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Connecting schools nationally for 60+ years!

Festive Period Begins

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This edition of World Informo covers USO happenings over the two months of September and October. With so much happening at USO, and given our hectic travel schedules, we combined two months' editions into one.

We are still reeling from the success of our flagship event - the 60th General Conference & All-India Schools Festival which was held at RMK Residential Senior Secondary School, Chennai, Tamil Nadu from September 27-20, 2022. We had also organised a 1-day event - the USO Chennai Inter Schools Fest - for schools in/around Chennai. Both these events saw a total participation of more than 525 teachers and students, and they all participated in numerous competitions, workshops, events and activities. All attendees gained so much exposure from these 2 events, and all of us at USO learnt a great deal from each and every one of them!

Our Annual Diwali Mela also concluded successfully, and with much excitement. This year we had 14 schools that registered and participated for both days of October 13 & 14, 2022. It was truly fantastic to see so many schools and their students who are so talented. A short video of the Mela is on the following pages.

And now we are getting ready for the USO National Tests. Registration is ongoing and we urge schools to register their students at the earliest possible. Details of our tests are on the subsequent pages.

With the festival season fast approaching, on behalf of all of us at USO, I would like to wish you a very very Happy Diwali!

Until next month!

Nina Jain

USO August Highlights

USO CHENNAI INTER SCHOOLS FEST

USO'S 60TH GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ALL INDIA SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

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USO PARTICIPATING IN 'HAR GHAR TIRANGA' CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

ARTICLES FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND STUDENT ON WATER CONSERVATION



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

We are pleased to bring our national tests for school students of Std. 1-12. All students shall be provided practice tests/study materials/sample question papers to aid with the preparation of the test. Details are below.



USO NATIONAL TESTS

Schools to register students, minimum 25 students for each test.

STD. 1- 3	STD. 4-12
<p>National Mental Math Test Friday, November 4, 2022</p> <p>National Mini GK Test Tuesday, November 15, 2022</p> <p>National Mini IT Quiz Wednesday, November 30, 2022</p>	<p>65th National UN Information Test Friday, November 4, 2022</p> <p>72nd National General Knowledge Test Tuesday, November 15, 2022</p> <p>6th National IT Quiz Wednesday, November 30, 2022</p>

Registration

Registration for our tests from schools shall begin on August 22. Preparatory material in the form of a practise e-test or e-book (with sample questions) shall be provided to schools for distribution to participating students. This shall help students with test preparation. The registration fees shall be **Rs. 175** per student per test. School to retain **Rs. 25** towards all expenses related to the conduction of the test at the school.

Other Details

Separate question paper for each standard.
 Mental Math Test to have 5 practice tests with 25 questions each.
 Responses on OMR Sheets.

Prizes and Accolades

35% - 89%: Certificate of Participation
 90% and above: Certificate of Merit and Medal
 National Rank Holders: Certificate of Excellence, Medal and USO goodies
 School Principal and Teacher Coordinator to receive USO goodies



USO NATIONAL TESTS
SINCE 1951

USO NATIONAL TESTS 2022

USO started with extra-curricular tests in 1951, being the first organisation to do so, on an All-India level. We routinely receive requests from students who are applying for graduate and post-graduate studies (eg: IIM) to validate the USO National Test certificate they received while in school. We also validate our test certificates for students applying for government jobs. Millions of students have benefitted from USO National Tests over the last several years. 2022 is the 72nd year that we are conducting our curricular+ tests nationally, and this year we are back to conducting it OFFLINE.

STD. 1, 2, 3

SUB-JUNIOR

Mental Math Test
Fri - Nov 04, 2022

Mini GK Test
Tues - Nov 15, 2022

Mini IT Test
Wed - Nov 30, 2022

STD. 4, 5, 6

JUNIOR

65th UN Test
Fri - Nov 04, 2022

72nd GK Test
Tues - Nov 15, 2022

6th IT Test
Wed - Nov 30, 2022

STD. 7, 8, 9

PRE-SENIOR

65th UN Test
Fri - Nov 04, 2022

72nd GK Test
Tues - Nov 15, 2022

6th IT Test
Wed - Nov 30, 2022

STD. 10, 11, 12

SENIOR

65th UN Test
Fri - Nov 04, 2022

72nd GK Test
Tues - Nov 15, 2022

6th IT Test
Wed - Nov 30, 2022

CERTIFICATES & PRIZES

ALL TESTS CONDUCTED OFFLINE AT SCHOOL. PRINTED CERTIFICATES, MEDALS, USO GOODIES TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL FOR DISTRIBUTION.



