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Mot Mauli Yatra – Mount Mary Visit and Procession

The Mount Mary Visits were initiated for the first time in the Gaothans and the statue was taken in procession from the Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Manori on 30th August 2018. The Mount Mary Gaothan Visit got a very good response. The Statue of Mount Mary, our native Devotion was taken to the following Gaothans – Manori, Orlem, Amboli, Juhu, Vakola, Bandra Chapel Road, Bandra Varoda Road, Old Khar, Bandra Kolwad, Koloverly Kalina, Vile Parle and Irla.

This was an initiative by MGP to create awareness about our Native Devotions – Mount Mary and St.Gonsalo Garcia. The statue arrived at each Gaothan at 8pm and left the next day at 7pm. Gaothan families that wished to keep the Mount Mary Statue at their homes,

Holy Crosses or community halls confirmed to us on the same.

As per history the statue of Mount Mary was taken in a special cart procession from Mahim Church to the Mount. Mobai Gaothan Panchayat organised a procession to revive memories of this procession. The procession was held on Saturday, 15th September began from St.Peters Church at 8.30am and reached by 9.30 am at the Mount for the Holy Mass. St.Peter's Confraternity in association with Mobai Gaothan Panchayat organised this procession to revive memories of the first-ever procession. The statue of Mount Mary was brought in a decorated Cart(Rekla) from Mahim Church to St.Peters Church at 8am accompanied with bikes and cars. Procession also had an East Indian brass band, Valentine Music Makers playing during the procession

AGERA CELEBRATION GETS BIGGER

MGP initiative to make Agera Celebrations bigger was successful with more than 50 Gaothans celebrating this year. Agera is an East Indian Community Harvest Festival. MGP has set a target of more than 50 Gaothans organizing Agera Celebrations. Many Associations and activists contacted MGP to organise Agera. MGP also made arrangements for parishes that wanted Paddy.

MGP Thanks all the residents of the Gaothans for celebrating Agera, a Great Sign of Promotion and Preservation of our Culture and Tradition. MGP as done every year issues Guidelines for celebrating Agera.

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Chief Minister Meets Representatives from Gaothans and Koliwadas - MGP represents Gaothans

On 1st November at 2pm we had a very fruitful meeting with Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and Revenue Minister Chandrakant Dada Patil in which Representatives of Koliwada & Gaothan Vistar Kruti Samiti and Mobai Gaothan Panchayat discussed the Urgency of the following to be carried out immediately to incorporate in the New DP 2034 which was accepted in the Cabinet Meeting by Chief Minister and Revenue Minister

- 1) Demarcation of all Koliwadas and Gaothans to start immediately with staff from the Revenue department to form 6 Groups for Demarcation along with Residents to identify correct boundaries and to be completed at the earliest as confirmed by Revenue Minister in the Presence of Principal Revenue Secretary Shri Manu K. Shrivastav and other officials present.
- 2) Land Ownership of kolis to be transferred in the names of Occupants as also specifically confirmed by Rev. Minister in the meeting held in his office on 31 Oct at 4pm
- 3) DCR to be prepared in consultation with CRZ issues submitted by Koliwadas and Suggestion and Objection given by Gaothans.
- 4) No New Constructions to be allowed in Koliwadas, Gaothans till the above is completed and specific instructions to be given by CM to MCGM and SRA.

We then thanked all Officials for extending their full support in implementation of the above including our MLA Ashish Shelar who coordinated with all Officials in making the above possible so that Our Gaothans, Koliwadas and Adivasi

Padas are Preserved for the future Generations who are Original Sons of the Soil of Bombay.

The Gaothans were represented by Activist Neil Pereira from Bandra Pali and Alphi Dsouza, MahaSarpanch and Founder Trustee of Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Associations – Koliwada Gaothan Vistar Kruti Samiti and Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Gaothan Representatives - Alphi D'Souza and Neil Pereira

Cabinet represented by - Revenue Minister Chandrakant Dada Patil

Meet facilitated by - MLA Ashish Shelar

MGP will continue to meet Government Representatives with an objective to Preserve and Protect our East Indian Gaothans.

