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Mount Mary Blesses Mumbai's Indigenous People



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Saturday, 14th September 2024

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AGERA

The Harvest Festival of Maharashtra's Bhumi Putra East Indian Samaj

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Around 10 years ago Agera was a forgotten tradition in many parishes. A few parishes kept on the tradition in whatever small way they could. Mobai Gaothan Panchayat was one of the associations that took the initiative to revive this festival which was slowly fading with each passing year. Agera was an important festival when a large section of our community had fields and farming was one of the main occupations. It was a special day as our community celebrated this Harvest Festival as a Thanksgiving to God for blessing the family and the village with a good harvest. As our fields vanished due to urbanisation the festival lost its connect with the East Indian community in the city.

The East Indian Community, sons-of-soil of Bombay, Thane, Raigad and Vasai celebrate Agera on the first Sunday in October. The Archdiocese in recent times also celebrates the Native Harvest Festival, Agera as "Thanksgiving day". The feast is celebrated across East Indian Gaothans with great enthusiasm. The local East Indian Groups based in urban areas are making efforts to revive this great harvest festival of Agera in the traditional way. In many villages in Manori-Gorai-Uttan, Vasai, Thane and Raigad the festival has always been celebrated the traditional way as many families continue to follow their occupation of farming. While the farming villages of the East Indian Community celebrate Agera as per tradition followed for generations, those in the city generally begin their celebrations from the Holy Cross in the Gaothans.

MGP started the revival of this traditional festival around 10 years ago by arranging for paddy required by those in the city for the Agera festival. For more than 5 years now Agera is slowly catching up and more parishes are reviving this tradition and some have made their Agera celebrations bigger. The highlights of the Agera festival are grand processions, Cultural Programmes, East Indian Marathi Mass, harvest themed refreshments after the service, community in traditional dresses and beautifully decorated Reklas.

The Indigenous People have marked Agera in their festival calendar, yet another big day to celebrate for the East Indian Community. This year Agera will be celebrated on Sunday, 6th October and MGP targets to celebrate this festival at more than 100 Gaothans.

Wishing you all a Happy Agera. May this harvest festival bless your homes with abundance of food and happiness

MGP GUIDELINES FOR AGERA CELEBRATIONS

- *Start Procession from a Holy Cross in the Village or nearest paddy field (the priest cuts a few sheaves of paddy)
- *In procession the bundles of paddy to be carried by ladies in traditional Luga or men in traditional Surkhas
- *East Indian brass band or Vanzootar (local tribal band) to be a part of the procession
- *Ideally hire a Tonga, Rekla or Bullock cart as a part of procession
- *The procession enters church where the paddy is kept near the altar for blessing
- *Offerings of fresh fruits and vegetables to be made during offertory or when the procession enters the church
- *After mass the East Indians in traditional attire to distribute the paddy
- *East Indian band to play some celebration songs after mass
- *Stalls selling East Indian food to be set up especially harvest related food stuff
- *The families go back home and affix the paddy on their entrance door or place it on the altar
- *The family prepares a traditional meal keeping the harvest festival in mind
- *Each East Indian family have the afternoon meal together with a thanksgiving prayer
- *Before the meal the family serves homemade wine or Khimad calling out "Sukhala" the East Indian way
- *In the evening the families visit their friends and relatives or join the village get-together.



MOT MAULI PURCESSAO YATRA

Promoting Native Devotion To Mount Mary



*Gleason Barretto,
Old Kurla*

Mot Mauli Yatra Devache Mae, Pau Tu Amala..

- *An initiative to create awareness about our Native Devotions – Mount Mary and St. Gonsalo Garcia
- *The Mount Mary Statue will be taken to our East Indian Gaothans and it's vicinity from August to September
- *The statue will arrive at each Gaothan at 8pm and leave the next day at around 6pm
- *The Statue of Mount Mary will be brought in Procession from Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum to the nearest Gaothan
- *The statue will be taken every day to different Gaothans across Mumbai, Thane, Vasai and Raigad
- *Gaothan groups and families that wish to keep the Mount Mary Statue at Gaothan Common places, Holy Crosses, community halls or at their home may contact us
- *The Annual Mot Mauli Purcessao will be held this year on Saturday, 14th September 2024
- *Donors/Sponsors for decorations and transport are welcome

Those interested may contact Alphi Dsouza on 9820087771

The dates of Mount Mary statue Gaothan Visit will be finalised on a first-cum-first-serve basis

