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# Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy

## The Rights of the Indigenous People



*Drafted by - Gleason Barretto*

### HOUSING

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

### INFRA COMPENSATION

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

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

### TAX

The East Indians as Indigenous People should not be taxed

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

### CULTURE PROMOTION

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

### CASTE CERTIFICATE

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

### JOBS

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

### BUSINESS

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

### REPRESENTATION

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

### RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

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

### TOURISM

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

### LANGUAGE AND DIALECT

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

### COMMUNITY WELFARE

- \*An East Indian Community welfare fund to be instituted through funds allocated from land income on East Indian owned acquired lands like airport, BKC, University, industrial and infrastructure projects

### HISTORY

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

### GAOTHANS AND HERITAGE

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





# EAST INDIAN MASALA

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There are names of 10 East Indian Vegetables hidden in this Crossword. Spot them and share the list at [eastindianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:eastindianvoice@gmail.com) by 9th April 2023.

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## THE GAOTHAN STORE

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### East Indian Events

Date : 01.05.2023  
 Time : 5.00 pm Onwards  
 Event : Singing Competition  
 Venue : St. Joseph's Grounds  
 Village : Juhu  
 Organiser : Juhu Association Welfare

Date : 13.05.2023  
 Time : 6.00 pm Onwards  
 Event : Singing Competition  
 Venue : Holy Cross Centenary Grounds  
 Village : Kurla  
 Organiser : U.S.W.A.

Date : 21.05.2023  
 Time : 6.00 pm Onwards  
 Event : Singing Competition  
 Venue : St Sebastian Grounds  
 Village : Marouli  
 Organiser : Marouli Welfare Association

## Kujin - The East Indian Kitchen

### POTATO CHOPS

500 g mince (Mutton or Chicken)

(please note if you making mutton mince you need to add 2 cup water and for chicken mince no need to add water)

#### Ingredients

2 Big onions  
 1 small piece of ginger  
 8 flakes of garlic  
 4 green chillies  
 Few mint leaves and coriander leaves  
 1 sour lime  
 ½ tsp garam masala  
 ¼ tsp turmeric  
 ½ tsp pepper powder  
 Salt to taste

#### For Coating

½ cup flour  
 2 Beaten Eggs add salt to it  
 Bread crumbs or Rava  
 Oil for shallow frying

#### For the mashed potatoes

1 kg potatoes  
 1 tsp alt  
 ½ tsp garam masala

#### Method

Finely cut the above ingredients onions, ginger, garlic & green chillies. Heat 4 tbsp oil in a deep bottom pan, Saute until light brown. Add the mince and 2 cups of water to cook. When the mince is cooked, add ½ tsp garam masala and sour lime juice. Garnish with mint and coriander leaves. Season with salt and pepper. Let cool completely.

Pressure cook 1kg potatoes till soft. Peel and mash it. Add salt to it. Refrigerate for 1 hour (chilling mashed potato is easy to work with). Take a small portion of the mashed potato on the palm of your hand. Spread into a thin layer making a hollow in the center. Place a tablespoon of minced meat / chicken in the center and fold the sides of the mashed potato over making a patty. Use up the entire mashed potatoes

#### Fry the potato chops

##### 1<sup>st</sup> option

Lightly coat the patty with bread crumbs, then dip in beaten egg and shallow fry.

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> option

You can also first dip them in beaten eggs. Coat them with bread crumbs. Shallow fry them on medium heat until lightly golden on all sides. Then place them on tissue paper.

By Sybil Rodrigues - Kalina

## MGP's All Time Top 20 East Indian Songs

Sr. No.	Song	Sung By	Village
1	Rotichi Hai Hai	Gregory Dsouza	Vikhroli
2	Chandavar Competition	Gilbert Dsouza	Vikhroli
3	Shikleli Pori	Valentine Machado	Sahar
4	Hoti Moti Apli Ghara	Jacinto Dsouza	Worli
5	Kumari Kupari	Gregory Dsouza	Vikhroli
6	Ergalcha Sann	Polly Dmello	Sahar
7	Paskin	Crompton Tixeira	Kalina
8	Disco	Hazel Parekh	Santacruz
9	Anubhav	Polly Dmello	Sahar
10	Varil Shetkari	Master Roland	Malad
11	Balotein khoon	Thomas Pereira	Dadar
12	15 + 15 = 25	Hector Tixeira	Juhu
13	Marina	Cedric Tixeira	Juhu
14	Jhansi Chi Rani	Gregory Dsouza	Vikhroli
15	Navri	Nancy Netto	Sahar
16	Aasra	Gregory Dsouza	Vikhroli
17	Aghichi Tingli	Valentine Machado	Sahar
18	Dewool	Gilbert Dsouza	Vikhroli
19	Kalzacha Tukra	Stanny Nunes	Dongri
20	Lugryachha Maan	Myra Dcarmo	Bandra

