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Fun Fact About USO

USO's General Conference & All-India Schools Festival and Inter Schools Fest have been held across 21 states.



The Magic of Culture The Wonder of Education

As October unfolds, we enter a season of festivities, joy, and togetherness. This is a special time not only to celebrate cultural traditions but also to reflect on the values of unity, gratitude, and community that festivals bring into our lives.

Festivals are not just about lights, colors, and sweets, they are about sharing happiness, respecting traditions, and building stronger communities. Schools provide the perfect platform for students to express their talents, learn teamwork, and explore cultural values under the guidance of teachers and with the support of parents.

May this festival season spark new ideas, inspire young minds, and strengthen the bond between schools, families, and communities. Let every celebration be a chance to learn, share, and grow together, turning joy and tradition into opportunities for creativity and meaningful experiences.

-USO Team-

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This USO Activity Has Just Concluded



USO Inter Schools Fest, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh

The United Schools Organisation of India (USO) successfully hosted the USO Inter Schools Fest at Viswam High School, Tirupati on Monday, September 22, 2025. The event drew enthusiastic participation from USO Member Schools in and around Tirupati, reflecting a strong commitment to promoting extracurricular involvement among students.

The one-day festival, held from 9 am to 5 pm, provided students with a platform to showcase their talents. Students from participating USO Member Schools had the opportunity to compete in both individual and group competitions, all centered around USO's annual theme of SDG 4: Quality Education.

The individual competitions included:

- On-the-Spot Painting Competition
- Speech Competition

The group competitions were:

- Drama Competition
- Group Dance Competition
- Science Fair

A Day Where Ideas Take Center Stage

The Science Fair, curated as a full-day event, emerged as an immersive platform celebrating scientific creativity and exploration.

The Fest was inaugurated by Dr. N. Viswanatha Reddy, Chairman of Viswam Educational Institutions, who set an inspiring tone for the day's activities. The Prize Distribution Ceremony was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Shri K.V.N. Kumar Garu, DEO, Tirupati, adding further prestige to the event.

USO sincerely thanks Mr. Viswachandan Reddy, Director, Viswam Educational Institutions, Tirupati, for his leadership in making the Fest a success. Special appreciation also goes to the teachers, volunteer students, and various other staff from Viswam School, whose support ensured its smooth execution.



Scan the QR Code to see highlights
of the USO Inter Schools Fest 2025
held at Viswam School, Tirupati

This USO Activity Has Just Concluded



General Conference & All- India Schools Festival

The 62nd General Conference and All-India Schools Festival was successfully conducted in Pulivendula, Andhra Pradesh, from September 26-29, 2025, at the Integrated Skill Training Academy. The Conference, based on the theme of SDG 4: Quality Education, aligned with USO's 75-year theme of "Empower, Educate, Evolve".

The event welcomed school student and teacher delegations.

- Students from Std. 6-12 (maximum 10) and 3 teachers per school, or
- Teacher-only delegations (maximum 2 teachers per school).

Various competitions were conducted to enhance participants' skills and confidence, including:

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

A Festival Where Learning Meets Celebration

The Conference Inauguration Ceremony was graced by Sri G. Chinnaiah, Revenue Divisional Officer as Chief Guest and Dr. A V S S Kumara Swami Gupta, Director, IIIT as Guest of Honour, and the esteemed EC members.

During the four-day Conference, delegates participated in an IT Hour workshop conducted by Mr. Nikhil Bimbrahw, Vice President, USO, while students took part in a wide range of competitions, showcasing their creativity, talent, and skills.

The Closing Ceremony was graced by Sri Bhumi Reddy Ramgopal Reddy, MLC, as Chief Guest and Sri Shashi Bhushan Reddy, Director, AP Mark Fed, as Guest of Honour. USO extends its heartfelt thanks to Mr. D. Bhanu Prakash, EC Member of USO and CEO of Sree Vidyadhari School, Pulivendula, for his invaluable efforts in conducting the General Conference and making it a resounding success.



Scan the QR Code to watch a video of highlights of the 62nd General Conference & All-India Schools Festival

Ongoing Activity

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



Biosphere Reserve Champions

Biosphere Reserve Champions is a national program for Std. 6-12 students to explore environmental topics and create projects that promote conservation and community responsibility.

