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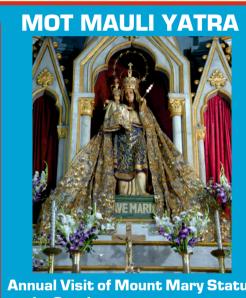
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Annual Visit of Mount Mary Statue to the Gaothans

*An initiative to create awareness about our Native Devotions -Mount Mary and St.Gonsalo Garcia

Yatra Begins - August 2023 Mot Mauli Purcessao -Saturday, 16th September 2023

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Promoting Native Devotion

Mot Mauli Yatra Devache Mae, Pau Tu Amala..

*An initiative to create awareness about our Native Devotions – Mount Mary and St. Gonsalo Garcia

*The Mount Mary Statue will be taken to our East Indian Gaothans and it's vicinity from August to September

*The statue will arrive at each Gaothan at 8:00 pm and leave the next day at around 6:00 pm

*The Statue of Mount Mary will be brought in Procession from Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum to the nearest Gaothan

*The statue will be taken every day to different Gaothans across Mumbai, Thane, Vasai and Raigad

*Gaothan groups and families that wish to keep the Mount Mary Statue at Gaothan Common places, Holy Crosses, community halls or at their home may contact us

*The Annual Mot Mauli Purcessao will be held this year on Saturday, 16th September 2023

*Donors/Sponsors for decorations and transport are welcome

Those interested may contact Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771

The dates of Mount Mary statue Gaothan Visit will be finalised on a first-cum-first-serve basis

Mot Mauli Purcessao A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

Date: Saturday, 16th September 2023

@8:00 am from Mahim Church – reklas / vehicles / bikes

@8:30 am from St. Peters Church - walking to the Mount

@9:30 am Mass at Mount Mary's Basilica

Highlights

*The 7th Annual Procession organised by MGP to revive memories of the First Traditional Procession in the year 1761

*The Traditional Rekla to be used to carry the Statue of Our Lady of the Mount

*The Traditional East Indian Band will play at the Procession

*The Confraternity will lead the procession

*Luzar (Rosary) will be recited in the East Indian Dialect

*The Traditional Maan (Respect) will be given by the Band at Mahim Church

*A Majority of those who join the Procession will wear East Indian themed outfits

*Around 200 people expected to join us at the Procession

To support or for more details contact us on 9820087771/9820545302

Sponsors welcome for bus, band, Rekla, water and other requirements

A BIT OF EAST INDIAN HISTORY

- It was the zeal of the native Christians(Agris, Kunbis, Bhandaris, Kolis and many more later known as East Indians) that popularized the Bandra (Mot Mauli Cha Sann) Mount Mary Feast.
- In 1566 the Jesuits built a modest Oratory of mud and thatch and dedicated it to Our Lady of the Nativity
- In 1739 during Maratha invasion this chapel was destroyed and the statue was allegedly dumped into the sea which was rescued by the local fishermen and kept at St. Andrews Church
- · In 1761 the Chapel was rebuilt and the statue was carried in procession and restored to its original place on the Mount
- In 1882 a glass enclosed portico was added to the Chapel for extra accommodation as more and more pilgrims came to the shrine to seek mothers blessings
- In 1904 the new Church was built, an edifice in gothic architectural style was opened to public after 2 years of construction
- It was the natives East Indians from Bandra and the islands of Salsette and North Konkan homeland that celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Mount with great zeal and gusto
- The Thursday preceding the feast was called the "Farm Day" when sweets and cakes were baked in all homes of the East Indian communities.
- · In those days speciality sweets were cucumber sweet/ pan mouries and umbers.
- · Pigs were slaughtered on this day and East Indian delicacies like Vindalo and Ser-pe-tair were prepared
- A home brewed spiced alcoholic concoction popularly called "Khimad" was a "must" and was kept ready for the feast on the coming Sunday
- The Bandra East Indians invited all their relatives for the Celebration of the Feast in reciprocation, those relatives invited their Bandra counterparts for the Harvest Festival "Agera" which would soon follow
- · Horse Tongas or "garras" plied from Bandra station to the very foot of the hill during the Church festivals
- Stalls were set up by North Indian and Konkan belt migrants selling black grams and sweets. Also temporary canteens were set up alongside the pathways selling food and special dishes for the pilgrims.
- It is said that the steps that go up the hill right up to the Church on the Mount was built by a Parsi Gentleman who had made a petition to Mother Mary after his wish was granted, and this childless couple were blessed with a child.

