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Language • Culture • Tradition • Heritage • History • Existence • Identity



MGP Offsite 2025 - Uttan



MGP Annual Christmas Raffle 2025

Organised by - Mobai Gaothan Panchayat
Date of draw - 26th December 2025

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1 gm gold coin

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MGP Team Vasai Visit 2025 Saturday, 26th July 2025



Bassein Catholic Bank Directors at their Head Office



Residence of MGP Team Member - James Fernandes



Our Lady of Grace Cathedral



Sequeira Brothers



Glenn Remedios Residence

MGP Vasai Visit 2025 Saturday, 26th July 2025

MGP Team visited Vasai as a part of its OutReach initiative to connect with the community

Highlights of the Visit

- *13 Team members joined us for the visit
- *Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, Papdy - a testimony to Restoration & Heritage
- *BCCB Leadership Team - ways to support the community better & partnerships
- *Sequeira Brothers - workshop visit and ways to promote native devotions to St Gonsalo Garcia & Mount Mary
- *Glenn Remedios - Entrepreneur & Author
- *James Fernandes - residence of MGP Team's Vasai Head

MGP Team had a great experience and witnessed exceptional hospitality at all the visits purely showcasing the East Indian heart for the community welfare and upliftment.

Looking forward to your continuous prayers as MGP strives to promote and preserve East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity.

MGP Team Members Present

Alan Gonsalves
Bernard Pereira
Constantine Dmello
Gilroy D'Souza
Gleason Barretto
James Fernandes
Juneth Miranda
Lionel Henriques
Ramsey Rebello
Royston Jacinto
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Awards for Academic Excellence 2024-2025

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%**

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

Arts : 75%

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

***Proceeding for Ecclesiastical Studies**

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Mr. Joseph A. J. Pereira

Mrs. Delyse D'souza

Mrs. Lucille Rodrigues - Fund Secretary

Mrs. Jennifer Pereira

Mr. Tony D'silva

Application forms are available with the Secretary.

Last date for submission of application forms is **September 30th, 2025**



Clarissa D'Souza

Clarissa D'Souza has made a great contribution to MGP, VEIA and the East Indian Community. The Manori Museum would have been impossible without her support. In good health she was present and actively volunteered for all our events and activities. Her support will always be missed by the MGP Team.

May her soul rest in peace.

Request prayers for MGP Founder Trustee Alphi Dsouza, Bianca Dsouza and family.



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THE GAOTHAN STORE
A Mobai Gaathan Panchayat Initiative



EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

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- * 6mtr Lugas Sarees
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- * Pure Cotton Lugas



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Maharashtra 400095

Good Shepherd Caterers
Articles on sale - East Indian food



Sunita Alphonso
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Clarence Rodricks - 8551024915
Opp Lawrence Park,
Near little Rose Nursery School, Naigaon (West).

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 Gaathan 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 Gaathan store concept
 - *product list to be provided by MGP monthly or as needed from time to time
 - *A Display board will be provided by MGP
 - *MGP will also provide support for promotion material and promote the concept on social media platforms and it's monthly magazine
- Those interested in being a part of the Mobaikar store concept or the Self Help Group can WhatsApp us on 8886225903 / 9820545302



MGP CONNECT

Minutes of East Indian Meets



MGP Team Offsite 2025 On Sunday 13th July at Uttan

MGP's 15th Anniversary Theme - _Promote and Preserve East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, History, Heritage, Existence and Identity_

Top 10 highlights - MGP Annual Offsite:

1. **Team Feedback:** Each team member shared their views on MGP projects and areas for improvement
2. **MGP Projects Update:** Brief on 50+ projects, including impactful projects, successful initiatives and those needing revival
3. **Challenges and Solutions:** Continuity, finance, project support & MGPs Strategy to handle issues
4. **MGP Team Network Plan:** MGP touched 100 Members strength and the Target this year - 150 MGP Team Members, 100 Special Advisors and 100 MGP Ambassadors
5. **Finance Status:** Review financial status, bank balances, outstandings, and finance management as on 31st March 2025
6. **Fund Generation Plan:** Mission ₹25 lakhs, June 2025 - May 2026 with 15 Ways to Generate Funds
7. **MGP OutReach 2025-2026:** Focus on grassroots connect, ownership, social media, and monthly meetings
8. **East Indian CabElnet:** Appointment of Heads for 20+ units and also formation of a MGP core team for decision making
- 9.. **Social media Connect:** Improving online presence and engagement across online platforms
10. **MGP Community Network Reach:** Target for connecting with 100+ Gaothans, 20+ Nations, 25+ Supporting groups

Thanks to all MGP Team Members present as well as those who missed for their support. Special thanks also to our MGP Ambassadors, Advisors and strong Supporters for their Prayers and Encouragement.