### EAST INDIAN VOICE

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

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

- \*All interested can share their songs and video with us and should be of age 15 years or more
- \*You can sing any of your favourite songs for this competition
- \*No studio recording will be permitted
- \*The top songs will be streamed on MGPs YouTube Channel - Mee East Indian
- \*Only new voices will be encouraged, those who have won prizes at East Indian singing competitions are not eligible
- \*The Best Singer will be selected as the East Indian Voice of the Year
- \*This is open to all East Indian Community members
- \*Songs can be in English, Hindi, Marathi or East Indian
- \*Will be given a stage to perform at MGP events
- \*Special yearly prize for the best singer also in the East Indian dialect

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## EAST INDIAN LENTEN TRADITIONS

### Cursacha Vaat – Way of the cross

Cursacha Vaat has a mix of Portuguese and Marathi language. In Portuguese Cross is known as Cruz and in Marathi Way is known as Vaat. The Cursacha Vaat is conducted at Church or in the Gaothans. The Holy Crosses at junctions and entrances were installed to protect the East Indian villages centuries ago. These Holy Crosses are visited during Korezma for the Cursacha Vaat. Gaothans residents assemble in large numbers and participate in this prayerful journey.



### Papiyas – Special Prayers and Hymns at Lenten time

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. (Bhavando, utha tumche neezemanche, deemi ghala, lazaar kara, ek Amche Bapala.....) These groups become active from the Sunday night before Palm Sunday and their activity culminates in a crescendo on Maundy Thursday (The night of Jesus' Agony on the Mount of Olives). Papiyas organize themselves into groups of 10 to 20 persons, sometimes more. 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 one's 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.

### Krist Puran – Special Hymns for Good Friday

The Good Friday Service Preparation and Veneration is managed by the East Indian Community Member Church Groups called Irmous (In Portuguese for Brothers and Sisters of Christ), Konfrat (In Portuguese for Confraternity) or Sodality. During the Service and veneration the East Indian Community members sing the Krist Puran (means sacred writings of ancient times) is a centuries old document on the Passion of Christ.

Reetiñ Reevaj - The East Indian Culture Guide is an Initiative by Mobai Gaothan Panchayat. This project involves revival of East Indian Culture and Tradition through various initiatives like Gaothan Voice write-ups, special book release and videos on our YouTube channel - Mee East Indian.

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# EISA POLICY

Rights of the Indigenous People in the Archdiocese



## EAST INDIAN SAMAJ ARCHDIOCESE POLICY

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### 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 Purnam 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 Medisave 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 Bazaar 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



# EISA POLICY

Rights of the Indigenous People in the Archdiocese



## 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

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### **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







## GAUTHAN VOICE

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE GAUTHANS

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A special quarterly release by Gauthans Active Residents Association of Juhu (GARAJ)

### Amhi Sagli Ek Haun..... Lets have a united Gauthans

I once walked past a group of Gauthan Residents who were busy discussing about a topic of great concern to all the residents. Just then one of the residents proudly spoke out this line "Amhi Sagli Ek Haun". This line is of great relevance to all the Gauthan residents. If we are all one & united we can surely achieve a lot more. Battles are difficult to fight as an individual but if we all come together under one banner we can surely achieve a lot more. It is with this that some of the concerned residents came together to form Gauthans Active Residents Association of Juhu, in short GARAJ. Interestingly, GARAJ means needs & so gives this new-born association an appropriate meaning.

How GARAJ came to being is then your question. Its simple, Boys For Music (BFM) decided to form a group that will take care of the Gauthan problems exclusively. And so we short-listed active individuals from the Gauthans & invited them to be a part of GARAJ. BFM, as many may know were instrumental in releasing The Juhu Seatizen, which has turned out to be an all round success. BFM has now decided to give importance to the Gauthans & to add-on have decided to spend Rs.5000/- towards projects undertaken by GARAJ. We expect the Gauthan Residents to contribute in their own way, through donations & also by participation in our activities. This will surely go a long way to help us carry on with our projects successfully. GARAJ will cover the entire Gauthans.

It was encouraging to see a good turn out at the first open meeting of GARAJ in January 2003. It was an inspiring meeting as all in attendance took active part. They not only shared their problems but also gave their suggestions. I'm sure that many more can attend these open meetings so that it can help us in our future projects. To start with we have taken up the first project with the theme "Project Clean Gauthan".

