roast Chicken with Stuffing' the dish was a guarantee  
Averil Fernandes was fifth in line with her jazzed up version of 'East Indian Meatloaf Crostini'

Charmaine Dsouza the sixth winner made 'Chicken Tope' which is served the next day of a traditional East Indian wedding

The seventh was Zita Lopez with crusted 'Kolim Potato Chops' which got her a high rating

Finally was Sachin Pereira with crunchy flaky 'Butterfly Patties and his version of Meatloaf' which he presented with a swish

Two Contestants had both made a colorful artistic display of a 'Rooster' using food ingredients for their dish

This time we took the contest a notch higher  
The positive feedback is pushing us to try harder

Next month on the 8th of September the theme is 'Curry'  
If you want to participate make sure you register in a Hurry!

Rita Rodricks





# THE LEGEND (THOMAS PEREIRA)

By Eleanor Pereira



Thomas Pereira, one of the greatest East-Indian Singer ever, was born on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1928, to Mr. Sebastian and Anniemary Pereira, a sophisticated family from Dadar, Mumbai. He was the eldest of the 6 Sons. At his birth, the Parish Priest who came to see him, prophesized that this family has been blessed with a worthy child, who, one day will be a great name in the Community. Initially, Thomas studied in a Marathi medium school and later shifted to Dr. Antonio Da Silva High School. Good at studies and a great sportsman too, winning innumerable trophies. He started his singing career at a young age of 16 with his own compositions. People used to be surprised to see how such a young lad could compose so excellently, specially his competitors. Looking at his personality, great film makers, like Late

Ramanand Sagar, V Shantaram and Dada Kondke, offered him roles in films. But his Father did not permit him as also Thomas was determined to dedicate himself to his Community. For that purpose, he even refused to settle in London with a lucrative job.

Thomas was a man of incredible talents, a writer, composer, music maker and singer par excellence. He was not only a formidable, intellectual and technical composer, but his singing was also uplifting, melodic and rhythmically irresistible. All his songs carried a vital message to the Community and Society as a whole. The most versatile Singer & Composer, sang each song with such distinction that left the listeners spellbound. The effortless transition across the entire range without any strand of strain, flawless emoting, made him the King of East-Indian Singing [ASLI HEERA]. No doubt, his humility, unassuming attitude, soft spoken nature and reverence for mankind, produced such a voice which came direct from the heart. It's true that music is about emotion and not only technicalities and he was master of both. At concerts and competitions, the anxiety of people ended the moment his name was announced. People used to run back to their seats. There was this pin drop silence and at the end of it, a huge round of applause and of course, the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize was sure to be his.

This was the aura that he carried. Though many of us have not met him or seen him, he is still remembered with high respect and his songs are sung even now. People still sing the evergreen song "Balotian Khoon" and other famous songs like "Arde Rotivar Laath", "Aischa Kalij" and many others. East-Indian talented Singer, Gregory, from Vikhroli, in his tribute song, called him Asli Heera. From then on, many East-Indians know him as "Asli Heera". Thomas' death was sudden and tragic at a young age. Thus the Community lost one of its best personalities. At that time, his children were too young to carry the legacy forward.

His wife Annie had been a great source of his strength. He is blessed with five children, two of whom are no more and five grandchildren, all well settled. His children have produced a twin CD containing 22 of his evergreen songs which is a hit.

This year on 15<sup>th</sup> October, this great Legend will be 90.

I conclude here with a message to the EI Music World and the Community. Raise the Bar. Quality of Songs and Singing should be improved to match the Goans. Give chance to talented young Singers and bring them to the forefront. Come up with EI programmes on TV to create awareness about the Community to the globe. More and more, food and cultural programmes should be held at various places. Stay United, save our culture, land and properties.