MGP Team Annual Offsite Members Present

Alphi D'Souza
 Alan Gonsalves
 Anita D'Souza
 Anna Correa
 Bernard Pereira
 Bonny Pereira
 Bosco Patel
 Burge Lobo
 Constantine Dmello
 Corina Pereira
 Francis Rodrigues
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Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vive Queimada - Rs 500/- Ei Books - Rs. 200/- Umbrella - Rs 300/- Sukhala bag - Rs 100/- Gaothan Voice @ doorstep - Rs 300/- East Indian Calendar - upto 5 worth Rs 500/- East Indian Merchandise - Rs 100/- 	Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vive Queimada - Rs 1000/- Ei Books - Rs. 500/- Umbrella - Rs 300/- Sukhala bag - Rs 100/- Gaothan Voice @ doorstep - Rs 300/- East Indian Calendar - upto 10 worth Rs 1000/- East Indian Merchandise - Rs 500/- 	Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vive Queimada - Rs 1500/- Ei Books - Rs. 1000/- Umbrella - Rs 400/- Sukhala bag - Rs 100/- Gaothan Voice @ doorstep - Rs 300/- East Indian Calendar - upto 25 worth Rs 2500/- East Indian Merchandise - Rs 1000/- 	Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vive Queimada - Rs 2500/- Ei Books - Rs. 2000/- Umbrella - Rs 500/- Sukhala bag - Rs 100/- Gaothan Voice @ doorstep - Rs 300/- East Indian Calendar - upto 50 worth Rs 5000/- East Indian Merchandise - Rs 2500/-
Benefits worth Rs. 2000/-	Benefits worth Rs. 3700/-	Benefits worth Rs. 6800/-	Benefits worth Rs. 12900/-

Account Name- Mobai Gaothan Panchayat | Bank Name- Bassein Catholic Cooperative Bank | Branch - Kalina

Saving Account Number - 032100100000791 | IFSC Code - BACB0000032



MATCHMAKING:

The Sweet East Indian Way



Adapted from the East Indian book "Trace" by Teddie J Rodrigues

East Indians are known for being lively, colorful, and fun-loving © and their wedding traditions were no different. In the past, matchmaking wasn't just about two people © it was about families, food, music, and plenty of celebrations.

The Matchmaking Process

- **Koli & Samvedi Christians:** Parents found suitable partners.
- **Vadvals & Salcette Christians:** Kinsmen or godfathers acted on behalf of the family.
- **First step:** *Dhakti Sakhar* (small sugar) © a symbolic sugar ceremony marking the promise of marriage.
- **Engagement:** *Moti Sakhar* (big sugar) or *Sakhar Pudca*, performed when the boy was of marriageable age.

The Wedding Season

- **Auspicious months:** February & May (avoiding Lent & Advent).
- **Celebrations:** 4è5 days long, often blessed on a Sunday.
- **In villages:** Mass weddings in May were common.

Preparations & Festivities

- Houses were whitewashed, decorated with diyas and fairy lights.
- Wedding banns were read aloud in church with great jubilation.
- Kitchens buzzed with masalas, rice, wheat, and ghee; ducks, chicken, and suckling pigs were prepared.

- Invitations were hand-delivered by the couple, covering three days: The wedding eve, wedding day and the day following.
- Villagers erected a mandap at both bridal homes, and the arrival of the band signaled the start of festivities.

Rituals and Customs

- **Sari-Choli Ceremony:** A new sari was presented to the bride by her family.
- **Navalchaya Vidhi:** The bride was adorned with her new jewelry.
- **Moya Ceremony:** The groom was shaved on the eve of the wedding, followed by exchange of rings.
- **Volvani:** Guests circled a coin over the bride/groom's head to ward off the evil eye before presenting gifts.

