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MOT MAULI YATRA

Devache Mae, Pau Tu Amala..



August September 2024

MGP Native Devotions Project- Creating Awareness on devotion to Mount Mary and St. Gonsalo Garcia.

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MGP IN THE NEWS

Exclusive News Coverage



EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY



MGP in the NEWS

The Times of India - Page 6
Saturday, 21st June 2025

San Jao Cha Sann MGPs Revival Plan

Highlights

- *San Jao Traditional Celebrations being revived and promoted by Mobai Gaothan Panchayat
- *Jaavaycha Sann(Son in Law Feast) awareness being created by MGP for around 10 years
- *San Jao Baavri Vachva - Revival of Wells and Water bodies being encouraged by MGP
- *The relevance of the San Jao fest in the East Indian Community
- *The article focusses on the difference in celebrations between East Indian Community & Goans
- *First ever San Jao Cha Sann at Vakola organised by Vakola East Indian Association and MGP Vakola Unit

East Indian Festivals should be celebrated in the Traditional Way as it showcases our Existence and Identity as Indigenous People of Mumbai. If traditions by two communities are mixed, it dilutes the significance of our tradition followed for generations. Mobai Gaothan Panchayat as always stays committed to the Promotion, Preservation & Protection of East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity

Aaplaa Gaav! Aapla Sann

MGP Team Congratulate Dr Ablin Carneiro Alphonso on releasing 2 books

These two books have been officially published by Notion Press and are now available on Amazon!

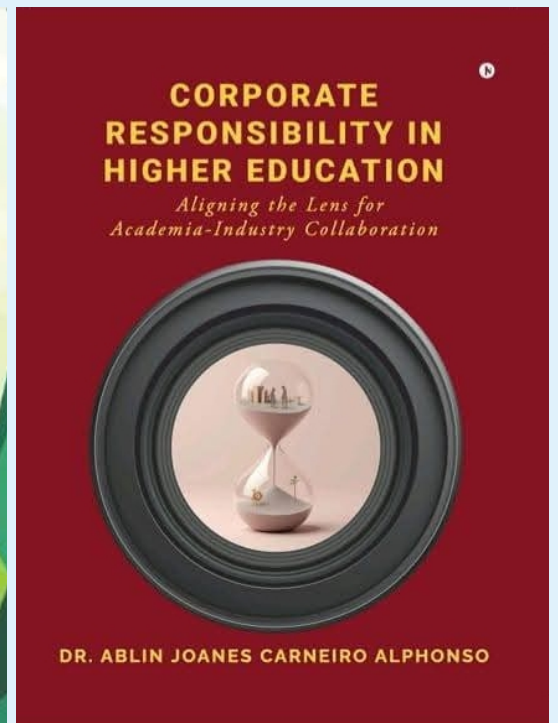
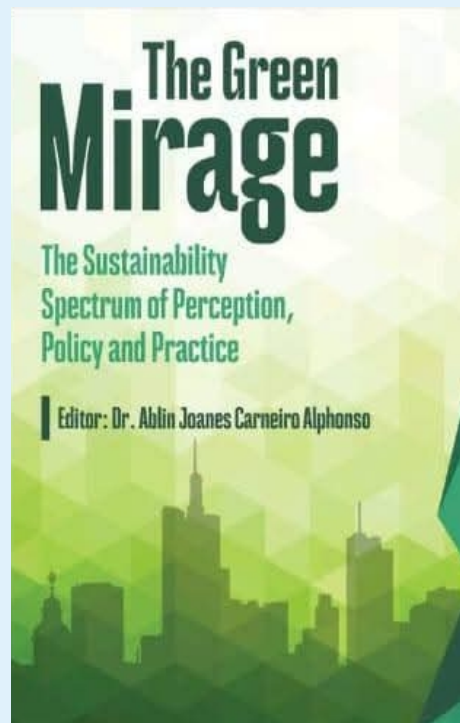
Corporate Responsibility in Higher Education (Author)

An analytical work on how academic institutions can shape ethical, sustainable, and socially responsive futures, while strengthening student employability through value-driven education.

