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EAST INDIAN NAATAAL BAAZAAR

We thank all those who visited our 1st Community Market at Irla

We had 20+ stalls selling a variety of East themed articles

Special thanks to the Parish Priest - Fr Ivan Mascarenhas and Fr Rajesh for their support

A Big Thanks to Clayson Fonseca for overall arrangements



Team members present at the Baazaar helped us with their much-needed support and coordination - Alphi Dsouza, Gilroy Dsouza, Royston Jacinto, Alan Gonsalves, Raffellia Fonseca and Gleason Barreto

MGP Team congratulates Conroy Remedios & Lincoln Taites for winning the gold medal at the Asia Championship Hockey tournament at Hong Kong

Conroy & Lincoln are the first East Indians to represent India in the Asia Championship & win a Gold Medal.



Conroy was the recipient of the East Indian Sportsperson of the year award

James Thomas Fernandes, MGP Core team member - Vasai region handing over East Indian Calendar to Jude D'Souza, our East Indian Cyclist from vasai Big Carpentry, Tamtalao. At the age of 63, have reached Kibithoo(Arunachal Pradesh) the Eastern most point of India, completing their journey from Gujarat's Koteswar Beach. Kilometers travelled 3950 to be precise.



AAPLA GAAV! AAPLI BHASHA!

Every Church in Maharashtra should give to prominence to our state language Marathi and our native East Indian dialect

No Migrant language should be allowed for special services during Christmas, New Year & Holy Week in any form - mass, hymns, gospel readings, announcements, sermons, etc

If Goa Archdiocese could not give us regular Marathi masses during Exposition last year 2024 why is the Archdiocese and Parishes allowing Konkani? In this case Archbishop Felipe Neri of Goa as well as Bishops of Maharashtra stayed silent.. Why??

Request like minded East Indian community members to send whatapp messages and emails mail to the Archbishop, Bishops, Parish Priest & clergy team.

आपली भाषा, आपली संस्कृती मिरवायला शिका, नाहीतर बाहेरचे तुमची जिरवायला येतील. ज्य य महाराष्ट्र.

Marathi Bhasha Project
An MGP Language Promotion Initiative



Consolation Prizes - Amazon Gift Voucher - Rs.2000/-

1842 - Noella Gustavo - Amboli
786 - Vishnu Medon - Bhoiwada
1561 - Nicole Pinheiro - Orlem
561 - Elvira D'Mello - Virar
1265 - Carlton Miranda - Orlem
1236 - Rupesh D'lima - Marve
1214 - Saina Rodrigues - Marve
1713 - Sharon Miranda - Vakola
1822 - Nigel D'souza - Amboli
1539 - Viveka Fernandes - Orlem

The Annual MGP Raffle will be back - Stay Tuned..



MGP TEAM POLICY - MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Support a Candidate irrespective of political party

Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy, a document with East Indian Community demands in MMR region, will be handed over the political leadership on a city/state/central level. Top demands will also be listed in the covering letter with MGPs major demands for the Indigenous People of Mumbai Metropolitan Region

On the Municipal ward level, MGPs MAC (Municipal Area Coordinators) will connect with regional MGP Team members for their views and accordingly handover support letters or handover the Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy with regional Demands.

Team members have been requested to support a candidate that will support the future of our community, city, state and country irrespective of the political party they represent. MGP Team members can also issue a support letter in their personal capacity along with names of like-minded local team members. All members who wish to support a candidate need to inform the East Indian Core Working Team and also share a copy of the support letter. We also respect views of team members who wish to remain apolitical and don't want to support any candidate.

Support to a candidate will be purely on the lines of local projects and initiatives by the candidate or their immediate party representatives. Support may also be based on the future potential of the candidate or their immediate representatives. MGP will make a social media Announcement with candidate names who our regional team plans to support

Let's pray that the candidate and a party that is best for our community, city, state and country wins this Election.