With this I end my first editorial for Gauthan Voice & hoping you all help us in GARAJ to serve you better. I'm sure that if we are all united we can have an effective voice with the Government authorities. Amhi Sagli Ek Haun ? Yes we are, but we need to grow higher so that we can transform our Gauthans into being a well managed Village in Mumbai.

Gleason Barretto

### Help Us Serve You Better

GARAJ takes great pleasure in releasing the first bulletin exclusively for the Gauthans. We in GARAJ plan to release Gauthan Voice every Quarter to update our residents about what's happening in the Gauthans. Besides we have many other projects starting with "Project Clean Gauthan".

All these projects will have high costs & so we appeal to all the Gauthan Residents to contribute, however small be the amount. Our expenses till date are Rs.12,000/- on Dustbins, Rs.1,200/- for printing of the Bulletin and there are many other overhead costs. Your active participation in our activities will also be appreciated. For more info you may call any of the Area Co-ordinators mentioned on the last page. We will be glad to serve you. Your contributions by cash/cheque may be handed over to our Area Co-ordinators or you may drop in your cheques in the mail box opposite Juhu Bus Depot. Cheques may favour "GARAJ"

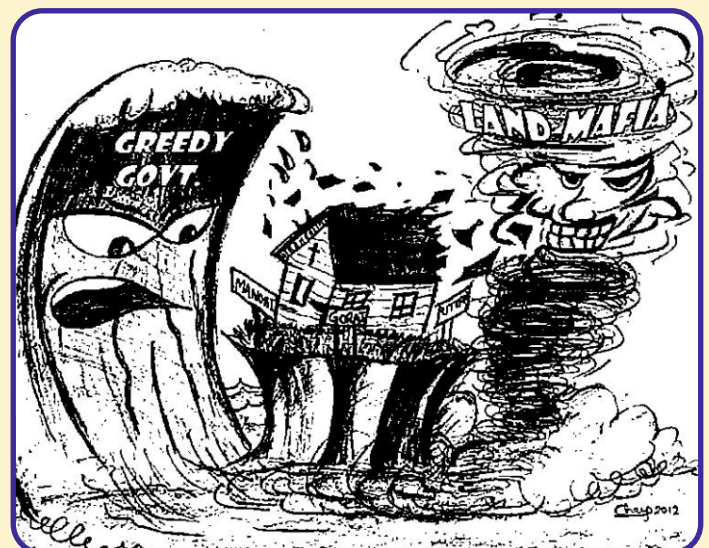
Lets all strive to make our Gauthans the first well managed Village in Mumbai!

### Gaothan Voice October 2010



**Theme - Gaothan Expansion Scheme - State Government forgets Special Gaothan Act**

### Gaothan Voice June 2012



**Theme - Aapla Sagla Khapla - The Last East Indian Island being targeted for housing and development**





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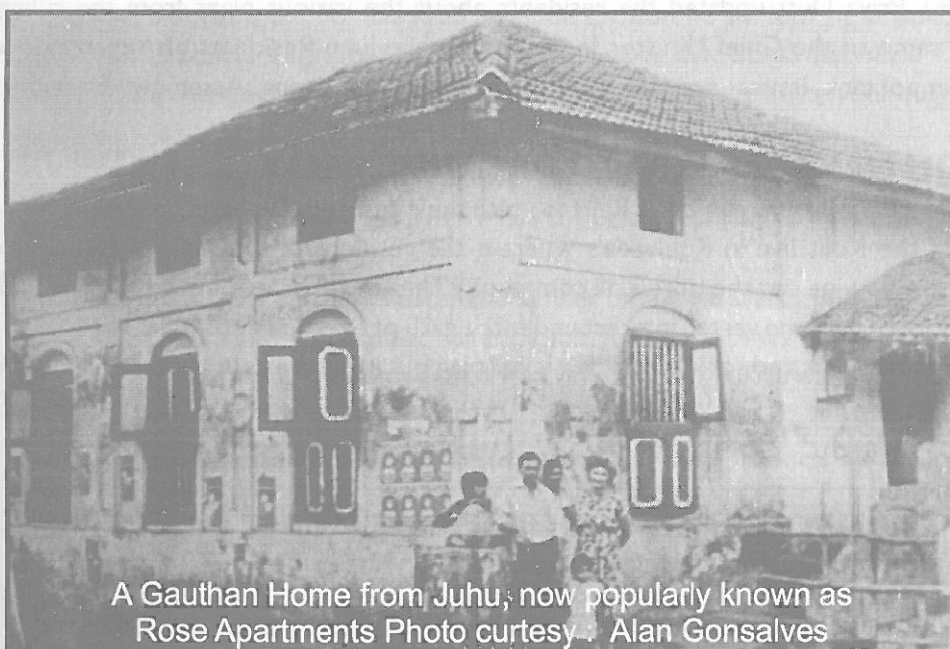
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We the Contributors  
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Welfare of all  
Villages.

