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Exploration at Kamalgad

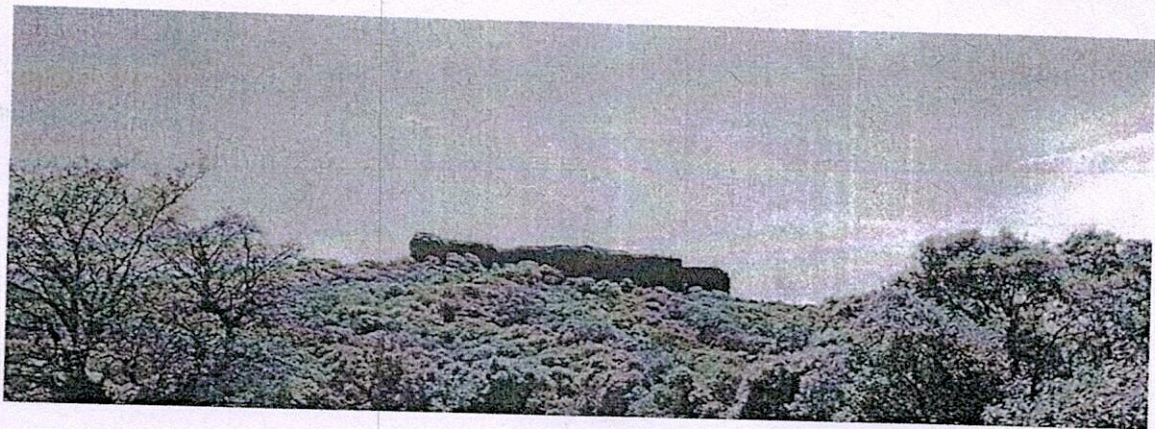
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Departments of History & Political Science

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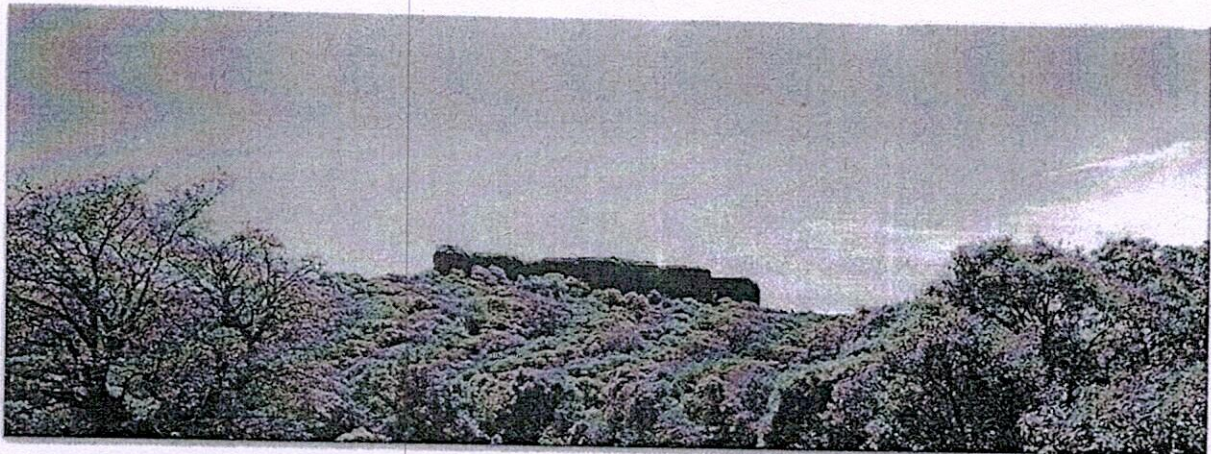
15th Day of February, 2020

Report



Report on
Exploration at Kamalgad

The ancient town of Wai stands on the left bank of the river Krishna. The country around Wai was once thickly wooded. It is situated in the midst of the Pandavaged and Pasarani hills of the Sahyadri ranges which rise boldly against a clear blue sky. Kamalgad, which literally translates to Lotus Fort, with an elevation of 4511 feet above sea level, is situated in the midst of a dense forest to the west in the vicinity of Wai. On 15th Day of February, 2020 Departments of History and Political Science jointly organized One- Day study tour to explore the fort of Kamalgad. There were 15 students and four faculty Members participated in this tremendous expedition.



The exact history of the fort is still a matter of investigation. It is believed that the fort has been established in the medieval period and was under the control of the Marathas, prior to the Britishers. However, later on, it became a part of the British Empire. We reached Tupewadi, the base village, which is near about 32 kms from Wai at 09.30 am. Thereafter we immediately started our journey towards Kamalgad. It has one approach by a rough flight of steps. In the past, the fort was accessed by a tunnel which is built at its base and is blocked by a large and heavy rock. The site is covered with shrubs and trees, and about fifty acres in area. After two hours journey we reached on the top of the hill at 11.30 am.

