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## PANDRA PANDRA PANCHVEES SEVA KARU RAAT DEES

15 Years of Community Service

10 Years Project Plan | 25 Years Mission Jubilee



Appreciating The Stars  
with Annual Awards



Protection & Restoration of  
Gaothans & Holy Crosses



The Voice of the East Indian Community



Promoting & Preserving Culture & Tradition

## MGP IMPACT INITIATIVES

- 2010 - Annual East Indian Festival
- 2011 - East Indian Museum
- 2012 - East Indian Exhibition
- 2013 - East Indian Rally
- 2014 - East Indian Community Fund
- 2015 - Gaothan Beautification Project
- 2016 - Gaothan Bachav Andolan
- 2017 - Mot Mauli Yatra Purcessao
- 2018 - East Indian Baazaar
- 2019 - East Indian Dictionary
- 2020 - East Indian Online Singing Competition
- 2021 - East Indian Card
- 2022 - Mumbai Bhumi Putra Policy
- 2023 - East Indian Music Awards
- 2024 - East Indian CabElnet

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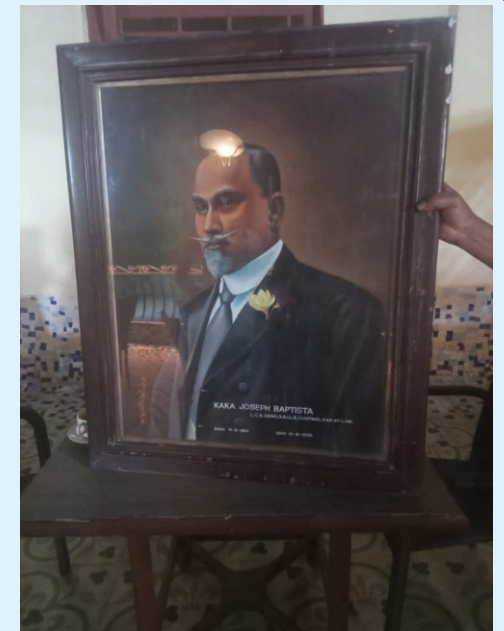
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**MGP Orlem Unit - Introze Party**

### **MGP Meets Maria Goretti to plan her East Indian Community Project - MGP will play a Supporting Role**

\*Maria Goretti plans to initiate this Community Project to create awareness about the East Indians  
 \*MGP will play a supporting role with community connects, content and calendar plan  
 \*The project will cover Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity in tune with MGPs theme for the year 2025  
 \*Those who wish to be a part of this project can whatsapp 9820545302  
 MGP held a meeting today at Maria's residence to plan a way forward.



### **Kaka Baptista photo Frame to be re-installed at Bandra Gym**

The photo frame of our Freedom Fighter was removed from its place during renovation works at the Bandra Gym.. Ashley Dmello (Ex TOI Senior Editor) had observed this and had requested the then BG Managing Committee to restore it, but his request was ignored.

Fortunately Ashley approached the present President, Dr Cheryl Misquitta who immediately swung into action and got the photo frame retrieved from the store room and assured it will be reinstalled

Freedom Fighter Kaka Baptista's portrait will now be restored and reinstalled in a prominent place at the Bandra Gym. Special thanks from the MGP Team to the Bandra Gym President, Managing Committee and Trustees for their support.



### **"Our Lady of Lourdes Statue Celebrates 100 Years!"**

The East Indian community in Thane's Kolbad village celebrated the feast mass of Mother Mary, honoring a century-old statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This revered statue was brought from Lourdes in 1925 by Late Elias J Pereira and has been a cherished part of the village's heritage and faith.

The feast mass was a joyous occasion bringing together the community to pay tribute to the blessed Mother."



Thane East Indian Association felicitates Mrs Mamta Dsouza. ACP. Recipient of President's Award, at St John the Baptist Church Thane on the occasion of the feast of St. Gonsalo Garcia.



# EAST INDIAN SANN 2025

MGP Annual East Indian Community Festival



The Annual East Indian Community Festival has 4 Events as mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Event Name	Place	Place	Time
1	East Indian Food Festival & Music Awards	St Andrew's Quadrangle, Bandra	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	5.00 pm to 10.00 pm
2	Gaothan Games	St Andrew's School Grounds, Bandra	04 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	7.30 am onwards
3	East Indian Days	Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Manori	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	09.30 am onwards
4	East Indian Baazaar	St Andrew's School Canteen, Bandra	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	05.00 pm to 9.00 pm

The Festival Sponsor Rates for East Indian Sann 2025 are as follows:

**Title Sponsor – Rs. 2,00,000/-**

Special Banner, common banner, social media, special invite

**Associate Sponsor – Rs. 1,00,000/-**

Special Banner, common banner, social media, special invite

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Common banner, social media, special invite

**Silver Sponsor – Rs. 25,000/-**

Common banner, social media

**Bronze Sponsor – Rs. 10,000/-**

Common banner, social media

\*We invite your support in the form of Sponsorships, Advertisements or Donations for our Festival and around 50 Community Projects.

