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East Indian Community Fund - Helping the Needy

Gleason Barretto - Old Kurla

Sharing what the rich have in surplus with the needy is the need of the hour and rightly so MGP launched its first ever community support driven project – 'The East Indian Community Fund'. The idea was first mooted after the first ever East Indian Conclave where it was decided about the urgent need to support community members financially. There were objections raised by some influencers but MGP decided to go ahead with its idea. Hence was born the East Indian Community Fund to support East Indian needy families for educational emergencies, medical emergencies and other emergencies.

Unique ideas may take time to be effective and this is what happened with our East Indian Community Fund. We did not get a good response for financial support in the initial stages. As years passed by, the incoming funds in our specially opened bank account slowly began growing and we could provide support to the needy families for educational and medical needs. The idea of opening a separate account was to ensure that monetary aid received for community fund was used for that purpose only. The current situation convinced us that what we decided a few years ago came in handy during these tough times.

Purpose of this fund is simple - Help those in need of support. We did support a few families initially for education in terms of fees and books and also for medical needs. With the Church community fund doing a good job in some parishes, we had few takers but things changed in a big way in the last year. Oftentimes, we were a backup in case the local Church did not help. With a purpose to help those in need we did our very best in fulfilling this objective.

Pandemic times changed it all for the East Indian Community Fund. The demand on the ground increased due to loss of jobs and small businesses. The MGP team quickly made an appeal and the response was unimaginable. So far, we have supported more than 250 families across more than 15 Gaothans irrespective of caste, creed or religion. Our appeal for Christmas and Easter Hampers also got a good response. Medical support appeal was also well supported and this helped us to support a few families in our own small way. The Covid situation made the East Indian Community Fund a perfect link between those in need and those who wanted to contribute.

Over the last few years since the launch of this project, we have learnt many things. This project has taught us to ignore the voices that don't matter as they don't have any intention to serve. We also learnt that when there is a need to support, the response we receive is just like a miracle. Having a separate bank account ensured that the funds received were utilised only for the purpose for which they were donated. Our tagline - "Every Smile Matters" seems to be apt for this project and we will continue to learn and implement based on our experiences from this project.

Reaching out to those in need is a challenge as many of these sections do not have access to social media. Our network across many Gaothans helped us connect with these families. In fact, some of these coordinators also volunteered to deliver ration kits at their doorstep. As per the MGP policy, the names of contributors and beneficiaries were not publicised on social media. We plan to create a better network to connect with those in need in the future. Reaching out to those in need is a challenge as many of these sections do not have access to social media. Our network across many Gaothans helped us connect with these families. In fact, some of these coordinators also volunteered to deliver ration kits at their doorstep. As per the MGP policy, the names of contributors and beneficiaries were not publicised on social media. We plan to create a better network to connect with those in need in the future.

The biggest need of the hour is to support the less privileged. The East Indian Community Fund will try to help more families in the coming future. Fund generation will play a key role and we will do our best to spread out to our community to help uplift the needy. Some initiatives launched in Covid times like Christmas and Easter Hampers will continue each year. MGP will always be committed towards supporting and uplifting the needy. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

EAST INDIAN AGENDA 2021

Memorandum of the East Indian Community

CENTRAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT

1. Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian Community
2. Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates
3. East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in the State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
4. Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
5. Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass
6. Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
7. Manori-Gorai-Uttan Tourism Plan and Bridge Project to be scrapped
8. No Municipal Property and Water Tax for all houses in the Gaothans owned before 1960
9. East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government
10. An East Indian Community welfare fund to be instituted through funds allocated from land income on East Indian owned acquired lands like airport, BKC, University, industrial and infrastructure projects
11. Cremation grounds to be allotted at all locations with a Christian majority
12. East Indian Bhavan in Bombay-Thane-Vasai and Raigad
13. Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community housing projects in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans
14. Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni twice a week
15. Special Tour subsidies for Travel to Holy Places and Pilgrimage Shrines
16. Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
17. Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