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat releases Bhumiputra Manifesto

Mumbai Elections Plan begins for Gaothans - Special Gaothan Policy

Bhumiputra Representation or plans for Mayor like city head from Indigenous People Community

Highlights

- * MGP released the Bhumiputra Manifesto 2026 edition - Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy
- * Top 10 community - Gaothan issues released and will be communicated to contesting candidates
- * Priority for support to candidates from Bhumiputra Samaj provided they meet the election support process
- * Potential candidates and those with positive past service records will also be supported irrespective of political party, caste, creed or religion
- * All 5 nominated corporators in the BMC should be from the Indigenous People Community - East Indian Samaj, Aagri, Koli, Bhandari, Kunbi & Pathare Prabhu
- * Mayor (Mahapor) should be a Mumbai Bhumiputra and not just Marathi speaking from Maharashtra
- * If Mayor is not Mumbai's Bhumiputra, MGP with like minded indigenous people activists & groups will announce its own Mumbai Head to protect and promote Mumbai History & Heritage
- * As founders of India's Financial capital, the Indigenous People will demand it's basic rights to ensure the community is recognised and granted privileges for their great contributions to build Mumbai city

MGPs 100+ Goathan strong network have been informed to connect and support candidates locally basis their past record or potential and around 20 candidates will be supported by MGP to drive the Bhumiputra rights agenda.

MGP Supporting candidates list - Municipal Elections 2026

As on 10th January 2026

BMC

- * Adv Melicia Winni D'Souza - Congress - Sahar Bamanwada - Ward 83
- * Anesh Makwaaney - BJP - Irla Parle Pond - Ward 70
- * Ashish Patil - SS UBT - Kandivali - Ward 22
- * Deepak More - SS (UBT) - Orlem - Ward 35
- * Dhananjay Pisal - NCP (SP) - Kanjur - Ward 111
- * Gabriel Dmello - Independent (Bus) - Kurla - Ward 165
- * Harshada Surve - NCP - Mazgaon - Ward 209
- * Krishna Mhadgut - SS UBT - Vakola - Ward 91
- * Shiva Shetty - BJP - Gorai - Ward 9
- * Sireena Zicco Kinny - Congress - Malad - Ward 32
- * Sudha Singh - BJP - Juhu - Ward 69
- * Sunita Mehta - BJP - Parle Juhu Koliwada - Ward 71

MBMC

- * Adv Melron Almeida - Independent (Coat) - Uttan - Ward 24 A
- * Mabel Noel Correa - BJP - Bhayendar - Ward 6 A

TMC

- * Lawrence D'Souza - Independent (Batsman) - Thane - Ward 8 C

VVMC

- * Macanze Peter Dabre - SS UBT - Vasai - Ward no 25 D
- * Nilesh Deshpande - Independent (Bat) - Vasai - Ward 28 D
- * Prathamesh Anil Raut - SS UBT - Vasai - Ward 25 B
- * Rupali Harji Vilhat - SS UBT - Vasai - Ward 25 A
- * Sweety Joseph Gonsalves - SS UBT - Vasai - Ward 25 C
- * Veronica Rebillo - Independent (Candle) - Vasai - Ward 28 B

Support for candidate basis local MGP Team and Advisory feedback followed by approval by the MGP Core Team

MGP in the NEWS - Hindustan Times

Friday, 19th December 2025

Gaonthan residents are urging civic poll candidates to commit to a 10-point action plan, focusing on housing benefits, tax exemptions, cultural promotion, and infrastructure development in gaonthans. The plan, part of the Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy 2026, aims to protect the rights of East Indians and other original inhabitants.

The key demands include:

- HOUSING BENEFITS: Special quota in Mhada projects and a Bhumiputra Housing Scheme

- TAX EXEMPTIONS: Pre-1960 houses in gaonthans exempted from taxes

- CULTURAL PROMOTION:

Preservation of heritage homes and promotion of arts, crafts, and culinary items

- INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT: Improved lighting, lanes, and street furniture without altering road widths

- SELF-GOVERNANCE: Reservation in jobs and business opportunities¹

The Mobai Gaonthan Panchayat (MGP) will support candidates who commit to this action plan, regardless of their political affiliation. The BMC elections are scheduled for January 15, 2026.



