

O. Best Practices and Activities of the following :
v. Nature Club :

Nature brings in serenity and understanding Nature and Architecture helps us understand the built and un-built environment around us, and builds environment and design sensitivity and values.

With this belief, College has encouraged engaging students and teachers to organize one-day picnics, site-visits, study tours and excursions during rains to natural along with architectural /heritage sites.

Nature Club:

Nature club of college was started with great enthusiasm by Prof. Prachi Aiyer along with faculty Prof. Rina Salvi & Ar. Nikhil Renuse in May-2007, with the guidance and navigation by national-level nature-lover and Trekker Mr. Mukund Jadhav and later by Mr. Mohan Ogale of 3M Adventures & Tours.

College Nature Club logo:



First Trek to Duke's Nose Point, Lonavala on 8th July 2007:



Later 2 treks were announced for students and staff, during rainy season to Fort Purandar, Pune in Sept-2007 and Dandeli Forest Reserve, Karnataka in June-2013.

With the work-demanding academic life, students found it difficult to join in for a college-organised trek. Nature Club continued informally amongst students.

Hiking and Biking:

Students started trekking and hiking activity during the vacation time on their own in groups, by joining other trekking clubs for over-night full-moon night trek to Sinhagad, Pune or other nearby places & forts, even for long treks to Himalayas.

Some Students formed biking groups. They have carried on with this activity even during their professional practice times. Our present students follow their Seniors /Mentors (who are our now Alumni) on the social media platforms viz. Instagram & Facebook. Few students often join them for the same activity, which contributes a lot towards their physical & mental fitness, and helps them build network, connecting our students vertically cross batches.

Trekking in Himalayas Alumni Ar. Viraj Bhansali (Jan 2015) and Visiting Faculty Ar. Aniruddha Sane (Jan 2023):



Alumni Ar. Rakesh Pate, B.Arch. 2011 with his biking group:



Faculty & Alumni Ar. Hrishikesh Vaze, B.Arch. 2015 with our M.Arch. Student Ar. Fayaz Shaikh and other friends travelling with motor-bikes in Himalayas:



Student Zeeshan Bangi with his Yamaha bike likes off-roading, participating in motor fests



Student Nitin Markad likes rock-cliff climbing in Maharashtra



Faculty Excursions:

Faculty with core & visiting teachers and non-teaching staff initiated the one-day leisure activity in the form of Staff picnics and one-day excursions especially during rainy season every year to a resort or destination near hills or lakes around the city.

Enthusiastic teachers climb up the hill or waterfall track and get rejuvenated by nature. This helps in bonding, team-building and fun time beyond the staff room hours.

1. Staff Picnic to Surya Shibir, Panshet-Varasgaon Dam, Pune on 8th June 2006:



2. Staff Picnic to Mulshi, Pune in 17th July 2007:



3. Staff Picnic to The Hidden Oasis, Saswad, Pune on 31st July 2008:



4. Staff Picnic to Mulshi, Pune on 30th July 2009:



5. Staff Picnic to Mulshi, Pune on 23rd July 2010:



6. Staff Picnic to Baneshwar, Pune on 3rd August 2015:



7. Staff Picnic to The Lake District, Kondhwa, Pune on 14th Jan 2020:



The activity has now resumed to normalcy after pandemic times.

8. Staff Picnic to Farmhouse at Chambli, Saswad, Pune on 19th August 2023:



9. Staff & Students' Visit to 'The Hidden Oasis' Farm, Garade, Pune on 11th Sep 2024:



