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MUMBAI BHUMIPUTRA RALLY

Date : Sunday, 21st July 2024

Bandra Gym to Mount Marys Church



Compiled by Juneth Miranda - Vakola

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MUMBAI BHUMIPUTRA RALLY 2024

Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Raaj!



Mumbai Bhumi Putra Rally - Top 10 Issues

Date – Sunday, 21st July 2024

Time – 10am

Assembly point – Bandra Gym main gate

Via – St. Andrews Church, Chimbai

End point – Mot Mauli Devool, Bandra

Annual MGP Rally to Voice indigenous people Demands to the Government, Municipal Corporation and the Archdiocese

1. Housing Benefits – special housing policy for indigenous people
2. East Indian, Agri & Koli Bhavan – lands to be allotted for a Bhavan in each city of MMR
3. Special Gaothan, Koliwada & Agarwada Development Policy – a policy to be finalised basis the needs of the local villagers
4. Food & Art Stalls – special zones to promote native food and art
5. Language Recognition – the East Indian, Agri and Koli dialect to be recognised and promoted
6. Culture & Tradition – the Indigenous people culture and tradition needs to be promoted on all platforms
7. Representation – the community members to have representation across all authorities
8. Heritage – the structures that stand for centuries should be restored and recognised as heritage structures
9. Indigenous People rights – the Agri, Koli & East Indian Samaj should be given benefits and privileges as the Bhumi Putra with a special drafted policy
10. Uttan Dumping Ground – should be immediately closed as affects Uttan Village with health and pollution problems

MGP – Protect! Promote – Preserve

Mumbai Bhumi Putra Rally 2024 - Koli & Agri Samaj Leaders

Present at the Rally

Ujjwala Patil
 Bhavesh Vaity
 Meena Mangela
 Mangesh Shivkar
 Manish Dabir
 Pavan Halpe

Rally Supported by –

Mohit Ramle
 Chandrakant Koli
 Abhishek Vaity
 Sagar Patil – Agri Vikas Samajik Sanstha

MGP Team thanks all the Koli and Agri leaders for their support in forming an United front of the Indigenous People of Mumbai

Mumbai Bhumi Putra Rally - Top 10 Highlights

1. To have a Greater Voice and Bigger Impact the East Indian Rally from this year joined hands with Kolis and Aagris to be now termed as Mumbai Bhumi Putra Rally
2. Around 100 people joined this Rally at Bandra braving the heavy rains
3. Koli Leaders Ujjwala Taai and Bhavesh Vaity addressed the gathering after the rally
4. MGP has prepared a special Memorandum which will be presented to the Bandra Gym
5. The Mumbai Bhumi Putra Policy and the East Indian Samaj Archdiocese – EISA Policy will be presented to the authorities in the coming weeks
6. MGP will redraft the Mumbai Bhumi Putra Policy with demands of the Koli and Agri Samaj
7. Slogans and special announcements specifying the contribution of the East Indian Community were made at Bandra Gym, St Andrew's College, Holy Family Hospital, Carmels Convent, St Andrew's Church and Mount Mary
8. Near the seashores of Chimbai and Mount Mary slogans of the Koli samaj about their ownership and rights in the seas were made
9. This was just not a protest rally but an opportunity to celebrate our Indigenous Community's rich history, heritage, language, tradition and identity
10. The Mumbai Bhumi Putra Samaj will connect soon to take forward their Agenda to the authorities under the umbrella of the Mumbai Bhumi Putra Samaj which covers Mumbai Metropolitan Region

The Rally has given Mumbai's Indigenous People a new challenging and promising platform under the Mumbai Bhumi Putra Samaj. MGP is glad to be a part of this new revolution.