Mot Mauli Yatra Promoting Native Devotions

- *Gaothan Visits began on Sunday, 4th August 2024*
- *The Mount Mary statue will be taken across Mumbai, Thane, Raigad and Vasai throughout August & September

Mot Mauli Yatra Guidelines

- *The statue Visit will be allowed at Village homes, Gaothan Crosses & Grottos or the Village Square
- *The family, or local group can organise processions and also the brass band of possible
- *Ideally statue to be kept in a common gathering place like holy cross, grotto, chapel, village square
- *Statue to be cleaned with damp cloth during visits
- *Avoid using any cleaning solutions or sanitizers.
- *Statue will be kept at a Gaothan for 1 day from 7.00 pm to 5.00 pm next day depending on travel time

To Participate in this Mount Mary Visit to your Gaothan contact Alphi on 9820087771

MGP – Protect! Preserve! Promote!

Mot Mauli Purcessao A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

Date : Saturday, 14th September 2024

@8.00 am from Mahim Church – rekla/ vehicles/bikes

@8:30 am from St.Peters Church – walking to the Mount

@9:30 am Mass at Mount Mary's Basilica

Highlights

- *The 8th Annual Procession organised by MGP to revive memories of the First Traditional Procession in the year 1761
- *The Traditional Rekla to be used to carry the Statue of Our Lady of the Mount
- *The Traditional East Indian Band will play at the Procession
- *The Confraternity will lead the procession
- *Luzar (Rosary) will be recited in the East Indian Dialect
- *The Traditional Maan (Respect) will be given by the Band at Mahim Church
- *A Majority of those who join the Procession will wear East Indian themed outfits
- *Around 200 people expected to join us at the Procession

To support or for more details contact us on 9820087771/9820545302

Sponsors welcome for band, Rekla, water and other requirements

10 Reasons to join the MOUNT MARYS Procession

Mot Mauli Purcessao A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

On Saturday 14th September 2024

Mahim Church to Mount Marys Church

Walking procession starts at St Peter's Church at 8.30 am

1. **MOUNT MARY HISTORY** – Memories of 1761 as Mount Mary Statue was bought from Mahim Church to Mount Marys
2. **OUTFITS THEME** – Confraternity in traditional uniform & participants in community themed outfits
3. **UMBRELLA SATIR** – The Satir or East Indian Umbrella will be unfurled
4. **NATIVE DEVOTION** – an initiative to promote Mount Mary devotion with its roots from Mumbai
5. **TRADITIONAL BRASS BAND** – religious hymns will be played with special Maan at Mahim Church
6. **MASS SERVICE** – the participants will attend Eucharistic Service after procession at 9.30 am
7. **ARCHITECTURAL MARVEL HERITAGE CHURCH** – this Church is of great historical and heritage relevance and need to be restored and preserved
8. **REKLA CONNECT** – historically the Mount Mary statue was placed on a rekla and so we continue with this tradition
9. **YEARLY PROCESSION** – this annual feature will help us recall those rich memories of the 1st procession more than 260 years ago
10. **STEPS TO THE MOUNT** – the steps signify us to grow in our life step by step as we climb the Mount to pay our respects to the miraculous statue

Lets Together Join Singing Praises To Mother Mary. MGP Team Invites You All To Join The Annual Mount Mary Procession.

Bringing Mount Mary Devotion Back To Bandra Fair

MOT MAULI PURCESSAO

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Standoff over hike in stall rent for Bandra Fair continues

Mumbai: For yet another day, prospective stall renters for Bandra Fair, which is held within the Mount Mary Basilica premises, remained at the basilica office on Thursday, refusing to allow anyone to take forms. Their opposition is to the hike in rent from approximately Rs 590 per sq foot last year to Rs 900 this year.

They alleged the authorities are unfairly passing on infrastructure upgrade costs to them despite their use of the premises being limited to just eight days. Vailan Fernandes, who has been renting the stall for the last two decades, said, "The proposed rent is very high, given that the area will be used by us only for eight days," she said.

On the claim that the additional cost is also because the stalls are made fire-resistant, she said, "We paid this cost last year too. However, less than half the shops were built with steel structures while the rest were built with bamboo," she said. Gleason Barretto, founder trustee of Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, said they have sent a letter to the Archdiocese of Bombay and CM's office. —Richa Pinto



Members of the East Indian community at Bhoomidra Samaj rally last month at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount in Bandra West.

