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# Introze in the Gaothans The East Indian Way















## CommunElty InitiatElves





## MOBAIKAR THE GAOTHAN STORE

Launch date - 26th January 2023 Stores - 9 outlets Location - Mumbai, Vasai and Thane



- \*Mobai Gaothan Panchayat launched its 1st initiative to promote Entrepreneurship with the East Indian Theme
- \*Nine outlets will operate from home, shops, Village festival stalls or on wheels
- \*Owner can also sell articles or food products made by them in-house or procure them from locals
- \*MGP will provide books, Merchandise, home made products prepared by Self Help Groups and other products as decided from time to time
- \*MGP launched its Self Help Group Initiative at the East Indian Conclave 2022 under the brand name, "Mobaikar" which will launch its 1st product by 2023 year-end and these products will be available at Mobaikar stores
- \*Monthly sale updates will be given by this Gaothan outlets to the central team
- \*Product line-up will be added basis demand and the networking by store owners and their feedback
- \*Mobaikar Self Help Groups especially the local ones will use Mobaikar network actively once launched
- \*Product list to be provided by MGP monthly or as needed from time to time
- \*MGP will also provide support for promotion material and promote the concept on social media platforms and it's monthly magazine, Gaothan Voice

Those interested in being a part of the Mobaikar store concept or the Self Help Group can contact us.

#### **ON SALE AT MOBAIKAR OUTLETS**

**MGP** - Books, umbrellas, Merchandise, bags and more **Store owners** - Lugras, shirts, tops, imitation jewellery, dresses, fish, food specialty and more.

#### **MGP Project Team**

Mobaikar Store Coordinator - Francis Kinny, Kalina Mobaikar Self Help Group Coordinator - Sunita Alphonso, Thane

Core Team Director - Alphi Dsouza, Vakola Ideator - Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla Initiative 1st announced in - Gaothan Voice Nov - 2009.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet #1

Business name - Gaothan Kala Owner name - Carol Kinny Owners contact - 7045022631 Business address - 3/A Benny Jacinto House, Next to Chris Chinese Corner, Near Palm Villa Building, Kalina Masjid Lane, Kolovery Village, Kalina, Santacruz East, Mumbai - 400098.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet #2

Owner name - Florence Gomes
Owners contact - 9220504914
Business address House no248 Gomes Villa,
Ground Floor, Peter Pereira Road Kurla West Mumbai.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet #3

Owner name - Sunita Alphonso Owners contact - 9892613407 Business address - John Building,102 Near Income Tax Office, Teen Hath Naka, Above Raghuvel Hotel, Thane West, Pin Code 400602.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet #4

Owner name - Gladys Dsouza Owners contact - 9892662479 Business address - Margaret Villa Kadeshwari Mandir Marg, Bandra West, Mumbai.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet # 5

Owner name - Douglas Lobo Owners contact - 9773682392 Business address House no.58, Vakola Village, Near St. Charles Convent , Santacruz East, Mumbai.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet #6

Owner name - Alphi Dsouza Owners contact - 9820087771 Business address - Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Theresa Villa, Manori

#### Mobaikar - Outlet #7

Business name - Vailankanni Food Cart Owner name - Clarence Rodricks Owners contact - 8551024915 Business address - Opp Lawrence Park, Near kuldeep Chinese, Dias and Pereira Nagar, Naigaon West, Palghar 401207.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet #8

Owner name - Coretta Dsouza Owners contact - 9323130069 Business address - B/206, Rosebud CHSL, Off J.B.M Road, (After Joe & Helen Ground, Next to Stonewall Bldg.), Amboli, Andheri (West), Mumbai - 400058.

#### Mobaikar - Outlet # 9

Owner name - Sarika Gracious Owners contact-9769306811 Business address :-Shop no 1 Austin Gracious House, Kharodi Village, Marve Road, Malad West, Mumbai - 400095.

