

Podar Hikers' Club Annual Report 2018-19



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- Sarasgad Trek - 22nd July, 2018 (1608 ft.):

Podar Hikers' Club started off the academic year with a bang as we made our way to Sarasgad. On entering the fort, the team could see the artistically designed caves and spaces used for storing water and food.

- Chanderi Trek - 15th August, 2018 (2300 ft.):

Chanderi Trek was a unique trek of Podar Hikers' Club because of two reasons. Firstly, the trek was conducted on Independence Day and secondly, the trek was conducted on a Sunday as usual but instead on a Wednesday. The group started the trek at 9:30am and reached a plateau and then descended a little to reach the most attractive part of the trek i.e. river and waterfall route. Later, they were climbing up the stream while the water was continuously flowing against them. Afterwards, the team celebrated Independence Day by hoisting the flag.

- Mirya Dongar Trek - 30th September, 2018 (1867 ft.):

The Podar Hikers Club organised a hike to Mirya Dongar and Vygareshwar temple on the 30th September, 2018. The students walked through paths of bright yellow flowers and exquisite flora, rarely found in the suburbs and enjoyed this marvellous canvas of nature. Finally, the archaic temple of Shiva made them time travel to the era of Shivaji Maharaj.

- Matheran Trek - 25th November, 2018 (2200 ft.):

Matheran Trek was the first winter trek of Podar Hikers' Club for the year 2018-19. The team started the trek at 10:00 am and reached the top i.e. the Sunset Point by 12:30 pm. From there

everyone moved ahead to check few other points near the top, which included Echo Point, Louisa Point and Malang Point.

- Asherigad Trek - 2nd December, 2018 (1664 ft.):

Walking through the paddy fields, the team reached the base village, from there to the top, it was a path full of verdant trees and solitude. A carved stone staircase led to the fort and we had to climb a dangling iron staircase to reach the top. It was equally scary yet adventurous. A few more minutes of trailing through the forest and we reached the temple at the top.

- Hadsar Trek - 29th - 30th December, 2018 (3200 ft.):

A small contingent of 9 people joined an overnight trek to Hadsar, a fort near Junnar in Pune district. It was an excellent reunion of sorts, when Parin Shah, Sachin Shastry were again joined by Mahesh Ganmukhi from USA, and Saurabh Vaishampayan, a history expert, alongwith Prof Phadke - the group that did a memorable 2 day trek to Kunjargad - Kaladgad, 2 years back. Hadsar though relatively small, hides some wonderful constructions like a clutch of store rooms and a lovely ancient Shiva temple. They visited Kukadeshwar, a unique Shiva temple near it, from where the river Kukdi originates.

- PHC Reunion - 5th January, 2019:

After successfully completing 35 years of hiking by Podar Hikers' Club, it was time to conduct a small Reunion. The event started with the introduction of each and every member present at the event along with the present committee of Podar Hikers' Club. It was followed by everyone sharing their best hike experiences. Later, Principal Ma'am addressed everyone at the event. An introduction of RAPAA - Alumni Association of Podar was given by our Principal Ma'am and Mr. Dilip Lagu. During the event, Mr. Pralhad Burli (2004 batch) was felicitated for his notable work in USA i.e. completion of Ph.D.

- Harihar Trek - 12th-13th January, 2019 (3674 ft.):

Harihar Trek was the first overnight trek conducted by Podar Hikers' Club for the year 2018-19. The team left the college on the night of 12th January, 2019 and began the trek at 9 am next day.

- Talk by Dr. Ketna Mehta - 14th January, 2019:

The event was organised by Life Enrichment Cell along with Podar Hikers' Club and Students Council. The resource person for this session Dr. Ketna Mehta shared her story of resilience. Dr. Ketna Mehta met with an accident while hiking which left her legs paralysed but despite that she kept pursuing what she always wanted to pursue. The accident gave her a new outlook on life. During the event she shared her experience and described the trauma she felt after the accident and how she later recovered and brought positivity back in her life. She sensitised students about their perspectives towards differently abled people.

- Saad Himalayachi - 19th January, 2019:

The event was conducted jointly by Podar Hikers' Club and Marathi Literary Circle, where Saad Himalayachi, a documentary filmed and composed by Mr. Vasant Limaye about his 2 weeks road trip and his experience in Himalayas (from Sikkim to Ladakh) was shown. The event was concluded by Mr. Rajendra Phadke sharing his personal experiences with the road trip.