The Sweetest Tradition

- Known as *Sasni-Saurik* or *Sakar Puda*.
- A spoonful of sugar was fed between elders of both families © sealing the promise of marriage.
- A Catholic priest was often present.
- Later, sugar cubes wrapped in red tissue and flowers were distributed to neighbors, ensuring that everyone spoke âsweetlyó about the couple.

Why this matters: These joyful customs remind us that East Indian weddings were always about sweetness, unity, and community. Though simpler today, the heart of these traditions continues to shape our heritage.



MGP IN THE NEWS

Exclusive News Coverage



EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

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Free Press Journal Online - 16th July 2025

San Jao Cha Sann 2026
Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Sann!
A Mobai Gaothan Panchayat Initiative

MGP Special plan releases for the revival of the traditional festival..

1. San Jao Bautist Baavri Talav Vachva - Maintain, Restore and Revive 50+ Village Wells & Ponds
2. Sagle Gaav! Gazuya San Jao! - 20+ Gaothans to celebrate San Jao
3. Navi Jori Maan Aaple Gaavaan - Newly wed couple to be invited to revive traditions and to be gifted
4. Sann Gaaztay Band Vaaztay - an initiative for bands to play locally or at a central venue showcasing our traditional festivities

These are MGPs plans and we may make changes basis suggestions and feedback. Local groups and associations are welcome to organise and revive this festival.

For suggestions and Feedback you may whatsapp us on 9820545302

The Times of India - Sunday, 13th July 2025

East Indian Dictionary - Revival of the East Indian Dialect

East Indian Dictionary
First Edition - 12th January 2019
1000 Copies - Sold out

Objective
To Create Awareness & Promote the East Indian Dialect

Activity Plan
New Editions with new words and informative additions
Word promotions with social media posts and contests
Language awareness through music and entertainment

Support list
Overall Coordinator, Editorial team member, Edits Coordinator, Finance Manager, Logistics Manager, Mailing list Coordinator, Photo Coordinator

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

MGP Focus Special
The release of the 2nd edition of the East Indian Dictionary by 2026



Mumbai celebrates San Jao with water, rituals and revival

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Some of the important decisions and actions plan will be shared in the coming week's

For feedback & suggestions WhatsApp 9820545302

Free Press Journal - Page 7 and Online edition

BETINICHI MAULI CHA SANN*
Mount Carmels Church Feast - Vandre(Bandra)
Feast day - 16th July
Parish Feast celebrated on - Sunday on or after feast day

- *Procession organised - priests ferried in a tanga with satir thru Chapel Road
- *Confraternity & Ladies dresses in traditional Lugra are actively involved in the procession
- *Holy pictures and Betin(scrapulars) are distributed

Reetin Reevaaz
Reviving East Indian Traditions

MGP - Protect! Preserve! Promote!

<https://share.google/LI2rdoVRfVyLhfV0B>

Free Press Journal Online - Saturday, 19th July 2025

- * Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy points to be reviewed and raised starting with our Gaothans
- * A Special Gaothan Policy to be framed with the help of MGP Ambassadors who also play a role as MGP Special Advisors
- * Advisors for the Policy with include Architects, Lawyers, Activists, Conservationist & those with expertise on this subject

MGP Team once again thanks MLA Sanjay Upadhyay, Borivali for speaking on one window repair permissions for Gaothans. This is just one of the pointers to be included in MGPs Gaothan Policy

Those who wish to join as MGP Ambassadors (Special Advisors) can whatsapp us on 9820545302. All community members are welcome to share suggestions and feedback on WhatsApp - 9820545302 or at mgpmobai@gmail.com

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FREE PRESS JOURNAL

HOME MUMBAI NEWS FPJ SHORTS ENTERTAIN

Bhayandar News: East Indian Community Charts Roadmap To Preserve Culture, Language And Heritage At Uttan Meet

The meeting, organised by the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, was held as part of its 15th anniversary celebrations.