\*You can support in kind by being our Annual Festival Partner for various requirements like Banners, Trophies, Stall kiosks, Jerseys, Decorators, Merchandise, LED Screen, Stage, Lights, Contest prizes, Table & Chairs, Sound system, Video & Photography, Water, Refreshments, etc.....

\*Cheques to be drawn in favor of 'Mobai Gaothan Panchayat'

You may mail it to us at our office address or call us to arrange for a pick up.

For details you may contact 9820087771

MGP also plans to organise multiple events in association with other groups & businesses during the annual festival months

\*We thank you for your support in the past. This is a generic appeal sent to all our supporters to update on our planned events. If possible, do support

\*Please support only if you are convinced that MGP Projects has been of great help to the East Indian Community.



**For electronic funds transfer the Bank account details are:**

Account Name - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Bank name - Bassein Catholic Co-operative Bank Ltd

Branch - Kalina

Savings Account number – 032100100000791

IFSC code - BACB0000032



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

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## ONE VOICE CAN BRING CHANGE


*Pledge:*  
We the Contributors  
to this issue firmly  
believe in truth and  
wish for the good &  
Welfare of all  
Villages. G.V.

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- Pereirawadi update
- Priya Dutt Meeting
- Special Plans for Gaothans




A Gaothan Home from Juhu, now popularly known as Rose Apartments Photo courtesy - Alan Gonsalves

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## Its time we start the Gaothan Panchayat



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- Gaothan Panchayat will promote self-management of villages in the modernised world
- Priya Dutt meets Gaothan Residents.
- Vision assembly elections- Gaothan Demand No.2 special facilities for Gaothan.
- Process to obtain OBC Certificate

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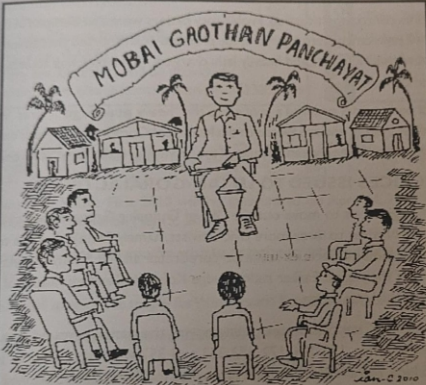
**One Vision ! One Voice ! One Village !**

Gaothan Voice launches a challenging initiative on completing One Year

## MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

The Voice of the Original Inhabitants of Bombay

**1st Anniversary**



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- Vasai Villagers Want Panchayat to Continue
- Externment Notices Issued to Uttan-Goral Activists
- Gaothan Panchayat Demands and Sarpanch Profiles

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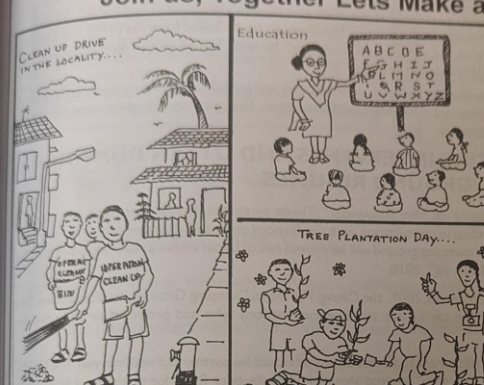
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## Mobai Gaothan Panchayat is born

## CHANGE begins with ME

Join us, Together Lets Make a Difference



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**SPECIALS**

- Vasai Virar region happy with Panchayat Raj
- Archbishop Gracias intervenes and Uttan Dumping Ground resumes
- Gaothan Panchayat Demands and Sarpanch Profiles

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## The Aborigines revive the Panchayat System

## AMCHI MOBAI AAPLE SARPANCH

MGP introduces Symbols designed especially for the Aborigines of Bombay



**MGP ELECTIONS**  
Volunteers and donations needed

MGP Elections will be held at 15 Gaothans across Bombay and this system will help our Gaothan Community to have an organised set-up to raise our issues to various authorities. It's time we are united so that we can demand our basic rights as Aborigines of Bombay. The cost of each village election will work out to approximately Rs. 2500 and we appeal for your support. Any amount, however small is welcome. You may also sponsor in kind - Tent (Rs.3000), large Umbrellas (Rs.750 per umbrella), volunteer refreshments, banners, posters, pamphlets and other costs.

