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MGPs Annual Awards Makes An Impact**



**Kaka Baptista East Indian of the Year - Roger Drego
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Kaka Baptista East Indian Record Setter of the Year
Clauderricks Enterprises

Presented by: Sylvester & Ursula D'Souza
Clauderricks Enterprises achieved a remarkable feat by setting a record for India's longest hoarding, emphasizing their commitment to advertising excellence.



Cardinal Simon Pimenta East Indian Business Family of the Year
The D'Souza Family - Savio, Charmaine, Charlyene & Savlyene

Presented by: Dr. Ivor Pereira
The D'Souza family's success in the restaurant and wellness industry is a testament to their dedication to excellence.



St Gonsalo Garcia East Indian Educationist of the Year
Cordelia D'Souza

Presented by: Bernadette Pimenta
Cordelia D'Souza's dedication to providing quality education and nurturing young minds exemplifies the spirit of St. Gonsalo Garcia.



Kaka Baptista East Indian Culture Promoter of the Year
Joel D'Silva

Presented by: Sylvester D'Souza
Joel D'Silva's passion for preserving and promoting East Indian culture through music, dance, and storytelling is a testament to his love for our heritage.



St Gonsalo Garcia East Indian Religious Sister of the Year
Sr. Shalina Pereira

Presented by: Sr. Joeyanna D'Souza
Sr. Shalina Pereira's unwavering commitment to faith and service has made her an inspiration and source of strength for the community.



St Gonsalo Garcia East Indian Missionary of the Year
Fr. Ainsley D'Mello

Presented by: Fr. Magi Murzello
Fr. Ainsley D'Mello's profound missionary work embodies St. Gonsalo Garcia's spirit of faith and service.



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Cardinal Simon Pimenta East Indian Real Estate Developer of the Year
Murphy Creado - Sun City Builders and Developers
Presented by: Ashley Quiney
Sun City Builders and Developers' dedication to creating sustainable, thriving communities embodies the vision and values of Cardinal Simon Pimenta.



St Gonsalo Garcia East Indian Religious Brother of the Year
Br. Placid Henriques
Presented by: Dr. Ablin C. Alphonso
Br. Placid Henriques lifelong dedication to religious life and service is an inspiration, reflecting the values of St. Gonsalo Garcia



Fr Larry Pereira East Indian Historian of the Year
Joe Alvares
Presented by: Fr. Thomson Kinny
Joe Alvares' relentless commitment to researching and preserving East Indian culture and history brings our community's heritage to life.



Cardinal Simon Pimenta East Indian Sportsperson of the Year
Marcellus Gomes
Presented by: Merck Dailva
Marcellus Gomes' exceptional contributions to Indian hockey and sports coaching have left an indelible mark.



St Gonsalo Garcia East Indian Entrepreneur of the Year
Malcolm Baptista
Presented by: Adv. Urmila and Oliver Pereira
Malcolm Baptista's expertise in the automobile industry and his entrepreneurial venture, Malcolm Motors, exemplify his dedication to customer satisfaction.



Hyginus Dlima Memorial East Indian Social Worker of the Year
Belinda Pereira
Presented by: Olive Pereira
Belinda Pereira's compassion and selfless service have touched the lives of many, making her a true champion of social work.



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Darryl Dmonte Memorial East Indian Journalist of the Year **Tanishka Dlyma**

Presented by: Terence Machado
Tanishka Dlyma's dedication to amplifying East Indian voices in the media is essential for community representation.



Theresa Fernandes Memorial East Indian Restaurant of the Year **The East Indian Kitchen, Kirol**

Presented by: James Fernandes & Sybil Rodrigues
The East Indian Kitchen offers a culinary journey through East Indian traditions with delectable dishes and flavors.



Kaka Baptista East Indian Star of the Year **Mark Dharmai**

Presented by: Constantine D'Mello
Mark Dharmai's achievements in the 8th World Dwarf Games and as a TEDx speaker have brought honor to the community.



Hyginus Dlima Memorial East Indian Activist of the Year **Denis D'Souza**

Presented by: Glenn, Primrose & Shania Pais
Denis D'Souza's tireless dedication to social causes and community well-being sets an exceptional example of activism with a heart.



