

PODAR HIKERS' CLUB- ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

Activities conducted during the year 2015-16:

TREK: - 1 MRUGAGAD – 1750 ft. (23 RD AUGUST 2015)

The first monsoon hike of the season to mrugagad jambhulpada beyond imagica. Not a drop of rain, but the clouds were perfectly covering us. The breeze was so lovely, that at some tricky places we had to be extra careful for balancing. The cheerful response from the students made us to book 2 buses for the 1 st hike. With a huge group of 100 students from college. We started from college at 6.30 am and returned to college by 8.00 pm. We completed this trek in 5 hrs. Along with us some ex-students also joined. This trek was led by Jayant Gosar, ex-secretary. It was a very beautiful hike and a very enjoyable one as the difficulty level was easy.

TREK: - 2 SAGARGAD – 1375 ft. (13 TH SEPTEMBER 2015)

Our 2 nd successful monsoon hike was to Sagargad near Alibaug, with exciting crowd of around 49 students including some of our ex podarites. The hike was indeed a memorable one with bucket full of experiences and enhancing the leading skills required for the hiker. The students here got a chance to experience beauty of nature and a pleasant climate. We started from college at morning 6am and returned back on same evening 7pm. This trek was led by our ex-chairman Rajendra Phadke sir with a group of 49 students.

TREK: - 3 MIRYA DONGAR – 1867 ft. (4 TH OCTOBER 2015)

Our 3 rd exiting trek was to Mirya Dongar located at Vyaghreshwar, which was a very lengthy hike but the level of difficulty was Medium. It was a junior college special hike conducted on 4 th October, 2015 with a small group of 28 students. It was an one day trek. We started from college at 6.00 am Had to therefore climb only about 200-300 ft.& then a flat walk of 1 hour took us straight to the Vyaghreshwar temple. A good sumptuous lunch in the temple precincts was followed by dip in the small waterfall, close to the temple, & some poodles that were formed. We then went to bigger waterfall downstream which also was a miniature of the usual awesome place we remember from the past monsoon hikes. Further cooling in the showers ensued. Another one hour walk downhill & we were back at the bus by 5 and had a repeat halt at Hotel Karnala where we had excellent Kanda Bhaji. Finally reached college by 9.30.

TREK: - 4 GHANGAD TELBAILA – 2500 ft. (7 TH -8 TH NOVEMBER 2015)

The 2 nd overnight and 1 st winter overnight trek was conducted on 7 th -8 th November to Ghangad Telbaila, located at lonavala beyond amby valley. Night Hike is one of the richest experiences one can get from the treks. 31 students from our college grabbed this opportunity. We started our journey from college on 7 th night at 10 pm and returned on the next day evening. It was a very tiring

trek as it was a long way walk.

TREK 5 MANGAD KUMBHIGHAT (12 TH -13 TH DECEMBER 2015)

We had a wonderful outing on Sat 12th night 11 pm to Sun 13th 6.30 pm. Incidentally, we did Mangad in flat 1 hour, smallest / quickest hike and then a trip to Kumbhighat, which we partially climbed in trekking way, and then in a jeep. The area between Konkan & Sahyadri ghats is rich, lovely and the view from top of Kumbhighat was most breath-taking - a mini kokan kada. The group was of 12 people and we reached the base village at 3.45 am. On the beautiful flooring made of cow dung of a covered courtyard, laid down our carry mats & had a nice 3 hour sleep in our sleeping bags. After early morning chores, went to Mashidwadi, the base village of our trek. Parked our bus & went off for the trek. At the Manjurne village, we had lunch again on the lovely floor & went further up. At 1 pm, after a nice lunch, nobody had the real desire to keep walking up on the tar road, with very little patches of shade. We crossed a tunnel of a fair length to reach the other side of mountain which is has a river, said to be the origin of 'Kaal' river. In the meantime, two of our members went down with the guide boy to Mashidwadi & fetched our bus. Hence our so called hike ended at 2 pm to start our journey back home. We reached college at 6.30 pm.

TREK 6 – PEB FORT – 1554ft. (10 TH DECEMBER 2015)

The New Year started with a boom. Something very happening and sadness had no room. The trek marked something really important for the year to start. Such adventurous and determined track formed the beginning's part. We were to report sharp at 5.30 am when there was a minute glimpse of light. The route was to peb fort, departing at morning stating every reason to fight. Against the odd and the problems in life it signified. The victory later after all the efforts is much more now glorified. A bunch of 46 people started for the day with loads of energy and determination. Such a beautiful and amazing trip was turning into reality an imagination. We strike neral at half past nine. The main trek then started with all the energy and enthusiasm filled in everyone. Steps were moving ahead, through the trodden ways, but no eyes looked back, none. Though we had a hardship and therefore we got delayed by an hour because we couldn't leave anyone as everyone we saw as ours. Everyone was tired as it was around 4'o clock of the day. We then had our meal in a temple that felt so divine. Nothing could be worth watching under the sun's shine. We then took rest for a while and decided to descend down. And then through rails we came near the town. We then hired a private cab that lead to our bus from neral. And everything then came to an end when we reached by 10 at college gate.

“MEMORIES OF THESE TREKS WOULD BE CHERISHED FOREVER AS WE LEARNED WHAT IT IS TO WIN TOGETHER.”