



## Moments of Rest, Paths of Growth

With the academic session gaining pace and schools gradually closing for the summer break, May becomes a time to pause, reflect, and recharge. It offers students a well-deserved opportunity to step away from routines, while carrying forward the learnings and experiences of the past weeks.

Across schools, the transition into vacation is marked by a sense of accomplishment and anticipation. While classrooms begin to quieten, the spirit of learning continues beyond school walls - through exploration, creativity, and new experiences. Teachers, too, prepare for the months ahead, reflecting on progress and planning meaningful learning journeys.

At this juncture, USO encourages every learner and educator to make the most of this time, balancing rest with curiosity and growth. May this break inspire fresh perspectives, renewed energy, and a readiness to return with greater enthusiasm for the journey ahead.

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

### USO@75: Seventy-Five Sparks

<b>Our Goal</b> 75 Sparks	<b>Achieved</b> 35 Sparks	<b>To Go</b> 40 Sparks
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Sparks are 75 meaningful initiatives engaging students, teachers, and schools - promoting inclusivity, innovation, and social awareness.

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# USO Goes Global: STEM Capacity Building in China



## At the UNESCO Science Workshop, China

As part of an international capacity-building initiative USO participated in the 2026 International Workshop on Capacity Building for Science Education Practice and the Launch of the UNESCO Science Clubs Network – Asia-Pacific Edition, held in Beijing, China from 25 to 29 April 2026.

Organised in support of the United Nations International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024–2033), the workshop focused on strengthening global cooperation and advancing science education practices. It was hosted by UNESCO, the World Organization for Science Literacy, the China Science and Technology Museum, and the Chinese Association of Natural Science Museums, and co-hosted by BOE Technology Group Co. Ltd. The initiative also encouraged cross-cultural exchange of ideas, strengthening global perspectives in science education.

## Key Learnings & Global Exposure

The five-day workshop offered a rich learning experience through expert sessions, hands-on activities, group work, and field visits, focusing on STEAM education, AI integration, and STEM practices aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Participants also explored key landmarks in Beijing, including the Palace Museum, gaining insights into China's cultural heritage.

The workshop highlighted the importance of experiential learning, integration of STEAM and AI, development of critical thinking and innovation, and the value of global collaboration and cultural exchange.

The experience strengthened understanding of modern science education practices while promoting innovation, cultural awareness, and international cooperation. USO will draw from these learnings and strive to implement them in its educational initiatives and programmes.

## Ongoing Activities



### USO Membership For School

Step into the USO School Membership 2026–2027 and unlock a vibrant journey of learning, creativity, innovation, and national-level exposure for your entire school community.

From participation in exciting competitions and inspiring workshops to impactful initiatives and collaborative platforms, USO membership empowers students and educators to explore new ideas, build essential skills, and excel beyond the classroom.

Join USO to showcase your school on a national stage, gain exclusive opportunities and recognition, and nurture confident, future-ready learners through holistic development, leadership, and meaningful engagement.

**For all schools**

**1 Year: ₹ 250**  
**4 Years: ₹ 900**

**For Government & Special Schools**

**1 Year: ₹200**  
**4 Years: ₹750**



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### USO Club Join. Participate. Lead.

The USO Club, a flagship initiative of USO, is now open for its second cycle, continuing to offer an engaging platform for students and educators to connect, collaborate, and participate in national-level experiences.

Exclusively for USO Member Schools, the Club provides access to a wide range of initiatives, activities, and programmes designed to help students build confidence, develop essential skills, and showcase their talents.

Participation in the Club follows a structured point system, where schools are recognised and rewarded based on their level of engagement. Registration is free for all USO Member Schools.

**Discover the Impact of the USO Club in Schools Across India.**

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Scan the QR Code to join the USO Club

# Ongoing Activities



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

## Webinar #2 What to Use & When

USO will continue its Smart School Series with Webinar #2 'AI Tools for Schools: What to Use & When,' designed to help educators and school leaders navigate the growing landscape of AI in education.