The 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 program is divided into two phases:

- Phase I: Awareness and Research
 - Part I – Webinar Series
 - Part II – Community Clean-up Drive
- Phase II: Innovation and Action
 - Part I – Model Biosphere & Exhibition
 - Part II – National Competition

Explore, Research, Express

After successfully completing Phase I, the Biosphere Reserve Champions program has now progressed to Phase II. This phase builds on the awareness, knowledge, and practical experience gained by the students, further fostering their engagement in environmental conservation and community-oriented initiatives.

Phase II: Innovation and Action

Part 2: National Competition (September 10, 2025 - November 10, 2025)

After successfully creating their models, students actively applied their learning by designing an ideal Biosphere Reserve. Each model incorporated key concepts from the webinars, such as core, buffer, and transition zones, biodiversity conservation, relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), sustainable practices, and the integration of local or regional ecological and community knowledge.

To showcase these efforts, each school organized an exhibition, where all models were displayed. Following the exhibition, schools were tasked with selecting the most outstanding model based on key criteria such as innovation, scientific accuracy, creativity, and clarity of presentation.

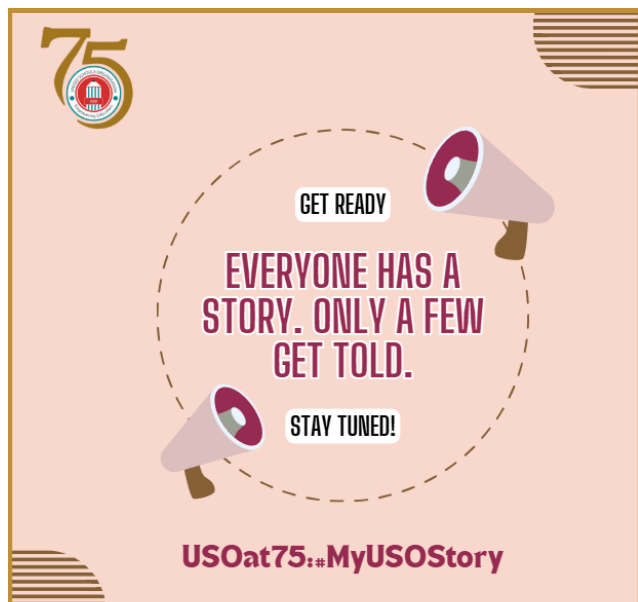
The selected team will now create a short video of their model for submission to USO, marking their entry into the National Competition stage of Phase II.



Scan the QR Code to
know more about this unique program
for school students nationally

Ongoing Activity

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.
- All participants receive a Digital Certificate of Participation.
- The top 5 entries in each category win exciting USO goodies.

Submit your video to: **USOat75eusoindia.org**
Subject line: **#MyUSOStory**



Scan the QR Code to
know more

Ongoing Activities



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

USO Club

Join. Participate. Lead.

The USO Club is a unique platform where students and educators across India participate in national programs, showcase talents, and develop leadership skills. We were delighted to see schools engaging enthusiastically in diverse activities and sharing creative USO Club Fame Wall photos, which we truly appreciated.

As part of the annual cycle, schools were requested to submit their Mid-Year Report by 15th September using the template provided by USO. We sincerely thank all the schools that submitted their reports on time, as these reports gave us valuable insights into the efforts being made at the school level.

However, we understood that some schools were unable to send their reports by the deadline due to temporary closures and unavoidable circumstances. To support them, the deadline was extended to 30th September. Schools that had not yet submitted were requested to make use of this extension and complete the submission.

Webinar #6:

Supporting Siblings of Special-Abled Children: Their Role and Challenges

USO continued its 'Beyond Boundaries: Understanding Special Needs' webinar series with an insightful session titled 'Supporting Siblings of Special-Abled Children: Their Role and Challenges' led by Special Educator, Ms. Lavanya Sharma. In this session, Ms. Lavanya focused on supporting siblings of specially-abled children, highlighting their vital role and the challenges they face. She emphasized recognizing siblings as key partners in care and inclusion, noting how they often take on roles of companionship, responsibility, and advocacy while navigating emotional ups and downs. The session encouraged parents and educators to offer emotional support, open communication, and individual attention. Practical strategies to build empathy, resilience, and family balance were shared, emphasizing that supporting siblings strengthens overall family well-being.