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## Communications with MLA Ameet Satam – Assembly Speech

**14th July – Mobai Gaothan Panchayat sends a reminder Email on our East Indian Community Demands**

**15th July – MGP launches the Kaka Baptista Project**

**17th July – MGP announces it's New Structure on the State, District, Tehsil, Village, Gaothan & Pakhadi level**

**19th July 11:37 pm - MLA Ameet states that he will raise our Community issues in the Maharashtra Assembly Session in around 15 minutes**

**11:38 – MGP Team member shared the demands concerning East Indians, Gaothans and Kaka Baptista**

**11:53 – MLA Ameet confirms that he will raise these Community issues in the Assembly Session in sometime**

**20th July 12:32am – MLA Ameet confirms that he has raised the demand for the Kaka Baptista East Indian Bhavan**

**1:12am – MLA Ameet shares the video with his Assembly Session Speech on the East Indian Community, Gaothans and the Kaka Baptista Bhavan**

**MGP Team thanks MLA Ameet Satam for giving importance for our East Indian Community demands for Gaothans and Bhavan. Special thanks to MLA Ameet for raising the demand to dedicate the Bhavan to Kaka Baptista, a Christian Freedom Fighter.**

## San Jao Bautist Baavri Talav Vachva - A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

Restore and Revive our Village Wells, Ponds, Lakes, Rivers and Seas

\*We appeal to our community to restore and revive our Gaothan Baavris(Wells) and Talavs(Ponds and Lakes)

\*These Baavris and talavs play an important role for our Umbrachapani

\*Local associations and activists are urged to communicate to local authorities for restoration of our wells, ponds and lakes

\*You may contact our team for any support in this project

\*If we start now, MGP is sure that this festivity of St.John the Baptist will get better each passing year

\*Its time we give back to our Gaothans what belongs to its history and the restoration of wells was already a part of the Gaothan Beautification Policy

\*All success stories of this project will be highlighted on social media

For suggestions and Feedback you may contact us on 9820087771/9820545302

## MGP Team Thanks the 31 East Indian Associations who have confirmed their support for the East Indian Solidarity Rally 2018

Date : Sunday, 29th July 2018

Time : 10:30am to 11:30am

Organised by : Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Main Theme : Special Gaothan Policy – Restoration, Resettlement, Demarcation, Development & Infrastructure\*

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| 1. Bassein East Indian Association, Vasai                  | 16. Kanjur Gaothan Catholic Association         |
| 2. Catholic Welfare Association, Versova                   | 17. Khar East Indian Welfare Association        |
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| 10. East Indian Catholic Owners Association, Worli         | 25. Pali Village East Indian Association        |
| 11. Gaothans Active Residents Association of Juhu(GARAJ)   | 26. Sahar East Indian Association               |
| 12. Goregaon East Indian Association                       | 27. St.John's East Indian Community, Marol      |
| 13. Holy Cross Group, Uran                                 | 28. Thane East Indian Association               |
| 14. International East Indian Community Council            | 29. United Social Welfare Association, Kurla    |
| 15. Juhu Welfare Association                               | 30. Vakola East Indian Association              |
|  | 31. Young Boys Welfare Association, Chakala     |

# MGP SARPANCH

## Vibhag & Gaothan

**MGP is glad to announce the next line of our MGP Structure by appointing Gaothan Coordinators and Sarpanches across Gaothans in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad. The Gaothan Coordinators have been designated their line of activities and we are sure that they will do their very best to protect their Gaothans and promote our culture & traditions.**

	SARPANCH NAME	APPOINTMENT	GAOTHAN
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2	Regan Mendonza	Vibhag Sarpanch	Kanjur-Vikhroli-Mulund
3	Bryce Rodricks	Vibhag Sarpanch	Andheri-Oshiwara
4	Bonny Pereira	Vibhag Sarpanch	Malad-Malwani-Madh
5	Jacob Gomes	Vibhag Sarpanch	Kurla-Kirol-Ghatkopar
6	Darryl Gonsalves	Gaothan Sarpanch	Juhu Gaothan no.2
7	Cyrus Misquitta	Gaothan Sarpanch	Juhu Gaothan no.3
8	Johan Dharmai	Vibhag Sarpanch	Bandra-Khar-Santacruz
9	Julie Shinde	Vibhag Sarpanch	Marol-Sahar
10	Gloria Moraes	Gaothan Sarpanch	Marol
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12	Mario Fishery	Gaothan Sarpanch	Chapel Rd-Bandra
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18	James Fernandes	Taluka Sarpanch	Vasai
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22	Silvy Pereira	Gaothan Sarpanch	Papdy
23	Vincent Gomes	Gaothan Sarpanch	Vikhroli
24	Joseph Dmello	Gaothan Sarpanch	Kanjur

