

PODAR HIKERS' CLUB- ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

Trekkers at top of Peth Fort

TREK: NAKHIND – 2400 ft. (17TH JULY 2016)

Nakhind (mountain with a hole) (just like a needle), is 705 m high in the Karjat ranges. We left college by 6.00am. We took a few pits stops on our way & picked the rest of the party. It is a steep climb through forest and rough patch to another small community village called "vaghini chi wadi". vaghini chi wadi is more like a plateau, it has small set up of houses, schools. From there again the climb begins, till you reach at the top most point. All this while we were a group of 6 trekking to the top. The view from the 'nedhe' (hole of the mountain) was the best. We could manage to sit for almost 2 hours in the 'nedhe'. It felt unreal. It was breezy and relaxing. There are plains on both the sides - one side is panvel and the other side Neral, vangani, shelu & then the sahayadris start. We could see Haji Malang gad - the start of Matheran range in North west, Tavli (Tahuli) in North, Navranavri, Chanderi, Mhaismal in centre, Peb, Matheran to south , Irshal gad, Prabal gad, kalavantindurg to the south west. We thanked that we were the only ones in the 'nedhe', as the 'nedhe' was just about 8'- 10' long. We could see many other topmost ranges around. The descent was difficult even without rains. I have heard that in rains its way too hard. From our busy day to day lives, where all these little things go amiss, this little time & the closeness to nature was all we needed. Must visit Nakhind, spending hours sitting in the 'nedhe' after a steep difficult climb of hours, is truly an amazing experience. After lunch we reached our base village by 5.30 pm. By 10.00 pm everyone reached home. The hike all together was a successful hike.



Group in the needle hole atop Nakhind

TREK: VALMIKI ASHRAM – 1375 ft. (11TH SEPTEMBER 2016)

In the early morning of 11th September, the Podar Hiker's Club organised its third monsoon trek to the Valmiki Ashram. This scenic beauty, surrounded by lovely mountains, is situated near Shahpur on Nashik Highway. With a contingent of 47 people led by Mr. Amey Ketkar, the trek was a success. After a small break at the ashram, the hikers embarked on the trek. Hiking for nearly two hours, this trek was relatively easy and a lot of fun. The trek was especially fun for the junior college students, many of whom were first timers. The secretary of the club, Mangisha Yadav, was visibly pleased. She said, "All the treks this year were awesome. The response was great from both the students and the Club members. I'm looking forward to many more treks like this one!"

TREK: TIKONA – 3500ft. (7th January-8th January 2017)

It was the first overnight trek for the club in the academic year 2016-2017. It was conducted to Tung in the original decision taken by the forum. As we reached there it came to our notice that the ferry in the lake which would have taken us to base village of Trek was closed due to some technical reason. But we diverted our plan to Tikona which is at a distance of half a kilometre from our original plan. Students had a wonderful overnight experience during the trek. Right from preparing food for the entire batch and singing songs though the night made it live. In the morning students had no regret to climb another mountain in place of original one. By around 11.00 in the morning students were able to reach top of Tikona. It was comparatively easy and successful trek.



Students at the top of Tikona Trek | Scenic View from Top

With the last trek Podar Hikers Club was happy to conclude their year with around 200 young trekkers marching towards new heights ...

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