

# SOCIETY TO SAVE ROCKS

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## *The Society's Wish List for 2013*



All are welcome to move mountains (and rocks!) to make this wish list become a reality !!!  
We need ideas and people to execute them to help spread our rock concerns far and wide.  
Please work aggressively and contact prospective corporates/donors/sponsors/funding agencies.



**UNIQUE ROCK FORMATIONS AT PANDAVULA GUTTA NEAR WARANGAL**



Photos by Navreet Kaur  
and YSRK Prasad





ROCK WALKERS



BALANCING ACT



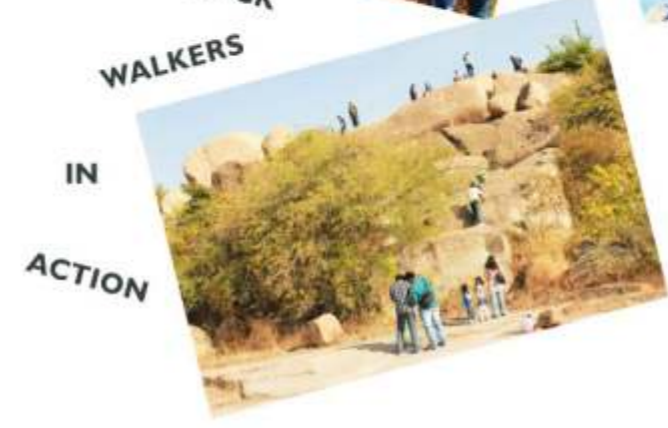
WINNERS OF ROCK QUIZ



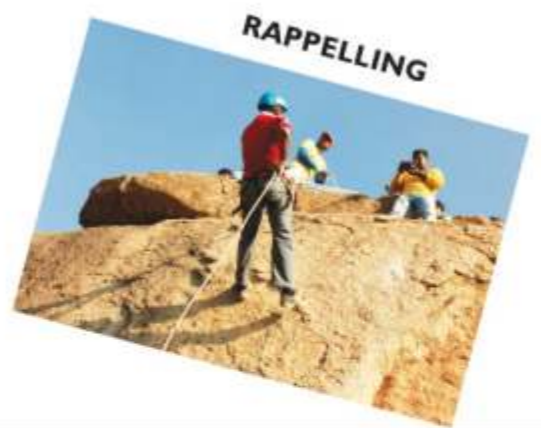
1st Shambhavi



2nd Sanjay



IN ACTION



RAPPELLING

**HYDERABAD ROCKATHON 2012**

Rock Walks | Rappelling | Bouldering | Slack Line  
Rock Photography | Drawing | Trail Run | Rock Quiz | Rock Poetry  
Rock Balancing

Sunday 16 Dec 2012, 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli  
Entry Fee : Rs. 200  
Register at [www.hyderabadrockathon.com](http://www.hyderabadrockathon.com)

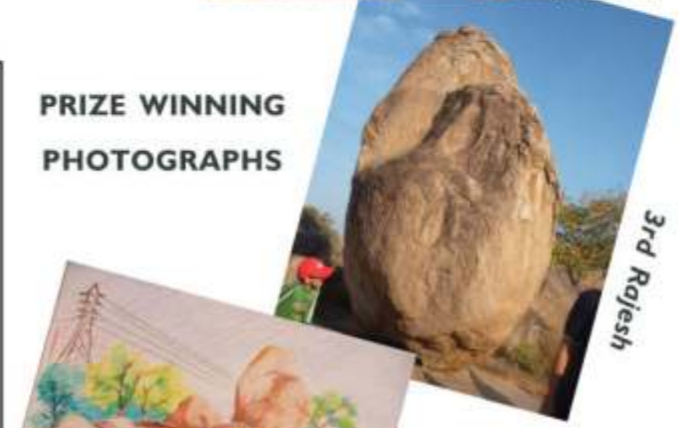
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Organised by  
Society to Save Rocks

The Hyderabad Rockathon 2012 held for the first time by the Great Hyderabad Adventure Club and the Society to Save Rocks on Sunday, 16th December, 2012 at the University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli was a day of rocky adventure. The Rock Walk drew a huge crowd and the avid shutter bugs joined in to get their best shots for the Photography competition. There was a lot of excitement for the Bouldering and Rappelling. The Rock Balancing was an interesting new competition that many enjoyed experimenting with. While the Rock Quiz had people racking their brains, the Poetry Competition and Art Workshop brought out their creativity.

There were over a hundred participants and the Rockathon successfully conveyed our message of appreciating and preserving our great Deccan Rocks.

PRIZE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS



3rd Rajesh



SKETCH FROM DRAWING WORKSHOP

Winning Poem, by Ananya Mahto, 9

Rocks are precious  
When I sit on Rocks  
I see a fox  
Named Max  
I asked Mr. Max  
Can you help me save Rocks  
The Fox named Max said:  
He would love to help me save Rocks  
Mr. Max said you should never break Rocks  
Because Rocks is nature  
And nature is pleasure.



23-12-2012, VENKATESWARAGUTTA, SHAMEERPET: Participants in the ROCK Climbing Competition organized by Great Hyderabad Adventure Club and Indian Mountaineering Foundation, were reminded of the need to preserve our stunning rock scapes by our stall which distributed our pamphlets and sold our publicity material.

NIGHT BAZAAR : The Society's stall at the Night Bazaar in Shilparamam from 1st to 19th. October 2012, during the Global Biodiversity Conference COP 11, brought in a fair amount of publicity and only a marginal amount of revenue. We were able to attract more locals than COP 11 delegates. Our volunteers worked hard and long and we thank them for it.

We also covered the People's Biodiversity Festival at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds, during the COP 11.





*A Happy & Healthy New Year to all rock people !*

**Rock Walks in January, February and March 2013:**

<b>Date :</b>	<b>Place :</b>	<b>Time / Meeting Point:</b>
Sunday January 20	Rachakonda	10.30 p.m. at Gun Park Opp. Public Gardens ,Return 6.00p.m Bring Lunch!
Sunday February 17	Rocks near Peeran Shah and A.P. Police Academy	2.30 p.m. at NMDC, Masab Tank
Sunday March 17	Fakhruddingutta	3.30 p.m. at NMDC, Masab Tank

Rock walks are conducted on the third Sunday of every month. They are announced in Channel 6, WOW Hyderabad, The Hindu, Times of India, Deccan Chronicle, 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 on 23552923 or with C.J. Rao on 98490-37240.

**We welcome our new members :**

Revathi Macherla, Active  
Bagle Suman, Active  
D.G. Sukumar, Active  
K. Mohan Raidu, Active  
Navreet Kaur, Life

J.V.S. Chandra Shekar, Active  
Srivatsava Sangam, Active  
Dr. K. Kiran Kishore, Active (Couple)  
Charu Sharma, Life  
Fazal Waseem, Active  
Niharika, Student

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**Membership Fees**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Admission</b>	<b>Annual Subscription</b>
Active (Single)	Rs. 100	Rs.200
(Couple)	Rs. 100	Rs.300
Student	Rs. 100	Rs.100
Life (Single)	Rs. 2,000 for Life	—
(Couple)	Rs. 3,000 for Life	—
Institution	Rs. 10,000	—
Corporate	Rs. 50,000	—