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## SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

USO School Membership is now ongoing @ Rs. 100.  
Membership benefits include **preferential pricing** and

- ✓ Exclusive access to programs, conferences and seminars.
- ✓ Interact with leading UN agencies and government bodies.
- ✓ Provide your students a **national** platform.
- ✓ 5% discount on room stay at USO International Centre, New Delhi

## USO SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP: 2023 - 2024

USO Membership is now open for schools nationally. USO School Membership which runs from April 1 - March 31, is for Rs. 100 per year. This gives access to schools benefits such as exclusive participation in programs, conferences and seminars among others.

Schools may fill the online form which includes the online payment link. The USO Membership ID issued to the school is lifetime ID, and should be used for all communication with USO.



Scan QR code to fill USO online membership form.



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- Good Shepherd English School, Puducherry

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# USO NATIONAL TESTS 2023



**USO NATIONAL TESTS**  
SINCE 1951

USO started extra-curricular tests in schools nationally in 1951. Our tests help students gain admission to colleges and universities and aid job seekers too. Millions of students have benefitted from USO National Tests over the past several years. Join us as we celebrate 73 successful years of conducting extra-curricular tests!!!

All details relating to USO National Tests are mentioned below. Online registration form is available on our website.

## Details



- Preparatory material for the test shall be provided in the form of e-books. Links to five sets of practise tests shall be provided to students enrolled in the Mental Math Test.
- Separate question paper shall be set for students of Std. 1, 2, 3 for all tests.
- Student responses on OMR Answer Sheet (shall be provided by USO).
- Test to be conducted at school.

## Accolades



- Certificates of Participation for student scores between 35-89%.
- Certificate of Merit & Medal for student scores of 90% and above.
- Certificate of Excellence, medal, USO backpack and other USO goodies for the National Winner.
- Gifts for School Principal and USO Activities Coordinator for 100+ student enrolment.

## All tests held in August



**AUG**



**Mental Math (Std. 1, 2, 3)**

**66th UN Information Test (Std. 4-12)**

**AUG**



**Mini G.K. Test (Std. 1, 2, 3)**

**73rd General Knowledge Test (Std. 4-12)**

**AUG**



**Mini I.T. Test (Std. 1, 2, 3)**

**7th I.T. Test (Std. 4-12)**

## Fees



- Test fees are Rs. 175 per student per test (including study or practise material).
- School may retain Rs. 25 per student for all test-related expenses.

## SCHOOL IN FOCUS



### HANFIA MODEL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL JAMMU & KASHMIR

Hanfia Model Higher Secondary School has been associated with USO for several years. Being a USO Member School, they routinely participate in USO activities - the most recent one being 'DhanGyan For Schools' Program. This program was conducted by USO for schools nationally to increase financial literacy among school students.

The program was divided into 3 phases. During Phase I students went through online modules, and gave an online test. Phase II, toppers were invited to complete a project, and then asked to submit a video project. Finalists were invited for the Grand Finale and Felicitation Ceremony.

Umar Hameed of Std. XII was the Top Scoring student in Phase I of the program from the school. He was invited to complete a project for Phase II. He successfully submitted his project report on 'How would you use the proceeds of Rs. 25 lakh inheritance from your grandfather?' However, due to final exams, he was unable to submit his video project, due to which he was not invited to present his project report in person at the Grand Finale and Felicitation Ceremony held on March 24, 2023. We wish Umar all the very best for a bright and successful future ahead!



## Feedback from Hanfia Model Higher Secondary School Jammu & Kashmir



"We are absolutely delighted at Umar Hameed success. Your efforts in promoting financial literacy and education at the school level have been invaluable and we cannot thank you enough for your hard work and dedication. Our student's success is a clear reflection of your commitment and passion towards this cause."



## SCHOOL IN FOCUS



### GOOD SHEPHERD ENGLISH SCHOOL, PUDUCHERRY

Water is the most essential element of life on earth. It's the first need and necessity of a living being. Water conservation is a hot topic nowadays as we human beings are not making the correct use of water and wasting it unnecessarily.

Water conservation simply means that we should use water wisely and does not contribute to water security. We need water for absolutely everything - growing and making food, generating electricity, washing and the list is non-ending. It plays an integral role in our lives, and we must find ways to conserve this precious gift of nature.

By reducing the consumption of water and recycling the wastewater for various purposes we can take the first step towards water conservation. Agricultural irrigation, cleaning, and many other things can be done using wastewater.



### WATER CONSERVATION

-by-

Anusha S, Std. VIII-B

According to facts, there's only 3% fresh available for the total water in the world, and most of the water is trapped in icebergs. So, there's an urgent need to understand the water scarcity problem arising day by day. However, we are still exploiting this small amount of water for our own.

Rainwater harvesting is another water conservation technique that helps save a lot of water. Water that we use for washing fruits and veggies should not be drained. It can be again used to water the plants in the garden. So, this is how we can contribute to conserving water and making mother nature happy.

**SAVE WATER SAVE EARTH!**

Good Shepherd English School, Karaikal, Puducherry is a USO Member School. This article has been sent to the National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India (to publish in their newsletter) as the students share their unique perspective on Water Conservation.



## MAY 31 WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

The Member States of the World Health Organization created World No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes. In 1987, the World Health Assembly passed Resolution WHA40.38, calling for 7 April 1988 to be a "world no-smoking day". In 1988, Resolution WHA42.19 was passed, calling for the celebration of World No Tobacco Day, every year on 31 May.