At the election centers we will also need volunteers to manage the various desks and we invite all Mobaiers to assist us for the same. The duration for each election is three hours and the elections will be held mostly on Sundays. The various desks to be managed are

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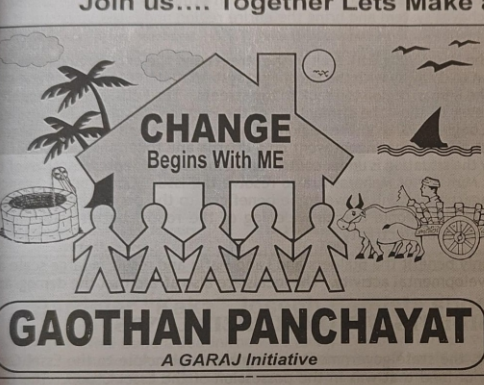
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## The Gaothan Revolution has begun.....

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**SPECIALS**

- Marol residents protest against property tax
- Vasai -Virar wants panchayat to Continue
- Goral residents win over their Precious lands

**GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT**  
A GARAJ Initiative

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# MGP PROJECT FOCUS

Community Driven! Community Focussed!



## MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

50+ Projects! 15 Years Service! One East Indian Community!

**Project Name # 1** - Gaothan Voice

Juhu Release - March 2003

Mumbai Release - March 2009

**Punchline** - One Vision! One Voice! One Village!

### Objective

To Be A Complete East Indian Family Magazine

### Activity Plan

**Monthly Release** to update the community about issues, events and way forward

**Reach Out** To as many homes in Maharashtra, India & Abroad

**Revive & Promote** Culture & Tradition

**Restore & Protect** Gaothans

### Support list

Overall Coordinator, Editorial team member, Edits Coordinator, Content coordinator, Special page managers, Event Coordinator, Advertisement Manager, Contests coordinator, Finance Manager, Logistics Manager, Mailing list Coordinator, Photo Coordinator

### Financials

**Advertisements** with special rates for block ads inserted Quarterly, Half Yearly or Yearly

**Donor Members** to also get subscription benefit with issue posted at doorstep

### Join Us

To support us in this project whatsapp 9820545302. Some support list activities will be paid a stipend/honorarium.

### MGP Focus Special

MGP's 15th Anniversary Issue in March 2025

**Project Name # 2** - Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum

Opened - May 2010

**Punchline** - The Worlds 1st East Indian Community Museum

**Objective** - To Preserve, Protect and Promote the Culture and Tradition of the Indigenous People of Mumbai, East Indian Community

**Address** - Theresa Villa, Main Road, Manori

**Land offered by** - Family of Late Theresa Fernandes from Chuim/Manori without any financial consideration

**Museum dedication** - Kaka Baptista, a freedom fighter from the East Indian Community, who coined the phrase, "Swaraj is my Birth Right" made famous by Lokmanya Tilak

**Visitors** - Tourist on Dharavi Beth island, historians, art enthusiasts, School and college students

### Activity Plan

**Museum Open Daily** from 10.30am to 5pm, Monday closed

**Annual Museum Day** on 3rd Sunday of May

**World Museum Day** on 18th May

**Open for Veneration** for St Gonsalo Garcia Day on 6th February

**Mot Mauli Yatra** in August begins from this Museum to Gaothans across Mumbai, Dharavi Beth, Vasai and Thane

**Artefacts Collection Day** in the month of April or May

### Support list

Chief Coordinator, Active Coordinators, Special Advisors, Support Coordinators, Museum & Arts Experts, Restorers, Finance Manager, Musuem Manager

### Financials

**CSR - Corporate Social Responsibility** funding for Musuem Management & Maintanence

**Donor Members** Platinum and Star to be mentioned at Manori Museum

**Museum Sponsors** to sponsor artefacts or display needs

**Monthly Sponsors** to cover monthly Museum costs

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### MGP Focus 2025 Special

East Indians Day & World Museum Day on Sunday, 18th May 2025 at Manori

### MGP in the NEWS #2

Free Press Journal

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 page 8

### East Indian Community Observes St Gonsalo Garcia Day

\*MGP announced St Gonsalo Garcia Day on 6<sup>th</sup> February a few years ago and his year we also have a daily theme under St.Gonslao Garcia Month

\*MGP has also announced St Gonsalo Garcia as the Patron Saint of the East Indian Community around a decade ago

\*Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum was kept open for veneration of St Gonsalo Garcia statue

\*By month end MGP will release its set of plans under the Native Devotions Promotion Project for India's First Catholic Saint



### MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal Online

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### Bandra Church women fight for equal burial rights

- \*Archdiocese should implement a common Policy for Cemeteries owned by all churches of diocese
- \*Parish Priest make rules basis their comfort and these rules differ from parish to parish
- \*Parish Priest should take decisions after taking views for Parishioners and not just from the Parish Council
- \*Indigenous People should have the first say as the burial grounds have heritage and sentimental value

#### FREE PRESS JOURNAL

HOME MUMBAI NEWS FPJ SHORTS ENTERTAINMENT

children. The archdiocese allows each church to lay down its rules," said Fonseca who added that the rules have been put in place because of the shortage of burial plots.