Mumbai Bhumi Putra Rally 2024 - Association Support List - 22

1. Mobai Gaothan Panchayat
2. Vakola East Indian Association
3. GARAJ – Juhu
4. The Koloverly Welfare Association – Kalina
5. Aagri Vikas Samajik Sanstha – Thane
6. Young boys welfare association – Chakala
7. Catholic Welfare Association of Versova Gaon
8. Akhil Koli Samaj Va Sanskriti Sanvardhan Sangh
9. Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Gaothan Welfare Association – Parle
10. East Indian People's Association Thane
11. Juhu Welfare Association
12. Marol East Indian community
13. Darya Vardi Mahila Sangh
14. Mulwasi Rekla Gaara
15. Kanjur Gaothan Catholic Welfare Association
16. East Indian Koli Samaj Sanstha, Chimbai.
17. Bamanwada Social Welfare Association
18. Sion Mulgami Welfare Association
19. Mankhurd Gaav East Indian Shetkari-Koli Sanghatna
20. Maharashtra Machhimaar Kruti Samiti
21. Koliwada Gaothan Seva Samiti
22. Daryavardi Mahila Sangh

Mumbai Bhumi Putra Rally - Sponsor List

Special Thanks from MGP Team to all our sponsors for the annual rally

Joel D'silva - Refreshments, Candida Bosco D'Souza, Sylvester Dsouza, Regan Mendonza, Juhu Welfare Association, Anonymous

The Support of our sponsors has helped us in organising a successful rally together with the other Indigenous Communities of Mumbai – Aagris and Kolis

MGP's East Indian Community Projects

Sr.No.	Project Name	Sr.No.	Project Name
1	Gaothan Voice	26	The Kaka Baptista Project
2	Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum	27	Native Devotions Promotion Project
3	East Indian Sann	28	East Indian Music Awards
4	East Indian Community Awards	29	Mobai Jobs
5	East Indian Dictionary	30	East Indian Office
6	East Indian Community Fund	31	MGP East Indian Youth
7	East Indian Baazaar	32	East Indian Community Network
8	East Indian Conclave	33	Gaothan Shakha
9	Mot Mouli Purcessao Yatra	34	East Indian Dialect Mass
10	East Indian Calendar	35	East Indian Foods Promotion
11	St.Gonsalo Garcia Chapel	36	East Indian Natekar
12	East Indian Bhavan	37	MusElc - MGPs Music Project
13	Mee East Indian YouTube Channel	38	Mobaikar - The Gaothan Store
14	International East Indian Community Council	39	Mobaikar - Self Help Group
15	Reetin Reevaj	40	Kaka Baptista East Indian Gardens
16	Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav	41	MGP Publications
17	Gaothan Games	42	Mobai Sports Project
18	Mee East Indian - MGPs Merchandise Project	43	DigEI - MGPs Digital Project
19	Shikshan - The Education Project	44	East Indian Food Festival
20	East Indian Sanskriti Gaothan	45	EIco - MGPs Green Project
21	Gaothan Bachav Andolan	46	Kuruz - Holy Cross Project
22	East Indian Business Network	47	MGP Heritage Project
23	Smart Gaothan Project	48	MGP Housing Project
24	East Indian Card	49	East Indian Band Revival Project
25	East Indian Rally	50	Rekla Gaara Protection Project

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Mumbai, Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Uttan dumping ground now a site of toxic leaks



Manoj Ramakrishnan
MUMBAI

After fires at the Uttan dumping ground that sent smoke into the surrounding villages during the dry season, residents of the area have complained about toxic leachate from the garbage after the rains. Residents have demanded a closing down on the dump and removal of the accumulated garbage.

The issue has received support from the local churches. Recently, a priest who was delivering a sermon at the Our Lady of Velankanni shrine at Uttan made an impassioned appeal to church members and government authorities to resolve the problem.

"We were surprised when the priest spoke about the issue in his homily. It is rare to talk about a subject like this during a religious service," said a resident of Uttan.

The dump, located on a hill-ock in Uttan village, receives garbage from Mira-Bhayandar city, which neighbours Mumbai in the northwest. Five villages are located around the periphery of the hill-ock - Dongri, Tarodi, Pali, Chowk, and Uttan.

Residents said that since the

dumping ground is located on a hill-ock, the leachate from the decomposing garbage flows into their fields. Leachate can mix with groundwater or seep into nearby bodies of surface water, compromising public health and environmental quality. Pools of leachate have been collected in the fields around the dump. "The fields can no longer be cultivated," said a resident of Uttan.

Sandeep Burkhien, a campaigner against the dump and a resident of Uttan, said that more than 100 tonnes of garbage is deposited daily at the dump. "A hill is the wrong place for a garbage dump. The leachate gets into our ponds and creeks where we fish. We want the accumulated garbage to be removed from the hill," said Burkhien.

