

Podar Hikers' Club



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One Tree Hill – Matheran (21st July 2019)

Podar Hikers' Club started the year with a hike to One Tree Hill, Karjat. The spot is famous for its lush greenery and route hidden in dense fog. A group of 98 hikers including students and core committee members started from college at 6:30 am and made their way to the base village by 9:30 am. Post breakfast, a group introduction round followed by a briefing took place. Hikers reached the top by 12:45 pm and could see the solitary tree that gave the hill the moniker 'One Tree Hill'. Post lunch, students started to descend by 2:30 pm and were able to reach the base village by 6:30 pm. The trek was successful and marked the opening of P.H.C. for this year.

Ganpati Gadad (11th August 2019)

It took students around 4 hours of bus journey to get to the base village of Sonavale at 11 am. There they were led by a local guide who guided them to the top. The weather was good and the hike was easy to climb due to the lack of rain. Students had our lunch together at the height of 3000 ft in one of the caves. After enjoying the hilltop view for an hour, they were taken by the guide to a small waterfall while trekking down. By 4:30 pm they got out of the waterfall and restarted their descent. Filled with new memories, students returned to R.A. Podar College by 11:30 pm.

Kohoj Fort (14th-15th September 2019)

For this overnight trek, students left from college at around 11:00 pm with 35 students to Kohoj Fort, Palghar District. They reached the base village Vaghote at 4:00 am and took a halt. Everyone was excited to climb the height of 3200 feet to Kohoj Fort. A local guide was hired to help us with the route till the top. The route through which they passed was full of waterfalls and various types of plants and birds. They passed through a lake at the foothills of the mountain. After a moderately hard climb of two hours, students finally reached a plain area where they took

a break. On the plateau, there was a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, also there were groups of water tanks around. Near the water cisterns there was an idol of Lord Hanuman. On the top there was a rock formation of human shape which is believed to be carved by the winds. On the way down it was quite slippery as it was raining moderately throughout. Students left the place at around 5:30 pm and then reached the college at around 9:00 pm.

Thanale Caves (20th October 2019)

Podar Hikers' Club had organized a trek to Thanale caves near Pali as a Junior College Special hike, with 80 students. The height was about 2000 feet only. Starting at 7:00 am from the college, we reached the base at around 10:30 am. After reaching the top and looking at the caves, students realised how difficult it must have been to create a cave with such precision. There were many other caves ahead which were hidden due to the rocks. Students enjoyed the waterfall and then started their journey down and reached the college at around 11:00 pm.

Manikgadh Fort (12th January 2020)

To mark the beginning of New Year memorable, P.H.C. organised a trek to Manikgadh fort, near Rasayani. The hike was a little difficult and thus it took students around four hours to reach the top of the mountain. After spending some time enjoying scenic beauty, they began their descent. Everyone reached the base village at around 8:30 pm. As they had finished their water supply, students fetched some water from the local villagers. Starting their journey back to college, they returned with wonderful memories.