

International Mathematical Olympiad

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About International Mathematical Olympiad:

- It is the **World Championship Mathematics** Competition for **High School students** and is held annually in a different country.
- The **first IMO** was held in **1959 in Romania**, with 7 countries participating. It has gradually expanded to over 100 countries from 5 continents.
- The IMO Board ensures that the competition takes place each year and that each host country observes the regulations and traditions of the IMO.
 - The IMO is a **self-governing autonomous organization**, though it is affiliated to UNESCO. Its Council is elected by participating countries, and is called the IMO Advisory Board.
 - The IMO foundation is a charitable organization **which accepts donations from organizations** which wish to support the IMO.
- This year it was the 65th IMO held at **Bath, United Kingdom**.
- **India's performance**

- This is the best performance by an Indian in IMO since the country's debut in **1989** both in terms of number of Gold medals won and rank achieved.
 - The Indian contingent of high school students came in fourth rank globally securing four Gold medals, one silver medal and one honourable mention.
 - India's previous best rank achieved until 2024 was rank 7 , at IMO 1998 and IMO 2001.
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Q1: What is UNESCO?

UNESCO stands for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN). The constitution, which entered into force in 1946, called for the promotion of international collaboration in education, science, and culture. The agency's permanent headquarters are in Paris, France.

Source: Indian bright sparks mark best performance at Maths Olympiad

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