G.V.



A Gaothan Home from Juhu, now popularly known as  
Rose Apartments Photo curtesy : Alan Gonsalves

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## GAOTHAN VOICE : MY VOICE PREM MORAES - Manager ([www.east-indians.com](http://www.east-indians.com))

"Home is where the heart is" a cliché we hear very often. Aside from this cliché we look forward to going home to rest and recover from the stress of daily work and commuting. We seek comfort and safety with other inhabitants in our home as well as those who surround our dwelling place. When we travel out of town, we often entrust our house keys with the neighbours saying, "take care of my home". Sometimes loved ones are left behind, with a request to the neighbours "please keep an eye on my parents" or "make sure my son goes for his tutions".

This trust of neighbours comes with years of living together and understanding the mutual need to feel safe and protected. This neighbourhood feeling as well as place, is nothing but our very own Gaothans. Even today, we see many people who live in plush flats, when having to go to work abroad, request their wife to go and stay with their parents in the Gaothan. They know for a fact that this additional family, the Gaothan, will nurture and protect their family.

Gaothans are nothing but homes and families living together as a community in a particular place to share common resources, support each other and protect one another from common enemies. In years gone by, the entire village used to stand together to fight, even if a single villager was threatened, let alone be harmed.

Gaothans too helped other Gaothans. The common sound of distress was often the Church bell. When this bell rang rigorously, it was understood that someone was in trouble and people used to gather at a decided place to find out what the problem was. People from nearby villages also assembled on hearing this bell. The same is true for many other villages. Today, this bell has lost it's significance in times of distress. While this is to be lamented, we cannot sit still and let distresses go unnoticed. We have to come together and comfort and trust each other and fight for each other, least our Gaothan may not be secure and our homes become just houses with no peace of mind.

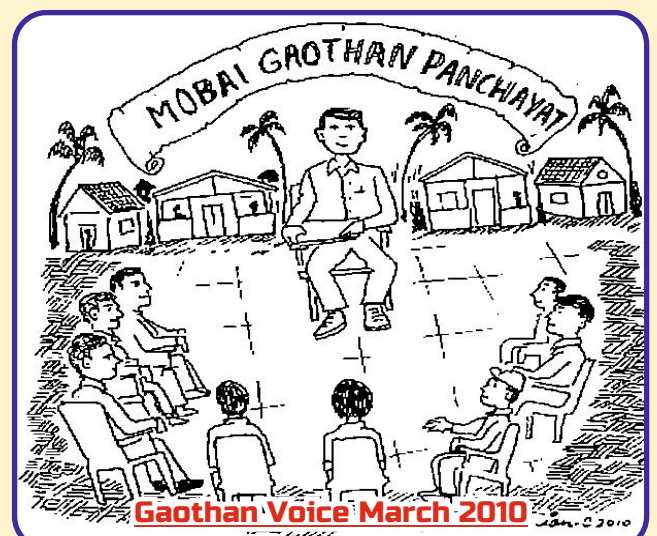
We have miles to go before we reach a solution to a problem as vast as this. But a step in that direction is the Gaothan Voice. The Gaothan Voice is an initiative to make key issues of gaothans to be heard by all. This small, vibrant and honest magazine, will help to spread the news of current events, issues and happenings in our individual villages. With the spread of this news, we envision having a better way to secure our rights, to disseminate our civic responsibilities and influence public awareness. In doing so we can curb corrupt practices that influence our daily living and we can demand a better living environment for us, our families and our local community.

Through the Gaothan Voice, we can pool in our individual voices of hope or protest, of pain and say "I live in a Gaothan" with pride and for sure, the rest of the city will sit up and listen. In each Gaothan, we would like each house and dwelling place to be truly a "home sweet home".