The Green Mirage (Editor)

A critical environmental studies collection featuring 9 research articles by my students, whose voices add depth and urgency to the subject.

Dr Ablin has been one of our strong supporters as well as a Special Advisor for our community projects



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* MGP Project Impact - Friday Weekly Meet *

God's Blessings and Community Support

MGP's initiatives have been blessed with remarkable success, showcasing the power of teamwork, community spirit, and divine guidance. The East Indian Community Fund, aimed at supporting the needy, has been a focal point of their efforts.

The Crowd Funding Story

During the Friday weekly meet, MGP Team members discussed the community fund, planning to provide ₹3,000 to each needy family for education. However, a member suggested increasing the amount, and so it was proposed to initiate a ₹500 crowd funding drive, as outlined in MGP's fund generation strategies.

MGP's 1st Crowd Funding Drive

- *Target:* ₹20,000 (₹5,000 for each of four beneficiaries)
- *Actual requirement:* ₹48,000+
- *Launch:* Crowd funding drive announced on social media platforms at 10am
- *Outcome:* ₹50,000+ collected within 7 hours, exceeding the target

Key Factors Behind the Success

- *Compelling purpose:* Supporting education for needy families
- *Teamwork and community engagement:* Collective efforts and enthusiasm
- *God's blessings and prayers:* Attributed to the success, acknowledging the role of faith and support

Moving Forward

MGP remains committed to uplifting and empowering the East Indian Community. With this success, they aim to continue their initiatives, inspired by the community's response and God's blessings.

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East Indian Calendar	₹ 500/-	₹ 1000/-	₹ 2500/-	₹ 5000/-
East Indian Merchandise	₹ 100/-	₹ 500/-	₹ 1000/-	₹ 2500/-
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- *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

MGP TEAM FIRST MEETING WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN RODRIGUES - EISA POLICY

Date - Wednesday, 11th June 2025

Time - 4pm

Venue - Archbishops House, Colaba

Attended by -

Bombay Diocesan Hierarchy - Archbishop John Rodrigues & Bishop Dominic Savio

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat - Alphi Dsouza, Gleason Barretto, Royston Jacinto & Vicky Misquitta

Highlights

*The meeting started with an opening prayer by Archbishop John

*East Indian Samaj Archdiocese - EISA Policy was discussed

*MGP emphasised on its objectives for the 15th Anniversary - Promoting and Preserving East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity

*MGP will send communication as per it's action plan, Request - Remind - ReAct

*Frequency of these meets with the Indigenous People of Mumbai - Bhumiputra East Indian Samaj was requested for monthly or quarterly to ensure continuity and proper follow up

Points discussed

1. Critical issues - Uttan Dumping Ground & Goral Demolition drive

MGP requested Archdiocesan support by communication in written and verbal for current critical regional issues - Closure of Uttan Dumping Ground & BMCs Gorai Manori Notices & Demolition Drive to be immediately stopped.

2. Prominence to State Language Marathi in Archdiocese of Bombay - MGP Sensitized on the language being targeted and slowly fading across parishes, novenas & festivals. After the Goa issue where Konkani was given full prominence and Marathi was totally ignored it was specified that Marathi should be given due importance in Maharashtra as it's the state language.

3. Housing benefits for East Indian Community - special housing for East Indian Community as land donors and indigenous people of Mumbai on open lands like Goregaon seminary & redevelopment projects like Mahim Mari Nagar. To ensure no changes in demography this is urgently needed with bigger families going there nuclear family way.

