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Fun Fact About USO

To mark its 75th milestone, USO launched **USO@75: Seventy-Five Sparks** - a year-long series of meaningful initiatives celebrating its legacy and shaping the future.



Focused Minds, Confident Futures

As February unfolds, it brings with it a season of focus, preparation, and perseverance. For many students, this is a time of revising lessons learned, managing nerves, and giving their best in examinations—reminding us that every small step of effort adds up to meaningful progress.

In schools, classrooms become spaces of quiet concentration and thoughtful support. Teachers guide, parents encourage, and peers motivate one another, creating an environment where confidence grows alongside competence and learning goes beyond marks and results.

As students move through this important academic milestone, USO encourages them to stay calm, stay focused, and trust the journey. Every sincere effort counts, and every challenge faced with courage becomes a step toward growth and success.

- **USO Team** -
75 Years of Supporting Holistic Education

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75 GLORIOUS YEARS OF USO: FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



USO Club Member Schools will earn 10 points by celebrating USO Founder's Day through a community service initiative.

Founder's Day Commemoration at USO House

Every year on 27 January, the United Schools Organisation of India (USO) observes Founder's Day to honour its Founder, Late Mr. Jiya Lal Jain, on his birth anniversary. Established in 1951, USO has remained steadfast in promoting the ideals of the United Nations among school students across the country, fostering values of peace, global citizenship, responsibility, and active engagement.

This year's observance held special significance as USO celebrated its 75th Anniversary, making the occasion even more meaningful. The milestone reflected the organisation's enduring journey of service in education and its continued commitment to shaping socially responsible and globally conscious young minds.

The event was held at USO House in the presence of Shri Gajainder Singh Yadav, Hon'ble MLA, Mehrauli, South District, as the Chief Guest, along with members of the USO Executive Council, and was also telecast live on USO's YouTube channel. The programme began with a Shradhanjali to Late Mr. Jiya Lal Jain, creating a solemn atmosphere to honour the Founder's vision and legacy. The commemoration renewed USO's resolve to uphold the Founder's ideals and mission.

Celebrating Young Voices and the Founder's Legacy

The celebration featured heartfelt performances by students of the USO Co-Action Learning Centre (CLC), who expressed their thoughts and creativity through poems and speeches. Their confident presentations reflected growing awareness, self-expression, and the strong values nurtured through education. The students' participation added warmth and vibrancy to the programme, clearly highlighting the positive impact of USO's inclusive and learner-centred initiatives.

Students were further motivated through a prize distribution ceremony, where their enthusiasm, efforts, and achievements were acknowledged and celebrated. The Founder's Day programme stood as a meaningful tribute to the enduring legacy of Late Mr. Jiya Lal Jain, while reaffirming USO's unwavering commitment to educating and empowering young minds. As the event concluded, it strengthened the organisation's resolve to carry forward the Founder's ideals and continue building a brighter, more inclusive future through education.



Scan the QR Code to watch Founder's Day video

USO@75: Seventy-Five Sparks Concluded Activities

75 USO@75: Seventy-Five Sparks
Small moments. Lasting impact. A legacy of learning.

CONSTITUTION AWARENESS QUIZ
Republic Day Special
Celebrating the Spirit of the Indian Constitution

Understanding the Constitution can feel complex, but learning about it does not have to be overwhelming. This activity will help students explore the Indian Constitution in a meaningful way, strengthening their understanding of its values, Fundamental Rights and Duties, and democratic principles while fostering informed and responsible citizenship.

For
Students of Std 6-12

Quiz Week
Jan 20 - 27, 2026

How

- USO Member schools request the quiz through an online form.
- Quiz consists of 30 multiple-choice questions with answer keys.
- Teachers may conduct anytime at their schools during Constitution Awareness Week.
- Teachers to share list of participating students and photographs for record and recognition.

Accolades

- Participation E-Certificates for all students who answer correctly.
- USO Goodies for participating teachers and principals.

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USO MEMBER SCHOOL
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FROM WORRY TO WINNING
Managing Exam Stress the Healthy Way

Exams can feel overwhelming—but stress does not have to control your performance. This session will help students understand exam anxiety and learn simple, healthy ways to manage pressure, build confidence, and perform at their best.

A special 1-hour student session to help you stay calm, focused, and confident right before exams.

Because exams test knowledge, but mindset decides performance.