### Gaothan Voice May 2009



**Theme - It's Time we start the Gaothan Panchayat**

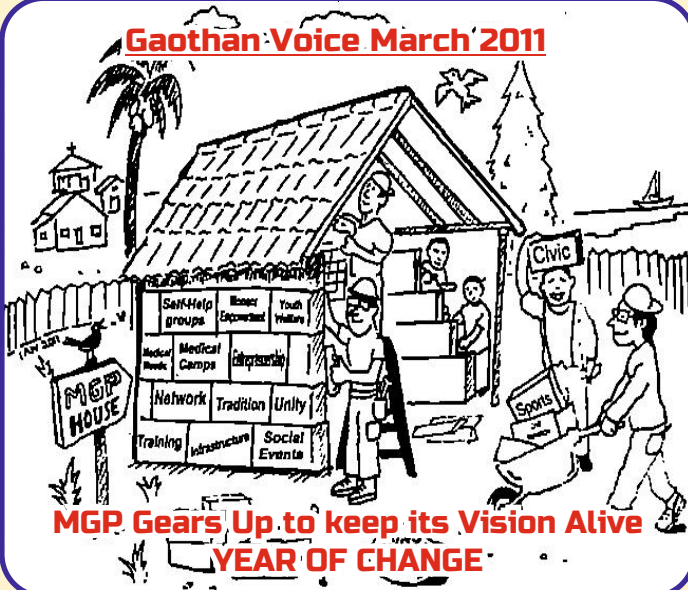


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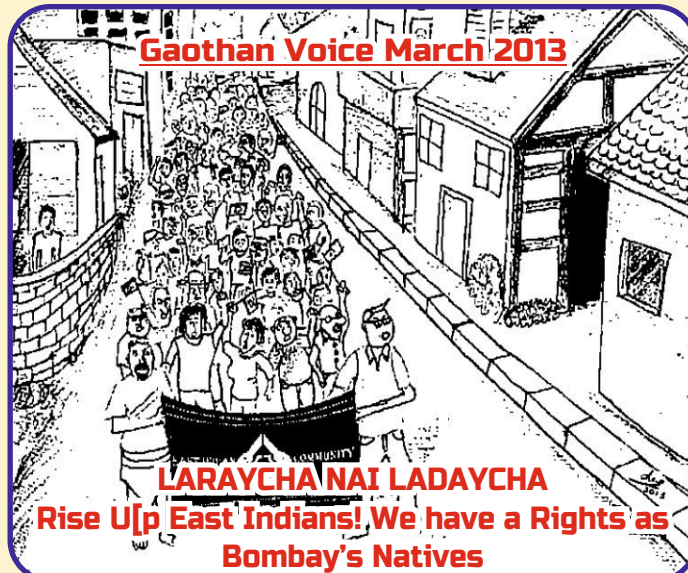
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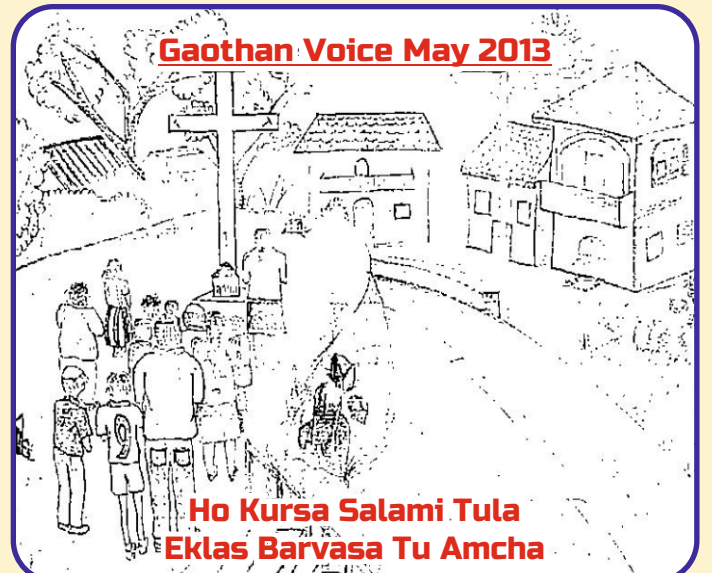
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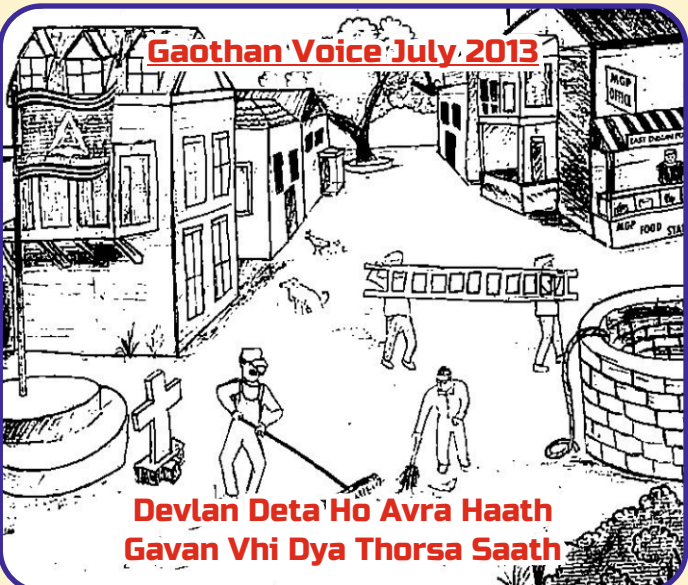
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# EAST INDIAN SANN 2023