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Source – Trace (Terry Rodrigues), Compiled by Gleason Barretto)

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Music The East Indian Way



MUMBAI EAST INDIAN MASALA CREATES RECORD FOR MAXIMUM VIEWS

Mumbai Eastindian masala crossed 50k views in first week of August 2023. People all over Mumbai, Dharavi Bhet, Thane and Vasai have liked it and viewed on our very own YouTube channel, Mee eastindian. The Mumbai East Indian masala is now not only viewed on YouTube but also played in various functions like weddings, Silver Jubilee, communion and Christening parties. The singers were from different part of mumbai who came together, practised hard and it's because of their commitment that the song has become a hit song of 2023. Very soon we will release the Mumbai East Indian Masala # 2. So East Indian music lovers, we will be back with foot tapping music with Mumbai East Indian Masala # 2 scheduled for release in December 2023.

Roystan Dsilva - Kirol

Director

MusElc - MGPs Music & Arts Project

COMING UP

Mumbai East Indian Masala # 2 - December 2023
Umbrachapani
East Indian Urta Rap Song



MUMBAI EAST INDIAN MASALA

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News in Pictures







The First Indigenous People Day Celebration, Date: 15th August 2023, Venue: St. Michael Church Auditorium, Mahim





Archdiocese of Vasai - Silver Jubilee, Date: 15th August 2023, Venue: St. Gonsalo Garcia College Hall, Vasai





East Indian USA Picnic, Date: 19th August 2023, Venue: Spruce Run Park, New Jersey, USA



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Empowering Through Education

As India propels forward into a dynamic future, a host of hidden gem career opportunities are emerging, ready to be discovered by enterprising individuals. In the year 2023 and beyond, here are five lesser-known yet immensely rewarding career paths that are poised to shine in the Indian professional landscape.



1. Sustainable Agriculture Entrepreneur

With an increasing awareness of sustainable living and a return to nature, the role of a sustainable agriculture entrepreneur is gaining significance. These individuals blend traditional farming practices with modern techniques, focusing on organic and eco-friendly cultivation. From urban rooftop gardens to rural agri-tourism ventures, sustainable agriculture entrepreneurs contribute to food security, environmental conservation, and rural development, all while forging a fulfilling and impactful career.

2. Data Privacy Consultant

In an era of digitization and data-driven decision-making, data privacy is paramount. Data privacy consultants help individuals and organizations navigate the intricate world of data protection laws and best practices. With India's focus on data localization and stringent data protection regulations, data privacy consultants play a pivotal role in ensuring compliance and safeguarding sensitive information.

3. Renewable Energy Technician

India's ambitious renewable energy targets have opened doors for renewable energy technicians. These skilled professionals work on designing, installing, and maintaining solar panels, wind turbines, and other clean energy systems. As the nation strives to reduce its carbon footprint and adopt sustainable energy sources, renewable energy technicians play a vital role in shaping India's energy landscape while enjoying a future-proof career.

4. E-Health Specialist

The fusion of technology and healthcare has given rise to e-health specialists, who bridge the gap between medical expertise and digital innovation. These professionals develop and manage telemedicine platforms, health apps, and remote patient monitoring systems, making quality healthcare accessible to even the most remote corners of India. In a country with a diverse population and varying healthcare needs, e-health specialists are instrumental in revolutionizing healthcare delivery.

5. Ethical Fashion Designer

With a growing emphasis on conscious consumerism and ethical practices, the field of ethical fashion design is ripe for exploration. Ethical fashion designers prioritize sustainable materials, fair labor practices, and eco-friendly production methods. By creating fashion that is both stylish and socially responsible, these designers contribute to India's textile heritage while driving positive change in the fashion industry.