Sat, Jan 31, 2026
11 AM
Join us LIVE on YouTube

DR. RIDIMA KAMAL

Dr. Ridima is an expert in students' mental well-being and exam readiness, public health leader, BDS, MPH, PhD pursuing.

Constitution Awareness Quiz

The Constitution Awareness Quiz, organised as part of Republic Day 2026 and USO's 75th Anniversary celebrations, has now been successfully conducted by schools across India, reflecting strong participation and coordination at the school level. With registrations from 20 States and 1 Union Territory, the programme achieved wide national outreach, bringing together diverse school communities, including special schools, in a shared celebration of constitutional values.

Schools reported high levels of student engagement, with learners actively participating in quiz activities and discussions that deepened their understanding of the Indian Constitution, its values, fundamental rights, and duties. The initiative created a meaningful and enriching learning experience, fostering civic awareness, respect for democratic principles, and a stronger sense of responsible citizenship among students. The programme marked a meaningful step in nurturing informed and responsible young citizens.

From Worry to Winning Student Webinar

An online student webinar titled 'From Worry to Winning: Managing Exam Stress the Healthy Way' was successfully conducted to support students during the exam season. The session was led by Dr. Ridima Kamal and focused on helping learners understand exam stress and manage it in healthy, practical ways.

The webinar witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and teachers from schools across India, who joined the live session online. She shared simple, practical techniques such as breathing exercises, healthy study routines, and positive self-talk to help manage anxiety, encouraging students to stay calm, confident, and view examinations as part of the learning journey rather than a measure of self-worth. The webinar left students feeling supported, calmer, and more confident about the exam journey ahead.



Scan the QR Code to watch the webinar session

Ongoing Initiatives for Special Schools

USO
is pleased to introduce

ACCESSABILITY SERIES
A Special Edition of USO National Tests For Specially-Abled Students Across India

Beyond Boundaries
DANCE E-FESTIVAL

A Nationwide Dance Competition for students from Special Schools

USO Club Member Schools will earn 15 USO Club Points for participation.

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

USO National Tests AccessAbility Series

The AccessAbility Series continues to provide an inclusive, ability-appropriate assessment platform for specially-abled students through the Functional Math Test and the Social & Life Readiness Test. Schools across regions are now actively registering students for the upcoming assessments, reaffirming their commitment to equitable learning opportunities.

In preparation for the tests, schools and teachers are supporting students by helping them understand the assessment content and format in a child-friendly manner. The preparatory support is helping students feel more confident and at ease during assessments.



Beyond Boundaries: Dance E-Festival

The second edition of Beyond Boundaries: Dance E-Festival has entered an exciting phase, with schools from across regions actively submitting their performance videos for Phase I. The virtual festival continues to provide a national platform for students to express themselves through dance, celebrating creativity, confidence, and cultural diversity across solo and group categories.

All submitted entries will be carefully reviewed by the panel of judges, who will shortlist standout performances for Phase II - Live Performances. The shortlisted participants will advance to the next stage, where they will get the opportunity to perform live and gain wider recognition for their talent and dedication.

The journey from screen to stage has begun, and young performers are already making their mark. The live performance phase now awaits, promising an exciting showcase of talent and passion.

Ongoing Activities



USO Club

Join. Participate. Lead.

With the final term now underway, USO Club member schools across India are actively taking up their remaining club activities, with a strong focus on thematic initiatives such as Environment, Water, Education, Health, and Peace. Schools are also carrying out activities linked to USO Founder’s Day, including community service drives, local clean-up initiatives, and outreach efforts that promote social responsibility and empathy among students.

As these engagements progress, schools are preparing to submit their final-year USO Club reports, capturing the learning, participation, and impact created through the year. The ongoing activities continue to strengthen teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills among students, while celebrating active citizenship and meaningful student participation.

Together, these ongoing activities continue to nurture socially responsible, confident, and action-oriented young leaders, keeping the spirit of the USO Club vibrant till the very end of the academic year.

Webinar #10:

Self Care of Care Givers

USO continued its Beyond Boundaries: Understanding Special Needs webinar series with a session on ‘Self Care of Care Givers’, featuring Dr. K. V. S. Rao, a leading expert in inclusive education and child development.