Scores of 35-89%
Certificate of Participation



90% and above
Certificate of Merit & Medal



National Winners
Certificate of Excellence
Medal & USO goodies

DETAILS

ALL TESTS

E-Book (study material)
provided in English / Hindi

5 Practise Tests for Mental
Math Test

OMR Answer Sheet

Rs. 175 per student per
test (includes e-book)

School to retain Rs. 25 for
test-related expenses.

Registration & Details:
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USO Chennai Inter Schools Fest

The USO Chennai Inter Schools Fest was conducted under the aegis of the 60th General Conference and All India Schools Festival. It was held on Friday, September 23, 2022, at RMK Senior Secondary School, Thiruverkadu, Chennai. The main purpose of holding this 1-day fest was to conduct competitions for the students from nearby (local) schools. All competitions were for students UKG - Std. 12 and all competitions were based on the theme of 'Gender Equality' and 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.



Ms. Sudha Malini, Principal, RMK Senior Secondary School; Dr. Sujata K., Chief Guest; Ms. Nina Jain, USO Secretary General inaugurating the Fest



Scan the QR Code to watch a short video of the Fest

All students were divided into five categories based on their standard, and there were 3 competitions in each category. The Fest was attended by 275+ teachers and students, and concluded the same day after prize distribution. Several parents also joined the Fest. It was a great experience for all the students as post COVID, this was the first event that they had attended.

60th GENERAL CONFERENCE & ALL-INDIA SCHOOLS FESTIVAL



Ms. Sapna Sankhla, Principal, RMK Residential Senior Secondary School; Ms. Nina Jain, USO Secretary General; Mr. K. V. Thyagarajan, USO Vice President; inaugurating the Conference and Festival

60th General Conference & All-India Schools Festival

Our flagship event was conducted - after a gap of three years due to COVID - at RMK Residential Senior Secondary School, Kavaraipettai, Tamil Nadu from September 27 - 30, 2022. The 246 teachers and students who attended the conference came from 16 states - from Jammu and Kashmir to Tamil Nadu. The 4-day event brings together schools nationally for four days. All delegates - teachers and students - live under the same roof, eat the same food, and interact with each other while competing in various competitions, thereby promoting valuable ideals such as national integration, unity in diversity, peace, tolerance, respect for all and so much more.

all participants learnt a great deal from one another and the teachers felt empowered by this experience. Students can use this experience for their college admission process as these experiences demonstrate extra-curricular activity participation.

This event was conceptualized by the Founder Secretary General of USO, the Late Mr Jiya Lal Jain who wanted to ensure that all young students and teachers broaden their horizons by learning acceptance, diversity, understanding, compassion and adaptability.



Scan the QR Code to watch a video of highlights of the Conference and Festival



Our Annual Diwali Mela was held on October 13 & 14, 2022 at the USO House campus. This was the Second Diwali Mela organised by USO and as done in the past, specially-abled USO Member schools in Delhi – NCR area were invited to sell handmade products made by their school children. All products that were brought were related to Diwali and included diyas, candles, shagun envelopes, jewellery, gift bags, and much more.

The Mela was inaugurated on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 11.30 am by Mr. Vijay Kumar Mehra, Treasurer of the United Schools Organisation of India. Several items were purchased by the neighbouring offices and other guests who were exclusively invited for the Mela. The 2-day Mela was attended by nearly 600 people and most who came bought something from every special school. It was heartwarming to see the students interacting with each other. This experience helped them develop their social skills.



Scan the QR Code to watch a video the USO House Diwali Mela



USO HOUSE DIWALI MELA



Diwali this year falls on October 24, 2022, which is also UN Day-the day that the United Nations officially came into existence. Each year, the UN Information Test is conducted nationally on October 24. However, this year on account of Diwali, our UN Information Test shall be held on November 4, 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the schools a very happy, safe, and green Diwali!



Hanfia Model Higher Secondary School, Kreeri, Baramulla, Jammu & Kashmir is a USO Member School. This article was submitted by the school.

PLANTATION DAY CELEBRATION



We at Hanfia Model Higher Secondary School, Kreeri celebrated 'Plantation Day' with a great deal of zeal and zest to create awareness among young minds about the invaluable resources on our miracle planet - Plants and Trees. On this special occasion, Dr. Abdul Rasheed Badoo, Chairman of SUMMER HILL EDUCATIONAL TRUST, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Zargar, Managing Director of SUMMER HILL EDUCATIONAL TRUST and worthy Principal graced the occasion. Dr. Bashir Ahmad Zargar, Managing Director made the milieu blissful, and in his motivational words emphasized the importance of trees by saying, *"Trees are a wonderful way to encourage kindness, tolerance and compassion and that the stability of our ecosystem depends on its biodiversity"*.

The children were taught the importance of plants and trees for our environment and the ecosystem. The versatile students of the Institution also presented varied lesson-oriented programs and topics. Later, they planted the saplings in the soil under the guidance of the teachers and the management.