In this session, the speaker will present a practical overview of widely used AI tools and their applications across teaching, learning, and administration. The focus will be on identifying the right tools for specific needs - such as lesson planning, content creation, assessments, and student engagement.

Participants will also gain insights into selecting tools based on age-appropriateness, learning goals, and usability. The session will emphasize responsible AI usage, including data privacy and academic integrity, while guiding educators on balancing technology with human-led instruction. Through examples and discussions, the webinar will encourage schools to adopt AI thoughtfully and build a balanced, future-ready learning environment.



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## Art For Change Young Minds, Big Impact

Following the launch of Art for Change on the occasion of World Art Day, schools across the country have now begun actively conducting the competition at their respective campuses.

Students from both regular and special schools are participating with great enthusiasm, expressing their ideas on environmental themes through diverse and creative artworks. The initiative is fostering imagination while encouraging awareness, empathy, and a sense of responsibility towards building a more sustainable future.

Teachers and coordinators are actively guiding students throughout the process, creating an inclusive and engaging platform for expression. Schools are also witnessing strong participation, reflecting the growing interest in combining art with meaningful social themes. Completed artworks are now being carefully compiled and sent to USO via courier for further evaluation at the national level.



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### USO School Leadership Awards 2026

Under the USO@75 Spark initiative, USO is presenting the USO School Leadership Conclave & Excellence Awards 2026, a national platform to recognise and celebrate outstanding school leaders shaping the future of education in India. Launched on May 1, 2026, on the occasion of Principal's Day, the initiative is honouring excellence in leadership, innovation, student-centric practices, community impact, and inclusive education.

Open to principals, directors, founders, and leaders from inclusive and special schools across the country, the platform is offering opportunities for national recognition, peer learning, and meaningful professional networking. Nominations are being invited from May 1 to May 21, 2026.

The conclave and awards ceremony is being held on June 26, 2026, at USO House, New Delhi, bringing together education leaders for insightful sessions, collaborative discussions, and the celebration of exemplary contributions to the field of education.



### Free Eye Camp at USO House

USO is organising a Free Eye Check-Up Camp at USO House in collaboration with Venu Eye Institute as part of its 75th Anniversary initiatives, extending essential healthcare support to the community. As part of USO@75: Seventy-Five Sparks, this initiative reflects a series of meaningful activities engaging communities through impactful outreach. The camp is being conducted for the USO fraternity, neighbouring offices, and underprivileged individuals, reinforcing USO's commitment to community well-being.

Comprehensive eye screenings and expert consultations are being conducted, with participants receiving guidance on eye health, digital eye care, and preventive practices. The initiative continues to support early detection of vision concerns, with necessary follow-up advice being offered, ensuring accessible and impactful healthcare outreach.

Date	Friday, May 8, 2026
Time	9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Venue	USO House, USO Road, 6, Special Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110067
Participants	USO community and nearby offices

## UN Key Observances



### World Press Freedom Day 3 May

World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on May 3 to raise awareness about the importance of freedom of the press and the right to freedom of expression. It is led by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which works to promote press freedom and protect journalists worldwide.

**Theme:** The theme for this year is 'Shaping a Future at Peace,' reflecting the evolving relationship between journalism, technology, civic space, and human rights in today's information landscape, where the boundaries between these domains are increasingly interconnected and dynamic, shaping how information is created, shared, and accessed globally.

**Purpose:** The day aims to emphasize the significance of a free, independent, and unbiased media in a democratic society. It encourages journalists to report truthfully without fear and promotes ethical journalism. It also raises awareness about the challenges faced by media professionals, including censorship, threats, and violence.

**Importance:** World Press Freedom Day plays an important role in strengthening democracy and safeguarding human rights. It promotes transparency and accountability in governance and institutions. A free press ensures that citizens receive correct and reliable information, helps expose corruption and injustice, and empowers people to make informed decisions. Ultimately, it supports the development of a fair, aware, and responsible society.



### International Day of Families 15 May

International Day of Families is observed every year on May 15 to highlight the importance of families and their role in society. It was proclaimed by the United Nations to raise awareness about social, economic, and demographic issues affecting families worldwide.

