

Report on World Heritage Day

Department of Geography

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Organised by – Department of Geography

Date – 10.06.2026

Time - 1pm-3pm

Venue – Victoria Memorial Hall, 1,Queens Way, Maidan, Kolkata, West Bengal 700071

Number of Participants –

Students – 24 (Semesters IV, Geography Major)

Teachers: 2

Brief Description of the Event

The Department of Geography organised an academic visit to the Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata on 10th June, 2026 to mark World Heritage Day. In the heart of Kolkata, where the historic Maidan meets Queens Way, stands the Victoria Memorial - a breathtaking marvel where India's colonial past meets its sovereign future. This architectural masterpiece, built between 1906 and 1921, spans an impressive 64 acres of meticulously curated gardens. Step through its grand halls and be transported through time as you explore its 25 distinct galleries. Marvel at the world's largest collection of Thomas and William Daniell's works, or lose yourself in rare illustrated Shakespeare volumes and Arabian Nights. History comes alive through artefacts from the Indian National Army, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's personal belongings, and the iconic uniform of the Rani Jhansi Regiment.

The event took the form of a guided curatorial walkthrough where the students and faculty were guided through key sections of the museum hall, including the Victoria gallery and the Kolkata gallery.

Learning Outcomes –

A deeper understanding of heritage as a dynamic and interpretive category. The ability to analyse visual and material culture as historical as well as geographical sources. Greater awareness of the historical evolution of British India and the city of Calcutta Development of critical thinking through participatory engagement. Familiarity with curatorial practices and museum-based knowledge production.