MORE TROUBLE FOR MOUNT MARY FESTIVAL

'Bandra Fair no longer reflects local culture'

Even as impasse continues between renters and church, East Indian group now demands total ban on fair, saying it has 'become fully commercialised'

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AS the standoff between Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount authorities and prospective stall renters continues, the Bhoomidra Samaj, representing Mumbai's indigenous community, has called for a ban on the Bandra fair, citing concerns about the event's "increasing commercialisation".

'The Bandra fair is the only fair in the world that does not have stalls showcasing the culture, tradition, heritage, handicrafts and merchandise of the indigenous people'

Gleason Barretto, founder, Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

19th August -

Midday Cover Story

Focus more on Mount Mary Devotion and Indigenous People Culture

Mount Mary steps may have no stalls this year

The allotment process of stalls has been delayed because of opposition from stall holders to the hike in rentals

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MUMBAI: The Mount Mary Fair, known for its colourful stalls, may deviate from tradition this year. Due to a deadlock over the new rates for the stalls, there may be no stalls on the grounds leading to Mount Mary Church. The fair will be held from September 8-15. Father Sunder Albuquerque, vice-rector of the Mount Mary Basilica, said that people who wanted to rent stalls were being stopped by protesters. One person attempted to take an application form today but was prevented by a crowd of around 50 people, he said. "We're keeping the application window open this week, but if we don't receive any, we may go to not have stalls at all."



People of various faiths attend the Mount Mary Festival to pay homage to Mother Mary who was born on September 8. The fair will take place between September 8 and 15.

There are 260 pitches available on Mount Mary Road and a part of Kame Road to sell religious goods, and another 50 and 100 pitches on Rebolero Road and St. Raphael's Road respectively for non-religious goods. The pitches are 1.5 by 1.5 metres, and 170 of the 430 pitches are to be publicly auctioned.

Justifying the price hike, Father Albuquerque explained that they had upgraded the stalls, "We're using fire-resistant material as per the BMC's requirement, with no minimum rent, and later divided them into smaller stalls and sublet them to a profit."

While the first 20 pitches on Mount Mary Road are being auctioned at a minimum amount of ₹170 lakh, the remaining 240 pitches are to be sold at ₹500 per sq foot. The protesters are asking for the 2022 rate of ₹290 and 2021 rate of ₹500.

on Kame Road will be given to those who have had stalls in the previous years. The pitches on Rebolero Road and St. Raphael's Road are available on auction, with no minimum rent mentioned. ₹272 is the cost for a temporary pitch permission for a profit.

20th August - Free Press Journal

Indigenous People first preference for Mount Mary Festival and Bandra Fair



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Muslim trust's school with a Catholic name

MUMBAI: A school proposed by a Muslim trust to be named after the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has sparked controversy. The school is to be named 'Mount Mary High School' and is to be located in the vicinity of the Mount Mary Basilica. The school is proposed to be a co-ed school and will have a mosque on its premises. The school is proposed to be a co-ed school and will have a mosque on its premises. The school is proposed to be a co-ed school and will have a mosque on its premises.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Mount Mary Church and Archdiocese of Bombay contemplate legal action

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4th September - Midday - Colour theme and word of the day initiated by MGP

4th September - Free Press Journal - Demand for change of Catholic name of school at Bandra

16th August - Times of India Indigenous People Stall allotment and Masses in State language Marathi

FPJ IMPACT

Muslim trust changes school name

Manoj Ramakrishnan

MUMBAI

A day after the FPJ reported the anger in Mumbai's Roman Catholic community after a Muslim trust named a proposed school in Bandra after the Mount Mary Church, the area's M.L.A., Ashish Shelar, has written to the Mount Mary Educational Trust to change the name so there's no confusion with the church and its school in the vicinity.

Shelar inaugurated the school in August after opposing a religious structure on the same plot. In a letter to the trust on Wednesday, a

'Include Velankanni shrine in pilgrimage scheme'

66 religious places within Maharashtra. Shinde announced the plan on June 28 for people of all faiths. Under the initiative, eligible persons aged above 60 years can apply for the scheme, with the state government paying up to Rs10,000 towards food, stay and travel.

The Mount Mary Panchayat (MGP), an association of East Indians, said that around five lakh community members visit the shrine of Our Lady of Good Health.