FPJ News Service | Updated: Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Mount Carmel Church's feast day in Bandra

FPJ News Service

The Mount Carmel Church in Bandra celebrated its annual feast day on July 16, with festivities held on the following Sunday.

Officially named the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, it is one of the newer churches in Bandra, having been established in 1884 to serve the growing local Catholic population.

The local Catholic community, known as the East Indians, refers to the celebration as Betinichi Mauli Cha Sann, meaning the festival of betins or scapulars, which are distributed during the religious service. Scapulars - from the Latin scapula, meaning shoulder - are worn by priests as part of their religious vestments. Laypeople wear smaller versions adorned with religious images as a reminder of their Christian faith.

The church's confraternity, a group responsible for organising the festival, traditionally consisted of men but now includes women.



GROOMS WANTED

RC, EI Spinster looking for a suitable alliance, 27 years old ,5'6" residing in Mumbai. She is a B.COM Graduate currently working as a specialist in accounting. If interested kindly share profile & recent photographs on celestegomes@gmail.com.

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Seeking an Alliance for an RC EI Bachelor, 32 years old, 5'7" residing in Mumbai. He has a degree in Bachelor of Engineering Information Technology. Currently working as a Senior IT Project Manager in a MNC. Those interested in this alliance kindly share your profile with recent photographs on clint.tix@gmail.com.

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The Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) is calling for support team members for the 2nd edition of the East Indian Dictionary, slated for release by 2026. Here are the details:

Support Team Roles

- **Overall Coordinator:** Oversee the entire project
- **Editorial Team Member:** Assist with editing and compiling dictionary content
- **Edits Coordinator:** Manage and implement edits
- **Finance Manager:** Handle financial aspects of the project
- **Logistics Manager:** Coordinate logistics for the project
- **Mailing List Coordinator:** Manage mailing lists for promotions and updates
- **Photo Coordinator:** Handle photography-related tasks

How to Support

If you're interested in supporting the 2nd edition of the East Indian Dictionary, you can:

- **WhatsApp:** Contact MGP at 9820545302
- **Donate:** Contribute to the project through bank cheques drawn in favor of "Mobai Gaothan Panchayat" (donations in INR only)

Project Background

The East Indian Dictionary project aims to promote and preserve the East Indian dialect. The first edition was released on January 12, 2019, and the MGP plans to release new editions with updated words and informative content. The organization also engages in language awareness initiatives through music and entertainment.



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Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

Ownership and dedication towards the East Indian Community and the Gaothans are of utmost importance if we want to see our community grow to greater heights. MGP welcomes those who have an East Indian Heart to Serve Selflessly and support our 50+ projects themed on Community welfare. In our 15+ years of MGP existence, we opened our doors to community members who passionately felt the "Mee East Indian" mindset. If we own up for the community we will always stand up against sections that work against the community and its future. At the MGP Offsite the team decided that they need to do whatever's best they can do if they need to see the community grow. The Offsite focussed on the MGP anniversary theme with a focus on 4 impactful factors - Connect, Collect, Coordinate & Cooperate.

Fund Generation Plan is one of the key factors to ensure all 50+ MGP projects function smoothly. The cost of various events and activities across the year have high costs involved and contribution from like minded people will surely help. MGP has finalised 15 ways to generate funds with a monthly plan to meet the yearly target under its collect theme as our deficit touches the 10 Lacs mark. Financial challenges is one factor many of our community groups locally, globally and centrally face for their events. Infact a slight decrease in local activities has been noticed due to lack of funds. Some of MGP projects have not actively taken off or are moving slowly due to the funds needed. It's important that our community contributors support financially like other communities who whole heartedly contribute towards community projects. The Elite East Indians and those based abroad should not forget their roots as they play an important role to support financially.

Future continuity is the biggest challenge our community groups face today. MGP has considered this as a critical topic and we are making efforts to identify and onboard the next line of leadership basis commitment, participation and potential. The MGP Core Committee is under finalisation and we have already incorporated the Managing Committee. Project mapping with chief, active and support coordinators are being lined up to ensure their activities and plans run smoothly. By year end MGP team members will be encouraged to take decisions as well as represent as Spokespersons of the units assigned to them.