Home E-Paper Cricket Bangladesh Urdu

Gaonthan residents want civic poll candidates to commit to 10-point action plan

By Ateeq Shaikh

Published on: Dec 19, 2025 06:36 am IST

The action plan seeks for original inhabitants housing benefits, tax exemptions, cultural promotion, self-governance, reservation in jobs, business opportunities, heritage preservation and infrastructure development in gaonthans

Bonds & FDs

MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal Online

Wednesday - 24th December 2025

1. LANGUAGE PRIORITY: English (universal) and Marathi (state language) for Christmas Midnight Mass and special masses.

2. NO MIGRANT LANGUAGES: Exclude services, hymns, gospel reading, and liturgy prayers in other languages

3. INDIGENOUS CULTURE FIRST: Prioritize East Indian community's language and culture.

4. IMMEDIATE ACTION: apology from Goan Cardinal Felipe Neri for excluding Marathi masses during Exposition last year

5. WAY AHEAD: Work with Diocese for a solution; else consider the next step, peaceful & otherwise



HOME MUMBAI NEWS FPJ SHORTS ENTERTAINMENT

Home > Mumbai > Appeal To Archbishop To Conduct ...

Appeal To Archbishop To Conduct Christmas Religious Services Only In English And Marathi

The East Indians, an indigenous community from the city, said they are concerned and disappointed about the decision to include services in the languages of migrant groups during the festival.

MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal

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SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV 2025

Ninth Mega Christmas Festival

Highlights of SKJ 2025:

1. 100+ GAOTHANS

U N I T E : One Community Celebration promoting Unity in Diversity!

2. E V E N T S

G A L O R E : Crib Competitions, Display Competitions, Christmas Decor, East Indian Nataal Baazaar, Christmas Party, Carol Singing, and more!

3. S U P P O R T A CAUSE: Christmas Hampers for the Needy, Senior Citizens & Widows.

4. GET INVOLVED: Associations & Groups can join as supporting groups.

WhatsApp - 9820545302 for details & sponsorship

MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal

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Devouts celebrate Kashi-Mira Cha Sann in age-old style

Manoj Ramakrishnan
Mumbai

Keeping the centuries-old traditions alive, devotees from far-off places ride on bullock carts to reach St Jerome's church in the Kashimira village on Friday, marking the 90th anniversary of the third shrine.

It was constructed after the first two churches, one dating back to 1595, were destroyed. 'Kashi-Mira Cha Sann', the anniversary of the third shrine, is annually celebrated a day after Christmas, with a feast and fair, which draws thousands.

Following in the steps of their ancestors from hundreds of years ago, families from villages as far away as Manori, located across the Marve creek off Midad, began their journey on

bullock carts on Thursday evening. After arriving at the church at night, they set up encampments, with makeshift kitchens and prepared traditional East Indian dishes such as chicken mohar, accompanied by traditional alcoholic drink khidmid.

Mario Gracias, a resident of Rhamdi, Midad, came with his in-laws who are from Manori.

Gracias said that in the past, farmers and toddy tappers from Dhawri Betti, the local name of the island that includes Manori, used to travel to Manori to Utan, travelled in carts. 'We are preserving that tradition. It is a time for prayers and also to enjoy food and dance.'

There were joyful scenes as the locals sold delicacies such as sukhdi or banana and traditional East Indian musical instruments like ghumatis.

The church stands on a hill between the gaonthan Kashi and Mira. Portuguese Franciscan priests built their first edifice here in 1595.

According to local history, the beautiful wooden structure stood for 23 years till it was destroyed in a 1618 cyclone. The second church, built in 1620, was destroyed in 1739 during the Maratha attack.

Boco Patel, coordinator for Mobai Gaonthan Panchayat, said 'Irrespective of caste, creed and religion, many seek blessings at this church. Years ago, plague gripped the region, people from all religions sought refuge in the church.'

