

SOCIETY TO SAVE ROCKS

Quarterly Newsletter

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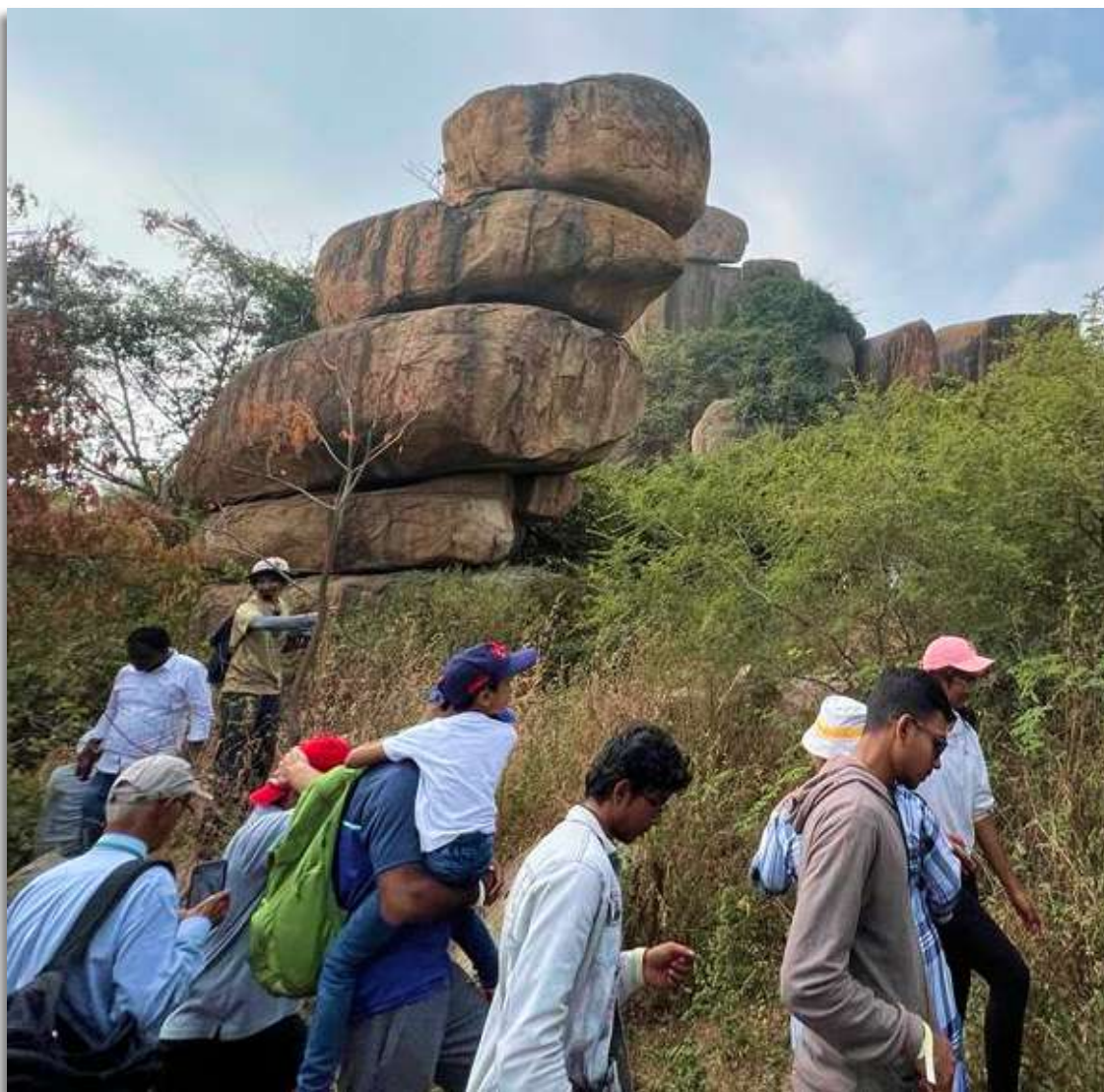
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HYDERABAD ROCKATHON 2022 – Ending the year on a rocking note !



The 9th Hyderabad Rockathon had all the highs of the previous 8 editions with an enthusiastic audience of 200 participants. Held at Ghar-e-Mubarak on 4th December, the event jointly organized by the Great Hyderabad Adventure Club and The Society, the Rockathon was supported by Telangana Tourism and flagged off by Shri Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary Industries & Commerce and Information Technology Department, Government of Telangana.

