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KAKA BAPTISTA JAYANTI





Sunday 17th March 2024, Mobai Gaothan Panchayat along with various representatives and others from Utan Village gathered around Joseph Kaka Baptista's Chowk to pay our respects to our Community Hero on his 160th Birth Anniversary, Prominent among the large gathering were people from various occupation based East Indian Communities.

The morning began with our MGP awardee, and local East Indian Activist Leo Colasco "Sir" speaking about our beloved Community hero, the late Barrister Joseph Kaka Baptista. BA, LLB, LCE.

"Kaka" as he is fondly referred to was a advocate, associate and confident of Shri Lokmanya Tilak. He was one of the prime activist of the Home Rule movement in India which was founded by Dr. Annie Besant and Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

Leo Colasco Sir reiterated the role played by Barrister Joseph Kaka Baptista during the Independence Struggle where Barrister "Kaka" acted as advocate for Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

He is credited with coining the phrase "Freedom is my birthright and I shall have it". Joseph "Kaka" Baptista, a son of Uttan was Mayor of Bombay during 1925-1926.

Finally, Leo Colasco "Sir" exhorted our East Indian and Local Communities to make representations to various governmental agencies and the legal fraternity including Supreme Court of India to consider renaming of Judicial Academy at Uttan as "Barrister Kaka Joseph Baptista Judicial Academy"

The former president late Parnab Mukherjee had during a visit to the RSS HQ in Nagpur, in a speech has referred to Baptista as one of the Founders of the Home Rule Movement in 1916.

Present among the gathering of esteemed individuals including fishermen leader Leo Colaco, environmentalist Dhiraj Parab, MGP Founder Trustee Walter Murzello, Edwin Ghonsalves, Edward Corea, Harold Borges, John Garya, Edward Ghonsalves, Hillary Mendonca, Valerin Pandrick, Chandu Patil, Darryl Fonseca, Albert Ghonsal, Castline Dunga, Nester Garya, Denis Jiu, Sanjay Nagorama, Vency Munis, Austeen Bhandari, Bless Kokya, Elat Munis, Sunny bandya, Roman Bechari, Dinal Bhagat, Winnie Pereira D'Souza and many others, who came together to pay their respects to Barrister "Kaka" Joseph Baptista.

Walter Murzello - Valnai (Orlem)

KAKA BAPTISTA JAYANTI 17TH MARCH



MGP Vibhag Sarpanch of Mankhurd Govandi Marouli, Vicky Misquitta paying his respects at the grave of Kaka Baptista at Sewri Cemetery.



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The Announcement for the East Indian Community

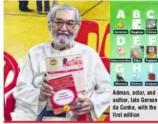


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MGP in the News - Free Press Journal Friday, 15th March 2024 -Page 6 *East Indian Dictionary - 2nd Edition*

Mumbai group preserves East Indian dialect

Group documenting unique words and phrases in dialect; the book will have glossary of East Indian words



dered if it had any connec-tion to Hindu God Rama. As I researched I found that the

Get ready to dive into the vibrant world of East Indian culture with the upcoming 2nd Edition of the East Indian Dictionary! Boasting an updated format for easy reference, engaging illustrations and caricatures, and a stunning collection of photographs, this edition promises to be a visual and educational delight. We're inviting all members of the community – students, seniors, music artists, and homemakers – to join us in this enriching project. Whether you're eager to actively contribute or prefer a supportive role, your participation is invaluable. Simply reach out to us at 9820545302 to get involved and be a part of this exciting endeavor. A huge thank you to Manoj Ramakrishnan and the MGP Team for their invaluable support in spreading the word about this eagerly anticipated project. Let's come together to make the 2nd Edition of the East Indian Dictionary a roaring success!

Living Near Uttan Dumping Ground: Residents Speak Out

Living in the vicinity of Uttan Dumping Ground presents numerous challenges for residents, impacting their health, environment, and quality of life. From foul odors to air and water pollution, the issues faced by those residing nearby are pressing and demand attention.

The constant emission of noxious odors and airborne particles from the dump affects the air quality, causing respiratory ailments and other health concerns among residents. Moreover, improper waste disposal practices contaminate groundwater and nearby water bodies, posing significant health risks and environmental degradation.

Noise pollution from the operations at the dumping ground disrupts the peace and tranquility of the surrounding areas, while the presence of pests attracted to the waste exacerbates hygiene and sanitation issues.