4. Cultural Celebration being stopped down or toned down - Some parishes were engaged in this and so all Parish Priest to be Sensitized to promote and support East Indian culture

5. Traditions discontinued - Hymns and religious practices are being stopped without taking into account the existence of the Bhumiputra East Indian Samaj

6. East Indian Community Centre - East Indian Community to be allotted land at Goregaon Seminary like done to other groups to set up a community centre to promote East Indian culture and tradition

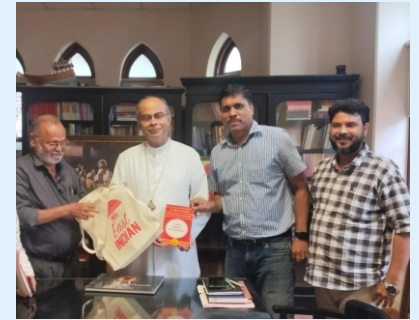
7. OBC Process Simplification - the process to be simplified they issuance of letter for Baptism remarks as per directives if Dean or Parish Priest.

8. East Indian Representation - East Indian Community members should have representation in all parish & diocesan councils and groups. Parish Council should have a special inclusion for East Indian Community member to protect and present East Indian religious traditions

9. Education facilities - Catholic students should get a Education fee waiver across School & Colleges. Many needy families don't approach church due to lengthy processes

10. Medical facilities - all Catholic Hospitals should treat East Indian Community at special discounted & subsidised rates. Both major hospitals - Holy Spirt & Holy Family includes nursing college are on lands originally owned by the East Indians. A Special group mediclaim policy needs to be initiated

MGP Team thanked Archbishop John & Bishop Savio for giving his valuable time to discuss way forward and East Indian Community issues as Indigenous People of Mumbai Metropolitan Region. Meeting ended with a prayer



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




MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

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GAOTHAN VOICE



SUKHALA



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Sukur Mauli Cha Sann – Mahim Cha Sann

*Mahim was one of the seven islands of Bombay situated at the North-Western side and separated by a creek from the Salsette Island

*The Original Church of St.Michael is believed to be built in 1534 by Antonio de Porto a Church builder of the Franciscan order

*By the river fronting the Mandove (Customs House) stood a large and beautiful Church with a large Verandah before the portal

*The East Indian Native Christians bequeathed large estates to the Church where housing societies stand today

*The Statue of Mount Mary, Bandra was kept at the Mahim Church when the Bandra Church was destroyed till 1761

*The weekly Novena services were started in 1948 when Fr.Edward Placidus Fernandes from Bombay on his visit to Europe notices a similar ritual celebrating Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Belfast, Northern Ireland

*Fr.Edward brought with him a picture touched to the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at Rome

*The first Novena was held on 8th September 1948, the birthday of Mother Mary

*It was a Wednesday and hence the Novena Services were held every Wednesday

*Mahim Church is situated on the Old Portuguese Church Street(now known as Mori Road) and was rebuilt in 1973



+The MGP Annual Traditional Procession of Mount Mary in September starts from the Mahim Church to bring back memories of the first procession taken on a Rekla from Mahim Church to Mount Mary's Church

MGP's ACTION PLAN

Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Sann!

One more Village Festival of Mumbai wherein the Indigenous People East Indian Community had a great role to play in building this church, donated lands and the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. In the coming days we will send communications to authorities on -

1. Heritage - the original church facade of Mahim Church was much better than what it is today, hence only Restoration of churches should be initiated
2. Housing - lands around the church were given majorly to migrants for housing like Mari Nagar at special subsidized rates. All developed flats to be offered only to the Bhumi Putra East Indian Community at subsidised rates
3. Stalls - the stall in and around the church to be given preferentially to East Indian Community
4. State Language - More services at prominent timings in Marathi during novenas
5. Local dialect - Novena to be introduced in the Native East Indian dialect



EISA POLICY

Rights of the Indigenous People in the Archdiocese



EAST INDIAN SAMAJ ARCHDIOCESE POLICY

CULTURE PROMOTION

- *East Indian Bhavan lands to be allotted at Goregaon Seminary site
- *Churches to ensure full support to all East Indian Community religious traditions
- *Agera, the East Indian Harvest Festival should be given support and to be termed as the official festival of the Archdiocese
- *All East Indian groups should be given church premises for free to promote their culture and tradition