"Time will come when there will be no place for burial. Families should surrender their plots if they are not used regularly. We have to reuse graves once every three or four years because of the shortage," Fonseca added.

Community groups suggested that the archdiocese should implement a common policy for cemeteries owned by parishes. "Parish Priests make their rules on the basis of their comfort without considering the views of the parishioners. It is time for change in this mindset," said Gleason Barretto, founder trustee of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat.

### MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal

Thursday, 13th February 2025 page 7

#### East Indian Bhavan and Housing Complex - Goregaon Seminary Land

- \*MGP has demanded for housing and Bhavan in its East Indian Samaj Archdiocese - EISA Policy and wants it implemented in Goregaon Seminary land
- \*The complex has various centres for counselling and other activities already and so an East Indian Bhavan can be built too
- \*The Diocesan Convention centre may be necessary and alongside the Housing issues of the Indigenous People of Bombay, East Indians is a priority
- \*East Indians have donated a majority of lands in the diocese and its time for the diocese to provide Housing when a sizeable tract of lands have been used for commercial purposes
- \*As per our sources the proposed convention centre is mostly going to be handed over to a group of hotels for their commercial activities
- \*Indigenous People across the Catholic Church at many nations have been at a receiving end and we look for a change in mindset of Bombay Diocese
- \*The New Archbishop needs to look at this issue seriously and decide accordingly
- \*The East Indian Community at large feel ignored and sidelined but it's time for a change in the Diocesan decisions with the College of Consultors having only the East Indian Clergy



### MGP in the NEWS - Hindustan Times

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Hindustan Times - Page 6

#### Kaka Baptista East Indian Heritage Gardens

The first East Indian Community Theme Garden in the World

#### Objective

Promoting and Preserving East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity

MGP Team thanks MLA Ameet Satam for his continuous follow up and coordination to get this Community Project approved



### MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal Online

Sunday, 23rd February 2025

#### Paskin : From a Forgotten Tune to the East Indian Dance Anthem

- \*The story of one of the most popular dance songs and its revival
- \*The Music for Paskin was given by Hyacinth D'Souza who has won multiple East Indian Community Awards presented by MGP for his role as a Music Producer & his unique music talent
- \*The Singer of Paskin is Crompton Tixeira and his team who have even performed abroad, just recently at Dubai
- \*Crompton has also been given MGPs East Indian Community Awards a couple of times for Paskin
- \*This article is a perfect connect for MGPs East Indian Music Awards 2025 scheduled on 26th April at Bandra with 20+ awards to appreciate talent in Music & Entertainment
- \*The article was covered by Verus Ferreira, a Bandraite popular for his Music reviews, books and exhibitions

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"I was given the melody for Paskin, but had to conceptualize the style and arrangement independently. The song was entirely produced on a keyboard, using virtual sounds for drums, brass, guitars, and punchy elements for a dynamic rhythm. I added a catchy hook line with a catchy bass line, brass ensemble, organic sounds like marimba, ethnic instruments like the ghumat and many other percussion instruments to get the right vibe for this song", recalls D'Souza who has been honored multiple times by the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP), an organisation which is the voice of the East Indian community, the original inhabitants of Mumbai with the East Indian Community award for his Contribution to Music.



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## PANDRA PANDRA PANCHVEES SEVA KARU RAAT DEES

15 Years of Community Service  
10 Years Project Plan | 25 Years Mission Jubilee

*Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla*

**P**ersistence and Patience have been a hallmark of our existence for the last 15 years. Some community issues we took up seemed almost impossible but because we kept trying and persisting many of these saw the light of day. A handful of projects were also challenging and tough but the MGP Team did all we could to witness success. We may have not tasted success all the time but the passion to put in our very best was most important even though at times we failed. The challenges we faced in the last 15 years especially in the first few years was an experience that helped us learn about so many facts on the ground and we continued to move ahead irrespective of the hurdles faced.

**A**ctivity and Awareness about the Gaothans, East Indian Community, its culture and tradition were our key objectives from the beginning. MGP today has 50+ projects at various stages and have such a long list in a short period of 15 years is commendable. More than 100 press coverage of our plans and initiatives created the much needed awareness about our community and its indigenous people connect. Though our multiple projects we have managed to cover almost all needs and issues of the East Indian Community.

