

SOCIETY TO SAVE ROCKS

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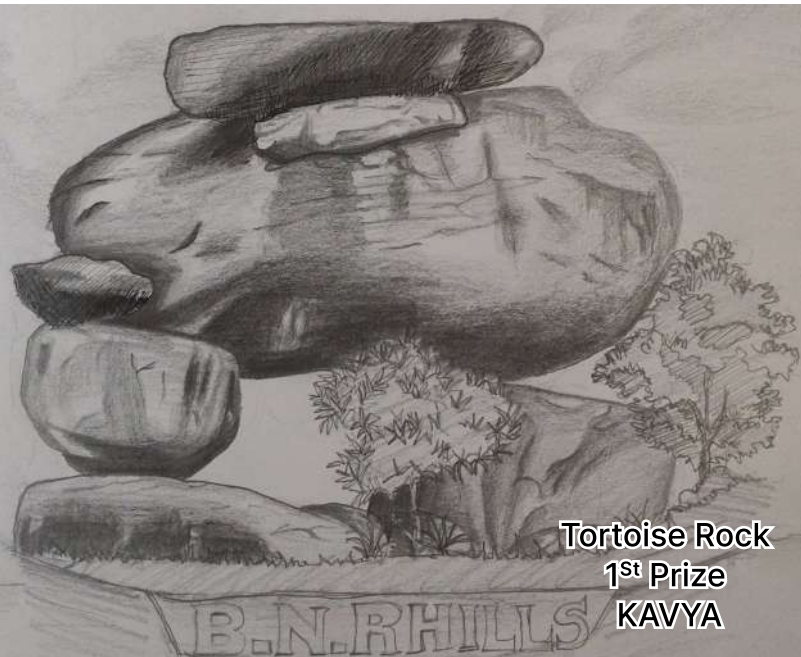
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Winning sketches from the competition at Sri Venkateshvara College of Architecture, Madhapur

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ROCKSOLID
COMMITMENT AND INVOLVEMENT

6th October 2023 - International Geodiversity Day @ SVCA

The Society marked the International Geodiversity Day on 6th Oct 2023 at the Sri Venkateshwara College of Architecture, Madhapur with the kind consent of Principal Prof Kamini Singh and her enthusiastic faculty. An interactive Photo/Video Workshop was held by our members Dr. Sathya Prakash and Vanesh Eada on 16th Sept as a precursor to the event. "Hyderabad, City of Rocks" was screened, followed by an engaging panel discussion on the role of Architects in Rock Conservation which threw light on our cause. The participation in the Rock Sketching, Rock Videography was encouraging and the Rock Quiz conducted by Members Uma Maheshwari and Harshita Soni (see photo) gave the students a new understanding of our 2500 million year old precious natural geoheritage. Cash gifts were generously awarded to the winners of the competitions by SRA Edu Trust, a division of Samar Ramachandra Associates (see photo). We concluded on the positive note on having such events at SVCA annually and enrolling student volunteers in our awareness programmes.



12th October 2023 - AGM

The Society To Save Rocks held their Annual General Body Meeting at the Jubilee Hills International Centre. 32 Members participated. A lively exchange of views and proposals made for an interesting session.



5th November 2023 - Talk at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad

On the day of the Student Festival on 5th November 2023, the Society gave a talk on Rocks and our campaign. This was on the invitation of the student body of the College, and was organized by Anshid Aboobaker, a Research Scholar at BITS and a keen participant in our Rock Walks.



Sangeeta Varma and Sajid Mehmood showed our documentary and talked about the role that young people must play in preservation of nature and especially the Rockscapes and stunning balancing Rock Formation around us. Since most of the students at BITS are not from Hyderabad, they were interested and curious about the Rocks of the Deccan and our work to protect them. A walk to the impressive Rock clusters in the beautiful large Campus concluded our visit on this bright Sunday morning.

26th November 2023 - Visit to Geological Museum at Geological Survey of India

Professor Fatima, Frauke Quader and several members of the Society visited the museum and its sprawling park with hundreds of interesting Rock exhibits, from dinosaur fossils to ammonites to all types of rocks. We are grateful to our Committee Member Ravi Vundavalli, a Geologist, for having facilitated this excursion into the extensive world of our geoheritage, and we will surely visit again. We also thank Dr. L.P. Singh and Dr. S.N.Mahapatro, Deputy Directors of the GSI, and the many other Geologists who came out on a Sunday morning to guide and educate us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

11th - 13th January 2024 - Rock Photo Exhibition at Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR)

The exhibition will be in collaboration with the HMR management at the Ameerpet Metro Station. Our member Ashok Vootla's beautiful frames will be shown as well as others from our archives. We are looking forward to a great footfall.

26th - 28th January 2024 - 28th Anniversary and Hyderabad Literary Festival in Hi-Tec City

This year also, the Society will be part of the Literary Festival with a stall and an exhibition of paintings on the Rock theme by students of the S.V. College of Fine Arts, Madhapur, and other programmes. Since our Anniversary falls on 26th January, we will have a small celebration right at the HLF.

11th February 2024 - Rockathon in Forestrek Park

Please check the poster below for more details.

18th - 19th February 2024 - Earth Festival by Krishnamurthi Foundation in Madhapur

Here too, the Society will be present with a stall and multiple information on the cause of geoheritage preservation.

Please also see the Rock Walk schedule on page 4

Preparations are going on for the Rockathon in February which this time will be in the new Forestrek Park in Chilkur Reserve Forest.

Please go to website www.hyderabadrockathon.com for all the details.

Mark the date "11th February 2024".

This event is sponsored by



Hyderabad Rockathon
📍 Forestrek Park, near TS Police Academy

10th Edition

📅 11 FEB 2024
Save the date

🕒 7am - 5pm

Organized by
GREAT HYDERABAD ADVENTURE CLUB
SOCIETY OF SAVE ROCKS

For Booking
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The poster features a background image of large, reddish-brown boulders on a grassy hill. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large red 'Hyderabad Rockathon' at the top, a location pin icon, a calendar icon for '11 FEB 2024', a stopwatch icon for '7am - 5pm', and logos for the organizing clubs. The bottom section contains booking information in white text on a dark background.

SCHEDULE OF ROCK WALKS

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

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Meet at 07:00 a.m. sharp,
Gun Park, Opp. Legislative
Assembly

Full-day excursion by Van
Carry breakfast and Lunch
(Return approx. 6 p.m.)

Contribution Rs. 600

Onward departure 16-Feb night
Return on 19 Feb early morning

Full details and
contribution will be
announced later in
website

(Return approx. 12 noon)

Meet at 07:00 a.m. sharp,
Opp. Main Gate of St. Ann's School,
SP Road, Secunderabad
(Metro pillar 1202)

(Return approx. 6 p.m.)

We Welcome our New Members:

- Naresh Hotker** (Life Couple)
- P. Syama Sundar Reddy** (Life Single)
- Patan Habibulla Khan** (Life Single)
- P. Bharath Kumar** (Life Single)
- Masood Hussain** (Active Couple)
- Sanandan** (Active Single)
- Chitra Iravatham** (Active Single)



Signature Petition:
Help to save Fakhruddingutta
(Khajaguda Rocks) and scan
the QR code to sign our petition



Scan this QR code to watch
our documentary "Hyderabad
- City of Rocks " on YouTube

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

MANAGING COMMITTEE

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