Top 5 points about the 430-year-old Mumbai Bhumiputra East Indian Village festival:

1. FEAST OF ST. JEROME'S CHURCH: Celebrated on Dec 26, the day after Christmas, in Kashimira Village.

2. HISTORIC CHURCH: 3rd structure built in 1926 on the same site as the 1595 original Church.

3. UNITY IN DIVERSITY: People of all faiths attend, seeking blessings & selling local produce, Sukelis, Ghumats.

4. DECORATED REKLAS & TONGAS: A common sight at the Kashimira feast, celebrating East Indian culture.

5. EXTENDED CHRISTMAS CHEER: Follows Christmas, precedes Erangal Feast/Baravi Cha Sann.

Kristaav

MGPs Village Traditions Revival Project



MGP NOTICE BOARD

The Announcements for the East Indian Community



MGP TEAM FOCUS 2026

New Year 2026 Theme - Promotion & Preservation of East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity.

As we step in the Year 2026 it's time to review the past year 2025 and focus on our next move to see our community grow to greater heights.

Some of our Focus Points and Immediate Actionables are mentioned below -

WIDER NETWORK - BIGGER IMPACT - MGP plans to improve its Network with Advisory Board, Sarpanches, Coordinators and grassroots supporters.

CORE PROJECTS - UTMOST PRIORITY - with 50+ MGP Projects we plan to focus on core projects of importance to the Community and its future

GAOTHAN PROTECTION - SPECIAL POLICY - the Gaothans are in danger from Politicians - Builders nexus & demographic changes.

Protection of Gaothans with a special policy will be drafted for approval

MANAGING COMMITTEE - ACTION PEOPLE - an active team from MGP to drive projects and initiatives

HIGHER ROLES - INCREASED PARTICIPATION - Sarpanches will need to play an active role and coordinators to give basic support

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS - EAST INDIANS FIRST - Bhumiputra rights will be the core agenda

FINANCE PLAN - SUPPORT PLATFORM - multiple projects and initiatives involve huge costs hence efforts to generate funds with active support of team members.

Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year. Looking forward to your continuous Support and Prayers.

To be a part of MGP Team or projects as Advisors, Active Coordinators or Support Team whatsapp us on 9820545302

Rgds

Gleason Barretto

MGP Projects - Policy & Strategy

GaavkarEl - MGPs grassroots network with basic support to the local team will be announced soon

MGP in the NEWS - Sunday Times

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HerEltag

M o b a i G a o t h a n
Panchayat's heritage
project is an initiative to
preserve Mumbai's East
Indian culture and traditions. We are working on several
projects, including:-



SMART GAOTHAN PROJECT: Reviving Mumbai's gaothans by restoring unique architecture and community identity, with 11 distinct infrastructural features like heritage arches, themed signage, and cobblestone pathways.-

KAKA BAPTISTA EAST INDIAN GARDENS AND MUSEUm: A themed park and museum in Juhu, celebrating East Indian heritage, actively supported by MLA Ameet Satam.-

GAOTHAN RESTORATION PROJECT: Restoring wells, designing special benches and streetlights, and promoting cultural programs..

EAST INDIAN DICTIONARY: Reviving the East Indian language, with annual traditional and cultural events.-

MOBAI HERITAGE VILLAGE PROJECT: Preserving East Indian heritage with plans for a Model heritage village.

These projects aim to promote East Indian culture, preserve heritage structures, and create awareness about the community's history and traditions. MGP is also looking out for support from professionals and experts to draft a special Gaothan policy.

MGP - Protect! Preserve! Promote!

MGP in the News - Free Press Journal

31st December 2025

SARVAJANIK KRIST JANMOTSAV 2025

The Ninth Mega Christmas Festival dedicated to Kaka Baptista

Crib Competitions

Church Crib Competition - National Level

Outdoor Crib Competition - Maharashtra state level

Crib Competition - Gaothan level

Christmas Decoration &

Display Competitions

Gaothan Decoration

Competition

Gaothan Christmas Display

Competition

City Christmas Display

Competition

SKJ 2025 is an initiative by

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat,

represented by the Native

East Indian Community.

