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## As Busy As Can Be

BY NINA JAIN, SECRETARY GENERAL - USO

The title says it all - we are truly busy with all the activities that are coming up and those that are ongoing. Things are now back to pre-COVID times, and it is wonderful that in-person meetings are resuming, and that offline events are being organised, conducted and are well attended.

Firstly, let me start by wishing everyone for our **Independence Day**. 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was very close to our hearts too, as we put up flags in USO House. It truly does evoke patriotism in all!

In this edition, we are happy to release details about **USO Chennai Inter Schools Fest** which shall be held under the banner of our 60th General Conference & All-India Schools Festival. Scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2022 at RMK Senior Secondary School, this is being conducted for the neighbouring schools in Chennai. It is open to students of UKG - Std. 12, and various competitions are organised for them. Registration and details are on our website and also in the upcoming pages.

We have been receiving several calls from schools, students and parents for the **USO National Tests 2022**. Registration shall begin August 22. This year we shall be using OMR Answer Sheets for evaluation purposes, and the test shall be held completely offline at school.

Before I sign off, I am proud to inform you about the recent Appreciation Award that USO has received from **Hon'ble Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawatji, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India**. This award has been given to us for our efforts to increase awareness about River Ganga through various programs by Namami Gange. It is a proud moment for all of us at USO!

Looking forward to seeing you in our various activities!

Take care and stay safe!

## USO August Highlights

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

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USO CHENNAI INTER SCHOOLS FEST

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USO RECEIVING RECOGNITION FROM MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

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

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USO NATIONAL TESTS: AN OVERVIEW



We are pleased to inform you that our flagship event - The 60th General Conference and All India Schools Festival, shall be held offline this year in Chennai. With a very important and urgent theme of SDG 5, we are looking to sensitize all delegates on the importance of Gender Equality in our community, and our country.

This unique event, which has been graced by former Prime Ministers & former Presidents, is conducted in a different city each year and is attended by more than 300+ teachers and students.

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

### **OVERVIEW**

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.

### **DETAILS**

The Conference shall be held from Tuesday, September 27, 2022 to Friday, September 30, 2022 at RMK Residential Senior Secondary School, Kavaraipettai, Chennai. The delegation from schools upon arrival at Chennai Central Railway Station shall be picked up and brought to the host school.

USO shall take care of all lodging and boarding facilities for all delegates as starting with dinner on September 26, 2022 to breakfast on October 1, 2022. All meals - breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks shall be provided. Also, all delegates shall be hosted in a 4-bedded sharing room from September 26 (night) to October 1, 2022 (morning).

### **REGISTRATION**

Schools must register their delegation - 2 teachers and 10 students max. Students must be from Std. 7 - 12. There is a registration fee from all delegates.

Schools may also chose to send a teachers-only delegation. All details, including competition rules are now on our website, including registration form with payment link: <https://usoindia.org>

A circular is provided on the next page which outlines details. Our offices may be contacted if you have any questions or concerns.



*Scan the QR Code  
to watch a short  
video*





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

 **RMK Residential School**  
Chennai, Tamil Nadu

 **Tuesday, Sept 27, 2022 to**  
**Friday, Sept 30, 2022**

- Our flagship **national** 4-day event for students and teachers -
- Promotes mutual respect, national integration, tolerance and more -

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### CONFERENCE

- Peace March
- Life Skills Workshop
- Cleanliness Drive
- Group Discussions
- Campfire
- Sightseeing

#### FESTIVAL

#### COMPETITIONS

- On-the-Spot Painting
- Declamation
- Solo Dance
- Group Dance
- One-Act Play

#### REG. FEES

**Schools to register a delegation 2**  
**teachers and 10 students**

Rs. 1,500 per student (Std. 7-12)  
Rs. 2,000 per teacher

**Teacher-only - Rs. 2,500 per**  
**teacher (max. 2 teachers)**

#### INCLUSIONS

**Pick-up / Drop-off from Chennai**  
**Central Rlwy Station to venue**

**Boarding & Meals from Sept 26**  
**(dinner) to Oct 1 (breakfast)**

**All other event-related costs**  
**(Personal expenses not covered)**

#### THEME

**GLOBAL THEME:**  
**SDG 5 - Gender Equality**



**Registration & Details:**  
**usoindia.org**

**98100-46619**  
**conference@usoindia.org**



## **USO CHENNAI INTER SCHOOLS FEST**

We are thrilled to be conducting a special 1-day event for the local schools located in Chennai. The host school - RMK Senior Secondary School - is the venue for the event which will start at 7 am and conclude at 5 pm. Teachers and students from nearby schools are invited to attend the Fest in which several competitions shall be conducted for all students from UKG - Std. 12.

The theme is based on SDG 5: Gender Equality. Some competitions shall also have the theme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate our 75 years of independence.

Students are divided into various categories. Rules, themes, duration and all other information is provided in the following page.

## **USO ADDS ANOTHER FEATHER TO THE CAP**

On August 16, USO received an award from Hon'ble Minister, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawatji, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Ms. Nina Jain, Secretary General of USO collected the award from Hon'ble Minister at the event - Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - hosted by Namami Gange.

USO has worked very closely with National Mission for Clean Ganga to spread the message in schools nationally.



## **CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AT USO HOUSE**

At USO House, we participated in the government's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign and had the Indian flag: our Tiranga on the gates and the building of USO. It was a matter of great pride when we saw our national flag on the top of the building. The way our flag fluttered in the wind was very heartwarming to see.

I am sure the same was done in the schools as well. Do share your photos and let us know how you celebrated this day!





**UNITED SCHOOLS ORGANISATION OF INDIA**

Empowering Educators Since 1951

# USO CHENNAI INTER SCHOOLS FEST

- Under the Aegis Of -

## 60th General Conference and All India Schools Festival



Friday, September 23, 2022

07.00 to 17.00



R M K Senior Secondary School  
Thiruverkkadu, Chennai



GLOBAL THEME:  
SDG 5  
Gender Equality

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7.00 to 8.30

Registration

8.30 to 9.00

Inauguration Ceremony

9.30 to 13.00

Competition

15.00 to 16.00

Prize Distribution Ceremony

Category - I ( UKG)

Colouring Contest, Rhymes, Fancy Dress

Category - II (Std. I - II)

Show & Tell, Draw & Colour, Story Telling

Category - III (Std. III - V)

Solo Singing, Best-out-of-Waste, Creative Writing

Category - IV (Std. VI - VIII)

Mono Acting, Group Song, Dance for Tune

Category - V (Std. IX - XII)

Meme Creation , Adzap, Mime

Topics will be based on Gender Equality & Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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Participation  
Certificate to all.  
1st, 2nd, 3rd prize  
winners awarded  
certificates and  
trophies

Snack box (juice  
and biscuit) will be  
provided to all

Registration fee  
per school Rs. 250  
(Pre-registration  
required)

Form & Details:  
[usoindia.org](http://usoindia.org)

Questions:  
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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 practise tests / study materials / sample question papers to aid with preparation of the test. Details are below.

## USO NATIONAL TESTS



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

### STD. 1- 3

#### National Mental Math Test

Friday, November 4, 2022

#### National Mini GK Test

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

#### National Mini IT Quiz

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

### STD. 4-12

#### 65th National UN Information Test

Friday, November 4, 2022

#### 72nd National General Knowledge Test

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

#### 6th National IT Quiz

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

#### 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 conduction of the test at the school.

#### Other Details

Separate question paper for each standard.

Mental Math Test to have 5 practise 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





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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:  
[usoindia.org](http://usoindia.org)

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