It's not been Easy and we have a Challenging Future ahead. We look forward to your Prayers and Support

East Indians in USA organise their first ever Get Together

IEICC (International East Indian Community Council) was launched in November 2013 at the First East Indian Conclave. For the last few years we have been trying to spread out across the globe with an objective to promote our Culture and Tradition.

Around a year back we appointed Rohan Figueirado, Canada as the Chief International Coordinator who has played a great role in connecting with our International Coordinators. We now have an active presence in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, USA, UK and Dubai.

Special thanks to Roweena Carlos for organising the first event at USA. The Get Together was a great success and we thank all those who participated in this celebration in New Jersey, USA

SAVE POISAR CHURCH FEAST – Our Lady of Remedy Church

The East Indians of Poisar Parish are saddened by the announcement of the Change in Parish Feast from its traditional feast day to the month of October.

*The Parish was founded around the year 1555 hence one of the oldest Churches at 468 Years

*The Church was originally known by the Portuguese as “Nossa Senhora Dos Remedios”

*The Parish Feast was traditionally celebrated for centuries on the 1st Sunday of May which has now been changed to October

*The Church originally catered to the East Indians from Candolim (Kandivli), Valnai (Orlem), Malvan (Malavni), Marve, Rathodi, Kharodi, Bunder Pakadi, Poinser (Poisar), Magathan, Shipoli, Akurli and Vadavli.

*In 1906 the Gonzalo Garcia Club was formed for the welfare of the parishioners

MGP Team Request the Parish Priest and Zonal Bishop to respect the sentiments of the sons-of-soil East Indian Community and continue with the traditional Parish Feast Day.

EAST INDIAN CONCLAVE

30 Participants! 4 Speakers! One East Indian Voice!

The Sixth Annual East Indian Conclave was held at Hotel Avion on Saturday, 1st December 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.

Theme - EAST INDIAN FIRST

Promoting and Encouraging Business

*East Indian Agenda 2019 - Demands finalised basis online survey responded by 336 East Indians

*Around 30 participants from different walks of life were present who were actively involved in brainstorming on the Conclave Theme

*4 Speakers shared their views on the Conclave Theme

MGP launched 5 initiatives at the East Indian Conclave:

- 1) Sarvajanic Krist Janmotsav – National Level
- 2) East Indian Idol - Singing Competition
- 3) East Indian Business Model - Network name with emphasis on food - Cart/Truck/Restaurant
- 4) East Indian Sann 2019 – 10 events planned in the Annual Fest scheduled in January/ February
- 5) East Indian Dictionary - First copy

Participants of the East Indian Conclave 2018

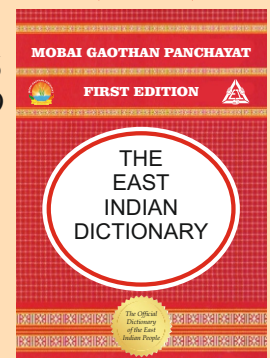
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9	Elisa Ferreira	Gorai
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12	Genevieve Ferreira	Gorai
13	Ingrid Creado	Juhu
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15	Maxie Texera	Thane
16	Neil Creado	Juhu
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21	Roger Pereira	Churchgate
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23	Ruth Miranda	Vakola
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25	Savio Dsouza	Amboli
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EAST INDIAN PROJECTS

Taking Our Community To Greater Heights!

The MGP Gaothan Movement so far..

GAOTHAN BACHAV ANDOLAN - A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

- GBA was formed on 25th June 2016 exclusively to Protect our Gaothans
- Series of meetings held at UDRI with special advice from Pankaj Joshi and David Cardoz, was awarded by MGP for East Indian Activist of the Year 2018
- Met the Chief Minister of Maharashtra in October 2017 led by Ex MLA Krishna Hegde
- Met NCP strongman Sharad Pawar led by Ex Corporator Dhananjay Pissal
- Met Chief Minister for the 2nd time along with Koliwada activists led by Chandrakant Patil
- Organised the East Indian Solidarity Rally with around 300 people assembled at 4 prominent locations in July 2018
- Sent a series of communications to various authorities on Gaothan Demands
- Multiple meetings held with various BMC authorities and Town Planning Department
- Met MLA Ashish Shelar to discuss issues faced which were raised in the Assembly House
- An impressive Speech by MLA Ameet Satam in the Assembly House on East Indian Community and Gaothans
- \Monthly Review Meets with MLA Ameet Satam
- The newly appointed Sarpanches are also representatives under GBA

We are happy that many Associations are working towards this objective to Protect Gaothans. We at Gaothan Bachav Andolan will continue to connect with Political Representatives to ensure our Gaothan Demands are fulfilled.