For more details and
sponsorship contact

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Orlem crib crowned
biggest in city

City's largest Christmas crib, a 45ft-tall
four-storey nativity scene in Orlem, Malad, built by
Cardinal Care Charitable Trust using wood,
bamboo, and cloth, won the Sarvajanik Krist
Janmotsav award. Attracting 25,000 visitors,
it celebrates East Indian heritage



EISA POLICY

Rights of the Indigenous People in the Archdiocese



EAST INDIAN SAMAJ ARCHDIOCESE POLICY

CULTURE PROMOTION

- *East Indian Bhavan lands to be allotted at Goregaon Seminary site
- *Churches to ensure full support to all East Indian Community religious traditions
- *Agera, the East Indian Harvest Festival should be given support and to be termed as the official festival of the Archdiocese
- *All East Indian groups should be given church premises for free to promote their culture and tradition

CASTE CERTIFICATE

- *Simplified OBC certificate process for East Indian Community by approvals at deanery level
- *In Church records, new births to mention caste as East Indian in their Baptism certificate
- *In School records, new admissions to mention caste as East Indian in their School records which will reflect in the Leaving certificate

HOUSING

- *Additional flats in Housing Reconstruction projects by Church on existing societies should be allotted only to East Indians
- *A special Bhumiputra Housing Scheme to be initiated for East Indian Samaj on Church vacant lands
- *All beneficiaries of church owned flats now settled abroad to return the same for East Indian Community

GAOTHANS AND PROTECTION

- *Church should ensure the protection of the Gaothans as the Gaothan residents were the founders and donors for the local church
- *Gaothan Holy Crossea should be recognised and supported for their restoration
- *A Special Gaothan Emergency Fund to be initiated to assist needy families for their house repairs

RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

- *East Indian Lenten Traditions like papiya, processions and Krist Puran should be supported in all parishes
- *Special Marian Holidays to be given to schools for the Velankanni pilgrimage
- *Church to maintain data of all Chapels and Holy Crosses and ensure their upkeep and protection

LANDS AND PROPERTIES

- *Properties donated should not be sold
- *Church to return donated lands to original owners if they can't maintain

MEDICAL SUPPORT

- *A special medical fund to support needy families with simplified process
- *Special discounts on hospitalisation bills to all East Indians in Catholic hospitals
- *Special discounts on medical check-ups to all East Indians in Catholic hospitals
- *Group Mediclaim policy to be initiated to cover all East Indians by the diocese

COMPENSATION TOWARDS DONATED PROPERTY

- *In lieu of Church donated lands sold or rented commercially, 10% proceeds to be transferred to East Indian Community Fund
- *Party venues on Church property should be given at special discounts for the East Indian Community
- *Special discounts on medical bills at all Catholic hospitals

FUND GENERATION

- *All income from hired property for sports and party venues should have 10% of the proceeds allocated towards East Indian Community welfare
- *All collections should have 5% allotted towards the medical needs of the East Indian Community

BUSINESS

- *East Indian Food stalls to be approved for each parish
- *The school and college canteens to be allotted to the East Indian Community
- *All church projects should be allotted only to the East Indians
- *Each Church festival should allot a section of prominent stalls to East Indians
- *Space to be allotted in church premises for East Indian businesses
- *East Indian Baazaar to be permitted at all Churches to promote East Indian Cuisine and handicrafts
- *Monopoly or panel for Church venues to be given only to the East Indians



EISA POLICY

Rights of the Indigenous People in the Archdiocese



EAST INDIAN SAMAJ ARCHDIOCESE POLICY

JOBS

- *Special job reservations for East Indian community in all catholic schools, colleges, Churches, hospitals and other facilities
- *Skilling centres to be set up at all parishes to train and skill community members

REPRESENTATION

- *East Indian Representatives to be appointed with Special representation in the Archdiocese of Bombay
- *East Indian Representative must be appointed by the local East Indian group in the Parish council
- *Church property and finance committee should only have representatives from the East Indian Community
- *Bishops and Dean's should be appointed only from the East Indian community
- *Local community association heads to be authorised to suggest Church projects and initiatives
- *Venues and facilities on church owned property to be dedicated to Cardinal Simon Pimenta in every deanery of Bombay Diocese

TOURISM

- *A special religious tour with guides from the East Indian Community to be initiated with visits to heritage churches and native devotions

