

DARJEELING HILLS UNIVERSITY



WORLD HERITAGE DAY

Theme for 2026:

‘Emergency Response for Living Heritage in Contexts of Conflicts and Disasters’

**Department of History
Department of English**

Date; 20.04.2026

Time: 1:30 PM

**Venue: Conference Hall
Darjeeling Hills University**



Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/sXKAB7n7tJeRyyi68>

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Welcome Address - 1:30 P.M

Introduction to Heritage - 1:30-2:00 P.M

****Exhibition of ordinary objects - 2:00- 2:40 P.M**

Discussion - 2.40- 3:00 P.M

****Exhibition of Ordinary Objects**

Inspired by the Museum of Ordinary Objects developed by Harkat Studios (Bangalore), the Exhibition of Ordinary Objects aims to showcase personal stories behind everyday items contributed by the family circle of Darjeeling Hills University – students, staff, faculty – drawn from their homes, past, and communities.

These objects may include photographs, utensils, clothing, toys, letters, lanterns, old radios, musical instruments, ritual objects, festival decorations, sewing kits, old shoes, umbrellas, tickets, school bags, and any other household or community items.

The exhibition extends the definition of heritage beyond monumental ones, to stress the role of ordinary objects in protecting the cultural and lived experiences of people during times of conflict and disaster. Hence, transforming the ordinary into the exceptional and remarkable, the exhibition will encourage us to see our individual stories as part of the fabric of the larger global heritage, one that is embedded with tenderness, loss, endurance, love, kindness, and faith.

Instructions for participants

•Bring an ordinary object from your home, past, or community that carries memory & meaning.

Write a short written note (1-3 sentences) explaining the object's significance. This note can be about the object's use, the memory it holds, or how it connects to their identity or past.

Alternatively, contributors may personally explain their object during the exhibition.