Merylin Dsa, former corporator in the MBMC said that it has been a protracted issue ever since it was established in 2007 after ignoring protests from the residents. "The fields are being destroyed because of the waste flowing from the dump. The villagers are bearing the brunt of the city folk," said Dsa.

On June 29, residents had a meeting with Pratap Sarmak, a Member of Legislative As-

sembly from Thane and the Shiv Sena Party's communication head for the area. Residents said that two more villages - Murchha and Rai - are affected by frequent fires at the dump.

"The wind smells of burning plastic," said Lourdes D'Souza of the Dharavi Beth Bachao Samiti, an association of residents. Dharavi Beth is the local name of the area. The Mobai Gaothan Parishad, an association of the original residents of Mumbai's old villages, said they recently met the bishop of Bombay, Cardinal Oswald Gracias, to discuss the Uttan dumping ground, among other issues.

Officials from the Mira-Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) did not respond to calls and messages asking for a response to the residents' complaints.

Dsa said that garbage is deposited at the dump without removing it from the plastic bags, making it difficult to compost or recycle. "Plastic bags are banned but grocery vendors get them from suppliers outside Maharashtra. The corporation organised a meeting on Monday to consider a complete ban on polythene bags," Dsa said.

UTTAN DUMPING GROUND

A Village Suffers for more than a Decade

Free Press Journal - Wednesday, 3rd July 2024

The press coverage covers..

*The health and pollution issues faced by the local villagers due to dumping ground.

*The Uttan Dumping Ground has not been shifted even after constant assurances by the authorities.

*MGP has been following up for this issue with very little success for 10+ years.

*The surrounding fields and wells have also been polluted and destroyed.

*MGP has also been following up with the Archdiocese on this issue as a church announcement was made more than 10 years ago, to recall the agitation with an assurance to shift the dumping in around a year.

MGP will continue to do it's very best to take up this issue with support from local villagers. A follow up communication will be sent to authorities and we hope and pray that our Uttan Village is saved, revived and restored.

MUMBAI'S INDIGENOUS GROUPS SEEK HSG POLICY, RECOGNITION

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UNITED STAND | All groups to gather in Bandra on Sunday for a major rally

Mumbai's indigenous groups seek hsg policy, recognition

FPJ News Service
MUMBAI

East Indians, Agri, Koli, and other indigenous groups from the Mumbai region will rally in Bandra on Sunday to vote demands that include a special development policy for their localities.

The rally will start at 10am from Bandra Gymkhana and end at Mount Mary Church, after passing St. Andrews Church. The rally, which will have the theme 'Aapla Gaothan Aapla Raag', hopes to unite Mumbai's original residents under one umbrella called the Bhumiputra Samiti.

Their demands include a housing policy for Mumbai's indigenous people. East Indian, Agri, and Koli Bhavans in each city in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, a special development policy for East Indian gaothans, koliwadadas and agarwadadas, promoting of their food and architectural heritage, official recognition for the East Indian, Agri and



Koli dialects of Marathi, representation in local civic bodies, and benefits under a special policy for the Bhumiputra. They have also demanded the closure of the Uttan dumping ground that is causing air and water pollution in villages largely occupied by these communities.

Alphi Dsouza, convenor of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

(MGP), said that the East Indians have been organising an annual rally for more than a decade. However, they have been joined by Koli, Agri, and Kumbh this year. "Almost 70 to 80% of our demands are similar," said Dsouza.

One of the demands is about special planning rules for their villages. The community is worried about the govern-

ment approving Slum Rehabilitation Authority schemes in the villages. They fear that this deprives them of the full benefits of redeveloping the villages. The East Indians, who are Roman Catholics who converted to the religion in the 16th and 17th centuries, trace their origins to Koli, Agri, Bhandari, Kumbh, and other castes.