**N**ative and Nature was the focus as Indigenous People of Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The next 10 years will be based on our theme to - Promote and Preserve East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity. Language seems to be the most important one and awareness about this through social media and other modes of communication will be initiated. Awareness on Culture & Tradition will be initiated so that a majority within the community follow them. Heritage & History will take the research route to know our rich past and publicise the lost and forgotten stories. Existence & Identity will build a strong foundation of the East Indians as Indigenous People of Mumbai.

**D**edication and Drive to do our very best has always been in our heart and mind. A decade to go and our mission for the silver jubilee year is to create a great impact on the East Indian Community and the Gaothans. The road ahead is going to be tough, but we look forward to active support from our 100+ MGP team members to fulfill our dream. Some of the projects we revive or include will give a community a new image amongst the people of Mumbai and Maharashtra.

**R**evive and Restore every aspect of our community and its existence was what we strive for. Around 10 MGP projects are driven towards reviving and restoring various aspects of our community. Holy Crosses restoration and census is ongoing so also the Gaothan Beautification & Restoration Project. Festivals and traditional practices are being documented to plan their revival. Agera, The East Indian Harvest Festival was one of MGPs biggest successes on the community revival stage. Likewise we plan to identify various important facts about our community to revive and restore irrespective of the outcome.

**A**ppreciation and Acknowledgement to those who supported us or made our community proud was our best way to connect and create a positive impact of our community scene. Projects to honour and appreciate community members helps us build a strong bond and network with our community filled with talent and expertise. The big projects on this front is the East Indian Community Awards and just a few years back the East Indian Music Awards. God's presence has made the biggest difference in our 15 years of existence. MGP was blessed with many successes in challenging and impossible initiatives and infact some were miracle in nature. As we at MGP move ahead, we look forward to your continuous prayers and support.





# MGP QUARTER CENTURY - MISSION 2035

Completing 15! Focus Next 10! Target 25 Jubilee!



## MGP Top 15 Projects - 2010 to 2024

1. **Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum** - The First Ever East Indian Community Museum in the World
2. **Gaothan Voice** - The East Indian Family Magazine
3. **East Indian Calendar** - A Must on Every Wall of an East Indian Home
4. **East Indian Community Awards** - Appreciation The East Indian Way
5. **East Indian Baazaar** - The Community Market
6. **East Indian Food Festival** - The Biggest Community Food Festival
7. **East Indian Community Fund** - Supporting the Needy
8. **East Indian Dictionary** - Promoting the East Indian Dialect
9. **East Indian Sann** - The Annual Community Festival
10. **Mot Mauli Purcessao Yatra** - Reviving Memories & Promoting Native Devotion
11. **MusElc** - MGPs Music Project
12. **Mobaikar Gaothan Store** - The East Indian Community Store
13. **East Indian Music Awards** - Appreciation for Excellence in Music & Entertainment
14. **East Indian Rally** - Raising Voices & Speaking Up for the Community
15. **DigEI** - MGPs Digital Project

## MGP 10 Year Plan - 2025 to 2034

1. **Kaka Baptista East Indian Gardens** - The Heritage Community Themed Park
2. **St Gonsalo Garcia Project** - Promoting & Honouring India's First Catholic Saint
3. **MoBAIKAr Self Help Group** - Empowering Women Together
4. **East Indian Bhavan** - The Cultural.Hub of the Indigenous People of Mumbai
5. **Reetin Reeveaz** - The East Indian Culture Guide
6. **Mobai Sports** - Encouraging Sporting Talent
7. **Shikshan** - MGPs Education Project
8. **Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav** - The Annual Christmas Festival
9. **Kuruz** - MGPs Holy Cross Project
10. **East Indian Census** - Review Data to Plan the Future

## MGPs Mission 25 Years Jubilee - 2035

1. **St Gonsalo Garcia Project** - Recognised as Maharashtra's Native Saint, Bhartiya Maha Sant
2. **Kaka Baptista East Indian Gardens** - An Ideal Place to Experience East Indian History, Heritage, Culture and Tradition
3. **Gaothan Voice** - A Truly East Indian Magazine Reaching out to 100+ Goathans
4. **East Indian Calendar** - 10 Million Views! 10 Thousand Walls! One Community Calendar!
5. **East Indian Community Awards** - The Most Impactful Awards for the Community
6. **East Indian Bhavan** - The Unique East Indian Culture Space
7. **East Indian Gymkhana** - Uplifting & Encouraging Sports Talent
8. **East Indian Sann** - The Biggest East Indian Community Festival in the World
9. **East Indian Food Festival** - The Largest Community Food Celebration
10. **East Indian Baazaar** - Buy Everything East Indian
11. **East Indian CabElNet** - Making Decisions to Impact the Future of the Community
12. **East Indian Census** - Register and Be a Part of a Vibrant Future
13. **Kuruz Holy Cross Project** - Restoring & Registering the Religious Heritage structures
14. **Shikshan Education Project** - Support & Counselling Towards a Great Future
15. **MoBAIKAr Self Help Group** - Creating Quality Food & Handicrafts
16. **East Indian Community Fund** - Supporting the Nesdy in Every Way
17. **East Indian Dictionary** - Learn and converse the Dialect in Different Ways
18. **Reetin Reeveaz** - A Step by Step Guide to follow Traditions
19. **Mot Mauli Purcessao Yatra** - Restoring & Reviving the Native Devotion to the Patroness of the Community
20. **MusElc Music Project** - Releasing Songs that Touches every Community Heart Beat
21. **Mobaikar Gaothan Store** - Evrything East Indian in a One Stop Shop
22. **East Indian Music Awards** - Making Music & Entertainment Bigger & Better
23. **Smart Gaothan** - Gaothan Restoration & Beautification Redefined
24. **DigEI Digital Project** - Making an Impact across Social Media Platforms
25. **Sarvajanik Krist Janmotsav** - Promoting Unity At Christmas Time

## MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT - MEMBERSHIP PLAN

MEMBER TYPE / BENEFITS	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	DIAMOND	PLATINUM	STAR
Membership Fee	1,000	2,500	5,000	10,000	25,000	1,00,000
Membership Monthly Scheme	NA	NA	500	1,000	2,500	10,000
Vive Queimada	10% Discount	20% Discount	30% Discount	40% Discount	50% Discount	Complimentary
EI Books	NA	NA	10%	20%	30%	Complimentary
Gaothan Voice	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery	Doorstep Delivery
MGP Events	NA	NA	NA	Free Entry	Free Entry	Free Entry
EI Day	NA	NA	Free Pass	Free Pass	Free Pass	Free Pass
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## MGP'S VISION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The East Indian Skill & Trade Academy

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) vision and engagement aligns with the East Indian (EI) community's aspirations on employment, socio-economic interests and cultural preservation. The MGP has worked over the decades to revive cultural festivals, traditional music, and East Indian cuisine while also pursuing the official recognition of the community's unique identity in government's records.

MGP is seen as a vital organization for the East Indian community and if MGP can evolve strategically in the coming decade, MGP could become a major force in shaping the future of Mumbai's indigenous communities.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR MGP PROJECT:

To align MGP's projects with the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone and the 10-year vision leading to the 25th anniversary, one blue print is as follows:

#### ■ The East Indian Skill & Trade Academy (EISTA):

Objective: To empower East Indian youth and professionals with skills for employment business and cultural sustainability

#### Mission:

- Preserving heritage in the arena of fishing, farming, and handicrafts and this project will revive traditional trades while introducing new career pathways in the field of hospitality and tourism, organic farming and agro-business, EI handicrafts and textiles, traditional cooking and culinary entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship and self-employment support that can include business incubation for startups, funding and investment support, networking with EI business leaders

#### Execution Plan (2025–2035):

##### Phase 1 (2025–2027): Setup & Pilot Launch:

- ✓ Identify training partners & location for the first academy with strategic partners
- ✓ Start with 3 pilot courses: IT Skills, Fishing Modernization, and Business Basics
- ✓ Secure Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnerships, philanthropic contributions & government funding
- ✓ Organize the first East Indian Skills Expo

##### Phase 2 (2028–2030): Expansion & Heritage Integration:

- ✓ Expand courses to include traditional trades (farming, handicrafts, music)
- ✓ Establish a Job Placement & Internship Program
- ✓ Create a Virtual Training Platform for global access

##### Phase 3 (2031–2035): Scaling & Sustainability:

- ✓ Set up multiple training centers across gaothans
- ✓ Launch a Skill Certification Program recognized by employers
- ✓ Build tie-ups with international trade & cultural organizations

#### Key Areas that can be Focused on:

- ✓ East Indian Heritage Walks, Guided Tours, Village Homestays & Eco Tourism practices
- ✓ East Indian Culinary Tourism & Food Hubs
- ✓ Cultural Festivals and Arts Promotion

#### Outcome:

- ✓ New career opportunities for East Indians in both modern industries & traditional trades
- ✓ Revival of cultural skills, making them profitable & sustainable
- ✓ Stronger economic growth for the community through entrepreneurship
- ✓ Establishment of Gaothan Business & Employment Fund to reinvest profits

Congratulations MGP Team on your accomplished projects every year! Wishing you the Very Best on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and your Future Endeavours in the years to come .....

CHEERS!!!



Dr. Abhin Carneiro Alphonso

## FR MAGI MURZELLO

Empowering the Next Generation - My Passion for Establishing a Skilling College at Dharavi Beth

In 2018, when I had the privilege of receiving the St. Gonsalo Garcia Award, I had the opportunity to present my vision for Dharavi Island to an engaged audience. With plans for the Coastal Road and a new bridge on the horizon, I passionately advocated for the establishment of a skilling college to enhance our community. I raised this matter several times at the College Trustees' meeting.