**Theme:** The theme for this year is 'Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing,' reflecting how widening inequalities are shaping family life and influencing children's development and futures in today's society, where disparities in income, access, and opportunities continue to affect overall wellbeing.

**Purpose:** The main purpose of this day is to increase awareness about the challenges and opportunities faced by families in today's world. It encourages governments, organizations, and communities to develop effective policies and programs that ensure family welfare, provide social protection, and promote equal opportunities for all family members. It also aims to strengthen family-oriented initiatives and community support systems.

**Importance:** International Day of Families highlights the importance of strong family bonds and values like love, care, respect, and unity. It shows how healthy families support emotional, social, and moral development, contributing to a stable society. The day also reminds us to protect family well-being and create supportive environments for a more inclusive and caring world, while valuing and strengthening our family relationships.

## UN Key Observances



### International Day of UN Peacekeepers 29 May

International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed every year on May 29 to honour the dedication, courage, and sacrifice of peacekeepers who serve in conflict-affected regions around the world. It was established by the United Nations to recognize the important role played by military, police, and civilian personnel in maintaining international peace and security.

**Theme:** The theme for this year is 'The Future of Peacekeeping', reflecting the evolving nature of peace operations in an increasingly complex world, where changing global challenges require adaptive, modern, and collaborative approaches to maintaining peace and security.

**Purpose:** The day aims to pay tribute to all UN peacekeepers who have served and those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It also spreads awareness about the importance of peacekeeping operations in reducing conflicts, protecting human rights, and supporting nations in rebuilding after war.

**Importance:** International Day of UN Peacekeepers plays a crucial role in recognizing the efforts of peacekeepers in maintaining global peace and security. It reminds the world of the importance of unity, cooperation, and diplomacy among nations to prevent conflicts. The day also encourages respect and gratitude for peacekeepers who risk their lives to protect civilians and bring stability to troubled regions, contributing to a safer and more peaceful world.



### World No-Tobacco Day 31 May

World No-Tobacco Day is observed every year on May 31 to raise global awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and to encourage people to quit smoking and other tobacco products. It is led by the World Health Organization, which works to protect public health and reduce tobacco-related diseases worldwide.

**Theme:** The theme for this year is 'Unmask the Appeal – Countering Tobacco and Nicotine Addiction', highlighting how tobacco and nicotine products are designed to attract and hook young people, while emphasizing the need to expose these tactics, raise awareness, and break the cycle of addiction for a healthier and more informed future.

**Purpose:** The main purpose of this day is to educate people about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption, including diseases such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, and respiratory disorders. It also encourages governments to strengthen anti-tobacco laws, restrict advertising, and support programs that help people quit tobacco addiction.

**Importance:** World No-Tobacco Day plays a crucial role in raising awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco and protecting public health. It encourages people, especially youth, to avoid tobacco, promotes smoke-free environments, and supports efforts to reduce tobacco use. The day also highlights the importance of healthy lifestyle choices and reminds society to work together for a tobacco-free and healthier future.

# 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

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

## USO Activities Calendar For Schools May, June, July 2026

### May 2026

- **May 1:** Principal's Award Launch **(75 Sparks)**
- **May 8:** Free Eye Camp at USO House **(75 Sparks)**
- **May 9:** Smart School Series: AI Webinar #2
- **May 11:** National Technology Day **(75 Sparks)**
- **May 15:** End of Art for Change submission window
- **May 21:** International Tea Day **(75 Sparks)**
- **May 21:** Principal's Day Nomination Window Close

### June 2026

- **June 1:** National Tests Enrollment Starts
- **June 5:** Art for Change Result Announcement
- **June 5:** Tree Plantation Drive at USO House **(75 Sparks)**
- **June 13:** Smart School Series: AI Webinar #3
- **June 26:** Principal's Day Conclave & Awards Ceremony at USO House

### July 2026

- **July 1:** National Tests Registrations Ongoing
- **July 11:** Smart School Series: AI Webinar #4

## USO's Theme for 2026 - 2027

### 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 (for 2025-26 & 2026-27), 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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