In this session, Dr. Rao emphasized that the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of caregivers is fundamental to providing effective support to children with special needs. He discussed practical and realistic approaches to coping with stress, avoiding burnout, and achieving a healthy balance between personal life and caregiving duties. Dr. Rao encouraged caregivers to actively seek help when needed, build supportive networks, and practice self-compassion. He also reinforced that prioritizing one’s own health is not a luxury, but a necessity for sustained and meaningful caregiving.



Scan the QR Code to watch #10 webinar session

UN Key Observances



International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation February 6

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is observed every year on February 6. This day raises awareness about the harmful practice of female genital mutilation and promotes efforts to end it worldwide. It highlights the need to protect the health, rights, and dignity of girls and women. The day encourages governments, communities, and individuals to speak out against FGM and work together to ensure a safe, healthy, and equal future for all girls.

Theme: The year theme, ‘No End to FGM Without Sustained Commitment and Investment, highlights the need for long-term engagement and support from governments, communities, organisations, and individuals to help end female genital mutilation and protect the rights of girls and women everywhere.

Purpose: The purpose of the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is to raise awareness about the harmful effects of FGM and to promote action to end this practice. It aims to protect the health, rights, and dignity of girls and women worldwide and encourage communities to support gender equality and human rights.

Importance: Importance of this day lies in reminding the world that female genital mutilation is a violation of human rights. It encourages global efforts to stop this harmful practice, protect girls from violence, and ensure their right to live safely, healthily, and with dignity.



International Day of Women and Girls in Science February 11

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is observed every year on February 11 to recognise the important role that women and girls play in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). This day highlights the need to promote equal access to education and careers in science and to encourage girls to participate fully in scientific and technological fields.

Theme: This year’s theme, ‘Synergizing AI, Social Science, STEM and Finance: Building Inclusive Futures for Women and Girls,’ highlights the need to reduce gender gaps in science and innovation. It focuses on combining technology, social insights, education, and finance to empower women and girls and ensure their full and equitable participation in science and technology.

Purpose: The purpose of this day is to promote full and equal access to science education and careers for women and girls. It aims to inspire young girls to pursue scientific studies, reduce gender stereotypes, and support policies that encourage gender equality in STEM fields.

Importance: This day is important because empowering women and girls in science contributes to innovation, sustainable development, and social progress. When women and girls are equally involved in science, societies benefit from diverse ideas, stronger research, and a better future for all.

Key Observances



World Day of Social Justice February 20

The World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on February 20 to promote fairness, equality, and justice for all people in society. The day highlights the need to address issues such as poverty, unemployment, social exclusion, and discrimination. It encourages governments and communities to work together to create equal opportunities and protect human rights. This day reminds us that social justice is essential for peace, development, and a more inclusive world.

Theme: This year’s theme, ‘Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps for Social Justice,’ highlights the need to reduce social and economic inequalities. It focuses on inclusive policies, decent work, and strengthened social protections to empower marginalized groups and build a fairer, more equitable society.

Purpose: The purpose of World Day of Social Justice is to raise awareness about social inequalities and promote fairness, equality, and justice in society. It encourages action to reduce poverty, discrimination, and exclusion, and to ensure equal rights, opportunities, and dignity for all people. The day calls for collective action to build inclusive systems and uphold dignity and equality for all.

Importance: The importance of World Day of Social Justice lies in reminding us that a fair and equal society is essential for peace and sustainable development. It highlights the need to address inequality, protect human rights, and ensure equal opportunities so that everyone can live with dignity and inclusion.



International Mother Language Day February 21

International Mother Language Day is observed every year on 21 February to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. The day highlights the importance of mother languages in education, communication, and preserving cultural identity. It encourages people to respect and protect all languages, especially those at risk of disappearing, reminding us that languages are key to understanding, inclusion, and unity among communities.

Theme: This year’s theme, ‘Youth Voices on Multilingual Education,’ highlights the vital role of young people in preserving and promoting language diversity. It emphasizes the need for education systems that support learners’ languages and use technology to foster inclusion and cultural understanding.

Purpose: The purpose of International Mother Language Day is to promote linguistic diversity and encourage the preservation and use of all mother languages. It aims to support inclusive education, respect cultural identity, and strengthen understanding and unity among people through language.

Importance: The importance of International Mother Language Day lies in recognizing that languages are key to culture, identity, and communication. It helps protect endangered languages, promotes inclusion in education, and encourages respect for cultural diversity, leading to greater understanding and unity in society.