In the rapidly evolving Indian job market, these hidden gem careers offer more than just a paycheck; they provide the chance to contribute to the nation's development and make a meaningful impact on society. As you consider your career path in India for 2023 and beyond, these innovative options can align your passion with purpose and pave the way for a rewarding and transformative professional journey.

East Indian Community Awards - EICA 2023

Date: Saturday, 7th October 2023

7:00 pm Onwards Venue: Thane West

LIVE on - Mee East Indian YouTube Channel

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By Amarylisa Gonsalves - Juhu

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Wash, cut in pieces. apply salt and set aside.

Ingredients:

Vinegar as per taste 1 Tbsp oil Salt

Grind to fine paste (retain the masala water):

½ fresh Coconut

6 flakes garlic

6 green chillies (2 chillies cut lengthwise)

1 tbsp raw rice

1 small piece of ginger

½ tsp turmeric

6 nos pepper corn

2 tbsp coriander leaves

Method:

Heat oil in deep bottomed pan and add to it the ground paste, 2 green chillies and fry for a few minutes. Add the water you retained and little more water for thick gravy. Let this come to boil on medium low flame. Add the fish and salt to taste. Cover and let it simmer for 2 minutes or till the fish is cooked. Switch off the flames, add the vinegar, taste for sourness if needed add according to your taste. Enjoy with rotis or steamed rice.

By Sybil Rodrigues - Kalina

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El Books	NA	NA	10%	20%	30%	Complimentary					
Gaothan Voice	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery					
MGP Events	NA	NA	NA	Free Entry	Free Entry	Free Entry					
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EAST INDIAN PUNCH



The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

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MGPs Masala Song crosses 50,000 Views

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Wusic is one of the most important aspects to revive East Indian culture and tradition. Every cultural celebration or religious tradition is complete with Music. Although a large section of our community has great talents in music, only a few of our Music experts have managed to make it big in the music industry. It is mainly because we either did not encourage as much or gave up thinking there was no scope in the future. We have some big names in the Music industry and it's time we create a platform to appreciate and encourage Music talent within the East Indian community. The singing competitions keep increasing with each passing year and it's one good sign to take our Music forward.

A mix of popular songs are sung and we popularly call it a masala. Just like the world famous East Indian bottle masala which have a mix of multiple spices, similarly the East Indian Masala song has a mix of multiple traditional folk songs. For decades now the community functions and celebrations play or perform the East Indian Masala and we have more people joining on the dance floor. These are peppy songs we often sing along creating unity with musical voices. The popularity of the Masala songs promoted us at MGP to release our first edition of the Mumbai East Indian Masala.

Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube have given our music the much-needed push. Meanwhile MGP plans to release the next songs on various other platforms to help us spread across all spectrums. While our music has now reached out to community members across the world, it still needs to break barriers and reach the hearts of other communities. This can happen only if the music is catchy and easy to sing along. And for these efforts are needed by our talented musicians to create catchy music, just like the Punjabi songs which are a rage today.

As soon as news spread about the new song release some of our critics got into action. Some of the singers and MGP were targeted for the masala song, when actually it had included only a few lines of the traditional folk songs. The critics also has an important role to play in making the East Indian Masala song more popular. Those who had not heard about it made it a point to listen and enjoy. The Mumbai East Indian Masala song has made its mark inspite of the criticism received and this is a clear sign that when we perform selflessly for the community, we are blessed with the best. Young music talent is growing and rising and East Indian Music will sure grow in the coming years. We also appeal to senior singers to promote, support and encourage our young talent as they are the future of East Indian Music.

Last Indian Music scene. MGP through its music project, MusElc wishes to encourage young talent which is the need of the hour. The masala team did a fantastic job with the song and the video which became a hit overnight and got us an unexpected response. With this kind of response and encouragement, MGP now plans to release atleast one song every year or more depending on the support and response.

