

REPORT ON WORLD POPULATION DAY CELEBRATION

The Department of Geography of Loreto College, Kolkata, in collaboration with Michigan State University, organized a special event to commemorate World Population Day on Friday, 10th July 2026, under the theme "Our World. Our Future. Our Responsibility." The event aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 5 on Gender Equality and aimed to encourage informed dialogue and collective action toward building a more equitable and sustainable world.

The highlight of the programme was a special lecture delivered by Professor Soma Chaudhuri, PhD, Associate Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Center for Gender in Global Context at Michigan State University. Her lecture, titled "Witch Hunts Everywhere: Gender, Violence, and the Future of Witch Studies," offered a thought-provoking exploration of witchcraft, gendered violence, and social justice, prompting critical reflection among attendees.

The successful organisation of the programme was made possible through the constant encouragement, motivation, and guidance of Dr. Sister A. Nirmala, Teacher-in-Charge of Loreto College, whose unwavering support and vision have been instrumental in nurturing such meaningful academic collaborations. Her efforts in fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and providing students with opportunities for global exposure played a pivotal role in the success of the event. Students of Semester 1, Semester 2, and Semester 4 of the Geography Department, along with Semester 1 students of the Sociology Department, attended the event with great enthusiasm and active participation.

As part of the celebrations, student groups presented PowerPoint presentations exploring the importance, relevance, and history of population studies, along with real-world challenges, solutions, and innovations.

Three students received special awards in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the research work undertaken as part of a collaborative project between Loreto College and Michigan State University

The event successfully embodied the spirit of "Educate, Empower, Transform."



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SPECIAL LECTURE TO CELEBRATE

WORLD POPULATION DAY

Empowering Choices. Building Equitable Futures.

SPEAKER

**PROFESSOR
SOMA CHAUDHURI, PhD**

*Associate Professor of Sociology
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TITLE:

**WITCH HUNTS EVERYWHERE:
GENDER, VIOLENCE, AND THE
FUTURE OF WITCH STUDIES**



**10 JULY
2026
FRIDAY**



10:30 A.M.

IN ALIGNMENT WITH
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOAL

**5 GENDER
EQUALITY**



*Join us in a thought-provoking conversation
on gendered violence, social justice, and
building a more equitable world.*



VENUE

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CELEBRATING

WORLD POPULATION DAY

*Our World. Our Future.
Our Responsibility.*

An initiative to reflect on the challenges and opportunities of a changing world and to inspire thoughtful action for a more equitable and sustainable tomorrow.



IN ALIGNMENT WITH
**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Encouraging informed dialogue, responsible choices and collective action for a just, inclusive and sustainable world.



FRIDAY
10 JULY
2026



STUDENTS' PRESENTATIONS

PowerPoint presentations by student groups on diverse issues related to population—challenges, solutions, innovations and more.



EXPLORE
real-world issues



THINK
critically and creatively



INSPIRE
change and solutions



BUILD
a better, equitable future

*Let's come together to learn, share and take action
for a **sustainable** and **inclusive** tomorrow.*

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