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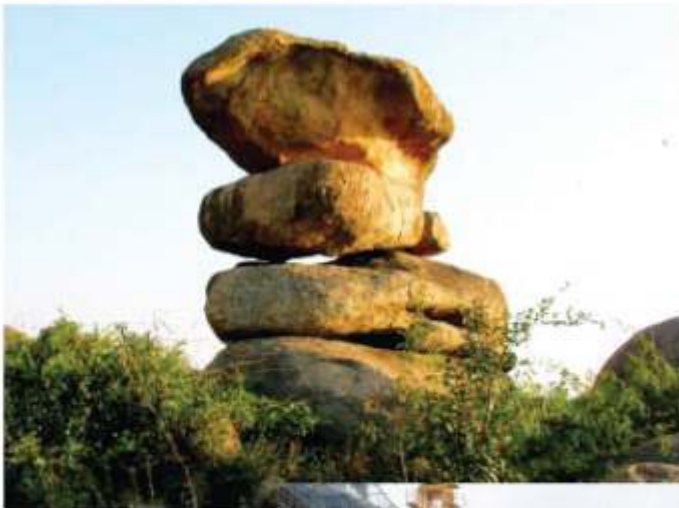
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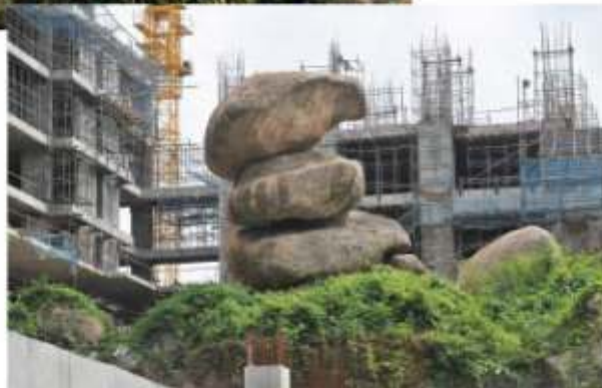
BEAR'S NOSE...



Year 2000

.....'bear-ly' managing to keep its nose above eye level !

Thanks to the ever growing concrete jungle at Hitec City several of our precious rocks are being replaced by high rise commercial complexes. While real estate sharks can only see as far as sky rocketing returns, they fail to realize that all the money they can muster cannot fetch them a priceless rock !



Year 2012

Fortunately, despite the development, Bear's Nose is now sharing the 5-star status with Trident Hotels in Hitec City.



Year 2014

A recap of Notified Heritage Rock Precincts In Hyderabad

North:

Shamirpet

1. Venkateshwara Gutta
2. Deer Park
3. Reserve Forest south of lake

South:

4. Pahad-e-Shareef

East:

5. Moula Ali and two adjacent hillocks
6. Sentinel Rock near Moula Ali

West:

Jubilee Hills and Hitec City

7. Hillocks around Durgam Cheruvu, Jubilee Hills
 8. Bear's Nose, Trident Hotel, Hitec City
 9. Skull Rock, behind LemonTree Hotel, Hitec City
 10. Tortoise Rock, B.N.R. Hills, Jubilee Hills
 11. Cliff Rock, Road No. 46, Jubilee Hills
 12. Monster Rock, Road No. 71, Jubilee Hills
 13. Toadstool Rock, behind Blue Cross, Road No. 35, Jubilee Hills
 14. Obelisk, Road No. 66, Jubilee Hills
- Near Golconda
15. Ghar-e-Mubarak, behind Taramati Baradari
 16. Peeran Shah Dargah, near AP Police Academy Gachibowli and Shaikpet
 17. Mushroom Rock, University of Hyderabad
 18. Hamburger Rock, NITHM
 19. Pathar Dil, M.A. National Urdu University
 20. United-We-Stand, M.A. National Urdu University
 21. Fakhruddingutta

Central:

Hills near Asifnagar/Sitarambagh

22. Dattatriya Temple Hill
23. Allabanda
24. Gangabowli Pahad

Location maps are available on our website.



