

Society to Save Rocks

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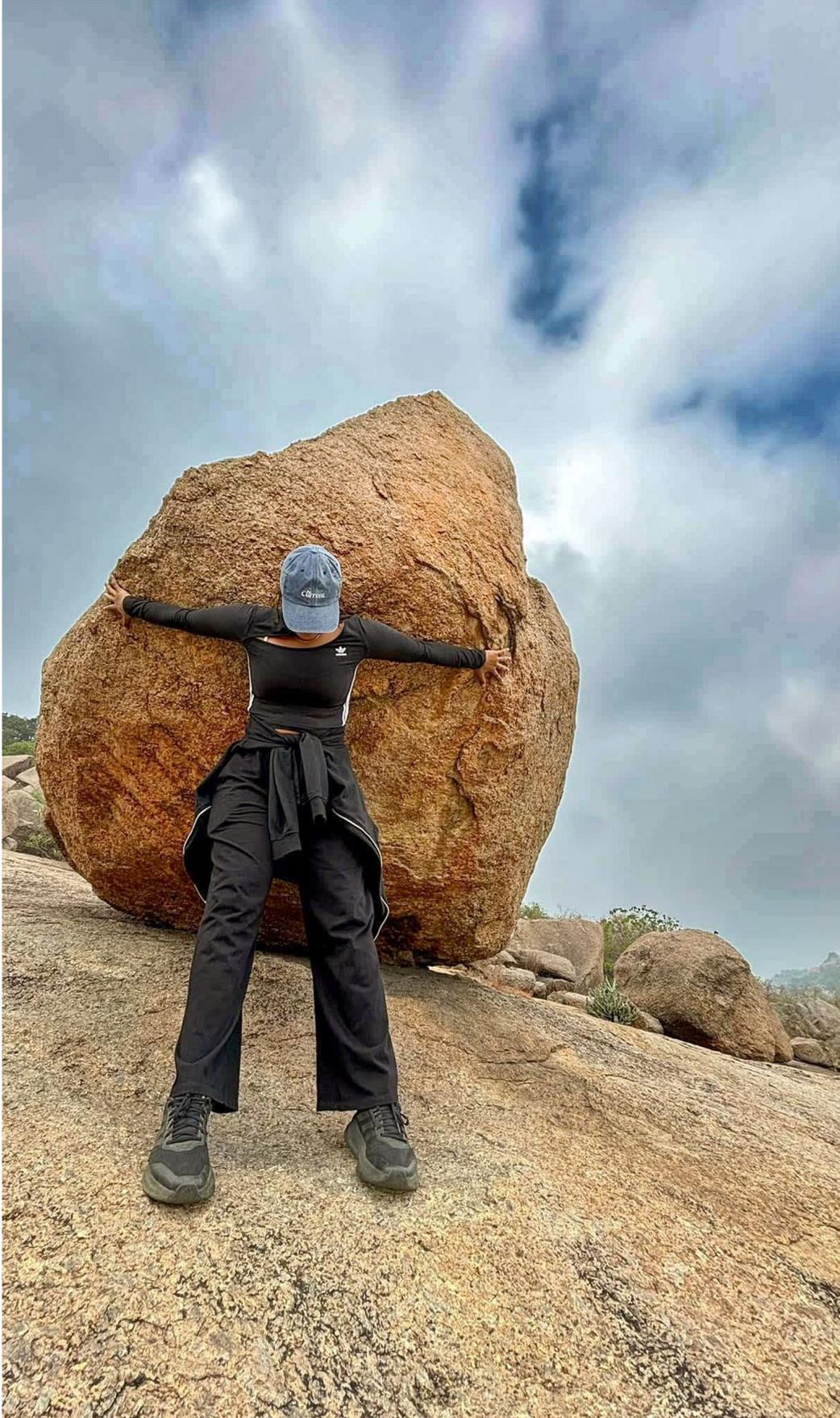
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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF ROCK CONSERVATION

The Society to Save Rocks completes **THIRTY GLORIOUS YEARS** on 26th January 2026.

This visual aptly represents the challenge of conserving Telangana's priceless Natural Heritage.