Velankanni from August 30 to September 8, which marks the annual feast and birthday of Mother Mary. "The East Indians, the indigenous people of Mumbai have been visiting this pilgrimage site at Velankanni for around 100 years. The Christian community considers it to be the Holy Land of India and the miraculous statue of our Lady is placed in the shrine Basilica at Velankanni," said Gleason Barretto of MGP.

The community's request has been backed by former M.L.A. and Shri Sena spokesperson Krishna Hegde, who has sent a communication to Shinde in the same regard. "Christians, including the MGP, have approached me to request the government to provide the facility," said Hegde. He has also written to the Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for additional special trains from Mumbai to Velankanni via Goa during the annual pilgrimage. Currently, there are two special trains.

5th September -

Free Press Journal -

Senior Citizens Pilgrimage Scheme for Maharashtra

Mot Mauli Purcussao

Hundreds of Mother Mary devotees took part in the 'Mot Mauli Purcussao' from Mahim Church to Mount Mary, Bandra, on Saturday morning to commemorate the 1761 event of enshrining a statue of Mother Mary on the mount. The procession, organised by the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, included cars, bikes, decorated rickshaws or horse carts, and East Indian brass bands singing religious hymns. It is believed that a rekla was used to bring the Mother Mary statue to the mount.



15th September -

Free Press Journal Mot Mauli Purcussao

MGP Team thanks all its Supporters and Well Wishers for their Prayers and Good Wishes.

Velankanni celebration gets colourful, reaches Canada

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MUMBAI: The vibrant (and noisy) celebration of the birthday of Mother Mary, the Virgin Mary, in the town of Velankanni in Tamil Nadu has been going on since August 30. With the Indian festival of Onam approaching, the Catholics in the town are going to end the holy period with a special service and a feast.

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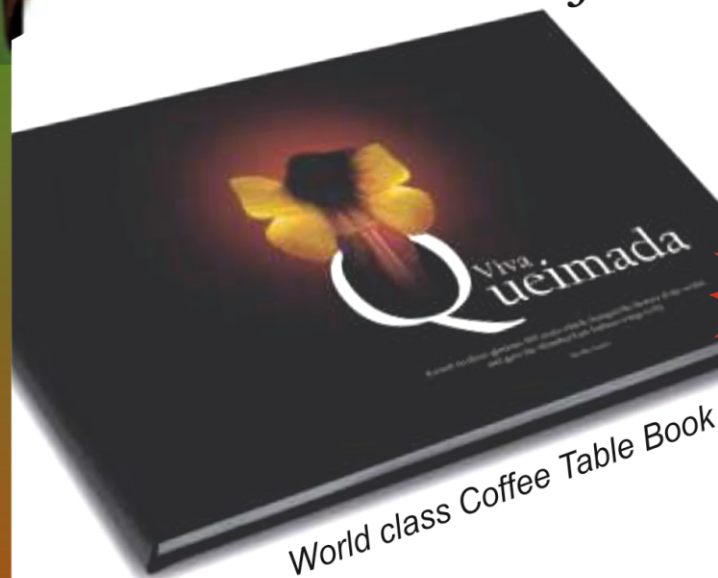
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Awards for Academic Excellence 2023-2024

This Educational Fund was founded by the late Fr. D. G. Almeida of Thane, for the empowerment of children, to help them aspire for a higher education.

Applications are invited from **East Indian** students who have passed Standard 10, Standard 12, Graduate (Degree), at the First attempt, from any recognised Board / University, with minimum percentage as detailed below, and those proceeding for Ecclesiastical studies.

***Standard 10: 90%**

Graduate (Degree) : 'A Grade'/First Class

***Standard 12: Science/Commerce : 80% Arts : 75%**

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Last date for submission of application forms is **September 30th, 2024**



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BHUMIPUTRANA PAAULI AAPLI MOT MAULI

Mount Mary Blesses Mumbai's Indigenous People

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

MOUNT MARY DEVOTION was founded by the Indigenous People of Bombay and it has great historical relevance. The native devotion to Mount Mary which started centuries ago grew each passing year and gave birth to the Bandra Fair. The Church leaders should ideally focus on devotional aspect and this was something being missed out with commercialisation and pressures from external sources. This year it was a welcome move when the clergy leading the Basilica focussed on devotional aspects and the opening of the exhibition centre will be an inspiring inclusion. MGPs Native Devotion Promotion Project focusses on awareness of Mumbai's Indigenous devotion to Mount Mary and St Gonsalo Garcia.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE THE NATIVE FESTIVAL are too many. This is mega Bandra Village Festival which had around 10 Gaothans in the vicinity of Mount Mary's. The festival needs to be promoted with a theme of devotion and stalls dealing in offerings of religious and native relevance. The Mount Mary's Annual Festival should be considered as a State recognised festival. The State Government needs to be appreciated for including the Basilica of Mount Mary under its Senior Citizens Pilgrimage Scheme. The State needs to develop basic infrastructure to make this pilgrim site comfortable and convenient to the devotees. MGPs Reetin Reevaaz project aims to promote culture and tradition especially village festival's.