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### **EAST INDIAN CALENDAR 2023**



The Official Calendar of the East Indian Community

# Reaching Out Across Gaothans And The Globe 10 Nations! 113 Gaothans! One East Indian Calendar!

#### **NATIONS**

**Australia** 

Canada

Germany

Malaysia

**New Zealand** 

Oatar

**Singapore** 

UAE

**USA** 

UK

#### **GAOTHANS**

**Acton - Vasai** 

Agashi - Virar

Mangla - Virar

Marouli - Chembur

Amboli - Andheri

**Andheri - Andheri** 

Bamanpuri - Andheri

Bamanwada - Sahar

Bangli Village - Vasai

**Bazar Road - Bandra** 

**Bhandarwada - Gorai** 

**Big Carpentry - Vasai** 

**Big Giriz - Vasai** 

**Chakala - Andheri** 

**Chapel Road - Bandra** 

Chimbai - Bandra

**Chincholi - Malad** 

Church pakhadi - Gorai

Church pakhadi - Sahar

**Cherai - Thane** 

**Cross Garden - Bhayendar** 

**Culbavor - Kurla** 

**Culvem - Gorai** 

**Dahisar - Dahisar** 

**Dharavi - Dharavi** 

Dadar - Dadar

**Dsouza Wadi - Thane** 

**Ghodbandar - Ghodbandar** 

**Gomes Street - Bhayendar** 

Gundavli - Andheri

Halawar pakhadi - Gorai

Hall Village - Kurla

Juhipada - Gorai

Juhu Gauthan No.2 - Juhu

Juhu Gauthan No.3 - Juhu

Kandivali - Gaothan

Kantwadi - Bandra

Kashegaon - Kashimira

Kevni - Amboli

**Kelve - Palghar** 

Khajori wadi - Uttan

khallai - Kirol

Kharodi - Malad

Khotachiwadi - Khotachiwadi

Killabundar - Vasai

**Kirol - Kirol** 

Koldongri - Andheri

**Kolovery - Kalina** 

**Kolbad - Thane** 

**Kondita - Marol** 

Korlai - Raigad

Kumbharwada - Vasai

Kumbharwada - Virar

**Lepora Street - Bhavendar** 

**Lower Koliwada - Gorai** 

**Lower Pakhadi - Kanjur** 

Madh Christian village - Madh

Malad - Malad

Malavni - Malad

**Mandli Street - Bhayendar** 

**Manickpur - Vasai** 

**Mandpeshwar - Borivali** 

**Marouli - Chembur** 

Marol - Andheri

Majiwada - Thane

Marve - Malad

**Matharpacady - Mazgaon** 

**Mota Gaon - Kalina** 

**Mota Gaon - Uttan** 

Muddhan pakhadi - Gorai

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Mulgaon - Vasai

Naigaon - Naigaon

Naupada - Kurla

Naupada - Thane

Navghar - Uttan

New Giriz - Vasai

Old khar - Khar

Old Kurla - Kurla

Oshiwara - Oshiwara

Pakhadi - Parle

Palghar - Palghar

Pali - Naigaon

Palli - Bandra

Panchghar - Manori

Papdy Village - Vasai

Parle - Parle

Poinsur - Kandivali

Pond - Parle

Raigad - Korlai

Ranwar - Bandra

Remedy - Vasai

Rathodi - Malavni

**Saphale - Palghar** 

Sahargaon - Sahar

Santacruz - Santacruz

Sandor - Vasai

Satmai - Vasai

Shepali Pakhadi - Gorai

**Shire - Uttan** 

**Small Carpentry - Vasai** 

Small Giriz - Vasai

Suttar Pakhadi - Sahar

Talzen Mulzen Pakhadi - Gorai

Ulwe - Navi Mumbai

**Upper koliwada - Gorai** 

Upper Pakhadi - Kaniur

**Uran - Navi Mumbai** 

Vairala pakhadi - Gorai

Vakola - Vakola

Vikhroli - Vikhroli

Valnai (Orlem) - Malad

Versova - Versova

Worli - Worli

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## **EAST INDIAN CALENDAR**



A Must on Walls of an East Indian Home

#### **EAST INDIAN CALENDAR 2023 - MONTHLY UPDATE**

Month	Theme	Sponsor	Recipe	Chef
			Wedding paprees tacos with Roast Duck and	
January	AVTAN	Bhairav Jewellers	Moile Chutney	Glyston Gracias
February	DALAN	Joel Dsilva	Leavened Turmeric Pollas or Pancakes	Dijoy Rebello
March	MANDAV	Clauderricks Enterprises	Dukrache Suk-Suke or Tope	Natasha and Veera Almeida
April	HIRVYA BANGRYA	Ameet Satam	French Bean Foogath	Nikita Misqquitta
May	VAALAN	St John Technical Campus, Palghar	Stuffed Chicken	Charmine Fernandes
June	VARUMAI	St John Technical Campus, Palghar	Tongue Tamriad	Ray Henriques
July	MOYA	Clauderricks Enterprises	Khimad Special	Michael Swamy