Join us in saving the 2,500 million year old Deccan Rocks from rolling down into oblivion!
(The celebration of this landmark event is proposed to be held during February/ March 2026 in view of our participation in the annual HLF on the same date)

Boulder credits: Bodagutta
PC: Kamal Krishnan,
in the Photo: Shreya Kamal

MILESTONES

In 30 years of the Society to Save Rocks

- 1996 Registration of Society to Save Rocks
- 1997 Painting Workshop with famous Indian Artists
- 1998 Succeeded in getting 9 Rock areas declared Heritage Precincts
- 2000 Concert by Indian Ocean Band at Durgam Cheruvu
- 2003 Received the Outstanding NGO Award by GoI and AP Government & Heritage Award by INTACH
- 2003 Published "Rockitecture", a coffee—table book by Narendra Luther
- 2004 Released the Scientific Rock Survey of 3 Districts
- 2009 Succeeded in getting 15 more Rock areas declared Heritage Precincts
- 2011 Proposed 25 more rock sites for Greater Hyderabad Master Plan 2031
- 2012 First annual Hyderabad Rockathon in collaboration with GHAC & Department of Tourism
- 2016 Produced the Documentary "Hyderabad, City of Rocks"
- 2016 First annual participation in the Hyderabad Literary Festival
- 2017 Featured in the AGORA Biennale of Bordeaux in France
- 2018 First annual "Run for Rocks" organized with Hyderabad Runners
- 2019 First National Geoheritage Day with the Society of Earth Scientists
- 2020 Published "Marvels of Nature - Rockscape of Telangana", a coffee-table book
- 2021 Digital Rock Photo Exhibition with Goethe Zentrum Hyderabad
- 2021 Silver Jubilee Celebration with recognition to Rock supporters
- 2022 Conducted the International Geodiversity Day programme
- 2023 Marked International Geodiversity Day at SV College of Architecture & organized a Joint Rock walk with Save the Banyanas of Chevalla
- 2024 Partnered with Our Sacred Space for "A Peaceful Movement" dance ballet
- 2024 Rock Photo Exhibition at Ameerpet Metro Station
- 2024 Organised the 10th Hyderabad Rockathon
- 2025 Partnered with ICONART's "Whispering Rocks", an outdoor installation display
- 2025 Collaborated with Gitanjali Vedika Schools Rock Painting Exhibition at Erramanzil Metro Station

360
Rockwalks

Monthly
Rockwalks &
Excursions
without a break –
12 per year X 30
years

Numerous Talks,
Concerts, Film
Screenings, Photo
and Painting
Exhibitions,
Presentations at
Schools, Colleges
and Institutions
throughout the years

Managing Committee

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We welcome our new members

Ranjith Reddy Kondeti (Life Single)
Ritwik Reddy C (Life Single)
Dr Hema Rao Mylamala (Active Single)

CHANGES IN THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

Ravi Vundavalli has vacated his position from the Managing Committee. His contributions to the Society's activities are acknowledged and highly appreciated. We look forward to his continued involvement in rock awareness activities and his participation in initiatives that require his expertise in Geology.

Vanesh Eada, has been co-opted as a Management Committee member. Vanesh has an Audio-Visual Communications background and worked in the corporate sector. Presently he runs his own venture. He has a deep interest in Nature and a special love for Hyderabad's rock formations and their preservation.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 4, 2024

The next Fundraising Rockwalk will be held on January 4, 2026 at Venkateshwaragutta near Shamirpet lake. Participation charges are Rs. 500/- per adult and Rs.250/- per child (below 12) You will be introduced to a whole new area of astounding rocks.



Hyderabad Literary Festival 24 – 26.1.2026

The Hyderabad Literary Festival 2026 will again see a sizable participation by the Society to Save Rocks. Look forward to an exciting space with new programmes and interesting activities! Follow our website www.saverocks.org and social media handles for further details.

February 1, 2026

The Society will participate once again in the annual Naimisam Earth Festival organized by the Jiddu Krishnamurti Centre. The theme is "Celebrating the Deccan". More details will be communicated nearer to the event.

