



SOCIETY TO SAVE ROCKS

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CHILDREN FOR ROCKS – OUR HOPE



Photo by Sangeeta Varma



Photo by Amardeep Singh



On the eve of World Environment Day, the Society to Save Rocks in association with the Methodist Colony Welfare Association (MCWA), Begumpet held a Rock Painting competition to celebrate the rocks of the Deccan and to make children aware of the importance of rocks in our environment. 46 children in the age group of 3 to 13 years participated at the Rock Park of the colony with the assistance of the enthusiastic MCWA members, Mrs Jhansi Samuel, Secretary among them. The children were happy to be sitting in the open with rocks all around applying colour to paper with their own personal messages about conservation. The GHMC staff of the colony went all out to clear the debris in the parks to make them approachable for the residents to enjoy. Lion K.S.Prasad, President, MCWA along with Frauke Quader handed over prizes and certificates in a small but significant prize distribution ceremony at the Children's Park on road no 6 of Methodist Colony on 4th June. "This awareness programme made both parents and children notice the many rocks in our colony and we should expose them to more of such events," expressed Rakhi Kumari, Artist and Fevicryl Expert, one of the judges for the competition.

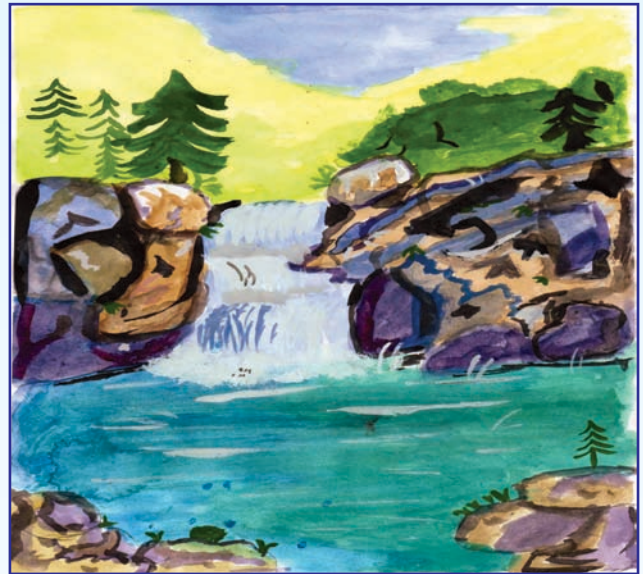
Surely it is evident that World Environment Day cannot be a one day event just on 5th June if we are protect our priceless rocks and our planet !

Padmini B Patell

ART WORKS OF 1ST PRIZE WINNERS



Samara Rohan in age group 3 to 7 years



Sidvik Rishi in age group 8 to 13 years

The Rock Park located on road no. 3 of Methodist Colony is a praiseworthy effort by GHMC to preserve our Deccan landscape. This park developed in the early 1990's was landscaped by the then Director Urban Forestry, Shri Chandramohan Reddy, conserving the timeless rock formation with interesting rock facts displayed. We encourage citizens to promote such rocky lung spaces in their vicinity.

PRESENTATIONS OF PLAQUES

by Managing Committee Members
in appreciation of efforts to protect rocks in individual properties



*Vice Chancellor Professor K. Seetharama Rao and Members
of the Faculty of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University on 03.06.2022*

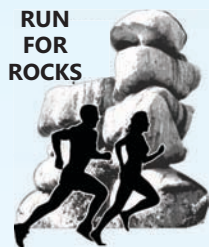


*R.K. Rao, Secretary, Sunil Reddy, Treasurer, of
BNR Hills Resident Welfare Association on 04-06-2022*

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's message for Earth Day 2022

On Earth Day 2022, let us remember that everybody wants to live a happy life. Not only human beings, but animals, birds and insects too. All of us should be concerned about our collective existence. As human beings our marvellous brains provide us with remarkable opportunities to do good, but if we look at how the world is today, we should be able to do better. We need a more holistic education, an education that incorporates inner values, such as a compassionate concern for others' well-being. *Full article can be viewed on our website*





UPCOMING EVENTS

RUN FOR ROCKS: This year's Run for Rocks scheduled to take place on 3rd July 2022 at Ghaar-E-Mubarak, behind Taramati Baradari has been cancelled by the Government due to non-permission of any gathering more than five citizens. Please check our website for new date announcement.