August	UMBRACHAPANI	The Resort Mumbai	East Indian Duck Moile 'CONFIT	Paul Kinny
September	WARAD	Clauderricks Enterprises	Rose Namory's East Indian Fruit Cake	Fabian Namory
October	SAARA	NANJGEL FOUNDATION	Pork Belly Indyal	Shamin D'souza
November	VARYAVAR	ST. FRANCIS BAND	Mugori	Aaron Pereira
December	PAASPATNI	MLA Ameet Saatam	Marzipan	Krislyn and Denise

#### EAST INDIAN CALENDAR 2023 - HIGHLIGHTS

- \*The East Indian Calendar is prominently displayed in many East Indian homes
- \*This year the Annual Community Calendars have reached out to 10 Nations & 113 Gaothans
- \*The theme this year was well appreciated by a majority from our community
- \*The Recipes featured are shared by the best Chefs in India and across the Globe
- \*The Calendar Strip ads are in great demand and sold out within a few months
- \*The East Indian Calendar is promoted with the tagline 12 million Views! 5000 Walls! One Community Calendar!
- \*For the first time MGP introduced the Calendar Raffle which got a very good response
- \*We also introduced pictorial date-boxes for important days of the Calendar months this year
- \*Date-box ads were introduced for the first time in Calendar 2023

#### **EAST INDIAN CALENDER 2023 TEAM**

Ideator & Strategist - Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla Planning & Administration - Alphi Dsouza, Vakola

Theme - Jamaica Dlima, Marve

Recipe - Rita Rodricks, Bandra & Candida Remedios, Vikhroli

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Vakola Gaothan, Santacruz East, Mumbai - 55. **MGP Bank Details** 

Account Name - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Bank Name - Bassein Catholic Cooperative Bank, Kalina Branch

Savings Account Number - 032100100000791

IFSC Code - BACB0000032

MGP Contributions are eligible for tax exemptions under 80G

Cheque should favour - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

#### GAOTHAN VOICE March 2003 - March 2023 20th Anniversary Special Releases

- \*A Special 20th Anniversary issue of Gaothan Voice March with 20+ pages
- \*A Special Book release with Editorials, Write-ups & Stories by Founder Editor
- \*A New Look and creative layout for issues from March 2023
- \*Most of the issues in digital format will be available on the MGP website www.mobaikar.in

To sponsor or advertise in the special releases contact 9820545302

Gaothan Voice - Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Aavaz!



20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



### **MGP NOTICE BOARD**



The Announcement for the East Indian Community

## EAST INDIAN SANN 2023 - Sponsor Appeal The Only Annual East Indian Community Festival in the World

The Annual East Indian Community Festival has 6 Events planned as mentioned below

- East Indian Food Festival @ Bandra
- East Indian Day @ Manori
- East Indian Music Awards 2023 @ Bandra
- Mobai Premier League Football @ Bandra
- East Indian Baazaar @ Bandra
- Holy Cross Day @ All Gaothans

The Sponsor Rates for East Indian Sann 2022 are as follows: Main Sponsor - Rs. 100,000/-

Special Banner, common banner, social media, special invite Associate Sponsor - Rs.50,000/-

Special Banner, common banner, social media, special invite Platinum Sponsor - Rs.20,000/-

Common banner, social media, special invite



Common banner, social media Bronze Sponsor - Rs.2000/-

Common banner, social media

\*We invite your support in the form of sponsorships, advertisements or donations for our Festival and around 40 Community Projects

\*You can also be a Sponsor in Kind by being our Annual Festival Partner for various requirements like banners, trophies, stall kiosks, jerseys, decorators, merchandise, gifts, sound system, video, photography, snack boxes meals, etc.

