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Minglesh Sequeira, an East Indian from Sequeira brothers are from Vasai and are world famous sculptors. Sequeira Brothers were presented with the first ever East Indian Business Family of the Year award by MGP

They have been given the assignment to build the biggest Shivaji statue in Maharashtra

Congratulations to the Sequeira Brothers from the MGP Team



MGP Vakola Unit and Vakola East Indian Association organised a Signature Campaign to change Metro station name from Santacruz to Vakola

The Signature Drive will continue this week. Thanks to all for their support



An East Indian Family Representing Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Ghibli Style



### New 'Joyland Park' (Opp. Wildflower Society, Jai Bhawani Mata Road, Amboli) Holy Cross Restored inside park

The Joyland Park was inaugurated by MLA Ameet Satam this evening, Saturday, 8th March 2025. It coincided with International Women's Day celebration.

This property was not in a very good shape and was used as a dumping ground. From the pictures one can see the good work done by Sir Ameet Satam. The Cross too on

this property has been restored and many of us went to the Cross and prayed in Thanksgiving. The New Joyland Park saw children enjoying themselves to the fullest on the slides, swing etc. Parents too had a happy smile on their faces.

On meeting MLA Ameet Satam, I did mention I was the Coordinator for Amboli for MGP and thanked him for beautifying the place and giving our children a beautiful park to play. In the pictures, one will see many families of Amboli who came for the inauguration.

MGP Andheri West Team thanks MLA Ameet Satam for gifting the Amboli Gaothan with Joyland Park and also for Restoring the Holy Cross in the Garden

Coretta Fernandes D'Souza  
MGP Gaothan Coordinator  
Amboli Gaothan, Andheri



### Kaka Baptista Jayanti

In tune with K a k a B a p t i s t a Birthday on

17th March, MGP Team members Alphi Dsouza and Ignatius Kinny paid respects at Kaka Baptista Chowk, Uttan

The plans for the Kaka Baptista Project are being finalised and will be released in the coming months

Suggestions and feedback can be sent at

### GORAI GIRL WINS FIRST PRIZE AT FASHION SHOW DRESSED IN LUGRA



MGP Team Congratulates

Styrl Murzello from Gorai Village for winning the 1st Prize Representing St.. Theresa B Ed College, Santacruz at a Fashion Show at St Xavier's Institute of Education, Churchgate showcasing East Indian Culture and Lugra



### MGP Team thanks all those who attended the Thanksgiving mass yesterday at Irla

Members present  
Alphi Dsouza  
Alan Gonsalves  
Clayson Fonseca  
Constantine D'mello  
Coretta Fernandes D'Souza  
Corina Misquitta  
Darryl Gonsalves  
Gleason Barretto  
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Special thanks to Clayson Fonseca for making all arrangements and for Fr Rajesh for celebrating the Thanksgiving Mass  
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**MGP in the NEWS - Two News Stories**  
**Midday - Cover Story & page 2**  
**Free Press Journal - Page 7**  
**Saturday, 8th March 2025**

**MGP Demands recall and cancellation of the SRA notice to Old Kurla Christian Village**

- \* Old Kurla Christian Village has a history of more than 500 years and hence has a great connect with the History and Heritage of Mumbai City.
- \* Gaothans were village settlements on higher ground where the East Indian Samaj stayed together in unity and safety
- \* All lands around were owned by the East Indians of Old Kurla Gaothan also called Kurla Christian Village.
- \* The Old Kurla Gaothan East Indians owned lands at the Mumbai International Airport, Kohinoor City, Pheonix Market city, BKC to name a few
- \* All these lands were either taken way under various laws or encroached by migrants
- \* The East Indians are original inhabitants and owners of Kurla Village it's saddening that an SRA notice has been issued for a survey of the Village as a slum
- \* MGP Team along with Old Kurla Gaothan, Christian Village residents takes strong objection to this notice of injustice to the Bhumi Putra East Indian Samaj of Mumbai
- \* On behalf of the Old Kurla Villagers we demand the recall and cancellation of this notice with immediate effect
- \* The Old Kurla Gaothan should be recognised as a Gaothan with immediate demarcation along with all 189 Gaothans of Mumbai