CASTE CERTIFICATE

- *Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian Community by approvals at deanery level
- *In Church records, new births to mention caste as East Indian in their Baptism certificate
- *In School records, new admissions to mention caste as East Indian in their School records which will reflect in the Leaving certificate

HOUSING

- *Additional flats in Housing Reconstruction projects by Church on existing societies should be allotted only to East Indians
- *A special Bhumi Putra Housing Scheme to be initiated for East Indian Samaj on Church vacant lands
- *All beneficiaries of church owned flats now settled abroad to return the same for East Indian Community

GAOTHANS AND PROTECTION

- *Church should ensure the protection of the Gaothans as the Gaothan residents were the founders and donors for the local church
- *Gaothan Holy Crosse should be recognised and supported for their restoration
- *A Special Gaothan Emergency Fund to be initiated to assist needy families for their house repairs

RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

- *East Indian Lenten Traditions like papiya, processions and Krist Puran should be supported in all parishes
- *Special Marian Holidays to be given to schools for the Velankanni pilgrimage
- *Church to maintain data of all Chapels and Holy Crosses and ensure their upkeep and protection

LANDS AND PROPERTIES

- *Properties donated should not be sold
- *Church to return donated lands to original owners if they can't maintain

MEDICAL SUPPORT

- *A special medical fund to support needy families with simplified process
- *Special discounts on hospitalisation bills to all East Indians in Catholic hospitals
- *Special discounts on medical check-ups to all East Indians in Catholic hospitals
- *Group Medclaim policy to be initiated to cover all East Indians by the diocese

COMPENSATION TOWARDS DONATED PROPERTY

- *In lieu of Church donated lands sold or rented commercially, 10% proceeds to be transferred to East Indian Community Fund
- *Party venues on Church property should be given at special discounts for the East Indian Community
- *Special discounts on medical bills at all Catholic hospitals

FUND GENERATION

- *All income from hired property for sports and party venues should have 10% of the proceeds allocated towards East Indian Community welfare
- *All collections should have 5% allotted towards the medical needs of the East Indian Community

BUSINESS

- *East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each parish
- *The school and college canteens to be allotted to the East Indian Community
- *All church projects should be allotted only to the East Indians
- *Each Church festival should allot a section of prominent stalls to East Indians
- *Space to be allotted in church premises for East Indian businesses
- *East Indian Baazaar to be permitted at all Churches to promote East Indian Cuisine and handicrafts
- *Monopoly or panel for Church venues to be given only to the East Indians

Drafted by - Gleason Barretto

EAST INDIAN SAMAJ ARCHDIOCESE POLICY

JOBS

- *Special job reservations for East Indian community in all catholic schools, colleges, Churches, hospitals and other facilities
- *Skilling centres to be set up at all parishes to train and skill community members

REPRESENTATION

- *East Indian Representatives to be appointed with Special representation in the Archdiocese of Bombay
- *East Indian Representative must be appointed by the local East Indian group in the Parish council
- *Church property and finance committee should only have representatives from the East Indian Community
- *Bishops and Dean's should be appointed only from the East Indian community
- *Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Church projects and initiatives
- *Venues and facilities on church owned property to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in every deanery of Bombay Diocese

TOURISM

- *A special religious tour with guides from the East Indian Community to be initiated with visits to heritage churches and native devotions

LANGUAGE AND DIALECT

- *To promote the East Indian Dialect, holy masses should be organised every week at East Indian founded or dominated parishes
- *All special holy masses on days of obligation should only be in English, Marathi and East Indian
- *Masses at prominent time slots should only be in English, Marathi and East Indian
- *At all Church festivals the feast mass should be in East Indian Marathi

COMMUNITY WELFARE

- *An East Indian Community welfare fund to be instituted through funds allocated from land income on East Indian donated lands
- *Monthly Open Meetings by Bishops with the East Indian Community to discuss community welfare initiatives and issues faced