As always the crowd pullers were the rappelling and ziplining events with rock walks, slack lining, games, rock quiz and rock shot put making up for the rest. The Snake Demo by the Friends of Snakes held the rapt attention of the onlookers and many a myth about snakes were dispelled. The audience was also educated about snakes found in rocky terrains and the right way to deal with a snake bite. The kids indulged in the rock installations competing with each other as to who could stack the rocks higher. The event was concluded with a Rock Quiz that made many aware of the fascinating Deccan rock sites. Rockathon received media coverage from TV 5, Hans India and Eenadu.

The Society is ever grateful to all the volunteers and to the media for their time and support.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROCKATHON

Sonali Bendre, Accountant:

"I participated in the Rockathon for the first time and enjoyed Rappelling and Ziplining. I collected useful information from the Rock Quiz. Thank you for conducting the Rockathon, I very much appreciate all your support on that day."

Rappelling



Ziplining



Slack Lining



Rock Tattoo



Snake Demo



Flagging off Rock Walk by Mr. Jayesh Ranjan & Prof. Fatima



Rock Balancing



Games



Treasure Hunt Winners



Rock Walk



Rock Quiz



Bouldering



Sharukh Alam, Software Engineer:

"Rockathon was great and I enjoyed the adventure and the learning. We need to save rocks for our future."



UPDATES

Our Sacred Space

On 8th October, the Society was invited by Our Sacred Space, Secunderabad, to speak about the Deccan Rocks as part of the awareness talks at the India Handmade Collective Exhibition.

Our Member Uma Maheshwari did the presentation that was well received by an attentive audience of about 40 visitors and other environmental groups. Our thanks to Mr Nandakumar and his family of Sacred Space for always supporting our cause.



International Geodiversity Day

On 15th October, a talk on Geodiversity was delivered by Geologist Ravi Kumar Vundavalli, our Committee Member, at Lamakaan to mark UNESCO's International Geodiversity Day.

Despite the rain, a group of 30 participants showed keen interest in the topic of geology of rocks, the unique formations of the Deccan and how and why geodiversity has gained prominence the world over.



October Rock Walk, jointly held with "Save the Banyans of Chevella" Group



On 16th October, the monthly Rock Walk to Peerancheru was combined with a Banyan Tree walk organized by Nature Lovers of Hyderabad in keeping with the Geodiversity theme.

The interaction between the two groups was very interesting: while the Rock Walkers discovered the important contribution that Banyan trees make to the environment, the Nature Lovers were all for rock conservation. The two groups were open to working together for a better reach and to adopt best practices.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hyderabad Literary Festival (HLF)

HLF 2023 is organized by "Hyderabad Literary Trust" with the support of several literary and cultural organizations and publishing houses. After a gap of two years, HLF 2023 will be held in the OFFLINE mode at the Vidyaranya High School.

The Society hopes to participate this year too like in previous years. Please lookout for details on our website after 15th January.

27th Anniversary

The Society will celebrate it's 27th Anniversary on 26th January, 2023. We request Members to check our website for a celebration programme closer to the date.

SCHEDULE OF ROCK WALKS



Due to the festivals of Pongal/Sankranti (14th January) and Shivratri (18th February) falling on our normal Rock Walk days, the Walks in these two months are being postponed by a week each (see new schedule below)



Rock Walks are conducted on the third Sunday of every month.
Everybody is welcome. Walking shoes and long pants should be worn.
Register with GRB Pradeep at 9866752114

**22 JAN
SUN**

**Bhongir Fort in
Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district**

7:30 a.m. / Opposite Uppal
Police Station, Uppal X
Roads
Bring lunch

**25
&
26 FEB
SAT & SUN**

**Gandikota
(see also below*)**

Overnight journey from Hyderabad on 24th;
Overnight stay in Gandikota on 25th;
Return to Hyderabad on 26th night

**19 MAR
SUN**

**Mannanur in
Mahbubnagar district**

7:30 a.m. / Next to main
gate of St. Ann's College
for Women, Mehdipatnam
Bring lunch

*Excursion to Gandikota

Our two-day excursion by Train and Bus will take us to Gandikota in February.

This is a mesmerizing rocky area also known as
"Grand Canyon of India"
For Enrolment and further details, contact,
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We Welcome our New Members;
K. Manideep, Life (single)
Srilalitha Sarvam, Student
Rohit Kumar, Student

BECOME OUR MEMBER

CLASS	ADMISSION	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION
Active (Single)	₹ 100.00	₹ 500.00
Active (Couple)	₹ 100.00	₹ 600.00
Student (Under 18 Years)	₹ 100.00	₹ 200.00
Life (Single)	₹ 3000.00	NA
Life (Couple)	₹ 5000.00	NA
Institution	₹ 10000.00	NA
Corporate	₹ 50000.00	NA

HAPPY NEW YEAR



2023

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COMMITMENT AND INVOLVEMENT**