**MGP - Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Raaj!**



**MGP in the NEWS - Two News Stories**  
**Midday - page 2**  
**Times of India - Page 4**  
**Sunday, 9th March 2025**

**MGP Demands clarification of the SRA notice to Old Kurla Christian Village by BMC**

**Bhumiputra East Indian Samaj has the First Right in Mumbai as Indigenous People of this city**

- \* The East Indians are original inhabitants and owners of Kurla Village it's saddening that an SRA notice has been issued for a survey of the Village as a slum
- \* This notice as per BMC is to around 40 houses in an area on the periphery, not within limits of Kurla Christian Gaon
- \* The area issued notice does not fall within the demarcated boundaries of Old Kurla Gaothan
- \* The BMC needs to clarify and issue specific notice with what this area is called
- \* The term Kurla Christian Gaon to be removed from the notice
- \* The immediate demarcation of the 189 Gaothans is a must

MGP Team thanks all the activists, groups and villagers for their support. The plans going forward for Kurla and MMR region will be announced soon.

We appeal to Gaothan residents to be cautious about political leaders & supporters who may take credit or create issues keeping BMC elections in mind. The concerned officials and leaders to ensure clarification in writing.

**MGP - Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Raaj!**



**MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal page 7**  
**Thursday, 20th March 2025**

**Papiyas – Special Prayers and Hymns at Lenten time**  
**Bhavando, utha tumche neezemanche, deemi ghala, lazaar kara, ek Amche Bapala.....**

- \*Papiya is a Marathi word which means Penitents
- \*Papiyas or Devaats as they are called, are a group of devout christians who move about from cross to cross at the dead of night, chanting prayers and imploring Christians to wake up from their sleep, get down on their knees and pray and ask for God's forgiveness
- \*These groups become active from the Sunday night before Palm Sunday and their activity culminates in a crescendo on Maundy Thursday
- \*Papiyas organize themselves into groups of 10 to 20 persons or more and start with visiting various Gaothans during Lenten time
- \*They shroud themselves in black or blue or brown tunics with a hood so they cannot be easily recognized
- \*Their lamentable chants in tones similar to Gregorian chants are in East Indian dialect
- \*Listening to their mournful chants can be a hair raising experience and can send shivers down ones spines, especially when one hears them at the dead of night.
- \*Tradition has it that Papiyas from one village would visit the neighbouring village and vice versa, No two groups could come face with each other.
- \*If both groups had the occasion to travel and would cross paths, then the group that spotted the passing group would hide behind the bunds (baands) of the field till the other group passed by
- \*People of the neighbourhood would keep a kettle of hot tea at the foot of the cross for the Papiyas. Papiyas are representative of the apostles Peter, James and John who accompanied Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed and during the 'Agony' on the Mount of Olives.

MGP thanks all our community members who join Papiya Singing for ensuring our Religious Traditions are revived and passed on to our future generations.

Compiled by MGPs Reetiñ Reevaj Team for the East Indian Culture Guide.





For many decades quite a few persons of note have been trying to get members of the East Indian community together to build a rapport within the Community and celebrate the history and customs at the appropriate times during each year. Though the intentions of these people was laudable matters did not progress as hoped

But then came along a young man full of vigour with a visionary thought process and determination and began his journey with hope and little else His name was Gleason Barretto living within the confines of the Juhu Parish His first project was being involved with the Juhu Parish monthly magazine known as Parish Post which he soon renamed "Wavelength" which name still holds good today. He involved himself in all the activities of the Juhu Gaothan and was instrumental in getting local residents together to celebrate all the East Indian customs and festivals which he had researched with considerable effort and time all on his own steam. In due course he got married and moved the way to the Kurla Parish where he still resides. He also managed to induce like minded souls and minds like Alphi D'souza and Walter Murzello who joined him happily and willingly in his efforts to achieve his goals and vision for the benefit of the community



These three dedicated gentleman founded the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat and immersed themselves the study of the history of the East Indian community encompassing a staggering number of events including the customs the dress codes for every occasion the recipes, East Indian music and many other facets of the community the special events to be celebrated annually and very importantly the East Indian Marathi Dialect language even having printed a Marathi/English dictionary! They have set up and inaugurated many a festival from football to music to food festivals, our East India Anthem Kaka Baptista museum East Indian bazaars, press releases on various subjects, honouring our Patron Saint Gonsalo Garcia ,prominent East Indians, interactions with Diocese of Bombay and MLA's in our areas, Government Officials , construction of Garcia Chapel, Sarpanchs in every area of East Indian Gaothans, annual calendars beautiful crafted with information of various types and recipes, E I clothes fashions, etc. "Gaothan Voice" a monthly bulletin for the Community and there is very much more that can be written and will be in coming future

Seeing hearing witnessing the many functions throughout the year will give you an idea of the research dedication implementation and successful continuity for all these 15 years. One glance at the staggering numbers and names of the Events and programmes 50+ in number initiated by this Team will give you an insight to their thought process innovation and undeterred dedication. Our gratitude to this great team and for their sheer commitment to the East Indian cause in every facet.

