

# Each One Teach One (EOTO)

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# Overview

- 1983: Each One Teach One (EOTO)
  - Programs in 7 specific schools through India
  - Focused on working with the underprivileged
    - Volunteers visit homes to see living and financial conditions
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade

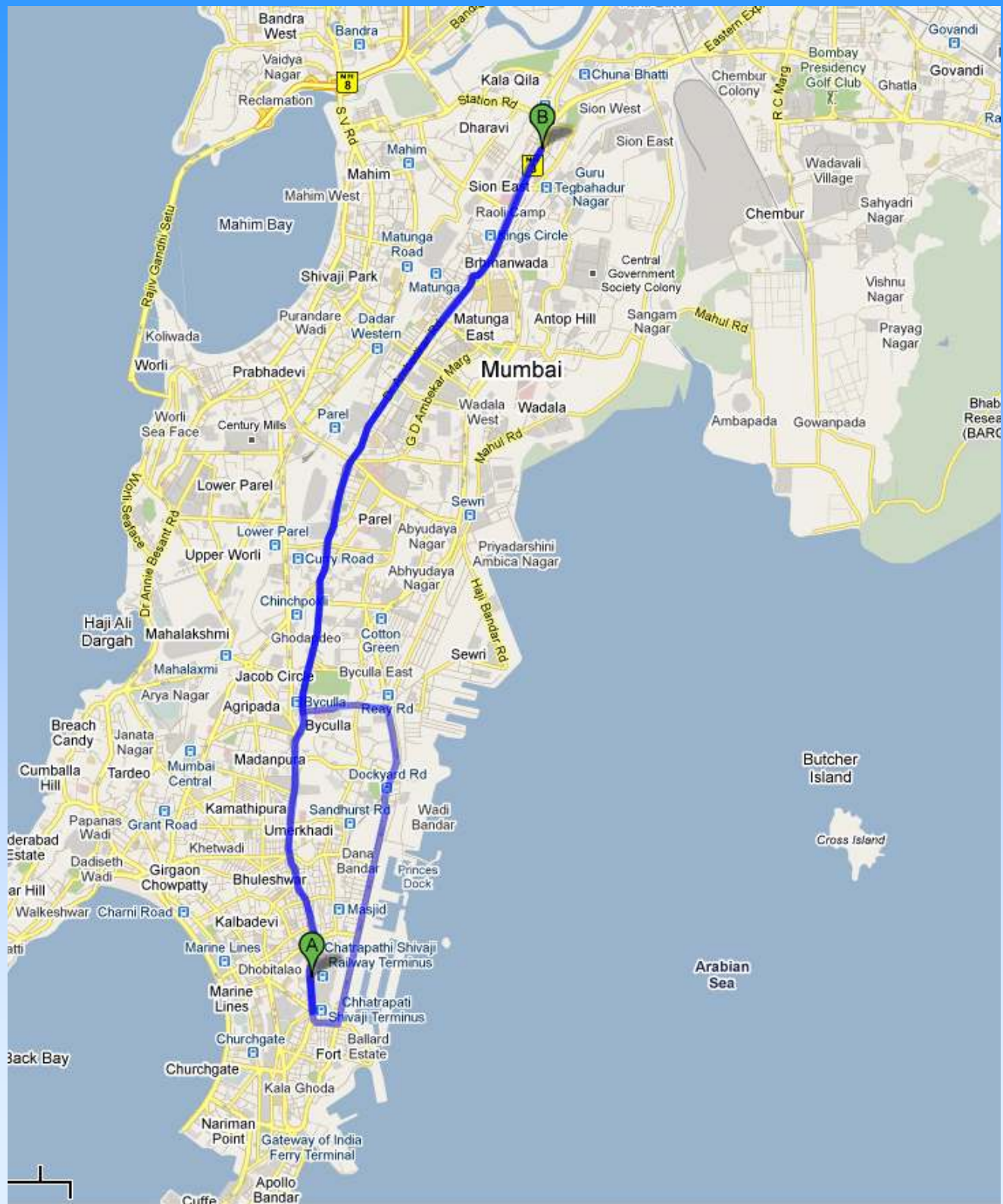
“Each One Teach One (EOTO) is a non-profit organization that creates opportunities to develop the personality of a child.