Fr Benny Aguiar Memorial East Indian Social Media Influencer of the Year **Leons Thomas Joseph**

Presented by: Walter & Benzie Murzello
Leons Thomas has used social media to foster community, discuss vital issues, and celebrate East Indian culture.



Theresa Fernandes Memorial East Indian Resort of the Year **Emerald Isle Resort**

Presented by: Jasmine Lobo and Genevieve D'Souza
Emerald Isle Resort offers a serene and rejuvenating escape, providing travelers with memorable experiences and tranquil moments.



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Sandra Gomes Memorial East Indian Makeup Artist of the Year
Sophie Couto

Presented by: Bernard & Angelina Pereira
Sophie Couto's artistry as a makeup artist enhances beauty and transcends it into an art form, making her a standout talent in the field.



Sandra Gomes Memorial East Indian Caterer of the Year
Psychedelic Caterers

Presented by: Roweena Carlos
Psychedelic Caterers' culinary expertise and service excellence have made them an essential part of countless celebrations and events.



Hyginus Dlima Memorial East Indian Gaothan of the Year
Cherai Gaothan

Presented by: Alphi D'Souza & Walter Murzello
Cherai is a beloved East Indian Gaothan, preserving the community's heritage and traditions, making it a symbol of cultural pride



Kaka Baptista East Indian MLA of the Year
Ameet Satam

Ameet Satam's dedicated advocacy for the community in the political sphere has made a significant impact on the lives of the people he serves.



Kaka Baptista East Indian Icon of the Year
Aashish D'Mello

Aashish D'Mello's journey from the American Film Institute to the Oscars is a source of immense pride for the East Indian community.



Fr Benny Aguiar Memorial East Indian Author of the Year
Christina Speck

Christina Speck's book 'HEALTHCARE FANDOM' placed in the US Library of Congress is a literary achievement within the East Indian community.



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St Gonsalo Garcia East Indian Priest of the Year
Fr. Victor Dalmet

Fr. Victor Dalmet's dedication to the community and service reflects the spirit of St. Gonsalo Garcia.



Kaka Baptista East Indian Start Up of the Year
Jevayla Ye & The House of Jevayla Ye

The House of Jevayla Ye's journey from a simple Instagram post to a thriving enterprise offers a wide range of traditional East Indian products.



Kaka Baptista East Indian Association of the Year
Melbourne East Indian Association

The Melbourne East Indian Association's commitment to preserving and sharing East Indian culture in Melbourne is commendable.



Presentation of Coffee table book -
Viva Queimada for the School library of
St. Lawrence Group of Schools



Release of the Gaothan Voice
by the D'Souza Brothers - Thane



Release of the Sukhala eco-friendly Bag
by Clauderricks Enterprises



Performance
Rocky and Shalini, Thane



Performance
Umbrachapani Urta Rap Song



Performance
East Indian Mumbai Masala Song



MGP Welcome Desk



Alistair Dsouza
Emcee for the Awards Ceremony



MGP Team at the Awards Ceremony

ROGER DREGO - The Sound of India

Roger Drego, a music equipment professional, won the honor of becoming the East Indian of the Year 2023 at the East Indian Community Awards 2023. As Roger received his award, all the attendees acknowledged his achievement and gave him a standing ovation.

We had the privilege of conducting an interview with Roger Drego, who is affectionately recognized as the "Sound of India." He has revolutionized the live sound and lighting services sector, establishing a remarkable new industry benchmark. During our discussion, Roger graciously provided insights into his remarkable career and contributions to the field. Here is what he had to say...

How does it feel to be named East Indian of the Year 2023?

I feel proud and honored. I was very excited, we went to Thane to get the award. I have won many awards in my career for sound and music, but this is the first time winning the East Indian of the Year award from the community.

Tell us more about Electrocraft, Roger Drego Theatre Management, and Star Professional Audio.