LANGUAGE AND DIALECT

- *To promote the East Indian Dialect, holy masses should be organised every week at East Indian founded or dominated parishes
- *All special holy masses on days of obligation should only be in English, Marathi and East Indian
- *Masses at prominent time slots should only be in English, Marathi and East Indian
- *At all Church festivals the feast mass should be in East Indian Marathi

COMMUNITY WELFARE

- *An East Indian Community welfare fund to be instituted through funds allocated from land income on East Indian donated lands
- *Monthly Open Meetings by Bishops with the East Indian Community to discuss community welfare initiatives and issues faced

HISTORY AND HERITAGE

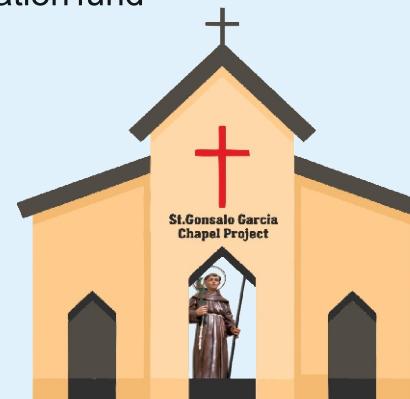
- *East Indians Day to be observed and recognised by the Archdiocese
- *All Churches should mention History of the Church with the East Indian connect and a signage mentioning that the Church land is donated by the East Indian Community
- *All Churches should be restored and revived but not renovated or rebuilt to promote heritage
- *Heritage Churches should be given special status and the one which were rebuilt should be given their original facade

NATIVE DEVOTIONS

- *St. Gonsalo Garcia Day to be officially recognised by the Archdiocese
- *St. Gonsalo Garcia Church to be opened in Bombay Diocese
- *St. Gonsalo Garcia should be considered as the Principal Patron saint of the Bombay Diocese
- *Mount Mary Church devotion to be promoted across churches
- *Mount Mary Church Octave feast should have representation and support only by the festival founders, East Indian Community
- *The Bandra fair at the Mount should have specially allotted stalls for the Indigenous East Indian Community

EDUCATION

- *Preference for East Indian teachers from the Village and its vicinity
- *Free Education in all our schools and colleges for East Indians
- *All additional fees towards co-curricular, sports & stationery to be supported through a Special Education fund



St. Gonsalo Garcia Chapel Project

Drafted by
Gleason Barreto



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The Rights of the Indigenous People



EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

HOUSING

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

INFRA COMPENSATION

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

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

TAX

The East Indians as Indigenous People should not be taxed

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

CULTURE PROMOTION

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

CASTE CERTIFICATE

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

JOBS

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

BUSINESS

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



Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy

The Rights of the Indigenous People



EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

REPRESENTATION

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

RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

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

TOURISM

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

LANGUAGE AND DIALECT

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

COMMUNITY WELFARE

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

HISTORY

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

GAOTHANS AND HERITAGE

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

Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy - Version 2026

Drafted by -

Gleason Barreto

MGP Global Ambassador

MGP Working Committee - Policy & Strategy



EAST INDIAN NATEKAR

MGPs Matrimonial Project



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 celestegomes779@gmail.com.

*Alliance needed for an RC EI Spinster, 36 years old, 5' 8" residing in Mumbai. She is a Masters in Information Management. Currently working as an Associate Manager. If interested kindly share your profile & recent photographs on barrowvenishka@gmail.com.

*Alliance needed for an RC EI Spinster, 26 years old, 5'2" residing in Mumbai. She is a MBBS Doctor. Currently working for a reputed Hospital in Mumbai. Kindly reply with profile & recent full size photograph on marydsouza620@gmail.com.

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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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Bhumiputra representation is a must to protect the identity of East Indians. The Parish Council, Committees and the Archdiocesan College of Consultors should be led and represented by the East Indians. It's Municipal Elections time and it's great to see a slight increase in candidates contesting from the Indigenous People communities. Decades ago when the British had village based municipalities, almost all the Vice Presidents were Indigenous People of Mumbai. After the formation of a common city based municipality, the representation of Indigenous People decreased gradually and is today at an all time low. MGP in its press release is very clear that 5 nominated corporators as well as the Mayor should be a Bhumiputra from Mumbai. An alternate plan is being worked on to announce a Bhumiputra mayor-like head to promote and protect Mumbai's History, Heritage, Existence & Identity.

