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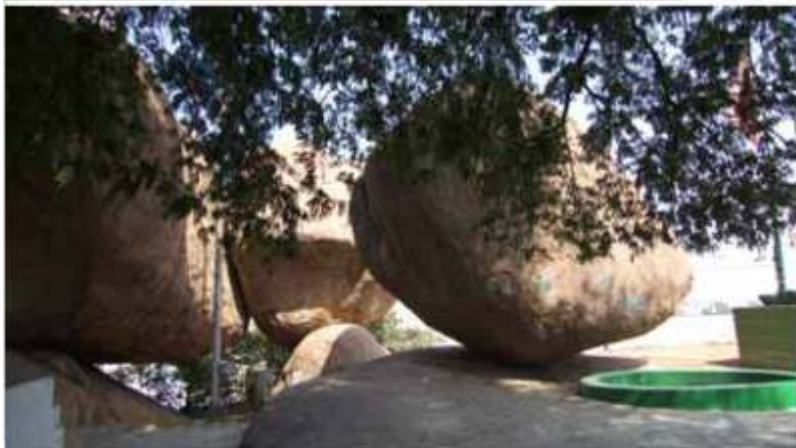
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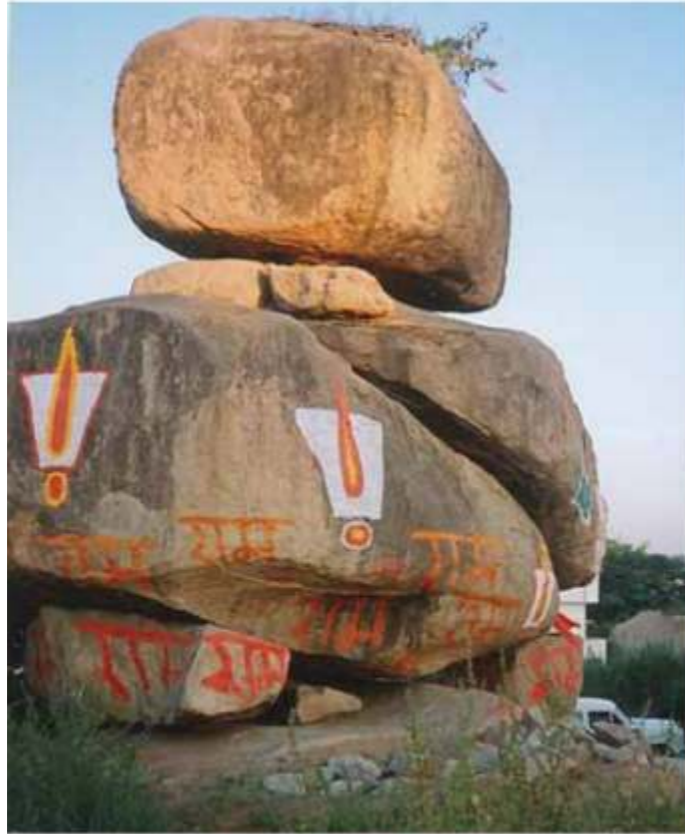
PANJE SHAH DARGHA

You have probably wizzed past Punjagutta many a time and curiously glanced at the cluster of rocks that have stood their ground in the midst of the concrete jungle. The name Punjagutta originates from a legend that states that one of the granite rocks was threatening to topple over and was miraculously held by a divine hand known as Punje Shah ensuring the safety of people residing in the area. This imprint still faintly visible is believed to be the handprint of Hazarath Ali. It is also believed that Hazarath Ali performed 'namaaz' on the top most rock which is in the direction of Mecca and has a well defined impression of a palm held down and two depressions where his knees rested. An Ashur Khana has been there for several years and a Mosque on stilts was added more recently. To this day pilgrims visit this Dargha also known as Chota Moula Ali to make a wish, pay respects for a wish full filled or join in the annual Urs which falls in the month of Rajab one day after the celebrations at Moula Ali.