I started when I was very young, just out of college (St. Xaviers Technical). I started working for another person who was already doing sound since I had no money, that's how I gradually borrowed money and started Electrocraft. Because of the good service I provided during an event they sent me to Germany for training on a scholarship.

I used to travel abroad to study the technology they used. And we used to import equipments. The then PM Rajeev Gandhi recognized my work, and I did some sound work for him. I also did a lot of work for Lata Mangeshkar. Her tour to America was done by me.

RD Theatre Management came in much later. St. Andrews was looking for somebody to run the theatre, to take it over. It was actually a college auditorium, but I wanted to make it more professional, so we redesigned it. All the equipment there is put in by myself - the sound, audio, video. It has one of the best technical equipment, hence we have a lot of musical shows happening there. It has been running for more than 30 years.

Star Professional Audio looks after building new equipment and installation of equipment. So if there are some auditorium installations, etc. to be done, Star Professional Audio takes care of that.

Currently, I'm also doing stage automation.

How did you start your journey into the events and entertainment industry? What inspired you?

My family was into music, although not professionally. I used to play the violin, my father played violin, my mother played piano, and my sisters too. We all played some instruments, and that got me involved with sound at an early age. My family did not pursue music professionally, we were all home musicians. On some nights got together and played for fun.

I did not take any help from my family to start my business. They always wanted me to go for higher studies, they were not wanting me to go for anything like this. Fortunately, I had someone who helped me to start, so I borrowed money, and that's how we started the sound company.



Having worked in the music industry for so long, what is it about East Indian music that you like?

East Indian music is very unique in its own way. It uses a unique dialect.

Your Village/parish

Brought-up in Pali Village(St. Anne's), currently located in Khar (Sacred Heart Parish)

Your favorite East Indian delicacy

Mutton Kudi with radish or pumpkin

Your favorite East Indian song

Galyan sakhli sonyachi

One East Indian word you use the most

Sukhala

Interviewed by - Amarylisa Gonsalves



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EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY AWARDS 2023

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On behalf of the core team at MGP We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable contribution to the success of our recent event The East Indian Community Awards 2023 on 7th October 2023 at St Lawrence Banquet Hall, Thane. Your dedication, professionalism, and exceptional services have significantly enhanced the overall experience for our esteemed guests and the event

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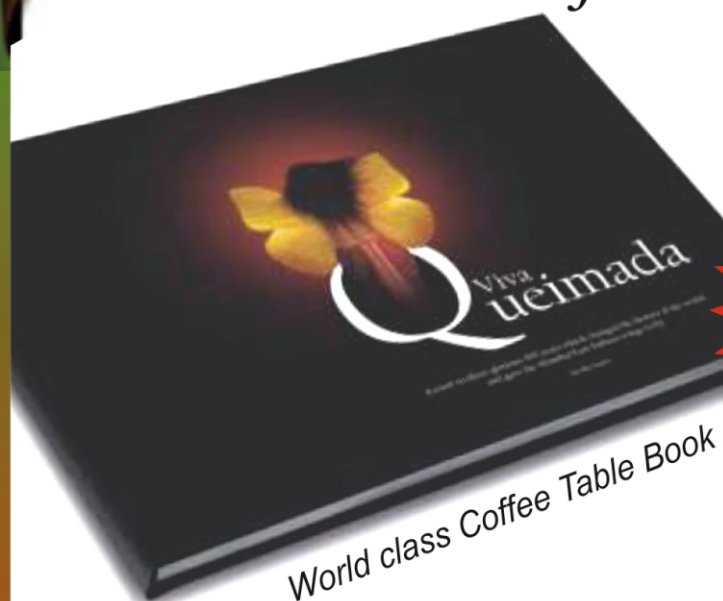
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Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Appreciate the Community members that make us proud and with this objective the Annual awards were launched in the Year 2010. MGP started this initiative in a very small way with a handful of categories to honour those who have made a big impact within our community, towards service to society, in business or their expertise. This Annual awards now termed as EICA - East Indian Community Awards has grown bigger each passing year. The Awards this year was presented to 28 recipients in an exclusive event attended by around 250 people.