TRADITIONAL PROCESSION to recall a 260+ years old event is one of MGPs striking initiatives. This was the 8th year and we had around 100 community members participating led by the Confraternity with inclusion of the brass band and the rekla. Like every year, this year too the procession began from St Michael's Church, Mahim, with the traditional Maan by the brass band and the statue of Our Lady of the Mount was placed on a rekla led by motorbikes to St. Peter's Church, Bandra, and from there we began the walking procession to the Mount. MGPs Mot Mauli Purcessao doubles up as a historical, as well as, a devotional initiative.

MOUNT MARY STATUE GAOTHAN VISIT popularly known as the Mot Mauli Yatra was started around 10 years ago. This initiative was started to create an awareness about Mumbai's Native Devotion to Mount Mary and St Gonsalo Garcia. The statue begins its journey in August and goes on till October depending on the requests from Villages. The Visit of the statue to Gaothans encourages unity and faith together with fellowship and peace. MGPs Mot Mauli Yatra project facilitates a visit of Mount Mary statue to 25-50 Gaothans every year.

ALLOTMENT PROCESS OF STALLS was a welcome change this year. The stalls mafia were a big menace and the management decision to change the process broke the chain created for decades by vendors with vested interests. The hike in stall rates also created a dent in the earning potential of the stall mafia. The Management of the Basilica took a bold step with online bookings and many new vendors got an opportunity this way. Allotting the prominent stalls on the steps of Mount Mary to churches and religious groups gave the fair a much needed spiritual connect. The management needs to continue with a full proof process taking into account this year's stall allotment experience. MGPs EISA Policy includes the preference of stall allotment to Mumbai's Bhumi Putra East Indian Samaj.

UNIQUE RESTORATION OF THE HERITAGE CHURCH of Mount Mary was urgently needed and the Rector and Vice Rector took this perfect step. The Basilica has historical and heritage value hence restoration every year is a necessity. The facilities within the church boundaries and the adjacent diocesan properties need to be improved and revived. A fresh coat of paint is needed in time for the annual festival. The heritage church structure should be lit up by professionals to make it shine like a star on the Mount. The State Government should work towards recognition of the Mount Mary Basilica as a World Heritage site. MGPs Heritage Project supports and specifies that all Churches of historical relevance should be restored and preserved.

LAST STEPS FOR OUR COMMUNITY STALL is a simple and small beginning for East Indians. It's a first step to reclaim the devotion we founded centuries ago. The stall this year showcased books, Lugas and merchandise on sale. This small stall after the last steps was what we could manage with high rentals and overheads. The founders of the fair who were out of the steps for decades have made a new beginning by entering from the last steps. We will climb each passing year to the top of the Mount to reclaim what was rightfully ours as Indigenous People and founders of the festival. MGPs Mumbai Bhumi Putra Policy focusses in the rights of East Indians as Indigenous People of Mumbai.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EXISTENCE AND IDENTITY has to be ensured during the Mount Mary Annual Festival and the Bandra Fair. While the points raised by MGP on behalf of the East Indian Community seems to show a few positive signs there is loads to do. Holy Mass services predominantly in the State language Marathi and special Masses in the East Indian Dialect needs to be initiated. A special stall zone for the Indigenous People like given to churches needs to be considered. We East Indians as Indigenous People believe that Mount Mary has shown 2 signs, Covid and the stall mafia protests after almost 10 years of continuous follow ups for community demands. We hope that the 3rd sign is not needed to prompt the church to act. MGPs East Indian Baazaar project to promote native food and merchandise needs to be supported and permitted at the Bandra Fair. MGP was blessed in miraculous ways this year and we are sure to grow as a community with the presence and blessings of Our Lady of the Mount.