I am grateful to the MGP for recognising this idea and actively pursuing our shared dream. Your commitment to addressing the future needs of our community is truly commendable. I wish you all the best as we continue working towards a brighter future!



## JUDE H. GOMES

### MGP - A Shining Example of Selfless Service and Community Empowerment

Observing from the outside, the efforts the MGP has been putting into its Agenda, Projects, Scenarios, I was impressed, by their tireless dedication to uplifting communities, their unwavering commitment to tackling social issues, and the positive impact they have made on countless lives through their selfless service, often working in challenging circumstances to empower the most vulnerable and advocate for social justice; they are the unsung heroes who light the way towards a more equitable society.

Recently, they held an event in Aqsa, which was very well attended, and they felicitated achieving East Indians. As Chairman of one of the Trusts that was recognised and felicitated, I was amazed at the little details that had gone into organising such an event. Kudos.

Over the years I have seen from the outside, the MGP's passionate leadership and tireless commitment of the organization's staff, volunteers, and supporters who drive their mission forward.

The MGP, caring for the inhabitants of the Gaothans, have put up resilience and perseverance when facing obstacles or working in difficult environments.

We pay tribute to the MGP for their unwavering dedication to local and Gaothan causes, making a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals through their compassionate programs and community-centric approach. Their tireless efforts to empower the marginalized and advocate for social justice serve as an inspiration to us all.

I wish them the very Best.



## KRISHNA HEGDE

### MGP - A Beacon of Hope for the Community



The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat will complete 15 years in March 2025 and has completed over 50 plus projects for the erstwhile community and I am happy that I have been there with them in the exemplary mission they have undertaken for the community.

U would like to make a special mention of Aphi Dsouza and Gleason Barretto, the coordinators and Sarpanchs all over Mumbai who have made it all possible.

The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat has strived to meet all leaders across Party lines to fulfil the needs of the community, whether it is demarcation of Gaothans, to bring a new housing policy, to increase the FSI of Gaothans, to start a Kaka Baptista Museum, to build a community centre, to start a new train for devotees to Velankini shrine and several more issues.

I wish the office bearers and the community more strength and also commit to stand by your community and MGP in all your endeavours.

Best wishes

Krishna Hegde

Ex MLA

Up Neta and Spokesperson: Shiv Sena

## SR JOYCE

### MGP - The Guardian of East Indian Culture and Heritage



Congratulations to the MGP team.... for the tireless efforts to keep the culture alive by organising different events according to its relevance all throughout the year.

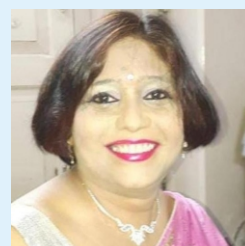
I am amazed by the fact that the EI who are spread all around the world are also part of all that happens in-house here.

More grace and power to the heads who lead to make it happen.

With prayerful wishes

## CORINA MISQUITA

### One Community, One Voice - MGP's 15 Years of Service

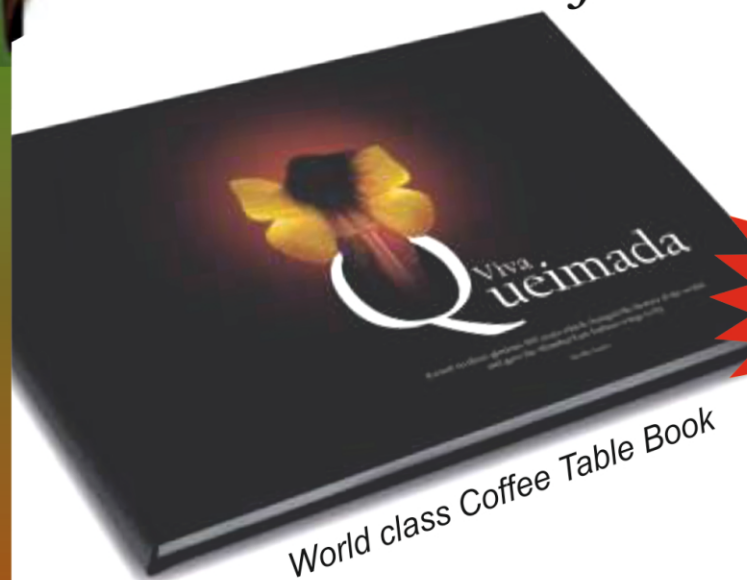


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Gaothan Voice launches a challenging initiative on completing One Year

### MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT

The Voice of the Original Inhabitants of Bombay

Gleason Barretto

For centuries the Gaothan residents, the original inhabitants of Mobai lived in peace until the time strangers across India entered our precious city in the last decades. They came and stayed on rent, purchased properties for a pittance and the authorities grabbed land under the disguise of infrastructure development. And we all stayed quiet due to our peace-loving nature. Mobai was later called Bombay by the Portuguese and the British rulers and about a decade ago we call this lovely city Mumbai due to our beloved politicians.