MGP Annual Community Festival



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

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

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



The Sponsor Rates for East Indian Sann 2023 are as follows:

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

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**Branch - Kalina**

**Savings Account number – 032100100000791**

**IFSC code - BACB0000032**

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**Branch - Vakola**

**Savings Account number – 2090162000015620**

**IFSC code - CCBL0209016**

**MGP - Aaplaa Gaav! Aapla Sann!**

## EVENT LINE UP

Sr. No.	Date	Event Name	Time	Venue	Place
1	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	East Indian Baazaar - Sann Special	5.00 pm to 9.00 pm	St.Andrew's College Cafeteria	Bandra
2	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Gaothan Premier League - Football	12 noon to 8.00 pm	St. Andrew's Football Turf	Bandra
3	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	East Indian Food Festival 2023	5.00 pm to 10.00 pm	St. Andrew's Quadrangle	Bandra
4	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	East Indian Music Awards 2023	6.00 pm to 10.00 pm	St. Andrew's Quadrangle	Bandra
5	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	East Indians Day 2023	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum	Manori





# EAST INDIAN SANN 2023

MGP Annual Community Festival



## MOBAI PREMIER LEAGUE 2023

The First Ever East Indian Football League Tournament

Date - Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Time - 12.00 noon to 8.00 pm

Venue - St. Andrew's Football Turf, Bandra

In association with St. Andrew's Institute

### Sponsor Rates

Main Sponsor - Rs. 50,000/-

Co-Sponsor - Rs. 10,000/-

Team Sponsor - Rs. 5000/-

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### MPL Highlights

\*Entry fee - Rs. 2500/-

\*Prizes for Winners - Rs. 20,000/- and Runners Up - Rs. 10,000/-

\*Best Player of the Tournament trophy

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## EAST INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL 2023

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

Date - Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Time - 5.00 pm onwards

Venue - St. Andrew's Football Turf, Bandra

Food Speciality of Indigenous People of Mumbai -

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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, Fugias and varyas,

\*Special fish stall selling the best of Koli food

\*Introducing the East Indian Thali, Special Buffet and the EI Box

\*East Indian Bottle masala and pickles

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\*East Indian Calendar 2023 Golden Raffle on sale

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## EIMA - EAST INDIAN MUSIC AWARDS 2023

Appreciating Those Who Take Our Music to Greater Heights

Date: Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Time - 7.00 pm onwards

Venue - St. Andrew's Quadrangle, Bandra

Entry Free



### Sponsor Rates

Main Sponsor - Rs. 50,000/-

Co-Sponsor - Rs. 10,000/-

Award sponsor - Rs. 3000/- per award

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

### EIMA 2023 Highlights

\*LIVE Stream on MGPs YouTube Channel - Mee East Indian\*

\*MGP Music Project team, MusElc has finalized more than 10 EIMA Categories

\*Suggestions and sponsorship for categories welcome

\*Sponsors, Donors, Memorial dedications, kind sponsors welcome

\*Award Trophy Sponsors welcome

For details, sponsorships and quotes contact  
9820545302/9820087771

## EAST INDIANS DAY 2022 AAPLAA GAAV! AAPLAA DIS!

Date - Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Time - 10.00 am East Indian Holy Mass followed by Fun, Games, Music and Lunch

Venue - Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, 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 performances

\*East Indian Lunch followed by Games and spot prizes

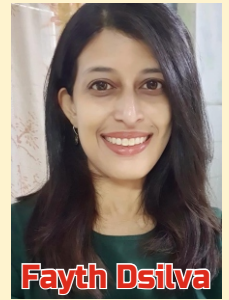


Contact : Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771



As we celebrate Women's day this month, we sat down with Ms. Fayth Dsilva, who is an Assistant Professor (MES class A- Gazetted officer), Department of Forensic Science, Institute of Forensic Science, Mumbai. She shares her career path, her role as a woman in forensics, and what young people can look forward to when pursuing a forensics career.