Furthermore, the unsightly appearance of the dumping ground decreases property values and subjects residents to social stigma. Despite these challenges, residents are resilient, calling for urgent action from authorities to address the issues and ensure a healthier and safer living environment for all.

It's time for collaborative efforts between local authorities, environmental agencies, and community members to implement effective waste management solutions and alleviate the burdens faced by those living near Uttan Dumping Ground. The well-being of residents and the preservation of the environment must be prioritized to foster a thriving community for generations to come.

Jevio Almeida

MGP Sarpanch of Uttan

Commissioner of Law & Justice - East Indian cabElnet



Mobai Gaothan Panchayat team met Melvin Fonseca on 25th March 2024 at the East Indian Sola venue to discuss the plans for the MGP eventMGP thanks Melvin sheth for his support East Indian Sola is scheduled on Saturday, 20th April from 6pm to 10pm at Shivram Dalvi Wadi, Opp Manori Jetty, Manori.

MGP in the News -

Times of India Saturday, 30th March 2024 Page 6- *East Indian Lenten Traditions -Easter Celebration by East Indians*

Easter Vigil service to celebrate Risen Christ

Mumbai: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after he was crucified on Good Friday is the bedrock of the Christian faith. Celebrated as Easter Sunday, this most important feast of the liturgical calendar falls March 31 this year

The festival draws the curtain on 40 days of Lenten fasting and penance. Families celebrate the annual homecoming or reunion with meat, wine and other temptations they had forgone during Lent.

herent in Easter grants it universal appeal across communities. Bakeries and confectioneries have laid out travs of marzipan and chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies, and hot cross buns, most of which are purchased by non-Christians.

The archbishop of Bombay Oswald Cardinal Gracias will celebrate Easter Vigil mass at Holy Name School quadrangle, Colaba, at 8.00 pm Saturday March 30.

Fr Nigel Barrett, spokesman for the archdiocese of Bombay, said, "Easter Sunday is the day of our Lord's resurrection. Our faith professes that Jesus who was crucified on Good Friday, rose from the dead three days later on Eas-

ter Sunday, symbolising victory over sin and death. The resurrection is the cornerstone of the Christian faith for it signifies the fulfilment of God's plan for redemption and offers believers the promise of eternal life. It is a day of gre-

at joy and hope." St Andrew's Church, Bandra, will conduct Easter Vigil service on the school grounds at 8.00 pm on Holy Saturday, which is a day of silence, said assistant priest Fr Clifford D'Souza.

Sacred Heart Church in Santacruz will celebrate mass at 10.00 pm. Parish priest Fr Felix D'Souza said, "The service begins with lighting of the fire and the candles. People carry a candle with them which is lit in the beginning and for the second time to renew their faith in God. Holy water is sprinkled on the congregation. At the end of the service, people exchange Easter greetings

Gleason Barretto of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat explained the Easter tradition of the indigenous East Indian community. "The festival is called Pasku Cha Sann. 'Pasku' comes from the Portuguese word Pascoa (Easter) and Sann is (feast) in the East Indian dialect. In days gone by the community waited for the priest to bless their home during Easter week but now this has changed and the house is blessed by a family member. The family prepares ethnic delicacies like duck moile, fugyas, varas, mutton khuddi, pork sarpatel, stuffed chicken, moogoori (sweet) and the all-time specialty, khimad. The family celebration starts when all raise their drinks together saying 'Sukhatogether saying Sukha

Barretto says the East Indian community keeps its Lenten traditions alive through Papiya singing, Kursacha Vaat, Ramacha Pass, Krist Puran and Pasku Cha Sann.

*Coverage on the Lenten Traditions of the East Indian Community

*Pasku Cha Sann - Easter celebration by the Indigenous People of Mumbai Metropolitan Region

Reetin Reevaaz is a MGP project which works towards promotion and preservation of East Indian Community **Culture and Tradition**

MGP Team thanks Bella Jaisinghani for this news coverage.

East Indian Donor Passes East Indian Sola 2024



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Reetin Reevaaz

The East Indian Culture Guide



EAST INDIAN HERITAGE - BOTTLE MASALA

Amarylisa Gonsalves

There could be a thousand aromatic and delicious masalas today out there in the market. But East Indians and even some people of other communities in Mumbai swear by the bottle masala.