Today our very own Gaothan residents, the Sons of Soil are ill-treated as if we are strangers in our self-owned city. We welcomed all strangers irrespective of caste, creed or religion and a sizeable number of these strangers have now pushed us aside with their growing greed. Our tenants have more rights than we the landlords and so get a better share during redevelopment projects. The properties purchased for a pittance by cheating or forgery has now been sold for huge unimaginable sums. Finally, the authorities who grabbed our lands under the disguise of infrastructure have restructured their plans giving way to five star hotels, malls and other development projects. Mobai, the city of Seven Islands has now combined into a Single Concrete Island.

So what have the Gaothan residents got in return for their peace-loving nature? NOTHING....And we still stayed quiet. For how long can we stay in ignorance and silence. Wake up, my dear people before whatever you have is taken away. The slums which just came up a couple of years ago have been allotted flats, the marshy land have been covered making way for development schemes. The authorities have gone about blindly giving away additional FSI to all structures that exist....except the Gaothans. The Gaothan fault remains that we stayed quiet and so we don't deserve FSI. We have to run from pillar to post for repair permissions as if we are all tenants..

A group of like-minded Gaothan residents have now got up to raise their Voices under the banner of Gaothan Voice, a monthly bulletin launched in March 2009. The Gaothan Voice shared a plan to start the Gaothan Panchayat, tried this initiative some months ago at Juhu and now plans to make this an All-Mobai initiative. The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat will be launched by March end and will promote Civic and Social initiatives in our Gaothans. The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat will be an informal body that will demand the basic rights for the Gaothan people.

Gaothan Voice welcomes each one of you to be a part of the Gaothan Revolution under the banner of Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, CHANGE begins with ME. Be the Change you want to see by actively participating in our activities. Together lets raise our Voices against the injustice against our Community.



# MGP NOTICE BOARD

## The Announcement for the East Indian Community



### 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

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#### Marathi Bhasha Diwas

MGP Launches 2 Language based initiatives

- 1. East Indian Dictionary 2nd Edition** - additional words, devagiri script, english words search, pictures on special community words
- 2. East Indian Marathi Basha Project** - promotion of state language Marathi & Native East Indian dialect for religious services and online programmes

##### Special plans

- \*An appeal to the Government to recognise East Indian Marathi dialect
- \*Permission for regular East Indian Marathi religious services
- \*Communication to churches with weekly novenas to give preference to state language Marathi and native East Indian dialect
- \*Communication to authorities for regular Marathi religious services with utmost priority at proper time slots

For more feedback and suggestions you may mail us at [mgpmobai@gmail.com](mailto:mgpmobai@gmail.com). We welcome community members to join these projects especially college students, Homemakers, Seniors citizens, teachers, language experts and all those interested. whatapp 9820545302

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#### Marathi Bhasha Divas

27th February 2025

Aaplaa Gaav! Aapli Basha!

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat is glad to announce its plans for 2 special Initiative -

1. East Indian Dictionary - Second Edition
2. East Indian Marathi Basha Project

Highlights of these initiatives -

- \*An appeal to the State Government to recognise East Indian dialect spoken by the Indigenous People of Mumbai with a majority of words common to the Marathi language.
- \*MGP plans to launch the Second Edition of the East Indian Dictionary with more information and research within 2 years.
- \*East Indian Marathi religious services to be recognised and permitted in Mumbai across the year
- \*Communication to all churches with weekly novenas to give preference to state language Marathi and native East Indian dialect
- \*Communication to authorities for implementation of regular Marathi religious services which should be given the utmost priority
- \*Programmes and awareness initiatives to promote the East Indian dialect on Social Media.

Together let's ensure that there is awareness about the East Indians as the Indigenous Marathi speaking people of Maharashtra and that we have a very close connect with the Marathi language

For feedback and suggestions you may mail us at [mgpmobai@gmail.com](mailto:mgpmobai@gmail.com)

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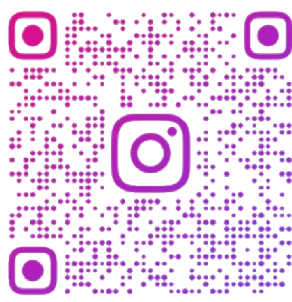
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- \*Contributions by Cheque or in kind are welcome.
- \*We plan to get relics from Japan and promote pilgrimage to Nagasaki.
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