*Interview by  
Joulyn Kenny*



### 1. Can you tell us about your educational background and how it has influenced your career?

I have completed my Bachelor's in Zoology from University of Mumbai in 2007 and further pursued Master's in Forensic Science from University of Strathclyde, Scotland in 2009. In 2011, I joined Govt. Institute of Forensic Science, Mumbai on a contractual basis and in 2014 I cleared the Maharashtra Public Service (MPSC). So, since 2011, I have worked in the field of Forensic Science. Though I had aspired initially of working in a practical field, being into academics has been equally fulfilling as I get to train and build the young enthusiastic minds having the same fervor and passion for the field.

### 2. What led you to pursue a career in your field, and how did you get your start in the industry?

Back in the school days, I used to watch a series Forensic Detectives on Discovery channel and I was fascinated by it. I continued watching it for years and as I completed my 12<sup>th</sup>, I decided to pursue Forensic Science. In those days, internet was not easily accessible, and I used to go to Cyber café's nearby to search about it. Around the year 2002, not many people were aware of this field, and it was extremely difficult to get into the details of it. After several phone calls and meeting up with academicians and doctors around the city, I decided to pursue my bachelor's and further go for master's degree in Forensic Science.

### 3. Can you describe your current role and responsibilities, and what a typical day looks like for you?

Currently I am working as an Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Science in the Institute of Forensic Science, Mumbai. I have worked as a Head of Forensic Psychology Department from 2015 to 2018 and Head of the Department of Forensic Science from 2018 to 2022. We have B.Sc. M.Sc. and Post graduate diploma courses so I conduct lectures and practical sessions for these courses which extend from fingerprints to questioned document analysis. We are affiliated with the University of Mumbai; I also work in the capacity of paper setter and moderator for the subject. In addition, there are administrative duties to be fulfilled as a part of various committees in the Institute.

### 4. What are some of the most challenging or rewarding projects you have worked on in your career so far?

As previously mentioned, training the new generation is extremely satisfying part of this job as I see my younger self in them. Recently, I was appointed a member of the State level committee for the syllabus revision of the three Forensic Institutes in the state of Maharashtra for the subject of Forensic Science. It served as a great opportunity for me to contribute to the subject. Recently, I had being appointed as a subject expert for Kerala Public Service Commission for Forensic science. In addition, I find the invited talks as subject experts at various organizations quite rewarding.

### 5. How do you stay up-to-date with the latest trends and advancements in your field?

Forensic Science being dynamic discipline, as an academician I must be updated with the latest advances in the field. Arranging visits to various organizations and attending training sessions or seminars/conferences help me a great deal with the advances in the field. Reading is another passion, so I make it a point to read recent articles online and I still do watch real life crime series on platforms like NETFLIX to keep the interest alive.

### 6. What advice do you have for someone just starting out in your field?

When pursuing Forensic Science, one needs to understand that it is a very niche field and keeping a clear goal in the sub discipline you want to build your career is important as there are various specializations available today and each one has a varied role and demand in the market. Also, another word of caution or advice is that though it may seem glamorous, it is a very meticulous, complex, and challenging field so one should be aware of this when deciding it as a career.

### 7. Can you talk about a moment or accomplishment in your career that you are particularly proud of?

Back in the year 2017, while working as a Head of Forensic Psychology department, I had organized a national level symposium on Forensic psychology which was first of its kind in the city and had received a good response with around 500 participants. It was the first time that I got the experience of organizing such a big event. Being the chief coordinator was a demanding role, and the success of the event was an immensely proud moment for me.

### 8. Looking forward, what are some of your career goals or aspirations?

Learning is a lifelong activity and, in the world, where crime is ever evolving, Forensic Science offers me plenty of opportunities to keep growing in the field. I plan to pursue further studies and begin doctoral studies in Forensic science. I also hope that in future other than academics I hope to contribute more to the practical field and make a valuable input to a discipline which has been so close to my heart!

*The team would like to thank Fayth Dsilva for sitting with us and sharing insight into forensics. We wish her all the best for her future endeavors!*

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This diversity of opportunities allows you to work in an area that interests you and that aligns with your passions and strengths. It also means that the learning curve is steep, and the profession opens doors for strategic communications roles in the future. It is perhaps the only profession where a young executive will sit across the table from a CEO, and counsel them on how to manage their brand.

In addition to career and learning prospects, the compensation of PR professionals in India has also been increasing. According to a study by the School of Communications & Reputation the starting salaries offered by one of their leading recruiters for entry level PR professionals in India jumped to nearly INR 6,00,000 per annum, with more experienced professionals earning significantly more.

A career in PR in India also offers an opportunity to make a positive impact on society. Many organisations in India are involved in social responsibility and sustainability initiatives, and PR professionals play a crucial role in communicating these efforts to the public. As a PR professional, you can help promote these initiatives and create a positive impact on society by supporting causes that align with your values. This is also a reason why Gen Z do exceedingly well in PR - their social consciousness in addition to creativity, tech-savviness, and strong communications skills give them an edge in this profession.