The bottle masala is very dear and unique to the East Indian community. Although the masala does not include anything fancy or extraordinary, the perfect mix can make almost every curry mouth-watering.

What is Bottle Masala?

Every East Indian household has its own bottle masala stored which is used throughout the year. The bottle masala is a mix of different spices ground together into a powder that can be stored for months.

It is usually made in large quantities and preserved for use for the whole year. There are primarily two reasons for this. One is because it uses around 20+ spices. Secondly, making the masala is a tedious process involving drying the spices in the sun for days, roasting each of the spices, and later pounding them together

Traditionally an 'Ukal' and 'Musal' were used for pounding the spices but nowadays it is ground at the grinding mill.

What makes the East Indian bottle masala so unique is that every family or village has their own distinct recipe for bottle masala in terms of the spices that go in and their quantity. The masala was prepared and stored in glass bottles, hence gaining the name 'Bottle Masala.'

Several East Indians make sure to carry the bottle masala when they travel abroad for its durability and the ability to stay intact for a long time.



AAPLE SANN!

With Easter Sunday being over and Catholics all over the world have entered the Easter season, the feasting and celebrations have begun. East Indians, known for their lively and celebratory culture celebrate two major feasts between April 15, to May 15, 2024.

Sav Jose cha Sann - May 1, 2024

Although the feast of St. Joseph or Sav Jose originally falls on March 19 every year, it is celebrated on May 1. St. Joseph was depicted as a worker in the scriptures and hence his feast is celebrated on May 1, which happens to be Labourers Day. East Indians visit different parishes belonging to Sav Jose in Bombay, where the respective villagers celebrate the feast with great enthusiasm and frolic.

Kondavita cha Sann - May 13, 2024

Although the centuries-old church of St. John the Baptist stands in ruins today, East Indians gather at this secluded church in Kondivita, Andheri East once every year to honor and celebrate the patron. The remains of the church and the surrounding area are decorated and a procession is carried out followed by a feast mass. It is attended by hundreds of people. The mass is then followed by the East Indian band, dancing, and feasting by the community.



MGP TEAM REPORT

MGP - Marve Unit - Monthly Report

- 1) New gutter work in Marve Gaothan... Half way done
- 2) A Community Centre for our Gaothan
- 3) New Road for our Gaothan... Work in progress
- 4) Water and Mango Juice organised for the entire Parish in Marve near the MGP banner on account of Good Friday Procession on Friday Morning

Corina Pereira - Gaothah Sarpanch - Marve Unit Anita D'souza - Gaothan Coordinator - Marve Unit



EAST INDIAN SANN 2024

MGP Annual Community Festival



EAST INDIAN BAAZAAR

The East Indian Community Market

Date - Saturday, 6th April 2024 Time - 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Venue - St. Andrew's College Cafetaria, Bandra

Sponsor rates

Main sponsor - 20,000/- Co-sponsor - 10,000/-Gold Sponsor - 5,000 Banner display -1,000/-

Partner sponsors - sponsors of cost related to Baazaar - Sound, Refreshments, lights, tables & chairs, water, printing, displays, take aways, award trophies, contest prizes and lots more

Baazaar Highlights

*An initiative to revive our local village market.

*East Indian food specialty will be on sale ranging from starters, curries and desserts

*East Indian Bottle Masala and pickles available

*Lugras, imitation jewellery and accessories

*East Indian Merchandise, Cookery and History books

*Stalls at affordable rates to encourage community businesses

Entry FREE

EAST INDIAN SOLA

Celebrate The East Indian Way

Date - Saturday, 20th April 2024

Time – 6.00 pm onwards Venue - Shivram Dalvi Wadi, Near Manori Jetty, Manori

Sponsor Rates

Main sponsor - 1,00,000/-Co-sponsor - 50,000/-Gold Sponsor - 25,000/-Silver Sponsor - 10,000/-Bronze sponsor - 5.000/-Banner display - 2,000/-

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Highlights:

*East Indian Music Awards - EIMA 2024

*East Indian Food & art stalls

*Music performances by some of the best singers

*Special Performances by winners of East Indian Voice, Dance East Indians Dance, East Indian Stand Up and East Indians Got

*LiVE Band in attendance - Jesus Band, Uttan

*Special Stay package at the Resort for Sola

*East Indian Dinner Buffet

*Entry fee starting at Rs.100/-

EAST INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL 2024

The Biggest East Indian Food Fest of the Year Bhandari Food - Kumbi Food - Koli Food - Agri Food