UPDATES FROM THE SOCIETY

The Society was invited to address 400 grade II students of The Gaudium School, Patancheru as part of their current study of Landforms. The students were curious about the Deccan rocks and how they could save rocks in their own small way. The school management has made efforts to use boulders as landscape features on the campus. The session was conducted by members Bharath Kumar, Vanesh Eada and Padmini Patell.

11th December, 2025

"A Peaceful Movement" – the Dance Drama about conservation was staged at the Microsoft campus in Hyderabad. It was conducted for the employees of Microsoft to create awareness and evince interest in conservation of the Deccan Rocks. Nayantara Nandakumar and her dance troupe showcased through energetic movement the success stories around conservation, from around the globe driven by committed citizens. Sangeeta Varma gave a brief about the Society and the work done towards saving the rocks of the Deccan. The event was hosted by Bharath Kumar and the talk and dance drama were well received by the audience. This then has set a stage for such events to be conducted in other corporate. The Society is looking forward to recommendations and invitations from members to conduct similar programmes.

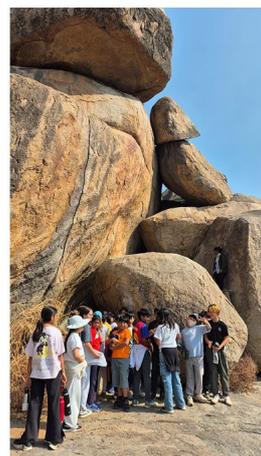


The Society being an NGO is trying to cover the rising cost of administration and programmes and hence embarked on fundraising events. The first such activity was a paid Rockwalk to Fakhruddingutta (Khajaguda Rocks), reasonably priced at Rs. 250 for adults. Bigger programmes will follow, and we hope that all Members and Rock Friends will be happy to contribute to a healthier financial base than we have been able to work with so far. Join us! For your love of the Rocks and appreciation of the Society's work!

15th December, 2025

Experiential Learning on the Rocks – Feedback by Ridhi Banerjee, Swathi Goud & Vijetha Naomi, Teachers of ISH

As part of our inquiry unit, 'Earth's Ever-changing Canvas,' the Grade 5 students of the International School of Hyderabad (ISH) embarked on a "Rock Walk" that proved to be much more than a standard field trip. Our students had the unique opportunity to step out of their comfort zones. Experiential learning was at its best as the children climbed the boulders, observed the unique textures of the granite, and identified different rock types that make up our local landscape.



Connecting with the Ecosystem the walk was not just about geology; it was a lesson in ecology and helped students understand how these ancient formations support a thriving ecosystem. The experience also provided a stark reality check. Students observed areas where rocks were being broken down to clear land for new buildings. Witnessing this destruction in the name of development sparked conversations among the students about the fragility of our heritage and the urgent need for conservation.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the experts from the Society Uma Maheswari, Dr Sudheer, Syam Sunder and Nanu. Their patience, knowledge, and passion transformed a simple walk into a meaningful educational journey. Thank you for helping our young explorers understand the value of the Deccan Plateau!



WISHING ALL OUR ROCK
SUPPORTERS A VERY EVENTFUL
2026 &
LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR
ROCKING SUPPORT.

UPCOMING ROCK WALKS!

January 18 Bhuvanagiri Rock Fort

7:00 a.m./ Alpha Hotel, Opposite
Secunderabad West Metro Station
Return time 3:00 p.m. (Carry lunch)

February 15 Nalgonda Hillocks (Nalgonda Town)

6:30 a.m./ Alpha Hotel, Opposite
Secunderabad West Metro Station
Return time 6:00 p.m. (Carry lunch)

March 15 Bowrampeta Rocks (Bachupally)

7:00 a.m./ Mehfil Hotel, Beside JNTU
Metro Station
Return time 12:00 noon

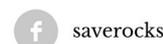
We conduct rock walks on the 3rd Sunday of every
month! Do join us for a journey through these
boulders! Don't forget your walking shoes and a good
'ol bottle of water :)

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/-

Application Form for membership is
available at www.saverocks.org

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the QR code
to our website



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to save
Fakhruddingutta
(Khajaguda
Rocks)



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the Society
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