

# SOCIETY TO SAVE ROCKS

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## MY FRIEND - THE ROCK

In the heart of Hyderabad, I have a friend.  
This friend is a rock !

He is a friend, because when I join him,  
I am extremely happy.  
He is a friend, because when I leave him,  
I am filled with new energy.

One day, when I was walking in Paris,  
I felt a sense of loss.  
I was thinking of this rock, and  
my heart missed a beat at the thought of  
never seeing him again.

This rock has a particular energy, and from him  
emanates a deep serenity.  
However, he is located in the center of  
Hyderabad, a city so noisy and polluted.

Where does he get this deep energy?  
Has he accumulated it over the centuries?  
Is he connected to other underground energies?  
Does he absorb solar and space energies?  
Scientific explanations will come when science  
has evolved...

Be that as it may, this rock makes me love this  
city, this country, this world.  
He brings me a deep serenity, reveals peaceful  
spaces in me, and inspires my creation.

*by Beatrice de Fays, aka B2Fays*

(Translated from French by Uma Damodar Sridhar)



Photo by Padmini B Patell

Visit [www.HyderabadRockathon.com](http://www.HyderabadRockathon.com)

## ALL FOR GEO-HERITAGE



The Society partnered with the Society of Earth Scientists, India, Geoclub, Geological Survey of India, Southern Region to organize the “Save our Geo-heritage Run” on Necklace Road on 21 July. The Honorable Minister of State, Home Affairs Government of India Shri G.Kishan Reddy flagged off the Run and also spoke about saving the rocks of Telangana. Similar events were held at Chandigarh, Udaipur, Lucknow and Dehradun. The Press echo was good with the coverage in the electronic media and articles in the Times of India, Hans India, Andhra Jyothi and other vernacular papers.

The Run was followed by a brain storming session on “Conservation of Geoheritage: Current Scenario and Future Action Plan” at Indian National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi in August. The Society of Earth Scientists (SES) with the Indian National Committee for IUGS-INQUA and INSA presented a Status Paper and Draft Legislation before technocrats, lawmakers, UNESCO and Government officials at New Delhi to enact a Law for the conservation of our Geoheritage. The core group proposed that Geoheritage should be included in the M.Sc.syllabus, a day should be declared National/International Geoheritage Day and that Universities need to enhance awareness about the importance of geological monuments. The technical session presented by Dr. Satish C. Tripathi, General Secretary, SES was on “Geoheritage and Geoparks: Indian and International Scenario.”

The Earth Scientists August 2019 Newsletter carried the Society's feature “Saving the Secular Hillock of Khajjaguda.” The endangered Heritage site will hopefully get visibility and gain support from it's 600 odd member scientists spread across the country. The article can be viewed on [www.earthscienceindia.info](http://www.earthscienceindia.info) in the popular section.



*Shri G. Kishan Reddy addressing the Runners*



*The next-gen sporting our message*



8<sup>th</sup>HYDERABAD 2019  
ROCKATHON

Save Rocks for Adventure and Recreational Events.  
Conducted by Society to Save Rocks and Great Hyderabad Adventure Club.

Hyderabad Rockathon is a fun filled get-together being conducted to highlight the importance of preserving our rocks and their heritage with many activities for all age groups that are themed around rocks.

Exciting activities for all ages:



- Rock Walk
- Trail Biking
- Rock Quiz
- Bouldering
- Selfie with Rocks
- Treasure Hunts

**HURRY!  
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Early Bird Offer

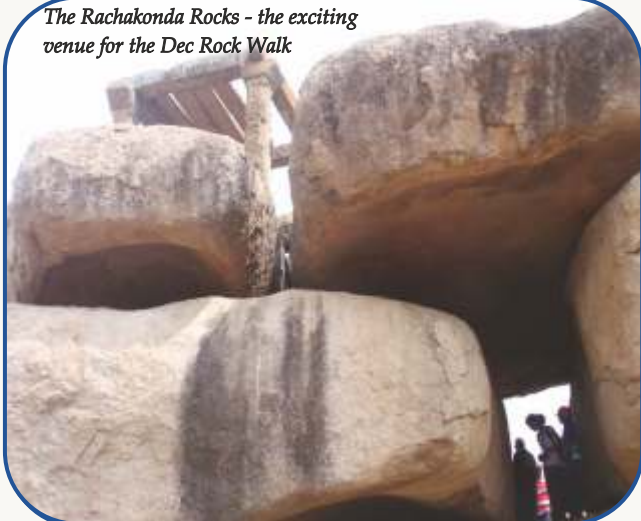


## AN APPEAL

We are glad that our annual Hyderabad Rockathon has grown in popularity over the last 7 years and the city does look forward to this day long adventure in the rocks. However, due to lack of financial support this year we appeal to members and well wishers to kindly contribute towards the Rockathon Fund which helps spread the message of conservation of the gigantic Deccan marvels. We also invite corporate sponsorships.

Bank transfers can be made to Society to Save Rocks, Bank of Baroda, Jubilee Hills Branch, Account No 18090100003047, NEFT Code BARB0JUBILE where the fifth character is a "zero". Please mention your name in the transfer.

*The Rachakonda Rocks - the exciting venue for the Dec Rock Walk*



*Photo by Sangeeta Varna*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude the contribution of P.V.R.K.Nageswara Rao Chartered Accountants who have been auditing the Society's accounts on a honorary basis since 1996.

Their steadfast support year after year has helped our cause and aided in the smooth running of the Society.

## Rock Walks in October, November & December 2019

Day & Date	Place	Time / Meeting Point
Sunday, Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Rocks Near Gandipet	2 p.m. /NMDC, Masab Tank
Sunday, Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	★ Gandikota (overnight)	Check Details on Website
Sunday, Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Rachakonda	8 a.m. Gun Park Opp. Public Garden

★ Details of transport and lodging will be posted on our website by 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. Participants need to make the online payments and confirm to Mr G.R.B. Pradeep on 98667 52114 before 10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Rock Walks are conducted on the third Sunday of every month. They are announced in the press and social media, and on our website. Everybody is welcome. Walking shoes, a cap, long pants and a water bottle are a must. Please enroll with **G.R.B. Pradeep at 9866752114**.

**Elections to Managing Committee of the Society took place at the Annual General Body Meeting held on 30.8.2019 at the Jubilee Hills International Centre. The following are the members of the new Committee of the Society:**

### Managing Committee

**Vice President :** Aparajita Sinha - 9849655363

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**Joint Secretary** Sangeeta Varma - 9849044624

**Treasurer :** G.R.B. Pradeep - 9866752114

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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	