Date - Saturday, 4th May 2024

Time – 5.00 pm onwards

Venue - St. Andrews Quadrangle, Bandra

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Sponsor Rates

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Partner Sponsors welcome

Sponsors in Kind - Token of appreciation, gift hamper, refreshments, water, sound system

Food Fest Highlights

*East Indian starters like Potato chops, tongue roast, Fugyas and varyas,

*Special fish stall selling the best of Koli food

*Introducing the East Indian Thali, Special Buffet and the El

*East Indian Bottle masala and pickles

*Lugras, imitation Jewellery and lots more

*East Indian merchandise stall selling a variety of things to treasure in an East Indian homes

*East Indian Cookery and history books

*Performances by the best East Indian talent Entry FREE

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EAST INDIANS DAY 2024 AAPLAA GAAV! AAPLAA DIS!

Date - Saturday, 25th May 2024 Time - 10.00 am East Indian Holy Mass followed by Fun, Games, Music and Lunch Venue - Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Theresa Villa Complex, Manori

Sponsor Rates

Main Sponsor - Rs. 50,000/-Co-Sponsor - Rs. 10,000/-

Partner Sponsors welcome

Sponsors in Kind - Token of appreciation, gift hamper, lunch, desserts, water, snacks, soft drinks, prizes, decorators, sound system

East Indian Day Highlights

*Lunch passes will be on sale soon

*Holy Mass will be in the East Indian Dialect followed by presentations

*East Indian Brass band in attendance

with LIVE

*East Indian Lunch followed by Games



Contact: Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771



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MGP 14th Anniversary - 24th March - Top 14 Achievements

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

- 1. MGP 50+ East Indian Community Projects To Uplift & Empower the Community
- 2. Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum First East Indian Museum in the World with 200+ artefacts on display
- **3. Gaothan Voice -** Monthly East Indian Magazine in existence for 21 years with an estimate of around 50,000 readership
- 4. East Indian Sann The Biggest Annual East Indian Community Festival for the last 14 years
- 5. East Indian Community Awards Appreciating 100+ Community Achievers
- 6. East Indian Dictionary Promoting the East Indian dialect with 1000+ words
- 7. Mee East Indian YouTube Channel Makes history with 50,000 LIVE views at the online East Indian singing competition
- 8. MusElc MGPs Music project Songs make history with 1 Lac+ YouTube Views
- 9. East Indian Calendar 5000 East Indian Homes with an estimated 12 million views
- 10. East Indian CabElnet 26 Core team members assigned important units from 100+ MGP team members across India and World
- 11. East Indian Baazaar Empowerment project with 30+ Community markets
- **12. Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy and East Indian Samaj Archdiocese -** EISA Policy, 2 important policies specially designed by MGP
- 13. East Indian Community Fund Supporting the needy for Education & Medical needs, Special Pandemic support by providing ration kits to 250+ families
- **14. Culture Revival Project -** Promotion of East Indian culture and tradition through 3 major festivals like Agera, Introze and San Jao Cha Sann to start with Mobai Gaothan Panchayat thanks all our team members and donors for their support and prayers.

To join MGP Team or be a donor member contact us on 9820087771/9820545302



EAST INDIAN SOLA 2024

NAACHUN GAAVUN GAAZU EAST INDIAN SOLA CHAATHI THOKUN MEE EAST INDIAN BOLA

Date - Saturday, 20th April 2024
Time - 6pm to 10:30pm
Venue - Shivram Dalvi Wadi, Near Manori Jetty, Manori

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

*An Evening of Celebration the East Indian Way

*East Indian Beat Group in attendance

*Presentation of East Indian Music Awards - EICA 2024

*Performance by winners of our Sola themed competitions

Performance by : Young East Indian Voices - Samaira and Joy



SPECIAL PERFORMANCES OF THE EVENING







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NAACHUN GAAVUN GAAZU EAST INDIAN SOLA CHAATHI THOKUN MEE EAST INDIAN BOLA MGPs Annual Sann to include it's first East Indian Sola

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

NTERTAINMENT and Celebration is a specialty amongst the East Indian Community and so rightly, MGP is glad to announce its big event this year, 'East Indian Sola'. There will be Music, Dance and many other attractions for those attending this mega celebration of the community. MGPs objective for this event is to give a perfect community feel and ambience at the Sola. Attractions at the MGP Sola include Music Awards presentation, Sola Competition winner performances, a special East Indian food stall, East Indian selfie point and photobooth.