MGP NOTICE BOARD

The Announcement for the East Indian Community



East Indian Song of the Year East Indian Celebration Group Song of the Year

* East Indian Song of the year can be a solo or duet and is open to all existing singers who want to make a video of their most popular song sung at a singing competition which is not on any social media platform.

* East Indian Group Celebration Song is for Song Composers to share their lyrics and tune for a celebration song to be sung by a group of singers.

Winners Opportunity:

The Best song/lyrics of celebration song will be selected by MGP Team and posted on our YouTube channel.
MGP will arrange for costs towards music, studio recording, videography, singers and video artistes through a sponsorship model.

Criteria for both song categories will be announced soon

In both categories the winning entry will be awarded at MGP's East Indian Music Awards - EIMA 2025.

Submission Deadline: 15th October 2024

Don't miss this chance to showcase your talent and represent our vibrant community! Send your entries to eastindianvoice@gmail.com

EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY AWARDS - EICA 2024 Nominations invited for Honouring our Community members

1. East Indian of the Year
2. East Indian Religious of the Year
3. East Indian Educationist of the Year
4. East Indian Heritage Cross of the Year
5. East Indian Social Worker of the Year
6. East Indian Activist of the Year
7. East Indian Association of the Year
8. East Indian Initiative of the Year
9. East Indian Project of the Year
10. East Indian Entrepreneur of the Year
11. East Indian Sportsperson of the Year
12. East Indian Book of the Year
13. East Indian Author of the Year
14. East Indian Corporate of the Year
15. East Indian Business Family of the Year

Special Awards dedications

St.Gonsalo Garcia
Kaka Baptista
Cardinal Simon Pimenta
Fr.Benny Aguiar
Fr.Larry Pereira
Hyginus Dlima

Nominations for new Award categories and Awards of Appreciation also welcome. We will be announcing the specialised award Categories with their sub-categories soon

You may send your nominations by 30th September 2024 to mgpmobai@gmail.com or WhatsApp us on 9820545302 with the Subject "EICA 2024 Nominations"

MGP Team Meets Bandra Gym President & Team - East Indian Food Festival

An initiative to Showcase our Rich East Indian Culture & Tradition with an objective to Bring the Community Together

Meeting held On Saturday, 24th August 2024 from 12pm to 2pm

Food fest proposed on Sunday, 27th October 2024

*Bandra Gym President Dr Cheryl Misquitta along with the Managing Committee & East Indian Community members met the MGP Team to plan way forward for the East Indian Food Festival

*Bandra Gym will organise its first mega East Indian themed food festival and MGP will support in performances and stalls selling East Indian food & handicrafts

*There will be an East Indian LIVE Band with well-known singers along with dance performances

*Some attractions with East Indian theme also being planned and will be announced once finalised

*The Mega food festival plans to have around 100 East Indian food speciality covering starters, breads, curries and deserts

*Stalls will sell East Indian Lugas, books, umbrellas, merchandise and other handicrafts

*Spot prizes and gift hampers will be on offer

Forms for stalls will be available in 1st week of October

MGP Team thanks the Bandra Gym President & Team for taking the first big step with this East Indian themed event. We look forward to continuously supporting the BG team to organise more such East Indian themed events.

MGP REQUEST ACTIONED - Ex MLA Krishna Hegde sends communication to CM for inclusion of Velankanni in Maharashtra Pilgrim Scheme

Maharashtra Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana - Pilgrimage Tour Scheme Initiative by the Maharashtra State Government for benefit of Senior citizens

Krishna Hegde has taken forward the request by Mobai Gaothan Panchayat to add Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni, Chennai into the pilgrimage site list under the Pilgrimage scheme. Under this scheme Senior Citizens above 60 years will be funded by the State Government upto Rs.30,000/- towards food, stay and travel.

Krishna Hegde has also written to the Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw for additional Special trains during Velankanni Annual festival & also weekly train from Mumbai to Velankanni

We appeal all the Velankanni pilgrims for their prayers so that our Senior Citizens dream is fulfilled to visit the Holy Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni

Special thanks from the MGP Team to Krishna Hegde - Ex MLA UpNeta and Spokesperson: Shiv Sena



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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 Fund generation will be actively initiated once the land is purchased or donated
- *The Chapel is likely to be inaugurated in the year.
- *We look forward for Support from Experts (Designers, architects, Sculptors, fabricators, etc) in building this Chapel.
- *Contributions by Cheque or in kind are welcome.
- *We plan to get relics from Japan and promote pilgrimage to Nagasaki.
- *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.

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