\*Cheques may favour "Mobai Gaothan Panchayat" and you may mail it to us at our office address or call us to arrange for a pick up.

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MGP - Aaplaa Gaav! Aapla Sann!



#### **EAST INDIAN VOICE**

#### **Promoting Singing Talent In The East Indian Community**

#### East Indian Voice of the Year 2023 - East Indian Music Awards

- \*All interested can share their songs and video with us and should be of age 15 years or more
- \*You can sing any of your favourite songs for this competition
- \*No studio recording will be permitted
- \*The top songs will be streamed on MGPs YouTube Channel Mee East Indian
- \*Only new voices will be encouraged, those who have won prizes at East Indian singing competitions are not eligible

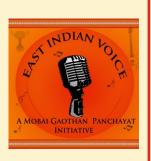
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- \*The Best Singer will be selected as the East Indian Voice of the Year
- \*This is open to all East Indian Community members
- \*Songs can be in English, Hindi, Marathi or East Indian
- \*Will be given a stage to perform at MGP events
- \*Special yearly prize for the best singer also in the East Indian dialect

Please send your entries to mee.eastindian@gmail.com

Last date for entries - 28th February 2023







## **Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy**

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Rights of the Indigenous People

Drafted by - Gleason Barretto

#### **HOUSING**

- \*Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
- \*A special Bhumiputra Housing Scheme to be initiated
- \*Gaothan expansion policy to be implemented by allotting lands towards East Indian community housing projects in lieu of land unavailable around gaothans

#### **INFRA COMPENSATION**

The community lands were taken away under various laws like Land Acquisition Act, Land to tiller Act, Urban Land Ceiling Act and the original owners were never compensated. These lands which were taken for infra projects are now today converted to commercial projects hence a compensation for these need to be given especially for the below mentioned projects which are on lands with East Indians as original owners

- \*Sahar International Airport and Santacruz Domestic Airport
- \*Bandra Kurla Complex
- \*Kalina University
- \*Aarey
- \*Railways
- \*Juhu Aerodrome

#### TAX

The East Indians as Indigenous People should not be taxed

- \*No Municipal Property and Water Tax for all houses in the Gaothans owned before 1960
- \*Electricity with a special scheme basis consumption where those upto a specific consumption get it for free

#### **CULTURE PROMOTION**

- \*East Indian Bhavan in Bombay-Thane-Vasai and Raigad
- \*Special permissions for time limit to be given for Umbrachapani and Christmas midnight mass
- \*Space to be allotted for Community Centre at each East Indian Gaothan

**Self government** 

#### **CASTE CERTIFICATE**

- \*Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian Community
- \*East Indian Community to be granted Schedule Tribe Status

#### **JOBS**

- \*Special job reservations for East Indian community in public and private corporates
- \*Local tourism projects to be alloted only to Indigenous People
- \*Infra projects on East Indian owned lands like Airport and Railways to have a quota for jobs to Bhumiputras

#### **BUSINESS**

- \*East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each Municipal ward
- \*All mega infra projects like Airports and Railways should allot special stalls to promote East Indian food specialty and handicrafts
- \*Each Metro station should have stalls earmarked for promoting East Indian food and handicrafts

#### **REPRESENTATION**

- \*East Indian Representative to be appointed with Special representation in Maharashtra State on behalf of the Sons-of-Soil community
- \*East Indian Municipal Corporator to be nominated to represent the city basis elections amongst the East Indian Community
- \*Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Gaothan civic projects

#### **RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS**

- \*Regular special trains to be started from Bombay to Velankanni twice a week
- \*Special Tour subsidies for Travel to Holy Places and Pilgrimage Shrines
- \*Regularisation of all Holy Crosses in the East Indian gaothans and their vicinity