MAIN DEMANDS

- Special development policy for localities
- Housing policy
- Establishment of East Indian, Agri, and Koli Bhavans in each city in MMR
- Promotion of food and architectural heritage
- Official recognition of East Indian, Agri, and Koli dialects of Marathi
- Representation in local civic bodies
- Benefits under a special policy for Bhumiputra
- Special planning rules for villages to prevent displacement from SRA schemes
- Closure of Uttan dumping ground due to pollution concerns

*Promotion of our food and architectural heritage

*Official recognition for East Indian, Agri, and Koli dialects of Marathi

*Representation in local civic bodies

*Benefits under the Mumbai Bhumiputra policy

CCTV cams for Juhu cemetery within a week

Manoj Ramakrishnan
MUMBAI

After images of vandalised burial niches at the Juhu Koliwada Christian cemetery were published in the media, the Andheri West MLA Ameet Satam has instructed the police to install CCTV cameras in a week to keep a watch on vandals. The surveillance equipment, which will be bought from MLA funds, will be monitored from the Santacruz police station.

Satam said he spoke to the senior police inspector of Santacruz police station and also instructed ex-corporator Aneesh Makwaney to visit the area. "It will be done in a week. The CCTV cameras will be a good deterrent. The cemetery is a secluded and isolated place and is located next to a marshy area. I have been asking the police to keep vigil in the area," he said.

The cemetery is owned by the BMC but is used by the Holy Cross Church for burials. The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP), an association of Mumbai's indigenous people, said they contacted Satam for his intervention and support to prevent such incidents targeted against the Christian community. "We also suggest a private security or handover to the church for management," said Gleason Barretto of MGP.

Father Angelino Vaz, parish priest at the church, said that parishioners have spoken to the MLA and corporator. "I am not sure whether a CCTV camera will stop crime. The village has reported thefts that have been recorded on CCTV cameras, but the police have been unable to find the culprits," said Vaz.

MLA AMEET SATAM ORDERS CCTV INSTALLATION AT JUHU KOLIWADA CHRISTIAN CEMETERY

MGP Raised the issue to the local MLA

Free Press Journal - Saturday 27th July 2024

Following the Vandalism at the Juhu Koliwada Christian cemetery, MLA Ameet Satam took swift action to enhance security.

Key Actions

*CCTV instalation through MLA funds within a week, monitored by Santacruz police station.

*Increased Police Vigilance

*Association support - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat coordinated with MLA Ameet. MGP has suggested additional measures like private security or handover to Church for management

*Community Support - Father Angelino Vaz of Holy Cross Church and residents like Clara D'Souza hope these steps will deter future incidents and bring the culprits to justice. Let's stand together to protect our religious spaces.

Joulyn Kenny - Worli



MGP NOTICE BOARD

The Announcement for the East Indian Community



SAINT ANNE CHURCH MEMORIAL – FIRST CHURCH IN BANDRA

MGP requests for a Memorial dedicated to the first Church in Vandre

Bandra is also called Vandre, Bandora, Vandar and gets its name from the Marathi word “Bandar” which means a sea-side port or harbour.

*On February 22, 1570 King Sebastian confirmed the donation of the villages of Bandra to Jesuits and on November 1, 1572 the donation was solemnly reaffirmed by the Royal Court of Lisbon

*In the year 1573 the Jesuits came to Bandra and described Bandra as a verdant seaside village possessing a modest harbour

*The College and Church inside the fort was built in 1583

*The Church feast was celebrated on 26th July every year being the feast of St.Joaquim and St.Anne

*The fort along with the Church was destroyed in the Portuguese-Maratha War in 1739

*In front of the College was a large cross which after the destruction of the fort under pressure from British was shifted to the St.Andrew's College Compound

*The 2nd Church in Bandra. St.Andrew's was built in 1595 which still stands today near Chimbai Gaothan

* Bandra consisted of many villages, among them Sherly, Malla, Rajan, Kantwady, Waroda, Ranwar, Boran, Pali, and Chuim

*Church of St.Anne was located at Malla Gaothan on which today stands the Bandra Railway Station and Bus Depot

*There is another Church at Bandra dedicated to St.Anne at Pali

We at MGP will send a communication to Adv.Ashish Shelar, MLA – Bandra West to build a Memorial near the Bandra Railway Station dedicated to St.Anne Church, the first Church in Bandra

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 8pm and leave the next day at around 6pm

*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 everyday 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, 14th September 2024

*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

MGP TEAM @ VELANKANNI 2024

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat is glad to announce it's active Presence of around 12 Sarpanches, Gaothan Coordinators and active supporters at the Annual Pilgrimage at Velankanni.