INTERNATIONAL ROCK DAY : 13 July is earmarked for people around the world to learn more about rocks as rocks play a big role in the environment and have been used by humans throughout history. (Ref: Google) To mark the day the Moulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) had planned with the Society to organise a Rock Treasure Hunt. Unfortunately due to the present Covid guidelines this event has to be postponed.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING of the Society will be conducted on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jubilee Hills International Centre. This meeting is only for members of the Society. Elections to the Managing Committee will be held at the AGM. Notices and Nomination forms have been sent.

DISASTER STRIKES YET AGAIN – MOULA ALI

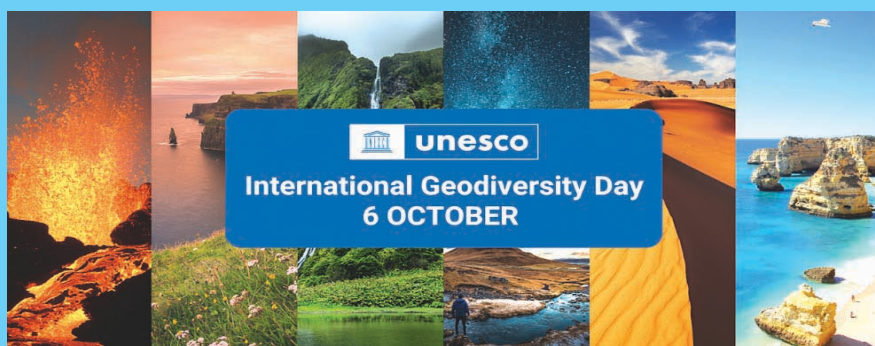
At our Rock Walk on 19.6.2022, the view of the beautiful Moula Ali rock dome being defaced by a high retaining wall for road construction in the centre of the hill, jolted us into some action. A visit to the Zonal Commissioner Secunderabad of the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (who are building the road), B. Srinivas Reddy, resulted in the assurance by the Executive Engineer in charge that the retaining wall would level out with the rock contour very shortly and that the bare surface of the 18 m concrete wall would be clad with some visually pleasing material. The further road to the top of the hill would come up only at the rock level with a simple railing and crash guard. Any more details would be discussed in a meeting with architect Shankar Narayan who is a member of the Society and other architects from Urban Labs.



Photo by Sanjay Gadhalay

Mark Your Calendar

From now on, 6 October will be International Geodiversity Day. This annual celebration of geodiversity was approved on 22 November by 193 member states attending UNESCO's biennial General Conference in Paris.

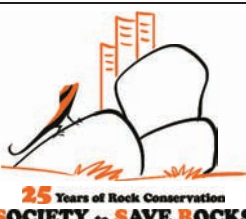


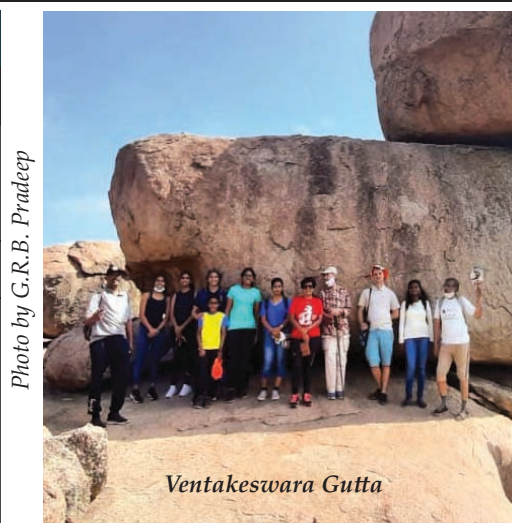
Date	Place	Time / Meeting point
Sunday, July 17, 2022	Koheda Gutta in Hayathnagar	8:00 a.m./ Opp. Ramoji Film City Entrance Gate, Vijayawada Highway (Departure from K. approx 12 noon)
Sunday, August 21, 2022	Venkateshwaragutta Near Shamirpet Lake	2:30 p.m. / Near Katta Maisamma Temple, Shamirpet lake bund, Karimnagar Highway
Sunday, September 18, 2022	Rachakonda in Narayanapur	7:30 a.m. / Inner Ring Road –Nagarjunasagar Road Cross Road at Bharat Petrol Bunk, and 8:30 a.m. / Dr. BR Ambedkar Statue, Imbrahimpatnam, Nagarjunasagar Highway (Departure from R. approx. 2.00 pm) Bring lunch.

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

We welcome our new Members:
Jainesh Shah – Active (Single), **Nisha Loudwal** – Active (Single)

Managing Committee					
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Membership Fee		
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	
Life (Couple)	₹ 5000.00	
Institution	₹ 10000.00	
Corporate	₹ 50000.00	



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