#### **TOURISM**

- \*Manori-Gorai-Uttan Tourism Plan and Bridge Project to be scrapped and locals to be allowed to set up their local tourism businesses
- \*All tourism related projects should have an East Indian connect in the form of cultural centre, food stalls, handicraft shops and community theme centres

#### **LANGUAGE AND DIALECT**

\*The East Indian Dialect to be recognised by the Central and State Government

#### **COMMUNITY WELFARE**

\*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

#### **HISTORY**

- \*East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Government
- \*All mega projects like Airports, Metro and Railways should mention History of the city and the local area
- \*All Gaothans to mention the local history at its entrances
- \*Metro and Railway Stations should also mention the original local names along with a brief history

#### **GAOTHANS AND HERITAGE**

- \*Simplified repair permissions for Gaothans
- \*Ground plus SITU development to be permitted in Gaothans
- \*Specific DC Rules for planned development in Gaothans
- \*Harassment by BMC officers to be immediately stopped during house repairs
- \*Heritage homes in gaothans to be given a special incentive for maintaining their structure.
- \*Gaothan Infrastructure to be improved
- \*Roads, bylanes and street furniture within the gaothans to be designed to maintain the village look

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## Reetiñ Reevaj



**Promoting Culture and Tradition** 

#### **INTRUZE OR INTROSS**

Trace by Teddie J Rodrigues

The Native East Indians especially of Salsette have a custom of celebrating In-tross community-wise i.e. according to the Gothra they belonged to, most people have forgotten today as to what Gothra is or which Gothra they belong to. The Intross is mainly a community dinner celebrated from Fat Sunday (or Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday) before Cor-ez-ma to Tuesday; three days on which a community dinner can be held. This is the Carnival or festivities usually during the period before Lent begins.

The preparation starts on the morning of the day that Intross dinner will be held. This is the day when only men folk do all the work and the cooking of the main and only dish, the Mutton Khudi. Depending on the number of people in the Gothra, male Goats were slaughtered, special Intross Khudi Masala was prepared and the village square cleaned and made ready for the evening festivities. An hour before the dinner, women dressed in their best would go round the village to the houses where a new bride or recently married couple resides. They would sing and frolic ask for Intross, even have chowni's of the home brewed and deck the new bride with a gajra of mogra flowers, then they took her with them to the next house which has a newlywed couple and finally come to the village square.

Each family member carried his own plate and bread, they would sit cross legged on mats spread out in the square and served the Special Intross Khudi, and all serving too was done by the men. After having ones fill, the plates were filled again to be taken home to be eaten the next day, when the taste of the Khudi would be much better. Those celebrating this event on the Tuesday had to finish the meat the same night as the next day being Ash Wednesday was a day of Abstinence.

This custom still continues in most of the villages of Salsette till today. A very special Intross Khudi Masala is prepared for the use in this particular Food.



#### ST. GONSALO GARCIA

#### **Patron Saint of the East Indian Community**

- \*St. Gonsalo Garcia was born in 1557 at Bassein (Vasai)
- \*His Father was a Portuguese soldier and Mother a native from Bassein
- \* Garcia spent eight years (1564 1572) in Bassein Fort, studying at a Jesuit School
- \*In March 1572 along with Jesuit Priest and his guardian, Fr. Sebastiao Gonsalves Garcia went to Japan as a Missionary
- \*He was rejected admission to the Society of Jesus due to His Indian ancestry
- \*Leaving the Jesuits, he turned into a merchant and became successful due to his mastery and fluency in the native Japanese Language
- \*Later, he gave up his merchant business and became a Franciscan Friar
- \*St. Gonsalo Garcia was popular amongst the Franciscans as he knew the Japanese Language well
- \*When the Jesuits were facing a lot of opposition in Japan, people appreciated the simple way of living adopted by Franciscan Missionaries
- \*In November1596 Francisco de Olandia, a Spanish ship pilot told Japanese customs officials that the King of Spain sent the missionaries to instigate the people against their rulers and this statement caused the downfall of the missionaries in Japan
- \*The Franciscans, including Peter Baptist, Garcia and others were arrested on 8 December 1596 and were sentenced to death along with three Jesuits, including the native seminarian, Paul Miki
- \*They travelled six hundred miles from Kyoto to Nagasaki to be Crucified
- \* On 5 February 1597 they were Crucified and executed.