The top of the hill consists of an area of only three or four acres quite flat and surrounded by a low scarp. To the west of the base of the scarp is a rude temple in the lush greenery of the fort, dedicated to Gorakhnath. Dr. Jaypal Kathare and Prof. B. M. Birajdar gave a brief account on the history of the fort of



Kamalgad to the team of the students in presence of some trekkers from Pune. We took our lunch there and begin our expedition after taking a small rest. There is no drinking water facility on the fort. We find one small natural water cistern next to the temple of Goraknath. After walking near about 10 minutes we reached to small plateau where a shepherds lives with their families. We asked them about the route to reach towards the highest point of the fort. At 12.30 noon we reached on the top of the fort which is our peak destination.

We observed that, there are no traces of any buildings on the top nor of any fortification walls or gateway; probably its elevation provided it with the required defense. We reveal that there is only a hole which is said to be the remains of a deep well sunk right through the rocky layer constituting the scarp and penetrating to the soil below. The hole is now eighteen to twenty feet deep though the well was thirty or forty. The sides of the well which were formed of the natural rock are said to have contained recesses in which criminals were placed to choose between starvation and throwing themselves down into the water. No traces of the recesses now remain. The architect of the fort is anonymous, but it is probably very old. As per the record of the Gazetteer of the Bombay Presidency, in April 1818, fort of Kamalgad surrendered after a slight resistance to a British detachment under Major Thatcher. As it was almost evening so we started our journey towards Wai

It was an invigorating study tour to us. We wandered through the abundant greenery located around the entire fort, which is something very different from the other forts that we had seen. Really this fort is the home of nature.

I would like to express my deep sense of appreciation to the Hon. Prof. Dr. I. F. Pailwan, I/C Principal, for his excellent support to us for organizing this expedition. Thank you my colleagues, and students who contributed to the exploration of the fort of Kamalgad. Special thanks to Prof. Krishna Kajale, Prof. Rutuja Patil and Rajendra Jaykar for taking efforts to organize such kind of expedition for exploring this marvelous 'Lotus Fort' in the house of Sahyadri.

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Dr. Jaypal V. Kathare
Associate Prof. & Head, Department of History



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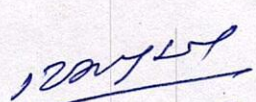
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Date: 10/02/2020


All the students of **B. A. I, II and III** are hereby informed that, Department of History and Political Science are jointly organizing 'One-Day Study Tour at **Kamalgad** on **15th February, 2020**. Interested students should enroll their names to following teachers' on or before **13th February, 2020**.

Contact for More Details and Enrollment:

1. Mr. K. A. Kajale (Department of Political Science)

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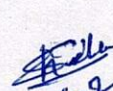



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Dr. J. V. Kathare,
Associate Prof. and Head,
Department of History,
Date: 10-02-2020

To,

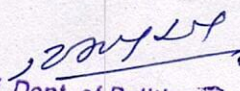
The Principal,
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Subject: One-Day Study Tour at 'Kamalgad'

Respected Sir,

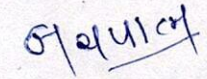
Department of History and Political Science have been decided to organize One-Day Study Tour at 'Kamalgad' on 15-02-2020 (Saturday). Kindly give permission to it.

Thanking you,


Head of Dept. of Politics
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Yours faithfully,


(Dr. J.V.Kathare)

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1. Secretary, Janata Shikshan Sanstha, Wai


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Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai

One-Day Study Tour

**Exploration at Kamalgad Fort
with
Departments of History & Political Science**

Date: 14/02/2020

To,

The Principal,
Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai
Dist. Satara (Maharashtra)

Sub: Submission of the List of Participants.....

Respected Sir,

As per your prior permission, Departments of History and Political Science organize One-Day Study Tour - Exploration at Kamalgad Fort on 15th Day of February, 2020. I am submitting herewith the final List of participants (Students and Faculty Members) for this event in the following manner.

List of Participants _____

Sr. No.	Name of the Students	Class
1	Sudatta Mane	B.A. III
2	Pooja Avdhut	B.A. III
3	Poonam Barkade	B.A. III
4	Ankita Jadhav	B.A. III
5	Kishor Mozar	B.A. III
6	Adinath Jagtap	
7	Survarna Lankeshwar	B.A. II
8	Gaurav Sonune	B.A. I
9	Rushikesh Chandure	B.A. I



10	Vitthal Tandale	B.A. II
11	Priti Gondhali	B.A. II
12	Rutuja Kamble	B.A. II
13	Tushar Anpat	B.A. III
14	Sachin Pote	B.A. II
15	Sangram Kadam	B.A. III
16	Pooja Chavan	B.A. III
17	Savita Waghmare	B.A. III
18	Prashant Patne	B.A. III
19	Viki Mozar	B.A. II

Faculty Participants _____

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Department
1	Dr. J.V. Kathare	History
2	Prof. B. M. Birajdar	
3	Prof. R. S. Jaykar	Political Science
4	Prof. K. A. Kajale	
5	Prof. R. G. Patil	

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Jaypal V. Kathare
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