East Indian Business Network - EIBN

A Network across all Businesses - small and big, Local, National and international

Franchisee/business names - Sukhala, Satir, etc (your name suggestions welcome)

- This initiative was finalised at the East Indian Conclave 2018
- All East Indian Businesses, small or big are welcome to join this Network
- Professionals can also join this Network
- Our franchisee outlets will be announced in 2019 with focus on Food and East Indian Specialty besides others
- Professionals will conduct Seminars on Education and Workshops on their expertise
- Business experts will also Conduct Seminars on Importance of Business and will mentor those who need support
- A Special Business Directory is being planned on East Indian Businesses and Professionals
- More details on EIBN will be announced as in when the same is finalized

Those who would like join our network or be a part of the EIBN as Mentor's, Advisors, resource persons, etc. May contact us on 7506175302 or Whatsapp us on 9820545302

EAST INDIAN DICTIONARY

The Official Dictionary of the East Indian Community

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Team thanks all those who helped us in releasing the First Ever East Indian Dictionary.

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EAST INDIAN DEMANDS

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. Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan
5. Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians
6. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect every week
7. Preference to East Indians for jobs opportunities in the Parish, Church organisations and institutions
8. East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
9. Special East Indian Community Member to be appointed in the Parish Council to protect and preserve East Indian traditions and heritage
10. St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
11. Stalls to be allotted at the Bandra Fair to the East Indian Community
12. East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings
13. Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops
14. Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups
15. Space to be provided for East Indian businesses in parish property
16. Development projects, Monopoly for hired halls, quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses
17. Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund
18. 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. Medical support through full or partial assistance
3. Ration scheme for poor East Indian families
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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Central and State Government:

1. East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
2. Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian community
3. Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
4. Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass
5. Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates
6. Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
7. East Indian Bhavan in Bombay, Thane, Vasai and Raigad
8. Manori Gorai Uttan Tourism Plan to be scrapped
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. Revision in the Municipal Tax calculation method for all houses in the Gaothans Other Demands
11. Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
12. East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government
13. Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni, twice a week
14. Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans
15. Special Tour subsidies for Travel to Holy Places and Pilgrimage Shrines
16. Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community housing projects in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans
17. Cremation grounds to be allotted at all locations with a Christian majority

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 Municipal Corporator to be nominated to represent the city basis elections amongst East Indian Community
4. Lesser tax to be charged for gaothan homes
5. Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure
6. East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each BMC ward
7. Gaothan Infrastructure to be improved
8. Roads, bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look
9. Space to be allotted for Community Centre at each East Indian Gaothan
10. Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Gaothan civic projects

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September:

1st September 2018 - Alphi Dsouza, MahaSarpanch visited Vasai for the first time after his appointment by Mobai Gaothan Panchayat as the Head of the East Indian Community and the Gaothans. Alphi was accompanied by Penny Miranda and Rita Rodricks from the MGP Team.

12th September 2018 – MGP Team Meets Sharad Pawar

15th September 2018 – Mot MAuli Purcessao – MGP organised its 2nd Annual Procession to revive memories dating back to 1761 when the Mount Mary statue was carried by natives in procession from Mahim Church to Bandra

18th September 2018 - Kaka Baptista Memorial Day(Death Anniversary) MGP team along with local representatives paid their respects on the Death Anniversary of our Community Freedom Fighter at Sewi Cemetry and Uttan. At Sewri Cemetry MGP Team was represented by Alphi Dsouza, Gleason Barretto, Sybil Rodrigues, Clarissa Daouza and Chrysantus Miranda. Under guidance & leadership of Mr.Leo Colaco (President - Maharashtra Machimar Federation & Member of World Fishermen Forum for People) along with Mr.Edwin Gonsalves – Director, Citizencredit Co-Op Bank, Mr.Lesli Bhandari (Daryawardi Mandal), Mr. Valerian Pandrick – Block President, Mr.Shoun Colaco (Spokesperson – Congress Committee), John Garea, Vency Munis, Melwin Pereira paid homage at Kaka Baptista's bust (Uttan) on his 88th Death Anniversary.