Coming Up :

IIIrd HYDERABAD ROCKATHON 2014

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

On December 14, 2014.
In partnership with Great
Hyderabad Adventure Club

Check details on
www.hyderabadrockathon.com

THE SECRET LAKE AREA ABUSED

The girdle of rocks surrounding Durgam Cheruvu once called the "Secret Lake" is the **first Heritage Rock Precinct** to have been notified (in 1998) under HUDA Heritage Regulations. The lake is said to have been the ancient source of water supply to Golconda Fort. It is heartbreaking to note that the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) is to lay a **sewage pipeline** around the lake, right next to the water, from Inorbit Mall along the north, east and south shores up to and through the 450 year old bandh of the lake to the Musi River. The granite is being cut to make place for an access road for heavy machinery. To lay the pipeline 6 meters deep many of our priceless rocks are being destroyed. The violations are three fold:

1. **Buffer zone** of 30-50 m around the lake has not been maintained
2. **Permission** for cutting the rocks in the area has not been sought
3. **Encroachment of lake** by dumping cut stones and earth into it

The Society has questioned why the Sewage Treatment Plants cannot be constructed on the Hitec City and Jubilee Hills side of the lake and why the Hitec sewage has to be diverted to the old City? This is yet another tragic addition to the previous two **violations of Heritage Rock Precincts** at Allabanda (at Sitarambagh) and Venkateshwaragutta (near Shamirpet)



HURRAH FOR THE CENTURY WALK !!

The September rock walk to Bhongir in association with Sacred Space had 113 participants – the largest single group. We hope this translates into a hundred more rock protectors joining our rock army !



The Society has linked up with **DETOURS**, a tour organizer of specialized trips for delegates of HICC conferences. Our first excursion was on 25.9.2014 with a group of medical technicians/engineers/doctors, and we took them to Fakhruddingutta. No need to say that they absolutely loved it.

This arrangement will give us more (and international) exposure and also some income.



"Different Epochs" authored by our former active member late **Vedant Kidambi** was launched in his memory by his parents on Sept 21st. The Society remembers him for his innovative awareness ideas and enthusiasm. The book is now available at <http://www.dogearsetc.com/books/Different-Epochs/38338>

Our full-day Bus Excursion is to Koilkonda Fort this year, on November 16th. This is one of the old forts of the Deccan built into the beautiful rocky hills near Mehboobnagar. Bring your lunch, snacks and drinking water along.

Enroll latest by November 12, 2014 with Ravi Setlem on 98662-41768. Transport charges are Rs. 500 to be paid by cash/cheque at the office or by NEFT to Society to Save Rocks, Bank of Baroda, Jubilee Hills Branch, SB Acct.no. 18090100003047, NEFT code BARB0JUBILE (where 0 is zero, not O). Please mention your name in transfer.

Rock Walks in October, November and December 2014

Date :	Place :	Time / Meeting Point:
Sunday Oct 19, 2014	Narsingi / Gandipet	2.30 p.m. at NMDC; Masab Tank
Sunday Nov 16, 2014	Koilkonda, near Mehboobnagar (See details above)	8 a.m. at NMDC, Masab Tank Return app. 8 p.m.
Sunday Dec 21, 2014	Addagutta/Mahendra Hills	3 p.m. St. Ann's High School, Opp. Main Gate, S.P. Road, Secunderabad

Rock walks are conducted on the third Sunday of every month. They are widely announced in the press and social media, and of course on our website. Everybody is welcome. Walking shoes, a cap, long pants and a water bottle are a must. Please enrol a minimum of 2 days in advance with Ravi Setlem on 98662-41768 or with C.J. Rao on 98490-37240.

Celebrate Diwali & Christmas with a family walk in the rocks!

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Membership Fees

Class	Admission	Annual Subscription
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	—