May they be blessed by the Lord with strength and courage and determination to continue their amazing venture for the East Indian Community.

East Indians all over the world it is our bounden duty to support this organisation in every which way that we can to enable it to grow and continue to preserve and maintain our Heritage our history and customs for ourselves and our future generations which may have been lost and interred with the bones of our fore Fathers had this team not decided to undertake this wonderful journey on behalf of us all

## In Special Memory of our active MGP supporters



**Philomena Fernandes**



**Ashley D'Mello**



**Fr. Milton Gonsalves**



## \* Maria Goretti's East Indian Community Project - Special invite for community members to share Recipe \*

Project Supported by - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

This is a special invite to East Indian Community members to be a part of this unique East Indian Community Project

### \*Guidelines\*

- \* Recipe should be an East Indian and a video shoot will be done at the residence
- \* Open to all to participate - Homemakers, Homechefs, professional chefs and caterers
- \* Participants will need to arrange for their ingredients and Maria Goretti or the project coordinator will visit your home
- \* The entire recipe will be shot to be uploaded on YouTube and we will also need the recipe in written form
- \* The name of the participant and their insta handle and number will be mentioned
- \* A written undertaking to be signed by the participants that they agree for use of the recipe in video as well as book
- \* Recipe could be an East Indian starter, curry, desert or any food speciality
- \* Participants interested can share their name and recipe list (1 or more) with Rekha Jacinto - WhatsApp 9920387710

## \* MusElc - The Performance Team \* A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

The MusElc team is evolving into a \*Performance Team\* showcasing our talents in singing, dancing, or both. We're excited to launch our performance group, leveraging our strong foundation in singing. Our team will perform at various events and release music online.

MGP team members and non-member singers are welcome to join. Those interested can contact Royston Dsilva on 9930736960

Join Us and Let's Make Music Together..

## \* An invite to be a part of MOBAIKAR GAOTHAN STORE \*

- \* Can be operated from home, shop, festival stalls or on wheels
- \* Owner can also sell things prepared or manufactured on their own or procure articles from locals for sale
- \* MGP will provide books, Merchandise, home made products prepared by Self help groups and other products as decided from time to time
- \* MGP will try to give around 20% against each article on sale
- \* Monthly sale updates to be given by this Gaothan shop owners
- \* Self help groups especially those local ones can use this mode actively
- \* Owners to display the board provided by MGP to promote this Gaothan store concept
- \* Product list to be provided by MGP monthly or as needed from time to time
- \* A Display board will be provided by MGP
- \* MGP will also provide support for promotion material and promote the concept on social media platforms and it's monthly magazine

Those interested in being a part of the Mobaikar store concept or the Self Help Group can WhatsApp us on 8886225903/9820545302



**East Indian Dialect Rosary**  
**Ok 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**At Orlem bazaar cross**  
**Organised by MGP Orlem unit**

## Trindaz/Trindat Cha Sann/Dongracha Sann

The Feast of the Holy Trinity Church in Powai is celebrated on the last Sunday of May. This is an East Indian Village Festival which still attracts thousands of East Indians every year.

\*The Church is located on a hill and a new Church has been built behind which lies the ruins of the old church.

\*Decades ago our community travelled to this Church on Gaaras(Bullock Carts) and Reklas(Horse carts).