18th September 2018 – MGP Gaothan Visit to Bamanwada led by MahaSarpanch, Alphi Dsouza visited Bamanwada along with Clarissa Dsouza and Chrysantus Miranda.

29th September 2018 - MGP Team Quarterly Meet at MahaSarpanch Residence, Vakola attended by 17 members from the Sarpanch and Core Team.

30th September 2018 – Members of Bandra Gymkhana vote in favour of the East Indian Community events

October:

1st October 2018 - MahaSarpanch Alphi Dsouza attends UDRI Meet on Gaothans at UDRI Office chaired by UDRI Chief, Pankaj Joshi. The meet was attended by Neil Pereira from Pali Gaothan and Manuel Tuscano representing Vasai

8th October 2018 - MGP Team Meets MLA Ameet Satam. MGP Team was represented by MahaSarpanch Alphi Dsouza, Vibhag Sarpanches - Bryce Rodricks and Clint Caston, Andheri Gaothan Sarpanch Samuel Dsouza and Andheri Gaothan Coordinator Justin Rodricks

14th October 2018 - Karjat Cha Sann - Our Lady of Fatima Church. The East Indian Community celebrates Karjat Cha Sann or Fatima Mauli Cha Sann on a Sunday after 13th October. As per tradition community members travelled by train or by road to the Church and later settled near a stream or an open space.

19th October 2018 - Vikhroli Gaothan Entrance Board Inaugurated today by Corporator Rupali Awale and Ex Corporator Suresh Awale, Shiv Sena. MGP Sarpanch of Vikhroli - Vincent Gomes, Coordinators Simon and Cedric Pereira were present with locals from Vikhroli Gaothan

27th October 2018 – MGP begins Mass Email Drive to demand an apology from The Examiner for hurting the sentiments of the East Indian Community

November:

1st November 2018 - Chief Minister Meets Representatives from Gaothans and Koliwadass - MGP represents the Gaothans.

2nd November 2018 - MGP IMPACT - The Examiner Apologizes to the East Indian Community

3rd November 2018 – MGP launched Annual East Indian Survey 2018

8th November 2018 – Community events organized by Bassein East Indian Association and Thane East Indian Association. Thane East Indian Association felicitates MGP Team - Alphi Dsouza and Gleason Barretto in appreciation of projects

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undertaken for the East Indian Community.

10th November 2018 – East Indian Baazaar at St.Andrews College Cafeteria, Bandra

11th November 2018 – East Indian Baazaar at East Indian Food and Cultural Fest organised by Vakola East Indian Association

14th November 2018 – MGP Team held it's 1st Gaothan Sabha after the announcement of New MGP Structure at Old Khar Gaothan

16th November 2018 - East Indian of the Year 2016, Gerson da Cunha was honored by Government of Brazil on Brazil's National Day with a medal of 'Order of Rio Branco' for his services to Brazil while with UNICEF. The ceremony was held at Taj Land's End, Bandra and officiated by Brazil's Consul General, Ms. Rosimar da Silva Suzano.

18th November 2018 - MGP USA Unit organises first ever Get Together - Organised by East Indians in US. Special thanks to our IEICC International Coordinator, Roweena Carlos for organising this event.

20th November 2018 - Video on MGP Song, “Ekichi Taqat” Released. "Saude Mauli" music album was released by R&S Cultural Group on 31st July 2016 with a special song dedicated to Mobai Gaothan Panchayat.