HISTORY AND HERITAGE

- *East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Archdiocese
- *All Churches should mention History of the Church with the East Indian connect and a signage mentioning that the Church land is donated by the East Indian Community
- *All Churches should be restored and revived but not renovated or rebuilt to promote heritage
- *Heritage Churches should be given special status and the one which were rebuilt should be given their original facade

NATIVE DEVOTIONS

- *St.Gonsalo Garcia Day to be officially recognised by the Archdiocese
- *St.Gonsalo Garcia Church to be opened in Bombay Diocese
- *St.Gonsalo Garcia should be considered as the Principal Patron saint of the Bombay Diocese
- *Mount Mary Church devotion to be promoted across churches
- *Mount Mary Church Octave feast should have representation and support only by the festival founders, East Indian Community
- *The Bandra fair at the Mount should have specially allotted stalls for the Indigenous East Indian Community

EDUCATION

- *Preference for East Indian teachers from the Village and it's vicinity
- *Free Education in all our schools and colleges for East Indians
- *All additional fees towards co-curricular, sports & stationery to be supported through a Special Education fund

Drafted by - Gleason Barretto



St. Gonsalo Garcia Chapel Project



BHUMIPUTRANCHA HAKH MANYA KARA

Implement East Indian Samaj Archdiocese - EISA Policy

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Dialect and language promotion is one of the most important aspects to be taken up with the Archdiocese of Bombay. The scenario across parishes has been disappointing with Migrants pushing for their own language and sidelining the state language Marathi and the native East Indian dialect. The decision makers mostly migrant don't care about the native language and this is many a times supported by the clergy who are the religious representatives. The main churches who conduct novenas also give Marathi a raw deal and give more importance to migrant languages whether it's Mot Mauli Bandra or Sukur Mauli Mahim. MGP Marathi Bhasha Project will communicate locally and centrally to ensure the promotion and preservation of State language Marathi and East Indian dialect. At high masses the natives are forced to listen to migrant language readings which is not at all a necessity.

Indigenous people representation has to be demanded across parishes. One East Indian Community member should be nominated by the Indigenous People of the Parish to represent the community to ensure decisions are in favour of the Indigenous People of the Parish and diocese. With demographic changes the BCC heads mostly migrant don't realise the significance of native religious practices and vote against the interests of the East Indian Community. The exposition at Goa was an eye opener to Maharashtra Catholics as the Goa Diocese intentionally avoided Marathi services. Sadly the Maharashtra Bishops stayed silent because there seemed to be pressure or obligations to the Cardinals in Mumbai and Goa. The migrant Bishops promote their native language in Maharashtra but can do likewise in their native states. Shouldn't migrant Bishops represent in their native states?

Offering Affordable Housing is the most important need on the grass roots level. The Archdiocese of Bombay offered affordable houses at cost to migrants decades ago on lands donated by the Indigenous People, East Indian Community. Today while there are vacant church lands and also existing housing redevelopment projects of the church, it's time they create affordable housing facilities to the Indigenous People of Mumbai. The Goregaon Seminary land being developed as a convention centre should instead focus on Bhumiputra East Indian Samaj affordable housing scheme. If housing issues are not resolved it will result in change of demographics amongst East Indian families, who cannot accomodate the increase in family members.

Culture and religious tradition has to be given a special eye as slowly and gradually there are efforts made to discontinue or tone down the ancestral religious practices. There are a series of happenings across parishes and the diocese needs to take serious note of the same. Special East Indian hymns sung at special feast & novenas are being avoided and some even trying to change the traditional parish feast day. The krist puran is either not sung or shortened to please the liturgy heads. Agera was slowing diminishing but MGP and like minded groups succeeded in reviving the East Indian harvest festival. Efforts are also being made to revive others festivals like San Jao. Some parishes charge for venues to local groups who organise East Indian events which is a challenge at times to the organisers as the clergy team decisions try to affect the promotion of community traditions.

