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# One Nation, Many Voices, One Shared Future

From the hills of the North to the coasts of the South, in every school corridor and student council, a powerful truth echoes - our youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow, they are the changemakers of today.

Whether it is solving a local problem, raising awareness for the planet, or simply learning to listen and lead, students across the country are showing us what is possible when young minds are empowered, encouraged, and heard.

At USO, we believe that real change begins when young minds are trusted, when ideas are given wings, and when learning breaks free from boundaries. We believe in the strength of unity, of schools standing together, of students learning from one another, and of communities that thrive on shared dreams.

Every voice matters. Every idea counts. And together, we are shaping a future filled with purpose, passion, and possibility.

### Fun Fact About USO

The USO Co-Action Learning Centre (CLC) supports over 5,000 residents in East Delhi's jhuggi clusters, offering daily classes to children and skill training to women.

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## Scholars' Pursuit: Beyond the Books



USO Club Member Schools will earn 15 USO Club Points for 500+ student participation in this activity.

## **USO National Tests** 2025

For 74 years, USO has been a trusted partner in every student's learning journey from Std. 1 to 12. Through its well-designed preparatory assessments, USO continues to help learners build confidence and strengthen key skills. Conducted offline in the familiar and encouraging setting of their schools, these assessments not only support academic growth but also celebrate student efforts with certificates and recognitions.

The Mental Math and UN Information Tests have concluded. The remaining assessments for Std. 1-12, for General Knowledge, IT & AI, and English Skills - will follow soon in schools.

#### Schools can still register for these remaining tests.

Save these important dates for August:

- 75th General Knowledge 13 August (Wednesday)
- 9th IT & AI 22 August (Friday)
- English Skills 29 August (Friday)



Scan the QR Code to know more about National tests

## **USO National Tests AccessAbility Series**

We are inviting special schools across India to share their interest in a proposed National English and Math Test, exclusively designed for students from Special Schools. These tests will be conducted in January 2026 in hard copy format only, with 3-4 levels of difficulty.

Teachers will help identify the appropriate level for each student and submit a list of registered students. The initiative aims to offer an inclusive, structured opportunity for students to build confidence and showcase their skills on a national platform.

To plan this initiative better, we are conducting a short survey. Your input will help shape the test and support needed.

#### Survey Deadline: August 31, 2025.

Please fill out the survey on time to help us plan.



Scan the QR Code to fill out the Survey Form















# 62nd GENERAL CONFERENCE & ALL INDIA SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

India's Youth, One Stage — A festival of Talent, A Conference of Change

**USO Club Member Schools will earn 10 USO Club** Points for participating in this activity.

## General Conference & All- India Schools Festival

The 62nd General Conference & All India Schools Festival is a flagship national event organised by the United Schools Organisation of India for its member schools. This four-day gathering provides a vibrant platform for students and teachers to come together, promoting mutual respect, national integration, and shared learning. It is designed to deepen understanding through meaningful engagement in a variety of academic and cultural activities.

This year's edition of the festival centres around SDG 4: Quality Education, with every event thoughtfully aligned to this global goal. Through a mix of discussions, competitions, and celebrations, the festival promotes holistic development, creativity, and collaboration among students across India. Rooted in our two-year theme, Empower, Educate & Evolve, USO's journey reflects a deep commitment to inclusive, equitable, and lifelong learning for all. As we celebrate 75 years, this shared vision continues to guide every strengthening classrooms, energising communities, and reimagining education as a force for lasting change.

# A Festival Where Learning Meets Celebration

This time, the General Conference will take place in Pulivendula, Andhra Pradesh, at National Academy of Construction - Integrated Skill Training Academy.

#### Eligibility:

- Student & Teacher Delegation: Max 3 teachers + 10 students (Classes 6-12)
- Teacher-Only Delegation: Max 2 teachers per school

Competitions to boost your skills and confidence include:

- On-the-Spot Painting
- Declamation (Eng & Hindi)
- Solo & Group Dance
- Creative Dress-Up
- One-Act Play

The Conference offers inspiring sessions like Youth Talks, Workshops, and much more. Join this vibrant platform where ideas ignite, talents shine, and every moment creates lasting memories and new possibilities.



Scan the QR Code to know more about 62nd General Conference













**USO Club Member Schools will earn 2 USO Club** Points for each social media tag (5 tags max).



# USOat75: #MyUSOStory

USOat75: #MyUSOStory is a heartfelt campaign launched to celebrate 75 years of the United Schools Organisation of India. It invites students, teachers, and parents to look back and share their personal journey with USO: the moments, memories, and milestones that made a difference.

More than just a collection of stories, this initiative captures the spirit of connection, learning, and lasting impact. Whether it is a competition that sparked confidence, a workshop that opened new doors, or a memory that still inspires, every story adds to the rich legacy USO has built over the decades.

Join us in honouring this legacy by lending your voice to a collective celebration of growth, empowerment, and 75 years of shaping futures.

# Your Story. Our Legacy.

Have you ever been inspired, empowered, or transformed through a USO experience? Here is your chance to celebrate that journey.