21st November 2018 - MGP Team Meets at UDRI. MGP Team represented by Alphi D'Souza, Walter Murzello and Bryce Rodricks met at UDRI to discuss Demarcation of Gaothans. Special thanks to Neil Pereira and Anselm Pereira for their Support and Participation at this meet.

24th November 2018 – East Indian Baazaar at Shelter, Barse Dsouza Compound, Orlem

25th November 2018 – Adresav - Adoration Day(Feast of Christ the King) celebrated. All East Indian Community founded Parishes have the statue of Christ the King which will be decorated and venerated.

26th November 2018 - Gaothan Demarcation will Start Immediately after Koliwad - Collector Confirms to MGP Team

December:

1st December 2018 – East Indian Conclave 2018 at Hotel Avion, Vile Parle. East Indian Dictionary - First Copy Released by Dr.Fleur Dsouza (Former Head of Department - History, St.Xavier's College, Fort)

8th December 2018 - East Indian Baazaar at St.Andrews College Cafeteria, Bandra

9th December 2018 - Alexander Dsouza (SEO) appointed as Vice President Mumbai, Head of Minority Christians BJP Minority Cell, In coordination with the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs.

16th December 2018 - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat releases the First ever edition of the Lugra themed border Christmas Star.

18th December 2018 - Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav launched at Orlem by MGP Vibhag Sarpanch, Bonny Pereira along with MGP Founder Trustee Walter Murzello and Orlem residents by inaugurating the Mega Crib site at Tank Lane Orlem. MGP Team, Orlem was supported by Shiv Sena Shakra Pramukh, Deepak More

21st December 2018- Inauguration of the Boys For Music Silver Jubilee Christmas Crib in association with GARAJ and Mobai Gaothan Panchayat. The Crib was blessed by the Parish Priest of St Joseph's Church and inaugurated by MLA Ameet Satam - Andheri West in the presence of Corporator Renu Hansraj - Juhu and Corporator Anesh Makwaney - Parle Juhu.

25th December 2018 – MGP launches theme of Giving our East Indian Gaothans a Christmas Facelift - "Bring Christmas Back to the Gaothans". Gaothans to Visit announced were Chapel Road – Bandra, Pali, Andheri Gaothan, Ranwar, Madh and Old Kurla

26th December 2018 – Kashmiri Cha Sann-Feast of St. Jerome's Church @ Kashmiri Village celebrated every year

26th December 2018 - EAST INDIAN DICTIONARY – Pre Booking begins

27th December 2018 - Gaothan Beautification Project renamed as Gaothan Restoration Project keeping Heritage aspect in mind. Some inclusions are Entrance Arch, history board, street lights, cobble stone roads, well restoration, benches, newsdesk, notice boards, traditional installation at entrance. This project will make our demand for Gaothan Policy, demarcation and other Gaothan demands stronger

29th December 2018 – MGP in the News, Hindustan Times dated 29th December Page 4. A well written article on our Dictionary project in HT regular feature, Mumbaiwale

EAST INDIAN MASALA

The Local Gaothan Community Market

The Forgotten Native Community

Once upon a time..Estya's (Steven's) family owned large tracts of land in around the Sunshine Village of Mobai. The villagers of Sunshine Village were a loving and hospitable community who celebrated their local customs and celebrations with great gusto. Estya's family were the principal family and were always at the forefront of any activity may it be religious or cultural or social.

Estya's family established a Sports Club and in the magnanimity opened their doors to other Christian migrants who had come to Mobai in search of food and shelter and employment.

Over a period of time the population of the migrants quadrupled and the demography of Sunshine Village changed. The Sunshine Village Sports Club management changed in time. The migrants over ran the local population and began to treat the locals as outsiders. They even went to the extent of depriving the locals entry into the Sports complex and deprived them the right to celebrate their cultural functions.

Estya's family members were treated shabbily. They cried and repented for being overly generous to the migrants in Sunshine Village.

Today we hear similar stories among our EI Communities. We generously welcomed migrants and accommodated them in our homelands in the true spirit of Christian generosity and see what we get in return. The hands that fed the migrants are being bitten.