MGP Team Proposed Activity Plan at Velankanni-

*Emergency Support to Community Pilgrims at Velankanni

*Special leaflets for prayers and hymns for the evening procession

*Sponsor of Lunch to the Poor served by Helping Hands

*Release of a specially designed T Shirt for the East Indian Community

*East Indian Census and Card support for registrations

*Colour theme dress code throughout the 10 days of the pilgrimage

*Transport convenience plan for Velankanni pilgrims from Mumbai

*Support existing groups in their activities

Suggestions and feedback welcome for additional activities and initiatives

Activity will be initiated only basis availability and feasibility.

Those who wish to join our MGP Team @ Velankanni can contact us at mgpmobai@gmail.com or WhatsApp us on 9820545302

Novena & feast Day - 10 day colour theme

30th Aug 2024 - Blue

31st Aug 2024 - Yellow

1st Sept 2024 - Orange

2nd Sept 2024 - Green

3rd Sept 2024 - White

4th Sept 2024 - Purple

5th Sept 2024 - Luga theme (cultural day)

6th Sept 2024 - Pink

7th Sept 2024 - Red

8th Sept 2024 Feast day - Golden /Shimmer

One Prize will be given daily for those who are dressed as per the colour theme. Those who wish to take part in the colour dress theme need to tag MGP/post on Facebook/Instagram

JOIN US AS AN MGP TEAM MEMBER OR AN EVENT COORDINATOR FOR THESE EVENTS..

Service providers for our events are welcome to give their quotations..

MGP Activity Plan - August to December 2024

Bhumiputra Dis - World Indigenous People Day - 9th August

Bhumiputra Aitwar - Indigenous People Sunday - 11th August

Mot Mauli Yatra - 1st August to 15th September

Mot Mauli Purcessao - 14th September

Kaka Baptista Memorial Day - 18th September

Agera - 6th October

East Indian Community Awards - EICA 2024 - October

East Indian Conclave - November

East Indian Calendar 2025 Release - November

Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav - December

MGP Annual Christmas Raffle - 26th December

Your suggestions and feedback are welcome.

For more details/sponsorships contact us on
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Mumbai Bhumi Putra Policy

The Rights of the Indigenous People



Drafted by - Gleason Barretto

HOUSING

- * Housing Quota on MHADA projects for East Indians
- * A special Bhumi Putra 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 allotted only to Indigenous People
- * Infra projects on East Indian owned lands like Airport and Railways to have a quota for jobs to Bhumi Putras
- * Special reservation in the local Mumbai Police Force for East Indian Community

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



Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy

The Rights of the Indigenous People



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

Drafted by -

Gleason Barretto

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat - Global Ambassador

East Indian CabElnet - Policy and Strategy

MGP Team Meets Bandra Gym President & Team EAST INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL

First ever East Indian theme Mega food festival at Bandra Gym planned

Meeting held On Saturday, 27th July 2024
12.30pm to 1.30pm

Food fest proposed on 27th October 2024

*Bandra Gym President Dr Cheryl Misquitta along with the Managing Committee met the MGP Team to plan way forward East Indian Community based initiatives

*To begin with the Bandra Gym plans to organise it's first mega East Indian themed food festival and MGP will support in performances and stalls selling East Indian food & handicrafts

*There will be an East Indian LIVE Band with well-known singers along with dance performances

*Stalls will sell East Indian Lugas, books, umbrellas, merchandise and other handicrafts

*The Mega food festival plans to have around 100 East Indian food speciality covering starters, breads, curries and deserts

*Spot prizes and gift hampers will be on offer

Further details will be announced soon.

MGP Team thanks the Bandra Gym President & Team for taking the first big step with this East Indian themed event. We look forward to continuously supporting the BG team to organise more such East Indian themed events.



Joulyn Kenny - Worli

MGP OBITUARY

BRENDAN CONAN PEREIRA

Passed away on 21st July 2024 at the age of 96



The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat mourns the loss of Brendan Conan Pereira, a stalwart of our community. As the co-founder of Chaitra Advertising, now Leo Burnett, Brendan's creativity and vision left an indelible mark on the advertising world. Beyond his professional achievements, he was a true son of our soil—humble, generous, and deeply rooted in faith.