1. Regularisation 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 the East Indian Community
4. No tax to be charged for gaothan homes
5. East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each Municipal ward
6. Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure.
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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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. Halls and grounds provided for occasion to be given at discounted rates for East Indians
4. Special discounts and reservation of beds at Catholic Hospitals
5. Housing schemes for East Indians on vacant church properties and existing properties going for redevelopment
6. Preference to East Indians for jobs opportunities in the Parish, Church organisations and institutions
7. Mass and Hymns in the East Indian dialect every week
8. Land to be allotted for the East Indian Bhavan
9. Special East Indian Community Member to be appointed in the Parish Council to protect and preserve East Indian traditions and heritage
10. East Indians to be appointed on the finance and property committees
11. Stalls to be allotted at the Bandra Fair to the East Indian Community
12. St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be made official and a Church in Bombay to be dedicated to the Saint
13. Church announcements should be made about activities organized by East Indian Groups
14. East Indian Associations to be given premises without hire charges for activities and meetings
15. Monthly open meets with the East Indian community and Bishops
16. Space to be provided for East Indian businesses on parish property
17. Ten percent of proceeds on hired premises to be allocated towards the East Indian Community welfare fund
18. Development projects/Monopoly for hired halls/quadrangles and grounds only to East Indian businesses
19. Halls Grounds and Awards to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in each parish with East Indian majority

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS AND GROUPS

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. Business network to be encouraged to promote East Indian businesses
5. East Indian food restaurant to be opened
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. Promotional books and CDs to be released to promote East Indian culture and tradition
10. Special and Exclusive East Indian Community Television and Radio Channel

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY FUND

Helping the Needy

Education Support to our Community Kharodi - Rs.10,000/-

Special Medical drive & Fund Collection Update - Rs.1,15,000/-

Andheri - 10,000/- Bandra - 45,000/- Borivali - 1000/-
Juhu - 1000/- Kalina - 3000/- Kanjur - 25,000/-
MEIA - 28,000/- Thane - 1000/- Vasai - 1000/-

Medical Financial Support - 60,000/-

Dongri -10,000/-Gorai -10,000/- Irla -10,000/-
Kalina -10,000/ Manori-10,000/- Vasai -10,000/-

Gaothan wise Support given - 47 Hampers as follows :

Kanjur - 6 families Kirol - 2
families Kolivery - 9 families Hall Village Kurla - 8 families
Old Kurla - 5 families Pond - 4
families Andheri - 1 family Kharodi - 7 families
Vile parle -5 families

Families supports with Ration Kit - 255

Juhu koliwada - 3 Bandra - 2 Khar danda -1 Vakola-2
Kalina koloverly / big village - 99 Kandivali -1
Bamanpuri - 3 Kurla - 32 Chakala - 6 Sahar - 11
Pond Parle - 38 Kirol - 2 Khar -2 Gorai -22 Culvem -9 Manori - 5
Tape - 1 Kanjur - 4 Vashi -2 Madisland -1 Nallasopara -1 Vasai - 8

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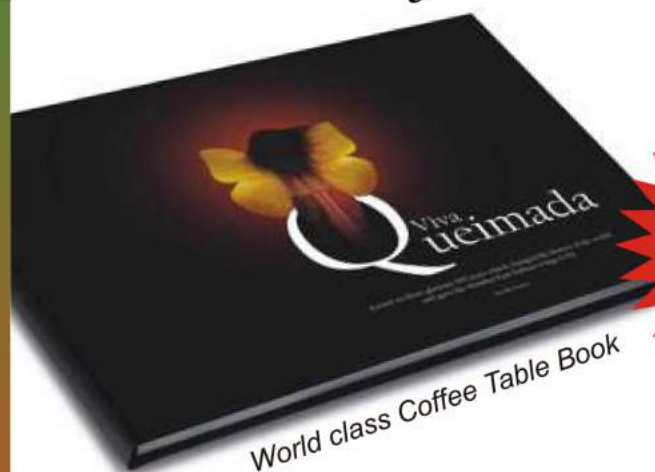
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