As USO completes 75 incredible years, we are inviting students, teachers, and parents to share their personal stories with us. Whether it was a competition, workshop, camp, or any memorable event, your story matters. Your voice can reflect the values that USO stands for learning, leadership, and lasting impact.

How to Participate: Send us a short video (60-90 seconds) in English or Hindi, recorded in landscape mode (MP4 or MOV format). In your video, include:

- Your name, school, class/role, and state.
- The USO activity/activities you took part in and the year(s).
- · How USO helped you grow, learn, or discover something new.
- Your wishes for USO on its 75th anniversary.
- Your hopes or vision for USO's future.

#### Get Recognised:

- The first 75 accepted videos will be featured on USO's 75th Anniversary Platforms.
- o All participants receive a Digital Certificate of Participation.
- The top 5 entries in each category win exciting USO goodies.

Submit your video to: USOat75@usoindia.org Subject line: #MyUSOStory



Scan the QR Code to Know more















**USO Club Member Schools will earn 10 USO Club** Points for participation (under Students 360°).



## Biosphere Reserve Champions

A national program for students of Std. 6 to 12. Students explore environmental topics and develop projects that inspire their communities to protect the Earth's biosphere reserves. This hands-on approach helps create a culture of conservation and responsibility.

This initiative aligns with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13 Climate Action
- SDG 15 Life on Land

The Biosphere Reserve Champions empowers young environmental stewards through a two-phase journey.

# Explore, Research, Express

The Biosphere Reserve Champions program is designed to engage students in understanding and protecting our planet's rich biodiversity. Organised in partnership with UNESCO, this national initiative will unfold in two dynamic phases, each aimed at fostering environmental awareness and action.

#### Phase I: Awareness and Research

The program began with a successful orientation session that saw active participation from teachers and students eager to learn about the initiative. The session offered valuable insights into the program's objectives and its role in addressing pressing environmental challenges.

This was followed by a three-webinar series led by experts from UNESCO, focusing on biosphere reserves, sustainability practices, and student engagement strategies. Educators received practical guidance on how to involve students in impactful activities aimed at inspiring a greener, more responsible future.

Now, as the program moves into Phase I (Part-2), the momentum continues to grow. After attending the informative webinars, schools received detailed guidelines from USO on how to plan and conduct cleanup drives and awareness campaigns within their local communities.

To ensure meaningful engagement and recognition, schools were asked to document their efforts by submitting a short report, along with photographs or videos, showcasing student participation and community impact.



Scan the OR Code to Know more



















**USO Club Member Schools will earn 10 USO Club Points for participation.** 

## **USO Club** Join. Participate. Lead.

The USO Club is our exclusive initiative where students and educators come together to participate in national programs, showcase their talents, and lead with purpose.

Registrations for the USO Club are now closed and the action begins.

With schools from across India already on board, it is time to turn enthusiasm into impact. From classroom corners to school-wide celebrations, USO Club activities are designed to spark creativity, teamwork, and leadership among students. Every competition participated in, every report submitted, and every initiative completed as part of USO activities will contribute to your school's performance. These efforts will be recognized, recorded, and rewarded as schools collect points and proudly represent their commitment to student growth.

The more your school engages, the more it shines on the national stage.

## Webinar #4: Moving Beyond Disabilities

USO continued its 'Beyond Boundaries: Understanding Special Needs' webinar series with an insightful session titled 'Understanding Special Abilities: Moving Beyond Disabilities' led by Special Educator Ms. Lavanya Sharma.

In this session, Ms. Sharma emphasized shifting perspectives from disabilities to abilities, urging educators, parents, and institutions to recognize and nurture the unique strengths of children with special needs. She discussed inclusive strategies, shared realworld examples, and highlighted the role of empathy, accessibility, and collaborative support in fostering meaningful participation and holistic development.

The session highlighted the importance of early intervention, IEPs, and collaboration among teachers, parents, and therapists.



Scan the QR Code to watch our #4 webinar session















## **Key Observances**



## **International Youth Day** August 12

International Youth Day is celebrated every year on August 12th to recognize the important role of young people in shaping our world. Established by the United Nations in 1999, the day raises awareness about the challenges youth face and promotes their participation in social, economic, and political life. It serves as a global platform to amplify youth voices, support their empowerment, and inspire them to drive positive change in their communities and beyond.

Theme: The theme of International Youth Day 2025 is 'Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond.' It highlights the vital role of youth in transforming global goals into local impact through grassroots initiatives. Empowering youth is key to achieving sustainable development.

Purpose: The purpose of International Youth Day is to highlight young people's local contributions in achieving global goals by encouraging governments to support youth-led innovation through inclusive policies, resources, and partnerships that accelerate SDG progress.

Importance: International Youth Day is important as it recognizes the power of young people to drive local action for global goals. It encourages leaders to support youth-led change, promotes their role in development, and reaffirms the world's commitment to empowering youth for a better future.



## **National Sports Day** August 29

National Sports Day is celebrated every year on August 29th to honour the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, India's legendary hockey player. It was instituted by the Government of India in 2012. The day highlights his remarkable achievements and promotes the importance of sports and fitness in building a healthy and united nation. It also inspires young people to pursue sports with passion and dedication.