SAVE COMMUNITY GYMKHANA

Lessons to Learn from this Campaign

Community Cause - All like minded associations and individuals forgot their difference for the greater cause of the community

Unity - a joint effort by Each One Together made us Stronger

Try best - all those who worked put in their Very Best to get a better turnout

Prayer Power - The Non members who were ineligible voters Prayed for the success of the Native Community

One Objective - all amongst the community had One Objective to Protect and Preserve our Community Gymkhana as an East Indian Identity

Support from Others - Even Non East Indians who realised our Native rights voted in our favour

Sacrifice Time - Many members made special time from their busy schedule to Vote in favour of the Resolutions

If we in the East Indian Community continue like this we can surely succeed in getting our Basic Rights as a Native Community

MGP has been a Champion of East Indian Culture & Tradition and we will do our Best to Take our Community to Greater Heights. Please Support and Pray for us.

GIFT US YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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 Bombai.

FREE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OF MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

*We plan to register 25,000 members and much more

*Forms available on www.mobaikar.com

*Patron members are welcome:

Gaothan Guardian - Rs. 10,000 & above

Platinum - Rs.5000/- ,

Gold-Rs.2500,

Silver - Rs. 1000/-

*Volunteers welcome to garner membership in their villages

*Special award for those who register maximum members

*For membership forms and more information you may call

Alphi : **9820087771**

MGP Members Privileges

*Discount upto 50% at Mobai Bhavan, Manori

*Attractive discounts on some products and services at East Indian Bazaar

*No courier charges on EI books and some goodies

*Gaothan Voice - The East Indian Magazine will be delivered at your Doorstep

DHANKYAN GAZVITAUN SAGLE SANN HAAV AAMI KHARE EAST INDIAN

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Culture and Tradition are dear to every East Indian Heart. Reetin Reevaj as we say in the East Indian Dialect was always given the greatest importance. As our community got more modernized we slowly forgot some of our cultural and traditional practices. However in the last few years, we see an upward trend in the Promotion of East Indian Culture and Tradition.

MGP announced its plan last year to release a book titled, “Reetiñ Reevaj” by this yearend or early next year. The first edition of this book will try to list down the various cultural and traditional practices along with guidelines and a checklist. The Project team will meet soon to take this forward.

The last few years have been encouraging for the celebration of our feasts. Our Sanns whether Agera and Naataal or Village Festivals like Erangal and Kashimira have seen an improvement in the celebrations. Agera 2018 was a total surprise with more than 50 Gaothans participating and we expect this number to grow bigger each passing year. The crowds at Kashimira and Erangal are increasing with more youth turning out to remind us of our lost traditions. Christmas in the Gaothans are getting brighter with more decorations and lighting to give out Gaothans a True East Indian Christian Identity.

Even our weddings today are being celebrated in a bigger way and most of the pre and post wedding traditions are being observed. Umbrachapani is getting more creative and this is a very good sign. The Lugra fashion has got a boost with women and men sporting the lugra material at all local events and weddings. Women in Lugra including youth is on an increase and a positive sign of reviving our Culture.

We see a vast majority of our community promoting our culture and tradition but there is good scope for getting better. A sizeable number still need to give our culture and tradition the importance it deserves. The local activists and associations will play a great role here. If we Promote Culture and Tradition locally by encouraging all residents to take part it will surely result in Better Unity amongst the Gaothan People. The East Indian Culture and Tradition has gone international with community events being organized at USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Dubai

However in some cases we see a decline in our cultural and traditional practices. Group Cribs are diminishing, some parishes don't celebrate Agera and buses to Erangal Feast are on a decrease. The Umbrachapani witnesses breaking of eggs and splashing of colours. This negativity which was never followed traditionally should stop.

Celebrations have always been an important part of the East Indian Community. At every Sann or Festival we see the Gaothan People all ready to enjoy themselves. The Celebrations showcase the Unity of the Gaothans and its time we take this to the next step. Lets create awareness to Protect and Preserve our Gaothans. Lets raise our voices for our basic rights as indigenous people. Its not just celebrations but also taking up local civic and social issues which will define us as Real East Indians.