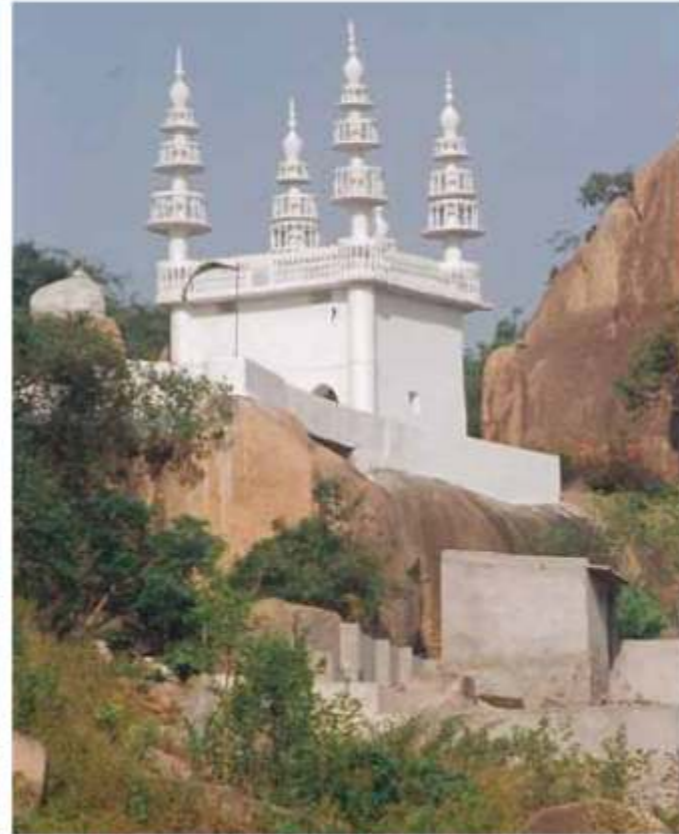
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Thank God for places of worship in rock formations ! The religious fervour of the locals has been instrumental in preserving many rock formations in and around Hyderabad, be it a temple or a dargah as evidently seen here.