Witness the ones who made us proud, come on stage to the applause of the audience is a dream come true for many and this is what MGP tries to achieve. The award recipients feel great to be honoured by their very own community. The big award for the day is the East Indian of the Year and this year it was presented to the King of Sound, Roger Drego. The top 5 achievers of the awards event were Record Setters Clauderricks Enterprises, The D'Souza Family for Business Family, Educationist Cordelia D'Souza, Joel Dsilva for Cultural Promotion and MLA Ameet for the Kaka Baptista East Indian Heritage Gardens. This year we have a growth in Global achievers with 3 recipients based abroad - Aashish D'Mello, Christina Speck and Melbourne East Indian Association. The Religious to receive the awards were Fr. Victor Dalmet, Fr. Ainsley D'Mello and Sr. Shalina Pereira.

Acknowledge the ones who many a times have been forgotten or ignored, changes the community perspective about looking at things. MGP has identified many unknown stars within our community many of whom who selflessly work for society or run their businesses. The award recipients over more than 10 years has helped us create a better connect and network with members who can help us to take our community to greater heights. Even the presenters feel privileged to come on stage and greet the achievers of our community.

Recognise the ones who have done us proud remains a tough task. Over a period of time, we at MGP have strived to meticulously draft parameters for each award category. Each award category and recipient bring in a lot of experience and expertise. We have recently made the East Indian Music Awards - EIMA a different event to do justice to one of the strong cultural pillars of our community, Music. A sizeable number of our recipients feel grateful and at times emotional for this gesture from MGP. In presenting them with the Annual Community Awards.

Direct our target at organising the annual awards for uplifting and empowering our community. The focus will now be on promotion of Business and Education with special award categories for Entrepreneurs and Professionals. EICA aims to be a platform to showcase the star performers of our community. The new categories will surely give the annual community awards a new meaning and create an impact for bigger numbers in business and profession. The Global connect is also what we are looking at as we are sure there are many based abroad who deserve the much-needed appreciation and spotlight.

Symbol of great memories on receiving the annual awards is what's MGP plan to create. Those who attended the awards ceremony gave positive feedback and are pleased to see the awards ceremony grow each passing year. Planned meticulously and with best quality stage performances was the generic feedback. There have been multiple requests for tickets on sale to attend the award event and we are reviewing this option. The LIVE stream of the event was also highly appreciated as the viewers on our Mee East Indian YouTube Channel had a great visual experience. MGP will continue to take this initiative forward in its ultimate aim to Uplift and Empower the East Indian Community.



EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY AWARDS 2023

Appreciating and Encouraging our Community



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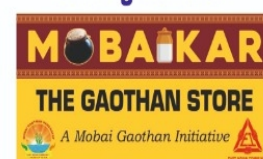
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Ingredients

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1 coconut (grated)
¼ cup chana dal (spilt cheakpeas) soaked for 1 hour and boiled separately and kept side

½ cup sugar

8 to 10 cardamom (crush the cardamom with a pestle) or add vanilla for flavour

1 tbsp rose water

½ cup milk

Pinch of salt

Method

Take a pan add the grated coconut, sugar, rosewater, cardamom, rosewater and milk. Cook for 15 minutes or so. Put off the flame and add the chana dal and mix well. Let the mixture cool down.

Dough

1 cup maida (refined flour)

1 cup wheat flour

1/4 cup melted ghee

Salt to taste

Milk as required for kneading the dough

Method

Place the flour in a big thala or a bowl. Add the salt, melted ghee and combine well. Knead the dough by adding enough milk to make smooth pliable dough. Cover with damp cloth and leave to rest for 20 mts.

Take a small portion of the dough and roll to small round circle. Place the round circle on a nevri mould or a else you can also used a cutter. Place a spoonful of the coconut filling on one side of the round circle. Moisten the edges of the round circle lightly by water. Bring the other side of the mould to close the top. Press gently and ensure the edges are sealed well. Repeat the process until the entire filing and dough has been used up. Keep the nevries covered with a cloth inorder to prevent the nevries from drying up.

Heat oil in a frying pan over medium heat and deep fry the nevries in batches till they turn golden brown.

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