**Theme:** The theme for National Sports Day is 'A Day for Champions.' It celebrates the perseverance, discipline, and spirit of excellence that define true champions. The theme encourages individuals to embrace sports not only for competition but as a lifelong path to growth, well-being, and national pride.

Purpose: The purpose of National Sports Day is to highlight the importance of physical activity by encouraging people of all ages to engage in fitness and sports. It promotes youth participation as a career option and supports national efforts to build a strong sports culture through training, opportunity, and recognition.

**Importance:** National Sports Day celebrates India's sporting spirit and promotes values like discipline and teamwork. It encourages physical activity, supports young talent, and reaffirms the nation's commitment to a healthier, active future. It also inspires citizens to embrace sports for personal and national growth.















## **Indian Festivals**



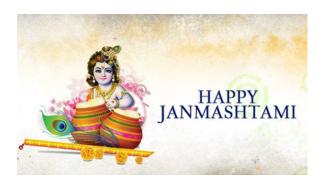
## **Raksha Bandhan** August 9

Raksha Bandhan, celebrated on the full moon of Shravan, honors the sibling bond through the tying of a rakhi and a promise of protection. This year's theme, 'Celebrating Bonds, Strengthening Families', emphasizes love and unity within families and beyond, reflecting the festival's message of care, respect, and togetherness.



## **Independence Day August 15**

Independence Day commemorates India's freedom from British rule in 1947, honoring the sacrifices of countless freedom fighters. This year's theme, 'Nation First, Always First', celebrates unity, resilience, and progress. It reminds every citizen of their role in building a strong, inclusive, and selfreliant India.



## Janmashtami **August 16**

Janmashtami marks the birth of Lord Krishna, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil and the power of divine love. The theme, 'Living the Teachings of Krishna', encourages compassion, and righteousness. Celebrated with devotion, dance, and dahi handi, it inspires spiritual reflection and joy.



## **Ganesh Chaturthi** August 27

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. This year's 'EcoFriendly theme, Celebrations, Connections', encourages sustainable devotion. Families offer prayers and sweets, honouring Ganesha's blessings. The festival ends with vibrant community processions and idol immersion.

















## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

World Informo invites teachers, principals, and students from schools all over India to contribute articles to our national platform.

As educators, your wealth of experience and expertise will inspire and inform others. Whether you have innovative teaching methods to share, success stories from your school community, or reflections on the challenges and triumphs of education, your voice matters.

As students, your perspectives are invaluable. Share your thoughts on topics that matter to you, whether it's the future of learning, the impact of technology in the classroom, or your experiences with extracurricular activities. Your unique insights can spark meaningful discussions and inspire your peers worldwide.

By contributing to World Informo, you become part of a network of educators and learners, exchanging ideas and shaping the future of education together.

## **Special Opportunity for** Teachers & Students



As part of our collaborative efforts, contribute articles or insights related to environmental conservation, environment conservation efforts, water management, importance of rivers or sustainable living. Articles can be in the form of success stories, innovative ideas, or educational resources

Selected articles will have the chance to be shared with Namami Gange, a crucial initiative dedicated to cleaning and rejuvenating the Ganges river, and will also be considered for publication in the newsletter of USO Member Schools.

## **Submission Guidelines**

<b>LANGUAGE</b> ◆ English or Hindi	<b>LENGTH</b> ◆ One page only
TITLE  ◆ Give your article a nice title	WRITER'S PHOTO  ◆ Include a clear photo of the author (JPEG or PNG format)















## **USO Activities Calendar For Schools** August, September, October

### August 2025

- Aug 1-16: BRC Phase I (Part II)
- USO National Tests 2025
  - 1 Aug: Mental Math
  - **8 Aug:** UN Information
  - 13 Aug: General
  - Knowledge
  - 22 Aug: IT & Al
  - 29 Aug: English Skills
- Aug 17: BRC Phase II
- Aug 21: #MyUSOStory Video Campaign
- Aug 29: Webinar #5 (Beyond Boundaries series)

### September 2025

- Sep 1: Last day to fill out the survey for USO National Test -AccessAbility Series
- Sep 10: BRC Phase II Video Model Submission
- Sep 19: Webinar #6 (Beyond Boundaries series)
- **Sep 26-29:** 62<sup>nd</sup> General Conference & Inter Schools Festival

#### October 2025

- Oct 7-8: USO House Diwali
- Oct 24: USO National Test 2025 Result Declaration
- Oct 31: Webinar #7 (Beyond Boundaries series)

## **USO's Theme for 2025 - 2026**

Our 75-yr theme is linked to SDG 4: Quality Education



Rooted in our theme Empower, Educate & Evolve USO's journey aligns with SDG 4: Quality Education ensuring inclusive, equitable, and lifelong learning for all. As we celebrate 75 years, this shared vision continues to shape every initiative—bringing meaningful change to classrooms and communities. Designated as our two-year theme, Empower, Educate & Evolve serves as a guiding force to reimagine learning, strengthen educational ecosystems, and spark lasting transformation.

Thanks for READING

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