Housing remains one of the key issues of the East Indian Community. Special housing schemes for the Indigenous People need to be initiated by the Archdiocese, Municipality and State Government. MGP will create a project team to raise this critical issue across platforms and alternative options will also be planned. Local Gaothan issues like repair permissions, IN SITU development & self development options will be pressed for as per the inputs from local residents who will make the final decision for their Gaothan. Government housing finance schemes will also be researched to check on its applicability for the Gaothans. MGP also plans to draft a Special Gaothan Housing policy this year with inputs by activists, architects, lawyers, developers, conservationists and like minded experts.

United voice in times when the community faces issues is a must. While we have seen this partially, this needs to be seriously followed to show our strength in numbers. If we can join in large numbers for religious processions then it's time we do the same for community and local issues. MGP will ensure we speak out against the political parties, Government authorities or the Archdiocese whenever we face issues as Indigenous People of Mumbai. Our strategy will continue to be Request - Remind - ReAct which means we will approach with due respect but if we are ignored we will retaliate the East Indian way. It's high time people and leaders around us stop taking us for granted, especially migrants. East Indians have faced enough of injustice and it's time to speak up.

Mumbai founders have the first right on its future and no individuals or group can snatch away this right from us. East Indians were known to be welcoming and hospitable but we should not be taken for granted. We will demand what is rightfully ours as Indigenous People of Mumbai. Mumbai is our native place and we will reside here till our last breath unlike migrants who will run away to their native place in times of emergency. MGP will continue with its mission to promote East Indian Community as the Indigenous People of Mumbai. A special reference name for the East Indian Community is also being planned this year. Signages across parishes mentioning East Indians land donors and founders of local historic churches will be pressed for across the Archdiocese of Bombay and Vasai.

Indigenous People rights has to be granted by the authorities - Political, Government and Archdiocese. Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy & East Indian Samaj Archdiocese - EISA Policy edition for the year 2026 has been released and will be presented to the leadership in the coming weeks. Continuous follow ups and drives will be initiated to ensure as many demands and privileges are granted to East Indians as Indigenous People of Mumbai. A representation may also be prepared on a national and international level to showcase the contribution of the East Indian Community in creating the financial capital of India. Kaka Baptista & St Gonsalo Garcia will be projected to ensure they get due respect and recognition. Structures and open spaces to honour the East Indian Community will also be demanded. As we take an aggressive and bold step we look forward to your prayers and support. If God is with us, we will surely succeed.



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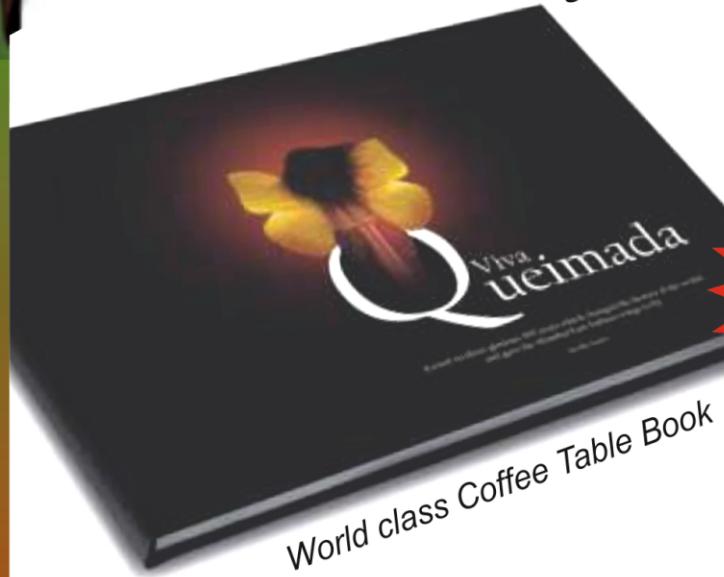


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