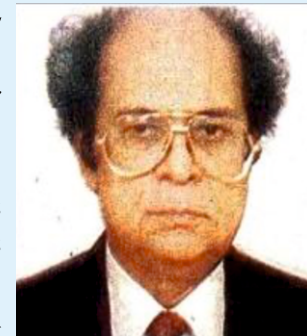
Brendan's love for life was evident in everything he did, from his stylish presence to his dedication to sports like tennis and golf. He made lifelong friends and left behind a legacy of kindness and integrity.

We are grateful for the time he shared with us and take comfort in knowing that he is at peace, resting in the arms of our Lord. Brendan's life was a testament to the values we hold dear, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

MORGAN MISKITA

Passed Away on 10th July 2024 at the age of 92



The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat deeply mourns the passing of Morgan Miskita, a distinguished member of our community who rose to prominence through hard work, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to his profession. Born in Vile Parle, Morgan's journey from St. Xavier's High School to founding his own firm, 'M. Miskita & Company', is a testament to his dedication and brilliance as a solicitor.

Morgan's exceptional career, highlighted by his work with prominent clients and his deep love for his wife, Tulsi Advani, serves as an inspiration to all. Despite his great success, Morgan remained a humble man, devoted to God, his family, and his work.

His loss is deeply felt by his family, friends, clients, and the legal fraternity. We are proud to have had such a remarkable person as part of our gaothan, and his legacy will live on in our hearts.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Rev. Fr. D. G. Almeida Educational Fund

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This Educational Fund was founded by the late Fr. D. G. Almeida of Thane, for the empowerment of children, to help them aspire for a higher education.

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Join the East Indian Business Council

A Thriving Business Network for the East Indian Community

The East Indian Business Council, under the guidance of Dr. Conrad Coelho (Senior Lecturer UK), Director of Business Affairs, is delighted to extend an invitation for membership. Our recent special meeting on 26 July, 2024, at Vakola, focused on enhancing our business network and social media presence to benefit East Indian entrepreneurs and professionals.

Highlights from the Meeting:

- Collating data on East Indian-owned businesses
- Creating special business categories for Community Awards
- Organizing skill training programs
- Establishing a business mentorship initiative
- Promoting East Indian-themed businesses
- Activating the Mobaikar online platform
- Registering vendors for our Baazaar & Food Festival
- Providing internships within network firms
- Offering exclusive deals through the MGP network
- Organizing seminars for continuous learning
- Planning the project launch next month
- Fostering networking and support creation
- Hosting an Annual Business Summit

Why Join Us?

By becoming a member of the East Indian Business Council, you will gain access to a robust network of professionals dedicated to the growth and success of East Indian businesses. You will benefit from training, mentorship opportunities, and promotional activities designed to elevate your business. Our vibrant social media initiatives will help you connect with a broader audience, amplifying your business reach.

Be a part of our dynamic community! We will create a thriving ecosystem of East Indian businesses, fostering growth and collaboration.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community. To join the East Indian Business Council you may email us at mgpmobai@gmail.com or WhatsApp on 9820545302

Dr. Conrad Coelho
Commissioner of Business Affairs
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Chief International Coordinator
IEICC - International East Indian Community Council

HOLY CROSS CENSUS

The number of Holy Crosses in Mumbai remains a mystery But it doesn't have to be that way anymore!

Mumbai's crosses have seen war, plague, independence and have stayed with us as we ushered in the modern, globalised world.

Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we continue to maintain their legacy and aid efforts to preserve them.

MGP plans to document each of Mumbai's crosses, which are at risk due to the ever-changing and developing cityscape.

We need your help!* Do your bit in this Cross Census by filling out this *Google Forms link <https://forms.gle/mF4g7kYaJGYb6jup9>

SOCIAL MEDIA - DIGEI:

Developing a comprehensive MGP social media impact plan.

Launching a new YouTube channel.

Tailoring Instagram posts to our audience and community.

Strategizing Facebook content for targeted engagement.

Enhancing email campaigns for better outreach.

Simplifying WhatsApp communication through digital platforms.

Reviewing our website for improved reach.

Drafting an MGP Social Media policy and strategy.

MGP Team thanks Dr Conrad Coelho for being a Special

Advisor to our Social Media & Digital Team - DigEI

AWAAZKAR! MOBAIKAR!