We encourage our Community to Promote East Indian Culture and Tradition thereby bringing Unity in the Gaothans to give it a True East Indian Identity. MGP has launched Projects keeping the East Indians and Gaothans in mind and we welcome you to join us or any local East Indian group and play a part in taking our Community to Greater Heights.

SARVAJANIK KRIST JAMNOTSAV 2018 **The Second Mega Christmas Festival of India**

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 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 promotes Unity in Diversity amongst the General Public. There will be Celebration at the National, State and City level and we have gone National for the first time

Highlights

- National Level Inter-Church Crib Competition
- State/District/Tehsil/Vibhag/Parish Level Christmas Crib Competitions
- All Groups/Associations/Societies can be a part and support this Festival
- Special Events to be lined up on a local level by Groups and Associations

SKJ 2018 All India Church Crib Competition

- First Ever Church Crib Competition on a National Level
- Prizes will be given to the Best Church Crib across India
- Priests or Church Coordinators to share 2 photos of the Church Crib
- Special prizes for interesting Christmas inclusions like Church Façade décor, Stars, Symbols, etc. will also be given

SKJ 2018 Mumbai Outdoor Crib Competition

- First Ever All Mumbai Outdoor Crib Competition on a National Level
- Prizes will be given to the Best Crib across Mumbai
- Crib Coordinators to share 2 photos of their Crib
- Special prizes for interesting inclusions like Road décor, Stars, Symbols, etc. will also be given

EAST INDIAN SANN 2019

The Annual Native Community Festival

<u>Sr.No.</u>	<u>Name of event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Gaothan/Village</u>	<u>Date</u>
1.	Baravi Cha Sann	St.Bonaventure Church	Erangal	13th Jan 2019
2.	East Indian Heritage walk	Vasai Fort	Vasai	TBA
3.	Valnai East Indian Baazaar	Shelter	Orlem	26th Jan 2019
4.	St. Gonsalo Gracia Day	East Indian Museum	Manori	6th Feb 2019
5.	Nasik Cha Sann	Infant Jesus Church	Nasik	9th Feb 2019
6.	Vandre East Indian Baazaar	St.Stanislaus Grounds	Bandra	17th Feb 2019
7.	East Indian Awards & Cultural Nite	St.Stanislaus Grounds	Bandra	17th Feb 2019
8.	East Indian Food Festival	St. Andrew's Quadrangle	Bandra	23rd Feb 2019
9.	East Indian Theme Dinner	Eastern Sunset, Hotel Avion	Vile Parle	Feb 2019
10.	Introze	Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum	Manori	TBA

EAST INDIAN .CAM MEETINGS

East Indian Conclave 2018



1st November 2018 – Meeting with Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis



MGP Team Meets MLA Parag Alavani, Vile Parle



UDRI Meet



Meeting with Sharad Pawar



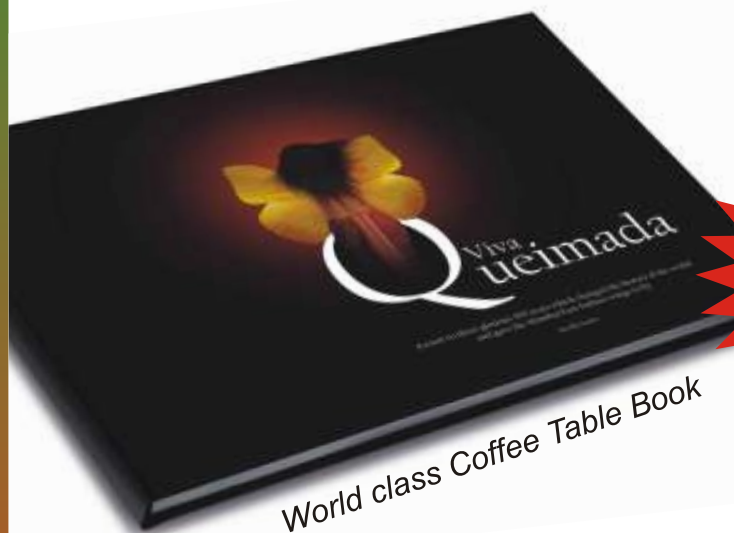
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