



# WORLD INFORMO

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## Back-to-School!

BY NINA JAIN, SECRETARY GENERAL - USO

I am sure most schools are gearing to re-open after the much needed summer break! While most teachers and students must be excited to return back to school, schools are equally occupied with the CBSE exams - the obligations of which may have concluded by the time this edition of World Informo is circulated.

To ensure that students learn a creative activity during their summer break, we launched ABC2 - Any Body Can Cartoon, in collaboration with Junior Diamond. This year's global theme is Gender Equality, with sub-themes based on Std. Cartoon videos on how to draw popular cartoon characters - Chacha Chaudhary, Little Chanakya and Radha - are part of the theme and will be shared with registered students.

Our flagship event, the 60th General Conference & All-India Schools Festival shall be conducted this year after a gap of 3 years. The venue shall be R. M. K. Residential School, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. We shall be circulating details about it soon, but meanwhile we are sharing save-the-date. This 4-day event is much awaited by all, and is attended by teachers and students from schools nationally. All of us at USO are looking forward to seeing you at Chennai.

Stay cool!

## USO June Highlights

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USO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ALL INDIA SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

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USO NATIONAL ONLINE TESTS DETAILS

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ABC2 ANY BODY CAN CARTOON

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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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ARTICLES FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND STUDENT ON WATER CONSERVATION



The General Conference & All-India Schools Festival - USO flagship event - conducted in a different city each time is normally attended by 300+ teachers and students nationally. This 4-day event has 2 parts - the Conference and the Schools Festival.

The Conference splits all delegates (teachers and students) into various commissions to deliberate on topics of current and global concern. USO General Body Meeting also takes place during the Conference, which is attended by all attendees.

The Schools Festival is the competition side of the event in which students compete in competitions such as On-the-Spot Painting, Declamation, One-Act Play, Solo Dance, Group Dance etc.

A Peace March, Life Skills Workshop, Swachhtha Drive are also conducted which provide a holistic exposure to all delegates.

During these 4-days, the delegates stay in the same place, eat the same food, make long-lasting friendships and learn a great deal in the process.

## 60th GENERAL CONFERENCE & ALL-INDIA SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

UNITED SCHOOLS ORGANISATION OF INDIA

OUR FLAGSHIP EVENT  
*is back!*

### 60TH GENERAL CONFERENCE & ALL-INDIA SCHOOLS FESTIVAL



**VENUE:**  
RMK Residential School  
Chennai, Tamil Nadu



**GLOBAL THEME:**  
SDG 5  
Gender Equality

**September 27-30, 2022**

**DETAILS SOON**

98100-46619  
conference@usoindia.org



We are pleased to bring our national tests for school students of Std. 1-12 from schools nationally. Registration shall open in the coming months. All students shall be provide practise tests / study material / sample question papers to aid with preparation of the test.

USO is the pioneering organisation to conduct extra-curricular tests nationally. This year USO is celebrating **72 years** of conducting tests. More than 3.5MM students have participated in our various tests.



USO NATIONAL TESTS  
SINCE 1951

## USO NATIONAL ONLINE TESTS

### STD. 1- 3

Mental Math  
OCTOBER 2022

Mini GK  
NOVEMBER 2022

Mini IT  
DECEMBER 2022

### STD. 4-12

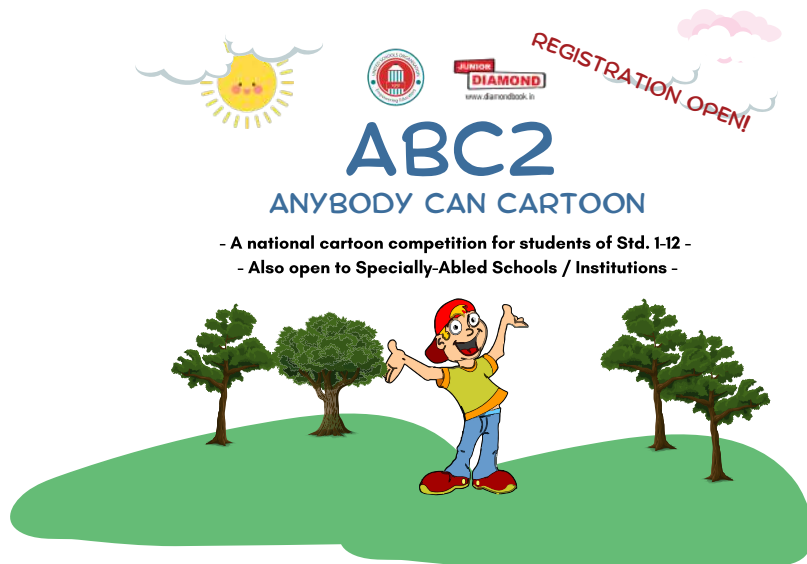
65th UN  
OCTOBER 2022

72nd GK  
NOVEMBER 2022

6th IT  
DECEMBER 2022

The fees for each test are Rs. 100 per student (includes e-books). All USO Tests are divided into categories based on the standard, with separate test for each standard. The online test has multiple-choice questions, and Participation E-Certificates are issued those who secure 33% or above. The following is awarded to students of each category for every test:

- Certificate of Merit and Medal to students scoring 90% and above.
- Trophy and Printed Certificate are issued to top three top scorers - the national winners.