**To Join the MGP Team as MGP Sarpanches or gaothan Coordinators please contact on  
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### **Vidhan Sabha Mani kela Awaaj Mumbaivar East Indiancha Paila Raaj MLA Ameet Satam Demands Community Rights in the Assembly**

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

At the stroke of Midnight on 20th July, MLA Ameet Satam spoke in one of the best ways about the East Indian Community. It was an extended special session at the Assembly and MLA Ameet Satam has chosen to speak about our community. Ameet contacted one of our MGP members and covered every important point which will be placed on records as the first-time ever our Community was spoken about in the State Assembly.

MLA Ameet Satam gave our East Indian Community the Biggest Gift ever in the History of the Maharashtra State Assembly by speaking highly about our community, its contribution and our Native Rights. The Speech specified about the points as mentioned below :

- All Gaothans need to be demarcated
- East Indians are the natives of Bombay
- Lands originally belonged to the East Indians
- East Indians are Christians predominantly Catholics
- On the lands owned by the East Indians the city was developed
- We should not forget the Great Contribution to this City by the East Indian Community
- There should be a special Development policy for East Indians
- To promote Culture and Tradition there is a need for an East Indian Bhavan
- Land to be reserved and allotted by the Collector for the East Indian Bhavan project
- East Indian Bhavan to be dedicated to Kaka Baptista
- Kaka Baptista had a Great Role in India's freedom struggle along with Lokmanya Tilak

Ameet has been receptive to the MGP members and was very keen to fulfil the demands of the East Indian Community and the Gaothans before he was elected. He has always been open to discussions and debated with the MGP Team. On MGPs request Ameet erected the Keenan Reuben Bravery Pillar at Amboli. He then approved the MGP initiated Gaothan Beautification Policy and we are sure to have a Model Gaothan on these lines very soon.

The Year 2018 has been a great one for MGP and MLA Ameet has made it even better. We make it a points to have a review meet with Ameet on a quarterly basis to ensure proper follow up. Our Vibhag Sarpanches in his constituency – Clint Caston and Bryce Rodricks have always been given support by Ameet whenever required. Ameet has also played an important role in Saving our Holy Crosses which were served notices in his constituency.

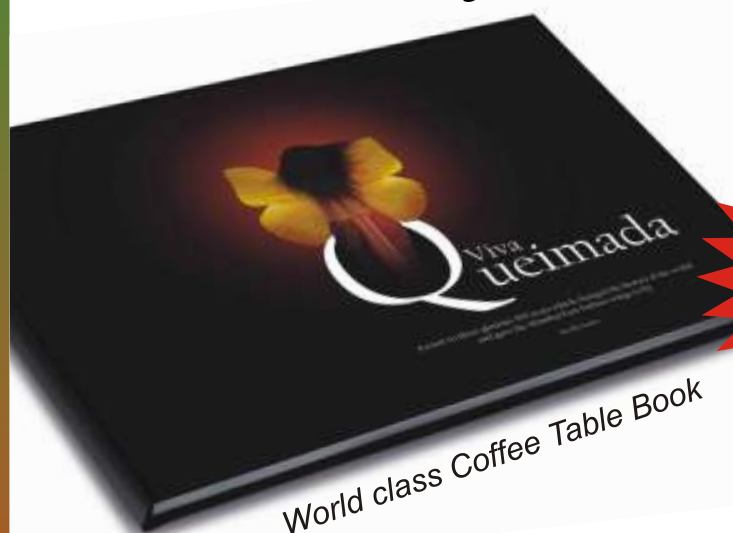
The Video with the Speech of Ameet Satam has gone viral across the world amongst the community. The Community is very happy and appreciative that a Non East Indian has spoken highly about our community. Our activists across party lines have praised Ameet for his concern for the Community and the Gaothans.

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