Support & Network base building is vital and we at MGP are creating a wide network of local and international team members, mentors, advisors, grassroot supporters, religious, influencers & leaders. As we read MGP Team has grown to 101 members across 60+ Gaothans and 10+ nations. The focus is now on 100+ Advisors and grassroot supporters. Our International Network is slowly growing with activities to keep the community overseas together keeping in mind culture & tradition. Gaothan visits will take active shape this year and we have already commenced with the successful Vasai visit. MGP aims at not being the strongest or the best but we strive to serve selflessly on the grassroot level to take our community forward through upliftment and empowerment driven projects and initiatives.

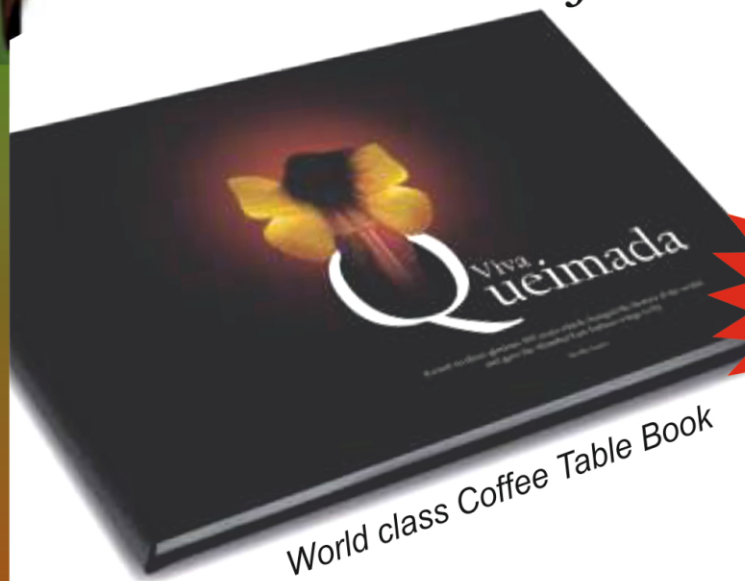
Initiatives & Projects are the hallmark of the MGP since its birth 15 years ago. The 50+ Projects cover almost every aspect of the community needs, whether it's Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity. We have a mix of projects which are doing extremely well, some growing, few struggling and a handful yet to take off. The challenges the projects face are the urgent need for more hands to support and we also have financial constraints. The last few months have been very positive with members coming forward and also a little improvement on the financial front. By the end of 2025, we foresee a major review, revival and relaunch of many of our projects. We invite all those who have an East Indian Heart to join us in our Challenging and Interesting journey.

Tradition & Culture was one of our pioneering initiatives to promote, preserve and revive what's the best of our community. Agera was the biggest example and MGP was one of the major revivers of this Festival which was being toned down and forgotten. The Lugra revival has been one of our biggest learnings and successes. MGP is trying best to document our cultural and traditional practices for easy reference of our future generations. We continue to create awareness and promotion of our cultural celebrations and religious festivals at regular intervals. The challenge is the changes created by modern generations with new inclusion which destroy our traditional roots with the biggest example being Umbrachapani with the use of colours, powders and eggs. We are open to new ways of thinking as long as we stay rooted to our culture and retain its authenticity. We plan to focus on ways to restore our community celebrations with special guidelines.

Empower and Enable are vital factors which can take our community to greater heights. Some of our projects like East Indian Community fund, Mobaikar Self Help Groups & Shikshan Education Project have great potential and this is exactly what we need to see our community grow. We need to undertake new Initiatives and projects which can be categorised as "Empowerers and Enablers". The success levels on MGPs empowerment initiatives are low and efforts will be made in the coming months to bounce back and get vibrant on this front. The MGP Offsite was a great time to review and introspect about the year gone by as well as plan the way forward. The expectations from the community at large are high and meeting them is going to be tough. We at MGP will do our very best to be of Service to our East Indian Community. We look forward to your prayers and support.

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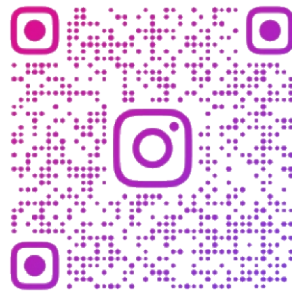
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