

APPEAL

**to all who value the two -and-a-half billion year old natural legacy of the
Deccan rock formations!**

The Society to Save Rocks is struggling with the uphill task to keep at least a few of the fascinating rock formations in and around Hyderabad and in the Deccan from being destroyed for building material and building space.

The Society carries on its activities on a very limited budget. We need your help, big or small, to fund these projects.

Currently, the Society would like to take up the following projects:

1. Fencing of Fakhruddingutta, a beautiful rocky hill which is scheduled to become a Rock and Adventure Park in what will soon be a densely populated part of Hitec City in Hyderabad. The hillock is behind Lanco Hills, Nanakramaguda Road.

Demarcation and fencing of this site is needed urgently because of heavy pressure on building space in this part of Hyderabad.

A barbed-wire fence of 3.5 km length around the hill will cost app. Rs. 700 per metre – Rs. 2,450,000 in all. Every contribution will help a few metres on!

2. Signage at all Heritage Rocks

There are 24 Heritage Rock Sites in and around Hyderabad, notified by Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority at the proposal of the Society to Save Rocks. To make the public more aware of these sites and to help to protect them, sign boards and plaques should be installed at the sites. The larger sites would need solid stone slabs, and at single rock formations metal boards on poles could announce the Heritage status of the site.

The cost for these boards which should be installed urgently, will come to Rs. 99,500 totally.

3. Resuming the Scientific Survey of Rock Sites (see “Projects” in our website)

This Survey was begun in 2002 in three districts of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh initially, which was published in early 2004. Till now, it was not continued simply for lack of funds. The Survey is urgent in view of the speed at which Rock Sites are being destroyed. We need a large grant to continue this Survey of Rock Sites in the Districts, done by reputed Scientists. It would be a great contribution of yours to support this vital project.

The cost per district would be approximately Rs. 400,000 – there are still 10 districts to be surveyed in the area that is now Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The Society looks forward to your support and contributions to any of these projects. It is understood that we will provide appropriate publicity to the sponsors. Please contact the Secretary (09849936248) or Treasurer (09849044624).

Payments can be made by either of the following methods:

1. Account payee cheque favouring Society to Save Rocks, 1236 Road No.60, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad 500 033
2. Transfer to **Society to Save Rocks, Bank of Baroda, Jubilee Hills Branch, Account No 18090100003047, Bank Code BARB0JUBILE** (pl. mention your name). Please note that the fifth character in the code is ‘zero’.

Note: Donations to the Society are exempted from Income Tax under section 80G of the Indian Income Tax Act.