## **EAST INDIAN PUNCH**



The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

### GAAZU INTROZE KHAVOON EESTOOK ROAS

EIntroze 2025 - MGP Launches Revival Project

Gleason Barretto

n every East Indian Gaothan, Introze was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour. One celebration was the family one referred as Goth. The Goth or family celebration were generally members of a particular family tree connected to a surname. Here the family members mostly contributed or sponsored a requirement for the party or at times bought along their favourite dish to be served to all present. At times the family Introze party was not just for one day but for upto 3 days. While the Goth or family or area celebration was seeing a downslide we see a sudden rise in its celebration.

Native celebrations are being forgotten or tweaked to match what's followed across the country and the world. One of the highlights is now a dress theme or a fancy dress. Although a debatable inclusion, we should ideally promote our traditional dress theme and accessories. Similarly instead of having food ordered which may not have a link to our community like biryani, we should instead promote our East Indian food specialty. The locals can volunteer to help in preparing the meal as well as making arrangements for the Introze party. Let's not compromise on East Indian food and attire.

Traditions like Introze should be celebrated as done in the past. The villagers went around the village accompanied by the brass band or singing along with the Ghumat. Traditionally the men helped in preparing the Introze meal and the women focussed on preparing for the evening celebration. Mostly Khuddi as prepared and all attending has to bring their own plates. Khimad was served in chavnis as all men enjoyed with live music. The women were dressed at their best in traditional Lugra and jewellery. The kids had fun playing with their friends as the elders participated in the celebration.

Reviving this celebration is a need of the house. Sticking to traditions should be encouraged although there could be challenges due to modern times and lifestyle. The local East Indian group should play a leading role here. They could organise the village celebration and try to stick to traditional attire and East Indian food. The Goths or families which has their celebrations earlier should also try to revive the celebration. Youth can use social media to promote and create awareness on Introze with an intention to see an upside Introze celebrations.

Our MGP Global team, IEICC (International East Indian Community Council) will try to make inroads in this community <sup>4</sup>celebration in their own small way soon. Organising an Introze celebration abroad may have its own challenges but we appeal to those based abroad to Initiate these celebrations in their country. The Global team will connect soon with its network to start the celebrations by next year. While they may celebrate with the local traditions in their country, they will also celebrate separately in the East Indian Way.

Zestfully and confidently boosting this celebration, we need active organisers and initiators across our Gaothans. Local associations which organise mostly Singing Competitions as well as community groups in the village need to take this initiative to organise the Introze celebrations. Going around the village is a must as the migrants staying in the vicinity should know about our traditional celebrations as Indigenous People. Awareness of East Indians as Indigenous People through our Culture and Tradition needs a major push. Also, a major Introze Celebration on a state or city level needs to be organised with a special traditional themed carnival procession followed by community celebrations and dinner.

introze 2025 is now being launched as a 2 year revival plan of the Introze celebration in a bigger way across Gaothans with a variety of celebration plans. Elntroze is a combination of the East Indian acronym, El and Introze which is a pre-Lenten celebration of the Indigenous People of Mumbai. MGP targets to have Introze celebrations in 5 countries, 25 Villages and 50 Gaothans. The Major city level Introze may also be witnessed by the year 2025. An East Indian should target to be a part of their Introze Celebrations - at Goth level, at Village level and at City level. This initiative will be possible only if local village groups and families support and participate. Together let's make the East Indian Introze bigger and better.

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The Village Advertisement Space

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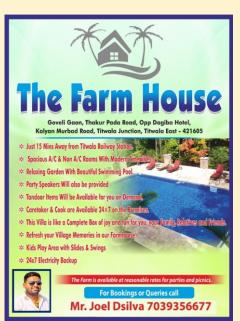
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Proposed site Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Dharavi Beth, Thane & Raigad.

#### **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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