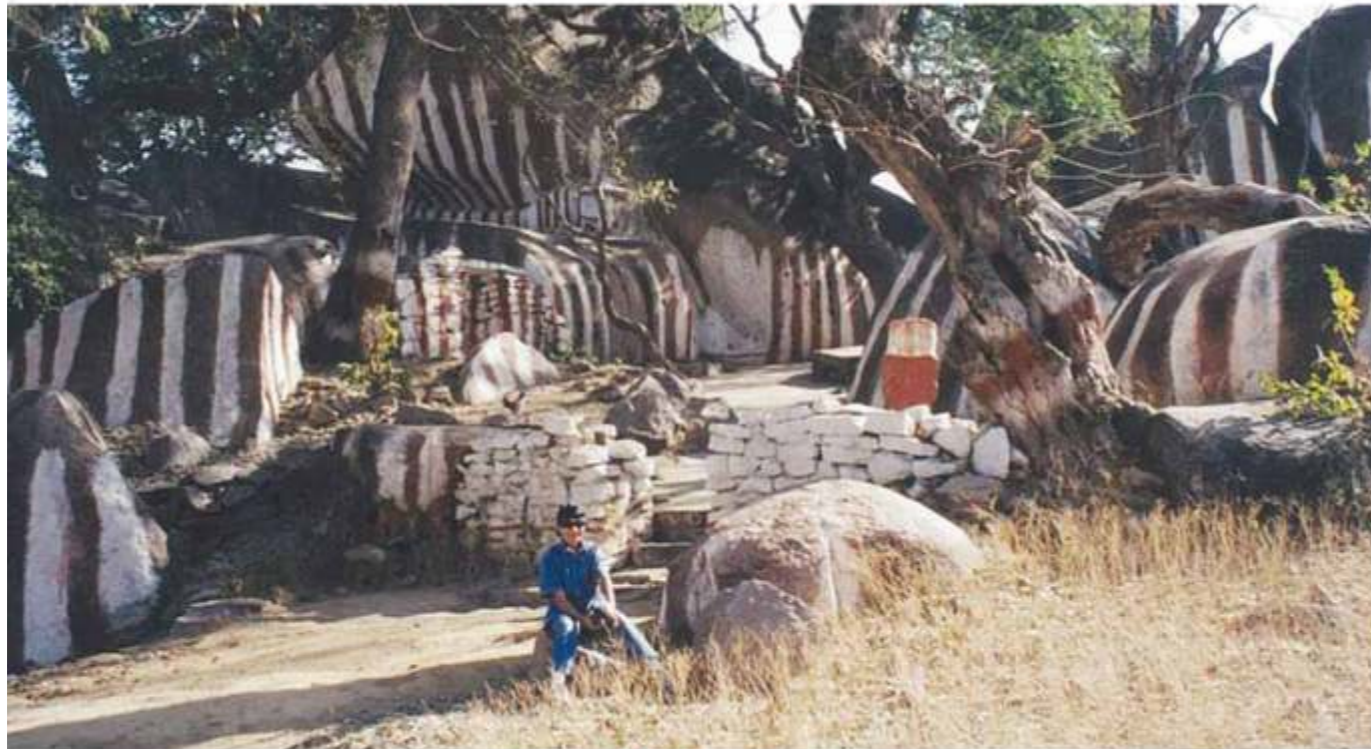
Shrine at Attapur



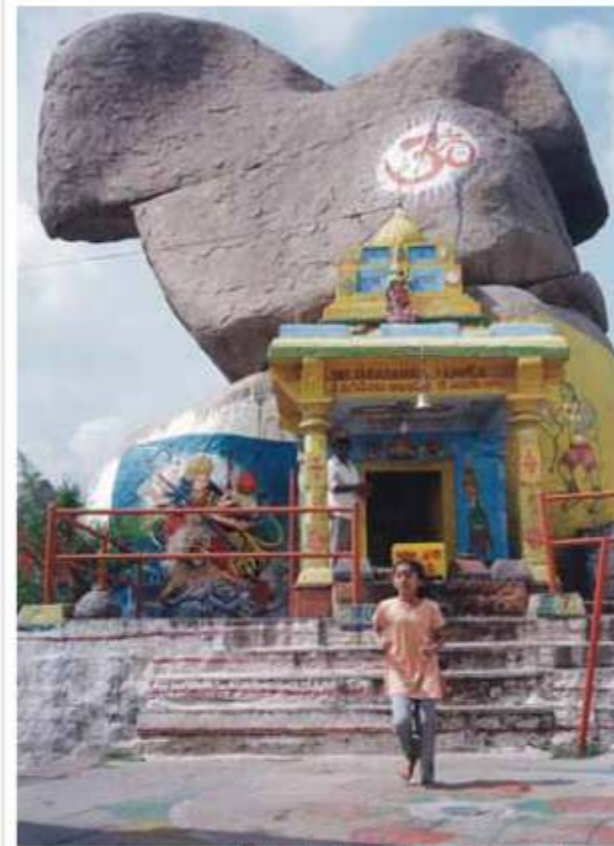
Peeran Shah Dargah, A.P. Police Academy



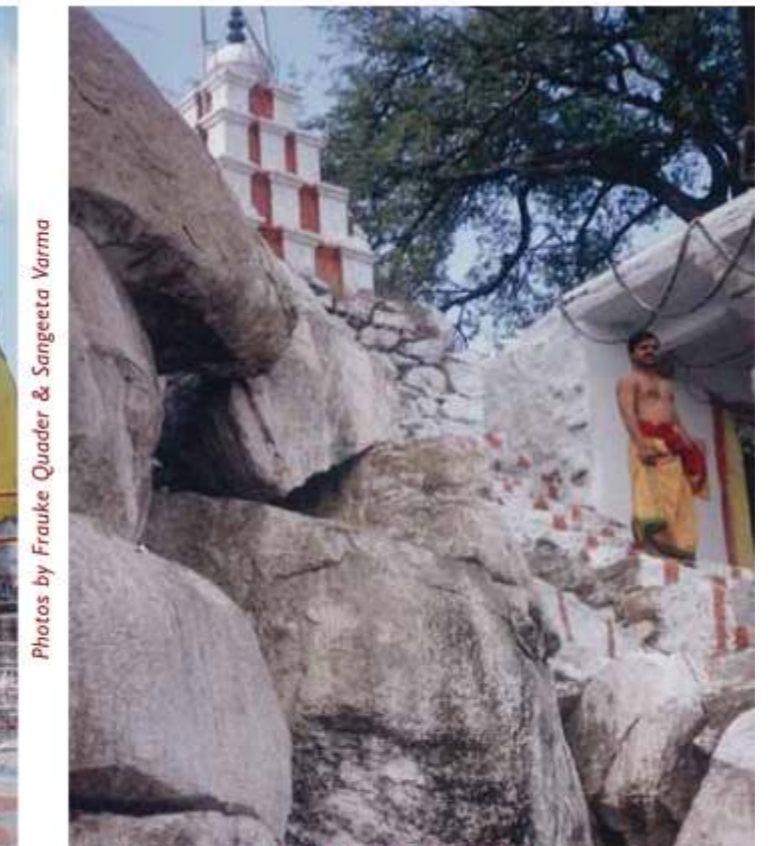
Mallannagudi, Jubilee Hills



Gopanpalli Shrine near Nanakramguda



Mahankali Temple at Golkonda Fort



Temple in Chandrayangutta

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In the spirit of Environment Day, the Goethe Zentrum held an Environment Mela on 10.6.2012 in their new premises at Journalist Colony, Banjara Hills. Against the impressive backdrop of our member Lata Marur's new rock drawings, a series called Das Avatar, we displayed our publicity material and convinced visitors of our message to save rocks.



Rock Walks in July, August and September 2012

Date :	Place :	Time / Meeting Point:
Sunday July, 15th	Venkateshwaragutta, Near Shamirpet Lake	2.30 p.m. Opp. St. Ann's High School, S.P. Road, Secunderabad
Sunday August, 19th	Ghar-e-Mubarak, Near Taramati Baradari	3 p.m.at NMDC, Masab Tank
Sunday September, 16th	Hyderabad Central University	8 a.m. at Main Gate of University

Rock walks are conducted on the third Sunday of every month. They are announced in Channel 6, WOW Hyderabad, The Hindu, Times of India, fullhyd.com and of course on our website. Everybody is welcome. Sensible shoes, a cap, long pants and a water bottle are a must. Please enrol a minimum of 2 days in advance with Frauke Quader at Tel. 23552923 or with C.J. Rao at 98490-37240.

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The Society requires funds to carry on its work hence Active and Student Members are requested to pay their subscriptions on time.