



“Chasing angels or fleeing demons, Go to the Mountains”

- Jeffrey Rasley

July-August 2015

Mt. Hanuman Tibba (19400ft.)

Highest mountain in Dhauladhar ranges in Himalaya

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To all the participants of the club's activities

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Memory Lane

Trek to Tikona fort (तिकोनागड)

Friday, 1st May 2015

Participants: 93

Leaders: Jayant Wakode, Tushar Wadhwa, Sriram Jaiswal

It was a hot summer day when everyone climbed to the top of Balekilla. But the weather and the steepness of the stairs couldn't beat the internal calmness as it was the end of endsem exams. Views of Lohagad, Visapur, Tung, Pawana lake and the quite and soothing wind was just so amazing. Numerous temples and caves at the fort was showcasing its historic and structural importance. Trees with many tasty mangoes was a surprise treat for some of the students who gave a go at exploring the ancient caves in the forest.



Trek to Lohagad-Visapur-Bhaje caves

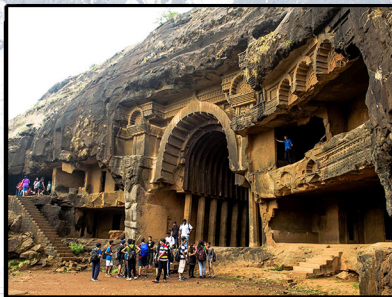
Sunday, 14th June 2015

Participants: 70

Leaders: Akhilesh Gandhi and Sonya Bharatkar

"In every walk with nature one receives more than he seeks"

It was amazing to say the least. It was a one day trek to Lohagad and Visapur and Bhaje caves near Lonavla. It's a very beautiful place, dense vegetation, many mesmerizing waterfalls, crystal clear, cold water, lots of streams all over the place.



Climbing News

Google Maps adds vertical Street view feature

WASHINGTON: Google has added a feature that lets users virtually climb a real mountain in Google Maps. According to Techcrunch.com, Google Maps with its vertical street view will let users experience a first person climb on both the The Nose and a portion of the Dawn wall routes for scaling El Capitan, which is a vertical rock formation in Yosemite National Park, California, USA. Google partnered with legendary climbers Lynn Hill, Alex Honnold and Tommy Caldwell to add Yosemite Valley's El Capitan to its street view.

IIT Bombay students excel in Mountaineering Courses

MANALI: Just like every year, huge participation was observed in the mountaineering courses conducted by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (affiliated to Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi). 25 students in May batch and 38 students in June batch participated in Basic Mountaineering Course (BMC). 2 students also participated in Advance Mountaineering course in June batch.

20 students from May batch successfully summited Mt. Balchandra (15000 ft.) and 30 students from June batch successfully completed height gain upto 15700ft. i.e. C-1 of Mt. Shetidar. Puneet Mahajan from May batch and Harit Kumar from June batch were declared Best Trainees of their respective batch. Tushar Wadhwa and Jayant Wakode successfully summited Mt. Friendship (17353ft.) as a part of their Advance Mountaineering Course.

Climbing gets second chance at Tokyo 2020 Olympics

Tokyo: The Tokyo 2020 organizing committee has announced its shortlist of events to be considered for the 2020 Olympic Games. Climbing, along with seven other sports, made the cut, down from original list of 26 that applied. If this sounds familiar, it's because climbing already went through a similar selection process for the 2020 games, but was passed over in a 2013 decision. Last year, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president introduced reforms that allow the host city to add one or more additional sports that are already popular in their country to increase ratings and sponsorship opportunities.

Giripremi team scales unclimbed peak in Pirpanjal Himalaya

PUNE/MANALI: A team of young aspiring mountaineers started a new chapter in history of Giripremi's mountaineering tradition as they successfully scaled an unclimbed peak in the Pirpanjal range of the Himalaya.



On 28th June 2015, 09:40 AM, it was a dream come true moment for Bhushan Shet, Kiran Salastekar, Aniket Kulkarni, Sanket Dhotre, Pavan Hadole, Dinesh Kotkar as they reached to the twin summits (5175 m and 5266 m) of the peak under the leadership of Everest Anand Mali, who also reached the top of the mountain. Giripremi, one of the pioneer mountaineering clubs in India, is committed to promote mountaineering sport in the youth of our nation. As a part of this effort, the club always provides opportunities for the young mountaineers through various programs. The success of this expedition iterates the success of vision of Giripremi.

As Giripremi is the first team to climb this unnamed peak, they propose to name this peak as Mt. Nalini.

Upcoming events

Trek to Kohoj Fort (कोहोजगड)

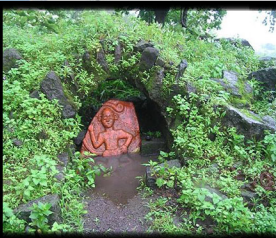
Sunday, 2nd Aug 2015

Grade: Medium

Max. participants: 75

Fees: ₹400/-

The fort is located in Thane district, 95 kms from IIT. On reaching the plateau of the fort, a temple of Lord Shankar can be seen, which has now been rehabilitated. Two cisterns can be seen in front of the temple. Few remnants in dilapidated state can be seen to the right of the temple. Fortification is also seen at some of the places on the fort. Here we come across many natural pinnacles formed due to wind-erosion. A man-shaped pinnacle is one of the greatest wonder of nature's creation. This is the most attractive place on the fort. Different shapes of this pinnacle are evident when viewed from various directions.



Trek to Mt. Kalsubai (कळसुबाई शिखर)

Sunday, 30th Aug 2015

Grade: Medium

Max. participants: 100

Fees: TBA (approx. 400)

Kalsubai is the highest mountain in Maharashtra. On the top of the peak is a small temple, which can seat at the most 3 people. The vastly spread out backwaters of Bhandardara attracts ones attention from the top. On the north we see the mountain range having forts like Ramsej, Achala, Ahivant, Saptashrungi, Markandya, Dhodap, Rawlya, Jawlya and Koldher. To the east one can spot Aundh, Vishramgad, Alang, Madan, Kulang, Matheran and Harishchandragad. There has, however, been a massive deforestation on this mountain.