\*Holy Trinity Church is the 3rd Oldest Church in Bombay diocese. The Jesuits founded the Holy Trinity Church in the Valley of Vihar in 1550, but the valley was so malarious that they moved to the hillock in 1557

\*This hilltop church was operational right up to 1737, until the Maratha conquest damaged it severely

\*Legend has it that the original Church of the Most Holy Trinity today lies submerged under Vihar Lake, where the top is sometimes visible when the water level goes down. Locals also believe that a statue of Mother Mary with Infant Jesus and a cross was found in the Vihar lake bed and it now rests inside the Conditia church in Marol

\*Incidentally Powai includes Gaothans - Tirandaj, Koprikund, Saki, Paspoli and Tungave

\*The Creado family from Juhu Gaothans for decades has been celebrating their Cross feast at the Holy Cross inside the church premises on the eve of the Church feast

\*Until some years ago they took a bus load of Juhukars for the Cross feast and then used to stay overnight by settling themselves in the church compound to celebrate the feast the next day.

We appeal to our community to celebrate this festival and ensure this Village Festival is not forgotten by our future generations.

As per updates received, there are 4 Holy mass services this year and only one of them is in Marathi. A Communication will be sent to the Church and the Archdiocese to ensure the traditional feast is revived and all Holy Masses are only in our Maharashtra state language, Marathi, the Feast mass to be in Marathi only and one mass could be in English.

MGP Team wishes you a Happy Trindat Cha Sann. Sukhala!





## MUMBAI BHUMIPUTRA POLICY

### Memorandum of the East Indian Community

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

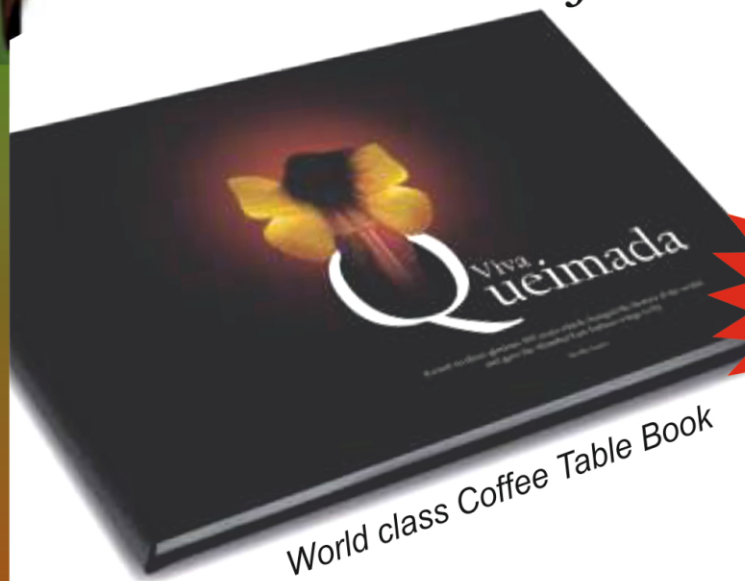
#### GAOTHANS AND HERITAGE

- \*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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# EAST INDIAN SANN 2025

MGP Annual East Indian Community Festival



## MGP ANNUAL DAY

A Special Day dedicated to the East Indian Community

Date - Sunday, 18th May 2025

Time - 9.30am to 4pm

Venue - Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Theresa Villa, Manori

Simple Lunch - Rs.150/- (for 1st 100 bookings)

Rs. 200/- for 101 booking onwards

This special day for our community is celebrated on every 3rd Sunday of May. East Indians come together for a day of celebration at The Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Manori.

### Highlights for this Year:

- \*East Indian dialect Holy Mass at 10am led by the Malwani Church Choir - Swaranjali Choir
- \*A Special Thanksgiving Mass for our Native devotions - Mount Mary and St.Gonsalo Garcia
- \*Stalls selling Fresh Taari, local produce of vegetables and fruits, a variety of mangoes
- \*East Indian Food, Merchandise, books and goodies on sale
- \*East Indian Lunch at Rs.150/- per head (for initial 100 bookings) and Rs.200/- thereafter
- \*Introduction of special displays at the Musuem
- \*Special Performances by our community members through song and dance
- \*LIVE Band - Manori
- \*Special games like housie, Spot prizes and Raffle
- \*Surprises to ensure you have a great day on this Annual day for the community.
- \*Revisit your Summer Holidays memories with tadgolas, Toddy, Mangoes, Kandries, gola, Kulfi and a game of Housie.

