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"Nature is the greatest artist,
and our rocks are amongst her
finest works!
Let us preserve these
masterpieces for the future."



Shyam Karri

Watercolour by
Shyam Karri

Highlights from the previous quarter!

Run for Rocks 7th July

About 120 Runners and Volunteers gathered at Ghaar-e-Mubarak on an early Sunday morning to experience our run through rocky landscapes. The run was flagged off by Avani Yerragunta, a 12-year-old promising sports climber of Hyderabad, at 5:30am. After the Run, breakfast, kindly sponsored by one of our members, was served to the participants, and the refreshed runners went for rock walks through the majestic boulders surrounding the Dargah



Our youngest runners



Talk at Oakridge School | 19th July

The class 3 students were attentive listeners to our speakers at the program which was headed by Uma Maheshwari and supported by Padmini Patell, Syam Sundar and Bharath Kumar.



Visit of Sri Aurobindo International School students to GSI's Dr. William King Geological Museum at Bandlaguda | 9th August

As part of the school outreach programme the Society through the kind office of Dr L.P.Singh, Additional Director General, GSI organized a visit for 75 students of the Sri Aurobindo International School to the Geological Survey of India Museum on 9.08.24. The outdoor rock museum was an eye opener as was the indoor display that consists of some rare archeological gems, with amazing fossil samples and crystals. Our Committee Member Ravi Kumar Vundavalli, Geologist, together with Geologists from the GSI explained the exhibits to the children and the teachers.



Online Meet with Naturalist School, Bangalore 14th September

The Naturalist School is a social enterprise that facilitates government-recognized certificate courses for individuals working in nature such as nature guides, naturalists, interpreters and educators. Our Member Ravi Kumar Vundavalli, gave an online presentation to course participants of the School. The explanations on the topic "Geoheritage of India" and insights on Deccan Rocks was much appreciated both by freshers and senior field workers from different parts of India. We are happy to have introduced the rocks scientifically to prospective field workers and team leaders who assured us that they would talk about the importance of rocks during their courses now that they are better informed.



Camp of Sri Aurobindo School 25, 26th September

Shri Aurobindo International School organized a weekend Camp at their Unit "New Creation School" in Jangaon (near Bhongir), with Camp Fire, Sports, Games and all. About 80 children of Classes 8 and 9 participated, as well as teachers and instructors. Our members Uma Maheshwari, Dr. Sudheer Bhan, Jainesh Shah, and Syam Sundar took the Children on Rock Walks to Sidinki Gutta, a nearby rocky hill.. The feedback from the students is super enthusiastic with eloquent appreciation and gratitude to the Society for providing an exciting event of bouldering and adventure.



Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) 22nd September

The AGM took place at the Jubilee Hills International Center, this time on a Sunday morning at 11am, for the members of the Society. The Members interacted in discussions about our goals and programmes apart from the usual work of approving the Balance Sheet etc. and budget and programme proposals for 2024-25.



Eko Mela at Goethe Zentrum 29th September

The Goethe Zentrum Hyderabad celebrated their 20th Anniversary in Hyderabad on 29. September 2024 with a vibrant Eko Mela for which many stalls were put up at the Zentrum.



Vendors of eco-friendly products of all kinds offered their wares, and, of course, food was available in plenty. Various lectures and film screenings enlivened the day - including our film "Hyderabad, City of Rocks" - and made people aware of their role in preserving the healthy ecology of our city and our world.

COMING UP

World Geodiversity Day celebrations on 25., 26. and 27 October 2024

The World Geodiversity Day, being celebrated in October all over the world, will in Hyderabad see an Exhibition of rock paintings by an enthusiastic group of lady rock fans who have come up with an array of amazing images of our rocks. The exhibition is called "Sentinels of Hyderabad" and is planned at the State Art Gallery, Madhapur. Lectures and Talks will be organized to celebrate the day.

" Obituary

We regret the demise of Smt Chandana Khan, IAS on 30th Sept 2024. Her love for rocks, poetry and art was well known. The Society is indebted to Smt Khan for her support while in office as Special Chief Secretary, AP Tourism & Cultural Department."



We conduct rock walks on the 3rd Sunday of every month! Do join us for a journey through these boulders! Don't forget your walking shoes and a good 'ol bottle of water :)

Check out our upcoming rock walks!

Let's explore these Deccan giants together (^ ^) / Register with Pradeep @ 9866752114

Oct 20 **Edupayala** (near Medak)

6:30 am: Meet at Main entrance Vengal Rao Park, Road No. 1, Banjara Hills
8:00 pm: Return

*this being a day-long outing by van, transport is charged @ Rs.700/- per seat; amount is to be paid using QR code of the Society; bring along lunch; van will halt enroute for breakfast.

Nov 16,17

Horsley Hills (Near Madanapalle, AP)

Friday the 15th, 5:00 pm: Meet at Kacheguda Railway Station, Gate No. 2
Monday the 18th, 5:00 am: Return at Secunderabad RS

A journey by train and bus to Chittoor District in AP: Cost of travel and accommodation: Rs. 2500 per person. Pl.register with GRB Pradeep (see above) and pay by Googlepay to the Society's account (QR Code below)

Dec 15

Hyderabad University

Details will be announced later

Updates from the Society

We welcome our new members
Aakriti Montessori House of Children, Institution
Shushma R. and Suresh P., Life Couple
Anisetty Naveen Kumar, Life Couple
Vajreshwari Gudlacona, Life Single
Shoba Thangavellee, Life Single
Anil Kumar Karra, Life Single
Aadya P., Student
Srinika Talluri, Student
Bittu Sahgal, Active Single
Suresh Kumar Manthiriyappan, Active Single
Geetha Murthi, Active Single

Please register with Pradeep and remit the travel fees for the October and/or November outings by QR Code to the Society. Please always mention your name in the transfers.

Check below to become a member!

Class	Admission	Annual Subscription	Total
Active (Single)	100/-	500/-	600/-
Active (Couple)	100/-	600/-	700/-
Student (<18 Years)	100/-	200/-	300/-
Life (Single)	3000/-	NA	3000/-
Life (Couple)	5000/-	NA	5000/-
Institution	10000/-	NA	10000/-
Corporate	50000/-	NA	50000/-

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Sign our petition to help to save Fakhruddingutta (Khajaguda Rocks)



QR code for payment to the Society Please mention your name

