



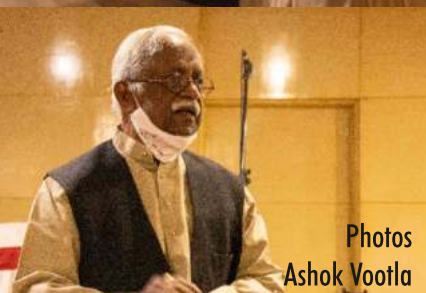
SOCIETY TO SAVE ROCKS

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Our 25th Anniversary was celebrated at Hotel The Plaza on 20th February 2021 instead of the original date 26th January as a mark of respect to our Late President Narendra Luther who had passed away shortly before this date. Nevertheless, it reflected our spirit of conservation and recalled our journey of 25 long years from 1996.

We began the programme with two minutes of silence followed by a tribute to our Late President by B.P.Acharya, IAS, a Life Member of the Society. This was followed by felicitations to 12 Founder Members with mementos. Founder Members fondly recollected their association with the Society with a deep regard for the dedication of the Managing Committees striving for the rock cause for over two and a half decades. The Society presented Plaques of Appreciation to organizations and individuals who have gone out of their way to conserve rocks on their premises. These were given to the ITC Kakatiya, The Trident Hotel, Hyderabad, The Anti Corruption Bureau, The State Gallery of Art, The Luther Family, Petra Apartments and Rock Levelz Apartments. The winners of the online competitions were announced – Vijaya Gopal for the best rock slogan, Lata Vishwanath for rock poetry and Ali Abbas Ahmadi for rock selfie (entries can be viewed on our website) A short music performance by Akram Ul Haq and Sasha Vig set the tone for a relaxed afternoon with a sumptuous lunch and lots of friendly chatter. Considering Covid restrictions the small celebration was a milestone and a reminder to continue with our endeavors of converting more Hyderabadis into rock lovers. We sure are hopeful we can be instrumental in our priceless rocks becoming a global discovery as our Biryani has! Many thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to make this a day to remember.



Frauke Quader presents the plaque to Dr J.Purnachandra Rao,
Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Banjara Hills

The Society was given the opportunity to display a few of our spectacular translucent rock photographs at The State Gallery of Art during their 17th Anniversary celebrations in January by their Director Dr K. Lakshmi. Frauke Quader interacted with the Minister of Tourism who inaugurated the programme and the event received good press coverage.



Doing the honours at the office of
Mr L.N.Sharma, CEO, Trident Hotel, HITECH City



Plaque being handed over by our Founder President Laxma Goud to
V.Srinivas Goud, Minister Tourism & Culture at the State Gallery of Art, Jubilee Hills.

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The January Rock walk to Bodugutta near Ramonji Film city began with a **Pranayama Session** by our member Harshita Soni, a professional Yoga Instructor as an Anniversary special. The rock walkers were pleasantly surprised and recommended we add this to more rock walks as it was found to be rejuvenating.

A **Rock Awareness Session for International School of Hyderabad** was conducted by Sangeeta Varma for 42 students of class V and their teachers on 26.2.2021. The children showed keen interest in the conservation on rocks and quickly grasped the importance of rocks in maintaining the ecological balance. "It was very enchanting to note how the children identified various rock formations to resemble different animals. Some showed keen interest to raise funds through crowd funding (and they are only in class VI!) to help protect few rocks. The program validated that continued exposure to different aspects of nature will help children relate better and develop the need for conservation for future generations. "It'll make them more responsive as well as responsible" said Sangeeta.

The prestigious **FOSWL Club (Friends on Same Wave Length)**, originally a Senior Citizens association, but owing to their very interesting talks by learned experts, now frequented by all age groups, gave us the opportunity to talk about the Rocks and their preservation through the efforts of the Society. In their monthly Zoom meeting on 20.2.2021, Frauke Quader gave an online PowerPoint presentation to numerous Club Members about our cause. Members lauded our efforts and sent in their appreciation of the programme (available on YouTube).

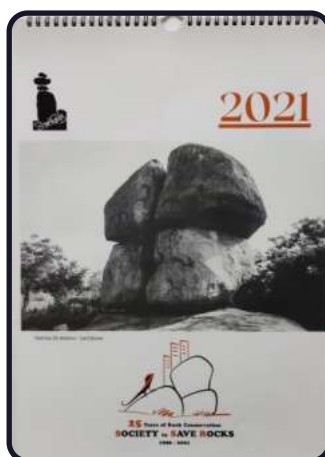
Likewise, a Zoom talk about the Society and the protection of Rocks was held on 31.3.2021 at the Hyderabad Chapter of the **Ohara School of Ikebana**, by Frauke. The Members had created Ikebana flower-and-rock arrangements on this special day, the birthday of the Chapter's Founder, Meena Ananthanarayan. This lent a special emphasis to the aspect of rocks in nature.

Our special **Anniversary Calendar** is a visual treat of the 12 rocks now tagged with the Society's Plaque of Appreciation. 200 of these calendars have been generously distributed to spread our message locally and to outstation supporters. (it can be seen on our website under "Programmes")

Memento design



The apt memento for founder members, much appreciated by all was created through the good offices of Trove Craft India. The artist sculpted a resin skin over a mould of clay, finishing it with a layer of paint resembling our Five Tile Rock (near Ghaar-e-Mubarak).



Mask to spread rock message & stay safe



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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 and long pants should be worn. Please enroll with G.R.B. Pradeep at 9866752114. Participants are expected to follow adequate Covid 19 protection rules.

Rock Walks in April - May - June 2021

Day and Date	Place	Time and Meeting Point
Sunday, April 18, 2021	Rocks near Durgam Cheruvu	7:00 a.m. Opp. petrol bunk, Jubilee Hills Check Post Return approximately 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 16, 2021	Ghar-e-Mubarak (behind Taramati Baradari)	7:00 a.m. Royal Function Hall, Narsingi Return approximately 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 20, 2021	Bodakonda (Near Ibrahimpatnam)	8:00 a.m. Babasaheb Dr.Ambedkar junction, Ibrahimpatnam Please bring lunch. approximately 03:00 p.m.

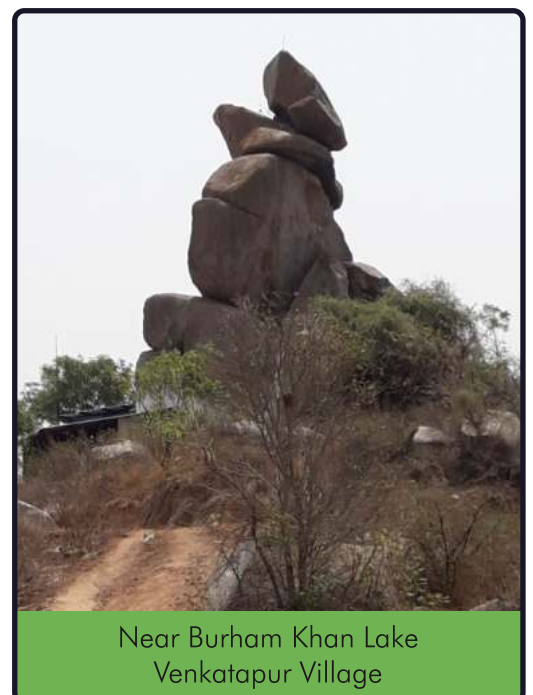
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New Membership Fee From 01-04-2021

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	

*Inviting all members to organise
one rock awareness event in their circle as an
Anniversary contribution to the Society.*



Near Burham Khan Lake
Venkatapur Village