

# Annual Report - The Hiking Club

The Hiking Club established in 1949 has always strived to explore new avenues of adventure and test the limits of each of its members. Through its 70-year-old legacy, The Hiking Club has been a part of many firsts in adventure sports and turned out great pioneers in the same. The following were the activities undertaken by the club in the academic year of 2022-2023.

## **SSL event - 17/10/2022**

On 17 October 2022, Hiking Club, in collaboration with the Social Service League of the college, opened itself to the cheerful children of the evening classes held by SSL. A special route was set up for the kids and with zeal and safety, they scaled the Hiking wall. All the children enjoyed the activity. It also proved to be a great learning experience for the kids as they cheered each other on when their friends felt unmotivated. All the volunteers enjoyed the activity thoroughly as well, helping the kids up and around the wall and just watching them have fun. It was a successful and wholesome event.

## **Walloween - 31/10/2022**

This was a special Halloween themed climbing session which was organized to shine our alter ego by wearing the halloween costumes of our choice. Good climbers get free treats and a special prize awaits the best dressed person.

## **Night Climb Workshop - 06/12/2022**

**[5:00pm-8:30p.m]**

The workshop provided a unique experience for the climbers. The workshop was not only about conquering the physical challenge of climbing in the dark but also about the mental and emotional aspects. Climbers learned to overcome their fears and develop mental resilience as they face the unknown in the darkness. They also learned the importance of teamwork and communication, as climbers rely on each other for support and guidance throughout the climb.

## **Orientation - 14/11/2022**

During the orientation, the council members provided an overview of the club's history, purpose, and activities. They shared information about the hiking routes, difficulty levels, typical schedule and of course the safety policies.

## Inaugural Climb - 14/11/2022

The wall was opened for the first years for the first time, they were given guidelines such as on how to climb, safety measures to be taken, equipment to be used and their respective functionalities. They were also introduced to different types of routes, climbing techniques, past climbers etc.

## Climbing Team Trials - 13/01/2023

Climbing Team trials was an exciting and challenging experience that required meticulous preparation, mental resilience, and physical prowess. Despite the challenges, the competition offered valuable opportunities for climbers to showcase their skills, learn from the experience, and potentially become part of the team.

## Allez (25/03/2023 - 26/03/2023) :

This year, Hiking Club in collaboration with the Students Union Society organized a series of adventure activities and adventure sports competitions- ALLEZ.

Allez was spanned over the last two days of Harmony on the 25th & 26th of March respectively. It truly turned out to be the highlight of Harmony, with overwhelming participation from all the junior members.

**Takeshi Castle:** Hiking Club started Allez (& Harmony) with its most loved event; The Takeshi Castle. With an elaborate set-up on the JCR ground, this event saw more than 180 participants. One had to cross the path of hurdles and find the key while doing so. The key had to be used to unlock the box having the flag. The fastest to do so won.

**Flying Fox:** This adventure sport took place in the basketball court. The cable was suspended between the Mukh West terrace and the tree in the other end. Many students came forward to try this activity, the zipline course was designed with safety in mind, with riders required to wear helmets and harnesses, and trained guides on hand to supervise the activity.

**Capture the Flag:** the second day of Allez started with this event.

Junior members competed in a team of 6. The time limit of the game was 6 minutes. As the name suggests, the team had to capture the flag laid in the area of the other team. The team had to defend with their only available weapon, the water gun. Junior members from all three years, made teams of 6 and participated with great enthusiasm, making the event a great success!

**Zorbing:** We wrapped Allez with this fun and memorable activity. The event took place in the Rudra Lawns. The riders were strapped into the zorb and rolled through the grass. The support and participation from the students truly encouraged the Allez team to give their best.

## **Drishtikon - 06/04/2023**

Drishtikon is a 2-day college festival organized by the Enabling Unit for all PwD students. As part of this festival, the Hiking Club put together a Wall Climbing workshop which provided students with the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and face the challenge of climbing the wall, some of them without the ability to discern the route ahead of them and some facing various physical disabilities. This successful workshop, proved to be a novel experience for many, gathered the attendance of more than 60 PwD candidates, most of them wanting to climb a second time as well. The Hiking Club was exhilarated and thrilled to conduct such an event and looks forward to more such workshops in the future.

## **Inter-Department Climbing Competition - 21/04/2023**

The Inter department climbing competition was an exciting event that brought together climbers from different departments and all the teams showcased their skills of team building, physical fitness and skill development. The competition held a significant value in promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, fostering team spirit, and providing a platform for climbers to showcase their skills while also promoting the sport of climbing.