In conclusion, a career in PR in India offers an exciting and rewarding opportunity for those interested in communication, marketing, and media. If you are interested in pursuing a career in public relations, consider studying it in college or pursuing a Postgraduate diploma in the field. With a high demand for professionals, excellent compensation packages, and opportunities for personal and professional growth, it is a lucrative field for youngsters to consider.

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**The Voice That Made A Difference**



**Gleason Barretto - Old Kurla  
Founder Editor - Gaothan Voice**

**V**oices that make an impact is what MGP strives to achieve and our success has been extremely encouraging. Gaothan Voice gave birth to the Gaothan Revolution with the launch of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat in the year 2010. Lesser-known Gaothans are now popular thanks to the press releases on Gaothan issues triggered through the Gaothan Voice. The articles featured in our publication have encouraged members to launch community initiatives like restaurants and online events. MGP's network has also grown in the Gaothans of Maharashtra and across the world.

**O**ccasions and festivals got a facelift with Gaothan Voice coverage. The Village Festivals received more visibility with historical updates and traditional guidelines. Through the Gaothan Voice, we organised the first-ever Community Festival with a food festival and an awards ceremony. The Annual East Indian Sann now has multiple events covering various important aspects of the community. The Annual MGP festival has evolved with every passing year and we plan to make it more participative and effective.

**I**deas that were initially shared in the Gaothan Voice were amplified and initiated numerous times. We are the platform to launch community initiatives and today MGP has 40+ projects to uplift and empower the Indigenous People. The plan for the East Indian Bhavan and Museum was first shared in Gaothan Voice and we already have a museum dedicated to Kaka Baptista that's been around for 10 years. If things go as planned we may very well have the East Indian-themed Gardens with an Open Bhavan structure, Museum, occupational displays, cultural installations and many more attractions at the Juhu site. The Mobaikar Gaothan Store and the Self-Help groups were recently launched after almost 10 years of featuring in the Gaothan Voice.

**C**ulture got a major boost with MGP's Gaothan Voice. The Lugra got its brightest shine once again with every community celebration highlighting it. Agera, the East Indian Harvest Festival got bigger with each passing year with Gaothan Voice sharing regular updates and celebration guidelines. Celebrations today have gotten more colourful with the perfect East Indian connect which includes traditional attire, food speciality, brass band, rekla and lots more. MGP has been credited for Culture Promotion and Revival by large sections of the community.

**E**ast Indians had a long way to go an Gaothan Voice pit it on track. The challenges ahead are many and we as community need to do all that we can to uplift our community. MGP will always strive to serve our community in the best way by ensuring our East Indians reach greater heights. We need more hands and financial support to fulfil the ultimate East Indian Dream and each community members is welcome to do their bit. As we complete 20 community - driven years we look forward to a hopeful future and to your suggestions and feedback to help us strategize for effective solutions. Looking forward to your unwavering support and prayers, now and forever.

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Gaothan Voice	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery
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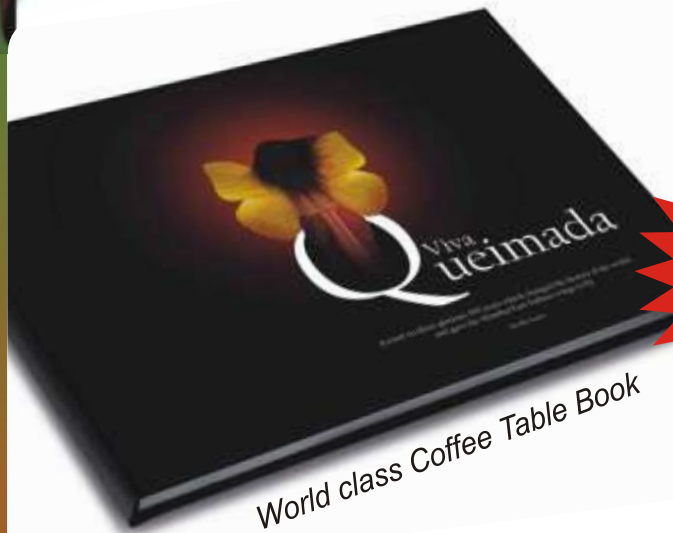
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# AN APPEAL

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) is happy to announce its initiative in building the first religious structure in the Diocese of Mumbai dedicated to our East Indian Native and Patron Saint..

## 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

A/C No : 032100100000792

IFSC Code : BACB0000032

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**"ST GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL"**

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