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Here Come The Year-end Exams

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March is an exciting month. On the one hand - I am sure - the students are excited to be moving to a higher standard; on the other hand - each of them knows that the only way to do that is to give the year-end exams. And this can be achieved by studying hard and getting good marks! So, here's wishing all students the very best in their exams. Do remember, that good sleep, good food, and a calm mind are essential for great exam results!

March is a very busy month for us as well at USO! This month we shall be concluding two major activities:

- DhanGyan for Schools (for students of Std. 8-12).
- National Drawing Competition for Specially Abled Children.

This year 'Dhangyan for Schools' Program has seen a wider reach. We are now in Phase III of the program, with the grand finale and felicitation ceremony on Friday, March 24, 2023. We are truly excited that 10 students accompanied by their school teachers have been invited to USO House, New Delhi to present their reports. The judges shall then pick the winners after hearing each student's report. Sounds exciting!!!

The National Drawing Competition for Specially Abled Children is ongoing, and we shall be announcing the results of the competition this month itself. This was held to increase awareness for International Women's Day - which coincidentally is on the same day as Holi. Happy Holi to all and Happy Women's Day to all the wonderful women in each of our lives.

March has two very important UN observances - International Women's Day - March 8th; and World Water Day - March 22nd. A brief write-up is on the following pages.

Until next month!

USO March Highlights

DHANGYAN COMPETITION

NATIONAL DRAWING
COMPETITION FOR
SPECIALLY ABLED
CHILDREN

FELICITATION CEREMONY
AT SARDAR DOON PUBLIC
SCHOOL, RAJASTHAN

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S
DAY

THE WORLD WATER DAY



On behalf of all of us at USO, we would like to wish students all the very best for their upcoming exams, especially for students of Std. 10 and 12, who are appearing for their Boards. It is a trying time no doubt, but it is important for all students to keep in mind some key points. The tips below can be helpful for students.

BEST WISHES

5 EXAM PREPARATION TIPS TO HELP YOU ACE YOUR TEST

START STUDYING EARLY
The best way to ace your exams is to start studying for them as soon as you can.

CREATE A STUDY PLAN
Make sure you have a plan for how you'll approach your studies.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE
The best way to master a topic is to practice it.

TAKE BREAKS
Take frequent breaks while studying to recharge your brain and stay focused.

GET ENOUGH SLEEP
Make sure to get enough sleep the night before the exam.

**All the best for your exams!
From all of us at USO**

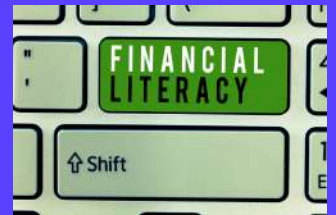




USO in collaboration with Tata Capital and IDOBRO Impact solution have launched DhanGyan for Schools - a financial literacy program for students of Std. 8-12 from USO Member Schools.



DhanGyan for Schools



-A Financial Literacy Program for students of Std. 8-12 from USO Member schools nationally-

PHASE I

Awareness Phase (Jan 15 - Feb 3, 2023)

Students studied 5 online modules - Smart Goals, Budgeting, Investments, Insurance, Banking; Attended 4 webinars by Tata Capital officials; Gave an online MCQ 100-question, 60-min test.

PHASE II

Application Phase (Feb 4 - March 9, 2023)

43 students were selected to submit a project - You receive Rs. 25 lakhs as an inheritance from your grandfather. How will you use the money? 11 students were selected for video submission.

We are now in Phase III of the program. 10 students who submitted their video presentations have been invited to USO House, New Delhi to present their reports in person. The Grand Finale and Felicitation Ceremony shall be held on Friday, March 24, 2023, and the top 3 students shall be given first, second and third prizes. The selected students in alphabetical order of schools are:

- ASN Senior Secondary School, Delhi
Ritvik Thakur, Std. VIII
- Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani, Rajasthan
Aashwi Agrawal, Std. VIII
- G.K. Shetty Hindu Vidyalaya Hr. Sec. School, Tamil Nadu
R. Hanumaanth Chinthamani, Std. IX
- Good Shepherd English School, Puducherry
G. Deepalakshmi, Std. XI
- Harvest Intl School - Innovation Campus, Karnataka
Prajan Karthick, Std. VIII

- Kerala English Medium School, Odisha
Debanshi Mishra, Std. IX
- N. L Dalmia High School, Maharashtra
Jigyansha Hota, Std. XI
- Parvathy's Anugrahaa International School, Tamil Nadu
Raunak Raj, Std. IX
- Pathseekers, Punjab
Mishita Sharma Std. IX
- SLS DAV Public School, Delhi
Purva Sharma, Std. IX

We are truly looking forward to hearing these students speak about their projects. The event shall be live on USO YouTube channel. We hope that you are able to attend online. This would definitely be extremely encouraging for students and teachers alike.