Registration Date for ABC2 - Any Body Can Cartoon has now been extended to June 17, 2022

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**SCIENCE 101**  
#SCIENCE101  
**WEBINAR 2**  
PATCHFILL: POTHOLE FREE ROADS - FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY

**Dr. Siksha Swaroopa Kar**  
Principal Scientist  
Flexible Pavement Division  
CSIR CRRRI

Friday, May 27, 2022 @ 4 PM

**TEACHERS** to join via Microsoft Teams

**STUDENTS** to join through YouTube

Links shared separately.  
Students to message question to teacher.

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Scan the QR Code to view the live recording of the webinar, which was very well received. Upcoming webinar shall take place on June 24, 2022.



**Arvind Indo Public School, Nagpur, Maharashtra is a USO Member School. This article written by Mr. Rajendra Mishra (to publish in USO newsletter)**



**QUIT SMOKING**  
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Smoking is harmful to our Health as well as to those who are exposed to it. The use of tobacco gives rise to harmful health implication and disabilities, affecting our body organs. According to WHO report published recently, nearly 7 million individuals suffer globally from smoking, while another 1.2 million suffer from second hand smoking.

Smoking causes a range of diseases, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung disease, diabetes & chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which include emphysema and chronic bronchitis. It also raises the chance of tuberculosis and eye diseases.

**Reasons suggested by experts to quit Smoking:-**

- Smoking directly affects our lungs. For those with Asthma, smoking is harmful as it can trigger an attack. By quitting smoking, one can have healthier lungs with a better capacity to breathe.
- Tobacco consumption can raise problems during pregnancy and while conceiving a child. Use of tobacco during pregnancy can harm the body in the womb, especially their lungs and brain leading to sudden miscarriages. Quitting smoking lowers chance of preterm delivery and eliminates the negative effects of smoking on fetal growth and risk of low-birth-weight baby.
- Smoking has long-term consequence on physical activities. When one smokes, our heart, lungs & muscles receive less oxygen. As a result, physical fitness decreases. Smoking also causes inflammation of bones & joints, which can lead to osteoporosis. Quitting smoking can benefit one in regaining physical fitness. Quitting smoking is the first step toward a healthy and active lifestyle. It can reduce the risk of various diseases in the smoker and in others who are exposed to it.

**Pets are badly affected:-**

Smoking can play havoc with your pet's health. Pet's noses are 40 times more sensitive than of humans. In the case of dogs, smoke compounds are usually trapped in their nose due to the presence of mucus and other defences. Many pet parents smoke but don't realize how harmful it is for pets. The best way to protect your pets is to quit smoking.

World No Tobacco Day is celebrated every year on May 31 to highlight the harmful & deadly effects of consuming tobacco products.

Please remember the theme of world No Tobacco Day 2022 and quit smoking.







**R.M.K. Senior Secondary School, Chennai, Tamil Nadu is a USO Member School. We are considering conducting the 60th General Conference & All-India Schools Festival at R. M. K. Residential School in September 2022.**



## WATER CONSERVATION

by

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Water is an essential resource. It is important for our life. Earth is covered with water more than land.

Water is made up of two elements, hydrogen and oxygen - H<sub>2</sub>O. Each molecule of water is made up of two hydrogen atoms and single oxygen atom. On Earth, water is wasted more and not saved. Water should be conserved to use.

### IMPORTANCE OF WATER CONSERVATION:

Water conservation has both economic and environmental benefits. Global population and increase in industries and urbanisation have led to growing demand for unlimited water supply. This increasing population demand for water has put excessive pressure on aquifers, which had resulted in depletion of groundwater. This overuse of water negatively affected all life forms of earth. Conserving water is a vital to protect human life as well as other forms of life on earth.

**WATER CONSERVATION METHODS:** There are many ways to conserve water.

### IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

**DRIP IRRIGATION:** It is method of conserving water in agriculture. Water is supplied to the roots of the plants using narrow tubes drop by drop instead of flooding the fields.

**SPRINKLER:** Water is distributed through system of pipes usually by pumping. It is then sprayed into the air through sprinklers so that it breaks into small water drops which fall on ground.

**BAWRIS:** Bawris was the traditional way of collecting rain water. These are deep wells dug in the ground which have steps to reach the water stored. These bawris help in storage of water for longer time as the amount of evaporation of water from the deep well is very less.

**RAIN WATER HARVESTING:** There are two ways of the harvesting rainwater:

- Surface runoff harvesting
- Roof top rainwater harvesting

### INDIVIDUAL ROLE:

- Fix leaking taps and turn of tap while not using.
- Take short showers.
- Use buckets instead of a hose to wash your cars.
- Use water meter to check leak of taps.
- Don't waste water while cleaning utensils.

### INDUSTRIES:

- Water should be conserved in industries.
- Water should be recycled in industries.

It is essential to conserve water because the amount of usable water on the earth is limited and there is scarcity of usable water for various purposes. Join your hands to saver water.