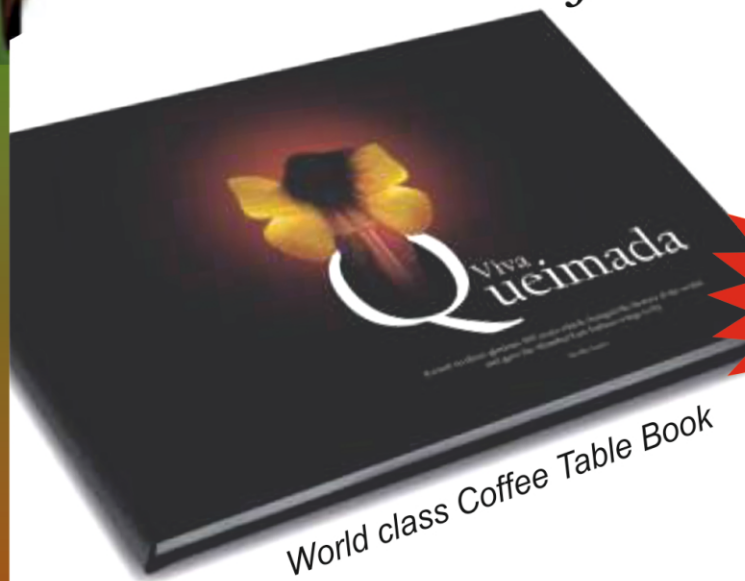
Estates of the Diocese across Mumbai, Maharashtra & India are worth lakhs of crores and rentals runs into thousands of crores but is the Indigenous People who are the land donor community are not benefiting from the same. There have been reports of misuse and encroachment on these donated lands but no action has been taken. The finance and legal team who manage the estates and treasury are honoured with titles they don't deserve due to misappropriation and misuse. Sports Grounds are being commercialised with locals having no place to play or restricted timings while grounds with special turfs let out to vendors are allowed use across the day and night. The estates of the diocese needs to be regulated with representation by Indigenous people who will use these only for the welfare of the native community. Venues in church premises should be given at special rates to our land donor East Indian Community.

Support towards Education, Medical needs & Emergencies is what the local church & Diocese have to focus on. All Catholics should get free school and college education. The Catholic hospitals should also provide subsidised rates for hospitalization and special rates for medical facilities. There could be a 2nd collection Initiated towards the cost of medical and education support besides allocation of community fund collections in each parish and donations could be taken too. Emergency funds to take care of emergencies for families, parish or diocese can also be actioned. Awareness on education scholarships especially those who wish to study abroad needs to be communicated across parishes.

Existence and Identity of the Indigenous People East Indian Community is at a great risk today in the Archdiocese of Bombay. Decision making for the diocese is made by a college of consultors where East Indians have no representation except for one. The various committees like finance and property on the diocese and parish level does not give much say to the Indigenous People and their needs. Parish councils look done upon us with terms like Gaavwalas for the East Indians when actually we are the founder of the local church hence should be given due importance. The East Indian Community urgently needs the implementation of MGPs East Indian Samaj Archdiocese - EISA Policy which clearly mentions the issues and needs of the Indigenous People of Mumbai diocese. Boards & plaques should be placed at all parishes appreciating the East Indian Community for their role as founders of the local church and for donating church lands. The Indigenous People commission needs to play an active role in uplifting and empowering the East Indian Community. Bishops meet should be held every month to look into the issues of Bombay Diocesan Indigenous People, East Indian Community. The road ahead is challenging and we look forward to your prayers as MGP strives to promote and preserve East Indian Community Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity in the Archdiocese of Bombay & Vasai.

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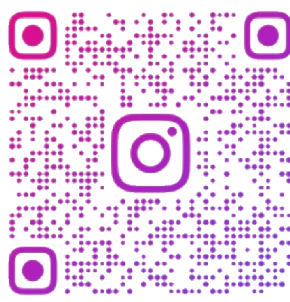
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