Scan the QR Code to watch our #6 webinar session

Upcoming Activity



The poster features a yellow background with purple and orange decorative borders. At the top, there are two logos: a large '75' with the USO logo inside the '5', and the USO logo for special schools. Below the logos, the text 'USO HOUSE' is in orange and 'DIWALI MELA' is in large purple letters. Underneath, it says '- Celebrate Diwali with a cause -' and 'Shop creations made by talented special school students.' A white rounded rectangle contains the dates 'Tuesday, 14 October, 2025' and 'Wednesday, 15 October, 2025' with the time '10AM - 5 PM'. At the bottom, the address is listed: 'UNITED SCHOOLS ORGANISATION OF INDIA, USO HOUSE, USO ROAD, 6, SPECIAL INSTITUTIONAL AREA, NEW DELHI - 110 067'. The footer of the poster includes contact information: 'T: (011) 4106-8486 / 4165-1103 M: 98100-46619' and 'E: specialschools@usoindia.org; W: usoindia.org'.

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Key Observances



International Day of Non-Violence October 02

Since 2007, the International Day of Non-Violence is observed every year on 2 October, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday. It spreads the message of peace, tolerance, and understanding worldwide. Non-violence is emphasized as a universal principle and a tool to resolve conflicts. Despite global efforts, violence and injustice persist, making non-violence vital for peaceful societies.

Theme: For 2025, the anticipated UN theme is 'Fostering Global Solidarity Through Non-Violence.' It focuses on unity, peaceful dialogue, and compassionate action against all forms of violence. The theme highlights non-violent approaches to resolving global conflicts and inequalities. It underscores the urgent need to build a more harmonious and just world.

Purpose: The day reaffirms non-violence as a guiding principle in life and international relations. It promotes policies and initiatives that advance peace, justice, and equality. The day addresses hate speech, conflict, and discrimination. It reminds the world that non-violence is both moral and practical for lasting change.

Importance: The day re-establishes peace and tolerance as society's foundations. Non-violence now includes dialogue, empathy, and global cooperation. It reduces conflicts, nurtures respect, and strengthens unity. By promoting non-violence, it builds inclusive, just, and sustainable communities.



World Mental Health Day October 10

World Mental Health Day is observed each year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health issues worldwide and to mobilize efforts in support of mental well-being. It reminds us that mental health is a universal human right and an essential part of overall health. Governments, healthcare providers, communities, and individuals must work together to create supportive environments where mental health is understood, promoted, and protected.

Theme: The 2025 World Mental Health Day theme, 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right', emphasizes that everyone deserves access to quality mental health care, support, and understanding, free from stigma and discrimination. It calls for global action to close gaps in awareness, services, and opportunities for those experiencing mental health challenges.

Purpose: The purpose of this day is to promote investment in mental health care. It strengthens education, awareness, and prevention. WHO and global partners lead these initiatives. It inspires action to safeguard well-being worldwide.

Importance: It reduces stigma and fosters open dialogue. It ensures dignity and equality for all people. Since mental health is vital for peace and progress, this day unites us in supporting resilience and care.

Key Observances



World Food Day October 16

World Food Day 2025 will be observed on October 16th to raise awareness about nutrition, the importance of sustainable food systems, and the need to reduce food waste. This annual event, originating from the founding of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), also marks the FAO's 80th anniversary.

Theme: The World Food Day 2025 theme, 'Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future,' marks FAO's 80th anniversary. It highlights global cooperation and the role of all governments to individuals in building sustainable food systems and ensuring access to healthy diets.

Purpose: World Food Day 2025 aims to foster global collaboration to build a peaceful, sustainable, and prosperous food-secure future. The purpose is to raise awareness about hunger, malnutrition, and food waste, promoting sustainable food systems and healthy diets to protect people and the planet. It also encourages individuals, communities, and governments to take active steps toward creating equitable and resilient food systems for all.

Importance: This observance highlights global collaboration for a sustainable, food-secure future. It calls for partnerships to end hunger, support small farmers, reduce food waste, encourages actions to reduce food waste, and promotes healthy and sustainable diets. At the same time, it calls for measures that protect the environment, ensuring that food systems contribute to a healthier planet and equitable development for future generations.



United Nations Day October 24

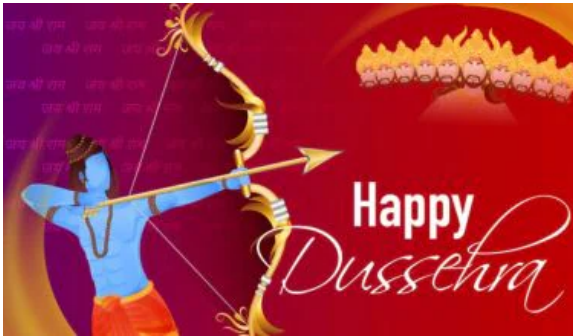
The United Nations Day is observed annually on October 24 to commemorate the founding of the United Nations in 1945. In 2025, the UN marks its 80th anniversary, celebrating eight decades of promoting peace, human rights, social progress, and sustainable development worldwide.