We believe that each child is a unique individual with talent and spontaneity that must be encouraged and nurtured. And that the best way to develop such talent and spontaneity is to make the child happy”

# Location

Sion - suburb of  
Mumbai

Half an hour away  
from downtown (Fort  
or VT)



# History

- 1999: New Sion Municipal School in Mumbai
  - Initially founded by BMC with 6 children with special needs
  - EOTO began supporting in 1999
  - 2010: 45 children!
  - Word of Mouth advertising
- Overall Objective: “To develop the existing skills of each child by training them as per their aptitude” – Jyoti Tanna – Trustee

# New Sion Student Profile

- Children can enter earliest at age 5
  - Must leave at age 18
- Disabilities of students range from:
  - Hearing problems, down syndrome and autism
- There has been an increase in new arrivals due to awareness and parent involvement
- “Most of them were enthusiastic about being in school except a few who were very quiet and Ms. Sunita said they were making efforts on trying to mix them with the other students”.

# Parents

- Mostly illiterate and don't provide afterschool assistance
- Parent-Teacher conferences
  - Are poor but they do realize the importance of sending their children to a special school
- Families live in slum areas and with income of 12,000/- to 20,000/- per year
- Transportation to school
  - Some parents drop them
  - Some come on their own
  - Others get money for transportation

# Teaching Style

- Stressing Academic and Social Skills
  - Language – spoken and written
    - English, Hindi, Marathi
  - Basic math
  - Dancing
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Hygiene
  - Toilet training
  - Basic chores
    - Picking up toys
    - Washing their food plate
  - Sports

# Teaching Staff

- New Sion Teachers
- Sushila Gangurde, Snehal Bandre, Sarita Panaskar, Sumita Vichare
- EOTO Funded Teachers

Title	Name	Frequency
Art Teacher	Archana Joshi	2 days/week
Coordinator	Pramila Sawant	6 days/week
Dance Teacher	Sandhya Nirbhavane	5 days/week
Project in Charge	Anita Rane	1 day/week
Stitching Teacher	Nilima Valame	4 days/week

- 2 Custodial Staff paid by EOTO
- Food is provided by the BMC



# Teaching & Medical Staff

- Teacher : Student = 9 : 45
- Medical
  - Government hospitals for checkups
  - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
    - A central government program to distribute hearing aids to children
  - EOTO provides prescribed medicine
- Social Worker meets parents once a month and comes to the school once a week or as needed

# Fun Stuff

- Children attend picnics and outings
- Birthday parties are organized at the end of every month
  - Everyone receives cake and snacks
  - If the children's birthday falls in that month they are given presents
- Computer classes are conducted on school premises
- During a three day vacation, they have art, drawing and painting workshops
- In the future they are planning to hire a yoga teacher

# Life after EOTO

- Transferring Students
  - Few cases of children moving from the special needs school to the regular school
  - Students are required to leave EOTO at the age of 18
- Depending on IQ and handicaps, these children
  - Work at assembly line factories (agarbatti, candle making etc.)
  - Remain at home if they are severely handicapped
    - Only one girl married after leaving EOTO
  - Join a spastic society (an NGO) of India for job placement
    - They are trained in skills of stitching, carpentry, gardening, crafts and office jobs.
      - There is a fee so not all children can afford

# Highlights of Site Visit December 2009

- 2 classrooms and 1 computer lab for MH section.
- Rooms were spacious but a little shabby.
- Computer lab had approx 6-8 machines.
- Computer sessions had interactive programs to teach basic concepts in math and science.
- They had a mini-library in the computer lab but it did not seem fully equipped.

# Photos













# Current Issues

- Infrastructure

- Three rooms need to be repaired and painted
- Need to purchase more illustrated story books and teaching aids
  - They would like basic English and Marathi learning books

- Staff/Medical Personnel

- Do not have a regular counselor.
  - Will cost Rs. 20000/- per month
  - Would like more resource staff to help with development on more than a monthly basis
- Speech Therapist expenses

# EOTO Sources of Income

- Main Sources
  - Individual donors, corporate, trusts
- Largest Donors:
  - Wipro, Mphasis Limited
  - Ambuja Cement
  - K. C. Mahindra Trust
  - Kaivalya Mandiram Trust (USA)
- New Sion's MH Section
  - Asha for Education (USA)