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The closing event of MGPs Annual Community Festival - East Indian Sann 2024

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Date : Saturday, 24th May 2025

Time : 5pm to 9pm

Venue - St.Andrew's School Canteen

Entry - FREE

- \*An initiative to Revive our Local Village Markets
- \*The Baazaar will be held at Bandra and many other villages
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# EAST INDIAN PUNCH

The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat



**AMHI GAOTHANKAR  
ASLI MUMBAIKAR**

**MGP Launches EIGA - East Indian Gaothan Authority**

*Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla*

**G**aothan Development & Community empowerment should be the core focus for the Bhumiputra East Indian Samaj as Indigenous People of Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The community needs to form a body of like minded experts and advisors to draft a Gaothan plan that will cater to the needs of each Goathan. In our basic connect with various Goathans there have been different views - Heritage status, SITU permissions, Cluster development & FSI allotments. The locals should decided what's best for their Gaothan and the MGPs Gaothan body, EIGA (East Indian Gaothan Authority) will only create a draft policy for approval of the concerned authorities. The Gaothan plan should also include empowerment initiatives for self sustenance and entrepreneurship development. EIGA will be the Voice for Gaothan Policies and regulations..

**A**ctive Participation & engagement is the need of the hour. Our Gaothan people at large come forward only when there are issues faced and this mindset needs to be changed. The Goathans have been on a receiving end for long and it's high time the East Indian Community comes forward to speak in one voice of like-minded people. Every East Indian should join atleast one Community group locally or globally and participate in their initiatives. Engagement in community projects and activities will also help the community to move forward on a better platform. MGP has 50+ Community based projects and they cover almost all aspects of East Indians.

**O**riginal Inhabitants or Bhumiputra or Indigenous People status needs to be recognised and acknowledged. Our very own Existence and Identity is being questioned and challenged at various forums. The majority or the elite wins is the rule of the game today. We as a community need to change this false narrative. It's we as Indigenous People who existed here before the migrants settled and it's therefore our foundation and welcoming nature which has helped many to settle in this great city. The system also many a times does not recognise our identity as the Bhumiputra Samaj of Mumbai Metropolitan Region. We need to voice out this across all forums till we are heard and we should never ever lose out on this mission.

**T**raditions & Culture are the key aspects of our Community. These practices defines us as Mumbai's Indigenous People. While the community traditions and culture is being promoted as sees an increase in the intersection levels, we need to keep up with this rising momentum. We need more Traditional & Cultural ambassador who will protect, preserve and promote our community culture across the city, the state, the nation and the world. The risk here is that a bunch of migrants are trying to soften our culture and tradition so we need to keep our eyes wide open before it's too late. Lets speak up at the right time during the conflict rather than seeing it's escalate and affect us. Our religious traditions are being targeted an we need to take a tough stand.

**H**eritage & History gives our community it's much needed memories and references for future generations. Some Gaothans have got a heritage tag as the locals decided to keep it that way. Heritage sites and features in Gaothans and it's vicinity also need to be preserved and protected. Gaothans have a great heritage connect and using a modern twist to make it more acceptable needs to be reviewed and approved. The East Indian Community has a rich history and the same needs urgent awareness and continuous references. Books need to be released on East Indian Community history and awareness seminars need to be organised too. All heritage sites in the vicinity should be given the historical connect to the indigenous people and their lifestyles.

**A**rt and Architecture needs to be studied and researched to ensure the same is maintained and revived. MGPs Gaothan Restoration and Beautification Project is one such way to ensure the art and architecture of the Gaothans is revived to its past glory. The Holy Cross, Grotto and Oratory needs to be restored as they are the truest examples of our rich past. Trying to include art and architecture to match the Gaothan character is the key to make Gaothans the tourism or historical sites for visitors. The houses should maintain their original structure or facade even though there maybe vertical development. All street furniture, street lights, news desk should have the Gaothan art connect. A traditional entrance arch with the Gaothan name, a history board for awareness and cobble stone roads could give Gaothan architecture a facelift.

**N**etwork expansion & enhancement is the key to make our community stronger and effective. MGP has a network in 100+ Gaothans and 10+ Nations across the world. With the onset of social media networking is important and the communication moves faster. Creating a strong and impactful network stands important and all local as well as global groups should unite whenever there is a need for the same. Unity may not be in totality but even if a bast majority unite we can make the system listen to us and not take us for granted. Enhancing our connects with more local groups especially where there are none is urgently required. The time today is not at its best for the Gaothans so we better correct it before it's too late. Lets pray for the best in these tough times.



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

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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 opened by next 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.
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