Article

USO Club Member Schools will earn 5 USO Club Points for submitting a published article.



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The Ganges: The Soul of India

The Ganges also known as the River Ganga is approximately 2,525 km long, originating from the Gangotri Glacier in Uttarakhand. It flows through Indian states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal. It is not only a river that flows from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal, but is the symbol of purity, happiness and divinity which shows how rich the culture of India is. It is worshipped as the Goddess Ganga in Hinduism. She flows in the heart of the Indians.

She is home to approximately 140 species of fish, 90 species of amphibians and also includes critically endangered animals such as the "South Asian River Dolphin." The Ganga Basin is one of the most populous basin in the world supporting over 400 million people.

The Ganga aarti is one of the most important and popular ceremonies of the Hindu faith. It is a ceremony to thank God and honor the Goddess Ganga, who is revered as the divine mother and life-giver in Hinduism. It is said that those who take a dive in her, gets free from the cycle of life and death. Though she is considered as a river of purity, her physical appearance clearly illustrates how we are taking care of one of the important place which is continuously involved in the past three yugs.

There are several industries which release their waste in River Ganga and harm the aquatic life by polluting the river. Also large amounts of solid waste, including plastic bags and bottles are dumped directly into the river, harming aquatic life and ecosystem. Fertilizers and pesticides from farms wash along the river leads to human waste, and millions of people bath, wash their clothes, and wash vehicles in the river, further contaminating it.

So it is our responsibility to take care of her and maintain cleanliness of so that she can again flow with purity.

During the last few years, there are some important initiatives and schemes launched by the Government of India such as GANGA ACTION PLAN and NAMAMI GANGE PROGRAMME to ensure that River Ganga is pure physically. Today we are getting the good results of those schemes launched by the Government of India for River Ganga. We are becoming successful by abating pollution and rejuvenating the waters of Ganga.

So it is our duty to take care of River Ganga who gave us the countless blessings. Just like how she supports our survival, let us provide something to her because in order to have the purpose fulfilled, sometimes we have to live for others.



Valley View School, Jamshedpur, is a long-standing USO Member School actively participating in USO activities. USO regularly submits articles from its Member Schools to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (Namami Gange), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, for publication in their newsletter. This is one such contribution.



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

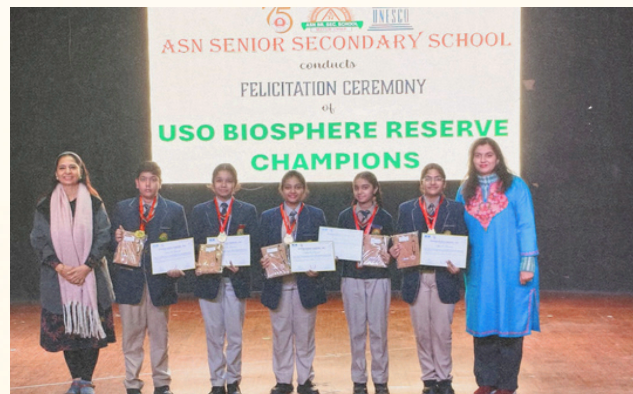
<p>LANGUAGE</p> <p>◆ English or Hindi</p>	<p>LENGTH</p> <p>◆ One page only</p>
<p>TITLE</p> <p>◆ Give your article a nice title</p>	<p>WRITER'S PHOTO</p> <p>◆ Include a clear photo of the author (JPEG or PNG format)</p>

SCHOOL'S CORNER

USO National Test - Winners' Felicitation Photos



Biosphere Reserve Champions - Winners' Felicitation Photos



USO Activities Calendar For Schools February, March, April

February 2026

- **Feb 16:** Beyond Boundaries Dance E- Festival Phase 2 starts
- **Feb 27:** Webinar #11 (Beyond Boundaries series)
Topic: Employment: Opportunities and Workplace Inclusivity
- **Feb 28:** End of Final Test window (AccessAbility Series)

March 2026

- **Mar 13:** Beyond Boundaries Dance E- Festival Winner announcement
- **Mar 27:** Webinar #12 (Beyond Boundaries series)
Topic: Breaking Stereotypes: Addressing Myths and Misconceptions about Disabilities and Accessibility

April 2026

- **Apr 1:** Registration of USO Membership starts
- **Apr 1:** Registration of USO Club starts
- **April 22:** Art For Change - National Painting Competition for Schools

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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