Mumbai's Bhumi Putra Raise Their Voices As One

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

BHAVAN is a place where the Indigenous People of Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) consisting of Mumbai City & Suburbs Thane, Palghar-Vasai and Raigad will have a Bhavan in each region. In our initial Bhumi Putra Samaj connect, the Aagris, Kolis and East Indians want a separate Bhavan as they all have a unique and distinct culture and tradition. The Bhavan will be a central venue to promote and showcase the rich culture and tradition of the Indigenous People of MMR. A performance centre in the form of an auditorium or community hall will surely help promoting Cultural aspects with a Museum to display the heritage of the community.

HOUSING is one of the key issues of the Bhumi Putra Samaj. With increasing families and restricted on development it gets really very difficult to accommodate the entire family. Due to these challenges the family cannot stay together in one structure and need to rent out a place as the cost of housing in the region is very high. There is an urgent need to create special housing schemes for Bhumi Putra Samaj and special quota for the indigenous people under housing provided by MHADA, CIDCO & other Government authorities. Also self development should be allowed so that families can build SITU structures to accommodate their increasing families. Heritage structured identified should be supported for maintenance as preserving & restoring these structures has High costs. A Special Gaothan, Koliwada & Agarwada Development Policy needs to be drafted and finalised basis the needs & suggestions of the local villagers.

UTTAN DUMPING GROUND has been one of the most saddening projects which has destroyed the basic living conditions of those who live around this site. Many have faced medical issues and the foul smell is unbearable. The fields around have been destroyed and the wells have contaminated water. In spite of regular protests and communication by local activists and groups not much has changed. The municipal authorities, the State Government, local political leaders and religious hierarchy needs to take serious note of this before it causes further damage to the Indigenous People of Uttan region. The Uttan Dumping Ground should be closed on an urgent basis without any further delay.

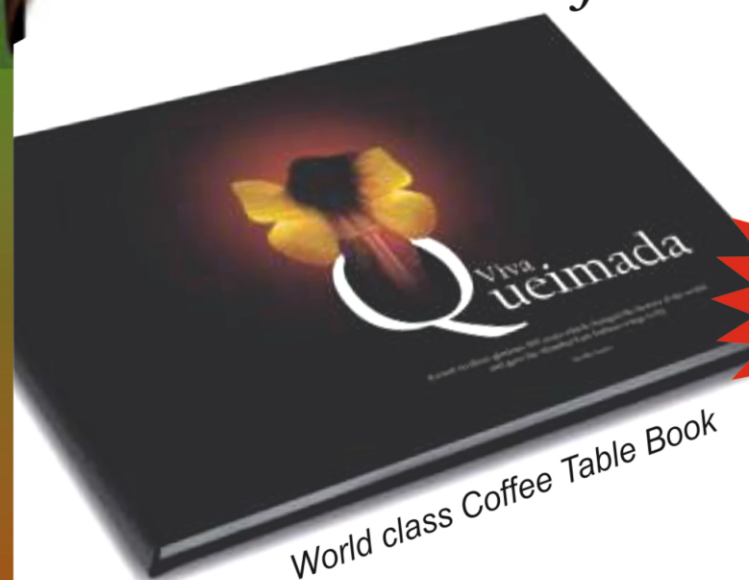
MAIBOLI or East Indian dialect needs to be preserved and protected. This also applies to our Maharashtra state language Marathi which is not actively promoted at religious services. The East Indian dialect should be recognised by the government authorities and this also applies to the language of our Aagri and Koli communities. Community leaders should work out ways and projects to promote and preserve the language with events based on this objective in the form of language classes, online plays and music.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE RIGHTS is the need of the hour and we need to shout in one voice - Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Raaj! The Mumbai Bhumi Putra Rally was the big first step to take our Indigenous Communities forward. The Aagri, Koli & East Indian Samaj should be given benefits and privileges as the Bhumi Putra with a special drafted policy. Food & Art Stalls should be allotted in special zones to promote native food, culture and art. The community leaders should have representation across all authorities of the Government to suggest and recommend projects for Indigenous People rights and welfare. Its Time the Bhumi Putra Samaj comes together as one and raise their voices to have a better impact on their issues with the government authorities, religious leaders and political parties.



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- *The Chapel Fund generation will be actively initiated once the land is purchased or donated
- *The Chapel is likely to be inaugurated in the year.
- *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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