The theme for World No Tobacco Day in 2023 is "We need food, not tobacco". The 2023 global campaign aims to raise awareness about alternative crop production and marketing opportunities for tobacco farmers and encourage them to grow sustainable, nutritious crops.

### How Smoking and Tobacco Consumption Impacts the Health?

Tobacco consumption and smoking affects our health in a number of ways. It could be the main reason for the following fatal diseases:

- Cancer of digestive system like GERD, Achalasia Cardia (pancreas, stomach, mouth, liver, rectum, colon, and esophagus).
- Neurovascular complications and neurological disorders along with other neuro related disease like stroke, small vessel ischemic disease of the brain (SVID) and vascular dementia.
- Heart diseases.
- Lung diseases.
- Diabetes.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- Tuberculosis.
- Certain eye diseases.

This yearly celebration informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what WHO is doing to fight the tobacco epidemic, and what people around the world can do to claim their right to health and healthy living and to protect future generations.

## Secondhand Smoke—A Danger at Home and Abroad

At least 500 million people younger than 15 in 21 countries are exposed to secondhand smoke. Some alarming details about Secondhand smoke are:

- Children (age 3–11) have the highest exposure to secondhand smoke compared to any other age group.
- African American children are more likely to be exposed to secondhand smoke than children of other racial/ethnic groups.
- Quitting smoking and adopting smoke-free policies helps protect the health of people who do not smoke.







## MAY 15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

During the 1980's, the United Nations began focusing its attention on issues related to the family. In 1983, based on the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development in its resolution on the Role of the family in the development process (1983/23) requested the Secretary-General to enhance awareness among decision makers and the public of the problems and needs of the family, as well as effective ways of meeting those needs.

In its resolution 1985/29 of 29 May 1985, the Council invited the General Assembly to consider the possibility of including in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session an item entitled "Families in the development process".

On 25 September 2015, the 193 member states of the United Nations unanimously adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, a set of 17 goals aiming to eliminate poverty, discrimination, abuse and preventable deaths, address environmental destruction, and usher in an era of development for all people, everywhere. Families and family-oriented policies and programmes are vital for the achievement of many of these goals.

In late 2022, the world's population has reached eight billion people. Characterised by the United Nations Secretary-General as a 'milestone in human development' this landmark event illustrates major advancements in health extending human lifespans. Population growth is to continue albeit at a decreasing rate. It is projected to reach 9.8 billion in 2050 and 11.2 in 2100 rising concerns about the prospects of sustainable urbanization and management of climate change.

### 2023 Theme: Demographic Trends and Families

The 2023 International Day of Families observance is to raise awareness of the impact of demographic trends on families. The event will include:

- Launch of the Background Paper on "The Impact of Demographic Trends on Families".
- Presentation of the World Social Report 2023 "Leaving No One Behind in an Ageing World".
- Presentation on intergenerational equity and solidarity.
- An overview of recommendations of policies in response to demographic trends Presentation of civil society initiatives for IYF+30.
- Interactive discussion with audience participation.



INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF FAMILIES  
15 MAY 2023



## USO ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

APRIL 1 2023 – MARCH 31, 2024

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p><b>USO MEMBERSHIP USO CLUB REGISTRATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools are to apply for USO Membership which runs from April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024.</li> <li>USO Club Registration for USO Member School Opens for USO Member Schools.</li> </ul>		<p><b>USO NATIONAL TEST &amp; CONFERENCE REGISTRATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test Registration - school or individual - starts June 1 for all USO National Tests</li> <li>61st General Conference &amp; All-India Schools Festival Registration starts</li> </ul>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p><b>USO NATIONAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Budding Scientist' Registration &amp; Phase - I starts</li> </ul>	<p><b>USO NATIONAL TEST MONTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sat, Aug 12: Mental Math/UN Test</li> <li>Sat 19, Aug: Mini /GK Test</li> <li>Sat 26, Aug: Mini /IT Test</li> <li>'Budding Scientist' Phase - II</li> </ul>	<p><b>USO NATIONAL PROGRAM ENDS USO MINI-FEST REGISTRATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Budding Scientist' Phase - III</li> <li>USO Mini-Fest Registration Opens</li> </ul>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><b>USO ANNUAL CONFERENCE &amp; MINI FEST MONTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USO Mini Fest</li> <li>Mon-to-Thurs - Oct 16-19: USO 61st General Conference &amp; All-India Schools Festival</li> </ul>	<p><b>USO CELEBRATIONS MONTH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thurs / Fri - Nov 2-3: USO House Diwali Mela</li> <li>Fri, Nov 10: 'Budding Scientist' Felicitations</li> </ul>	<p><b>USO FOCUS: SPECIAL SCHOOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National activity for Special Schools. To be launched on World Disabilities Day - Dec 3</li> </ul>
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p><b>USO FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sat, Jan 27: Founder's Day Celebrations with USO Co-Action Learning Centre staff and students</li> </ul>	<p><b>USO ACTIVITIES REVIEW &amp; WIND-UP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USO Activities to be reviewed, and concluded</li> </ul>	<p><b>USO CLUB AWARDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USO Club in Schools to be awarded prizes based on success of activities undertaken</li> </ul>