USO IS PROUD TO LAUNCH



National Drawing Competition for Specially Abled Children



USO is the first organisation to conduct competitions for schools catering to the needs of specially-abled children nationally. Our competitions not only provide students with a national platform to explore their creativity but also helps to increase awareness of various areas of social and global importance.

The theme for this year's competition is on International Women's Day. The topic - **'The Woman Who Makes A Difference In My Life'**, is for students in individual and high support categories. There are 4 age groups per category. This competition is open to USO Member Schools and there is no registration fee from the schools. The poster below was circulated to schools. An online registration form was also shared with schools.



Schools are presently in the process of sending us hard copies of the drawings made by their students. Results shall be announced by March 18, 2023. Stay tuned, as we shall be sharing the winning drawings in the next edition of World Informo!



USO's national tests concluded in December 2022. The certificates, medals, and USO goodies were sent to schools for distribution to the successful students. Out tests - which started in 1951 - are geared for students of Std. 1 - 12. Study material or practice tests are shared with the registered students to help them prepare for the test.

We are proud to share feedback and photos received from Sardar Doon School, whose students took part in several of our tests. Nearly 19 students were awarded with medals!



USO NATIONAL TESTS
SINCE 1951

USO National Tests 2022



Feedback from Sardar Doon Public School, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Our students and teachers were so excited to receive medals.

On behalf of the management and staff of Sardar Doon Public School, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, we express our gratitude for giving such a wonderful experience to our students. We look forward to many more such events.

Best always,
Deepali Mertia, Sardar Doon Public School, Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Congratulations to the teachers, the students and the parents for such a wonderful result!

Congratulations!



International Women's Day was marked for the first time in March 1911 – and the date was fixed as 8 March in 1913. The UN celebrated it for the first time in 1975 and in 1996 it announced its first annual theme: "Celebrating the past, Planning for the Future".



International Women's Day 2023 March 8



The theme for International Women's Day,
8 March 2023 (IWD 2023) is:

"DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality".

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas.

Movement in the United States

The first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States on 28 February. The Socialist Party of America designated this day in honour of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against working conditions.

But the first milestone in the US was much earlier – in 1848. Indignant over women being barred from speaking at an anti-slavery convention, Americans Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott congregated a few hundred people at their nation's first women's rights convention in New York. Together they demanded civil, social, political and religious rights for women in a Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions.



New Zealand was the first self-governing nation to allow women to vote.

In the first known campaign of its kind, the Egyptian Society of Physicians went against tradition by declaring the negative effects of female genital mutilation, in 1920.



World Water Day is an annual United Nations (UN) observance day held on 22 March that highlights the importance of fresh water. The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The theme of each year focuses on topics relevant to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), which is in line with the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 6. The UN World Water Development Report (WWDR) is released each year around World Water Day.



WORLD
WATER
DAY



MARCH 22

The theme for World Water Day 22 March 2023 is:

Accelerating Change To Solve The Water And Sanitation Crisis.

On March 22, the globe celebrates World Water Day, a time to spread education about the significance of clean drinking water and the need to manage its supplies sustainably. On this day, people all around the globe are reminded of the global water problem. One of the most important things to have is access to clean drinking water. Life on Earth would be impossible without a sufficient and reliable supply of water.

Every year since 1993, World Water Day raises awareness and inspires action to tackle the water and sanitation crisis. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is a United Nations observance coordinated by UN-Water. The theme is proposed in advance by UN-Water. It is aligned with the annual publication of the UN World Water Development Report, published by UNESCO on behalf of UN-Water.



USO - in collaboration with UNESCO, New Delhi Office, Vizdem, National Mission for Clean Ganga and Water Digest - conducted H2Ooooh! - A Waterwise Program for Children of India. This program was aimed to increase awareness about water, its scarcity, its conservation efforts, and most importantly its sustainable efforts among school students. This was a creative way to teach students about the significance of water. The students also created their own stories about how water can be conserved. These stories were then converted to short animation films. The winners were awarded prizes at the World Water Day celebrations held at UNESCO auditorium.

Scan the QR code below to access the videos created by the students for the program conducted in 2022.