Theme: The UN Day 2025 theme is "Promoting Peace, Unity, and Global Partnerships". This theme serves to highlight the UN's ongoing work in promoting global unity, international cooperation, and advancements in human rights and sustainable development.

Purpose: United Nations Day serves to reflect on the organization's achievements and challenges over the past eight decades. It underscores the importance of collective action in addressing global issues such as climate change, poverty, and conflict. The day encourages member states and civil society to reaffirm their commitment to the principles and purposes of the UN Charter.

Importance: The observance of United Nations Day is crucial in promoting awareness about the UN's role in maintaining international peace and security, advancing human rights, and fostering social and economic development. It serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to uphold the values of the United Nations and work towards a more just and peaceful world. It encourages everyone to contribute to global cooperation, sustainable development, and human dignity.

INDIAN FESTIVALS



Dussehra October 02

Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami, will be celebrated on Thursday, October 2, 2025, marking one of the most significant festivals in the Indian calendar. The festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, truth over falsehood, and righteousness over injustice. It symbolizes the triumph of Lord Rama over the demon king Ravana, who kidnapped Sita, and also commemorates Goddess Durga's victory over the demon Mahishasura, representing the power of good forces over evil.

Across India, Dussehra is celebrated with great joy and devotion. In North India, Ramlila performances end with the burning of Ravana's effigy, symbolizing the victory of good over evil. In Eastern India, Durga Puja concludes with grand processions bidding farewell to Goddess Durga, while in the South, Ayudha Puja is observed by worshipping tools, books, and instruments in reverence to knowledge and work.

Dussehra also inspires moral and spiritual reflection. It reminds people to overcome their inner negativity—anger, greed, ego, and hatred—and embrace virtues such as truth, compassion, and humility. It encourages unity, harmony, and faith in the eventual triumph of goodness.

As families gather to celebrate, exchange sweets, and watch the night sky light up with fireworks, Dussehra stands as a timeless message that no matter how strong evil may appear, goodness, truth, and virtue will always prevail in the end.



Diwali October 20

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, will be celebrated on Monday, October 20, 2025. It is one of India's most cherished festivals, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

The festival commemorates Lord Rama's return to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile and his triumph over the demon king, Ravana. It is also associated with Goddess Durga and Lord Krishna in various regions, highlighting the universal message of righteousness prevailing over evil.

Homes, streets, and temples are decorated with diyas, lights, flowers, and rangoli. People exchange sweets, offer prayers to Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesha, and enjoy fireworks, spreading happiness, positivity, and festive cheer.

Across India, Diwali is celebrated in diverse ways: in the North with Lakshmi Puja; in the South with Ayudha Puja; and in the East, especially West Bengal, with Kali Puja. Despite regional differences, the festival's core message remains the triumph of good over evil and the power of inner light.

Diwali is a time for family, forgiveness, and reflection, inspiring people to let go of negativity and embrace hope, generosity, and new beginnings. The festival promotes unity, harmony, and gratitude, illuminating not just homes, but hearts and minds.

Submit An Article

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

LANGUAGE ♦ English or Hindi	LENGTH ♦ 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

October, November, December

October 2025

- **Oct 8:** Dental Health Checkup Camp at USO Co-Action Learning Centre
- **Oct 14:** USO House Diwali Mela
- **Oct 15:** USO House Diwali Mela
- **Oct 24:** USO National Tests 2025 Result Declaration
- **Oct 31:** Webinar #7 (Beyond Boundaries series)
Topic: Early Intervention and Success Stories.

November 2025

- **Nov 10:** Biosphere Reserve Champions – Result Declaration Ceremony (Online & Website) on World Science Day for Peace and Development.
- **Nov 19:** Health Checkup Camp at USO Co-Action Learning Centre
- **Nov 28:** Webinar #8 (Beyond Boundaries series)
Topic: Creating a Supportive Home Environment for Specially-Abled Children

December 2025

- **Dec 3:** Beyond Boundaries Dance E- Festival Launch
- **Dec 11:** Eye Checkup Camp at USO Co-Action Learning Centre
- **Dec 26:** Webinar #9 (Beyond Boundaries series)
Topic: Social Inclusion and Friendships: Helping Specially-Abled Students Build Relationships

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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