Action time is here and like-minded community members are doing their bit to revive music and encourage youngsters. We, at MGP, are making efforts to identify and appreciate music talent with our East Indian Voice of the Year initiative. Creating music that will cross the boundaries of the East Indian community and touch the hearts of other communities is our next objective. Coming up next is the Mumbai East Indian Masala # 2 and Umbrachapani, an urta rap song. MGP made history with the maximum live 50,000 views with the first online East Indian singing competition. And now we made history again with 50,000 views in 2 months for the Mumbai East Indian Masala song. But that's just the beginning for us. By the grace of God, we may make history once again with our MGP team's creativity. We look forward to your support and prayers to take East Indian Music to greater heights. Join us and together let's make East Indian Music bigger, better and the best.



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The Announcement for the East Indian Community

MGP IMPACT - ARCHDIOCESE LAUNCHES COMMISSION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

- *MGP has been actively involved for Indigenous issues and demands for more than 10 years
- *One of the demands was for East Indian Representation in the Archdiocese
- *Around 2 years ago a need for an Indigenous People cell was communicated
- *Last year we actively took up this issue and communicated with Archdiocesan hierarchy and the Vatican
- *A few months back in March we released the first version of the East Indian Samaj Archdiocese EISA Policy
- *The EISA Policy was presented to Bishop John at the East Indian Annual Rally on 14th March and also sent to the Archdiocesan hierarchy
- *In a week's time the Cardinal announced plans for the Commission of the Indigenous People on March 26
- *On 15th August the Commission for Indigenous People was formally launched by the Cardinal Ossie by appointing Bishop in Charge as Emeritus Bishop Allwyn and Fr. Leslie Malya as the Coordinator

MGP will continue to speak up for the Indigenous People of Mumbai, Thane, Vasai and Raigad - East Indian Community

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat - Protect! Preserve! Promote!



AGERA 2023 AN MGP INITIATIVE

100 Gaothans! One Agera Festival!

MGP is glad to promote it's plans for this year's Agera, East Indian Community Harvest Festival focussing on continuing our ancestral Traditions.

- *The Action Plan for this year's Agera on Sunday, 1st October is to make it more lively
- *A target of 100+ East Indian Gaothans celebrating this Traditional Harvest Festival
- *A target of 50 Parishes organising Agera Special Holy Mass
- *Associations or individuals wanting to organise can contact us for Agera guidelines
- *Parishes and associations organising Agera will be mentioned on social media

To give confirmations for Agera Celebrations or for guidelines you may contact us or email at mgpmobai@gmail.com



MGP Demands - World Indigenous Peoples Day - 9th August 2023

- *East Indian Community Indigenous People of Mumbai Thane Vasai Raigad*
- *Bandra Worli Sealink to be renamed as Kaka Baptista Sealink
- *Special Indigenous Cell in Archdiocese of Bombay to look into rights and issues of the Indigenous Peope of Bombay East Indian Community
- *Department of Indigenous Faith and Culture to be formed by the Maharashtra State Government
- *All Dignitaries who visit Mumbai to be welcomed as per traditions of the Indigenous People of Mumbai East Indians, Kolis and Agris
- *A special Indigenous government scheme to be initiated for the East Indian Community dedicated to St. Gonsalo Garcia the first Indian Catholic Saint and a Native of Maharashtra

Wishing you all a Very Happy Indigenous Peoples Day

Let's Together to do our very best to take our East Indian Community forward

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Proposed site Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Dharavi Beth, Thane & Raigad.

Highlights

- *The First Religious structure in Bombay Archdiocese to be dedicated to our Native Saint.
- *The Chapel is likely to be inaugurated in the year 2023.
- *We look forward for Support from Experts (Designers, architects, Sculptors, fabricators, etc) in building this Chapel.
- *Contributions by Cheque or in kind are welcome.
- *We plan to get relics from Japan and promote pilgrimage to Nagasaki.
- *Well known Altar designers to be a part of the project interiors.
- *The boat on which the Chapel will be built will be made by a well-known boat maker.



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