NITIATIVE at such a big scale will give a new definition for the Sola. While this will be the first big Sola organised by MGP, efforts are being made to ensure that it has as many firsts to the MGP Sola platform. Welcome drink will be served to all who reach venue on time. A special draw or raffle with some interesting prizes are on the cards. A majority of those present will have tables to ensure they enjoy the event with the greatest comfort. Around 100 Sukhala bags will be distributed to the audience when they leave the venue. There is a perception that MGP organised events are of high quality and our team will put in our best to meet people's expectations.

PREAD of the best of East Indian snacks, meals, breads, desserts and more will be on sale. The MGP Sola will serve an East Indian thali offered at a special price of Rs.300/- only. Around 50 delicious items will be available at our food stall managed by our Sola catering partner. Stalls selling other East Indian themed articles will also be set up at the sola. A Live stall will also be set up to sell hot and fresh fugyas. We are likely to include a special Potato chop East Indian burger too if things go as planned.

UTSTANDING performances by the best in the East Indian Industry. Master Roland will sing 2 of his best East Indian hit songs. Umbrachapani, the biggest East Indian hit will be performed LIVE by Maxwell Fernandes and Yung Clyde. Both these young talented singers will also sing a solo of their best songs. MGPs Masala group will perform their famous mix of the East Indian Masala as they celebrate one successful year since their release with 1 lac plus YouTube views. There will also be a special dance performance by the Uttankar Women's group.

IVE band for the Sola will be Uttan famous beat group and Competition specialist, Jesus Band led by Valley Master. The band will play their best tunes nonstop in symphony as they always do. The band has one of the best saxophonist and percussionist not forgetting their impressive vocals. The band has begun collecting tunes and practicing theme for the Mega Sola event. They will also perform an instrumental to match the beats of an East Indian brass band to get the audience on their toes to dance with a handkerchief in their hands, the East Indian Way.

PPRECIATION to the top music and arts achievers on the East Indian Community front will be announced. These top performers will be presented the East Indian Music Awards - EIMA 2024 which is one of the biggest highlights of the evening. MGP Team led by the MusEic project team has shortlisted around 15 award categories for EIMA 2024. A token of appreciation will also be presented for the 2 top music releases on MGPs YouTube Channel, Umbrachapani and Jingle Bell. We appeal to community members to attend the Sola and show their love for the community by Celebrating MGPs Sola the East Indian way.

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EAST INDIAN MASALA

The Unique Mix for your Family



MGP MAI BOLI CONTEST # 13 For School and College students Only

There are names of 6 performers who will be performing at East Indian Sola 2024, hidden in this Crossword. Find them and send them to us at eastindianvoice@gmail.com by 15th May 2024.

One lucky prize winner will win an Amazon Gift voucher of Rs.500/-

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Crossword by Amarylisa Gonsalves - Juhu

Grilled Chicken

Ingredients

1 tbsp. Tandoori masala 1tsp pepper powder 10 big flakes of garlic 1tsp Bottle masala 1 big lime juice Salt to taste Tandoori colour 1tsp Fenugreek leaves Tooth picks Oil as required

500 gms Boneless Chicken

Method

Wash the chicken keep it whole and make incision on it.

Apply the above ground paste to the chicken and leave it overnight. Roll the marinated chicken by using tooth picks so that it doesn't open up.

Place it in a tray. Apply oil to the chicken and grill until the chicken is Done.

Enjoy with green chutney and onions rings



Recipe by Sybil Rodrigues

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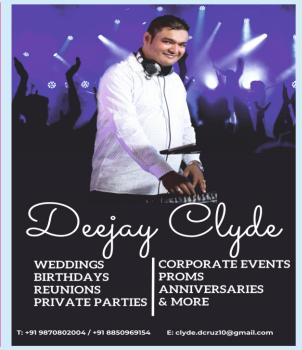
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ST. GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL Aaplaa GAAV! Aapla Devool!

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.



Bank details:

Account Name: ST GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL

Bank Name: Bassein Catholic Coop Bank, Kalina Branch Account type: Savings

Account type: Savings A/C No: 032100100000792 IFSC Code: BACB0000032

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