

SAMPADA

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Avalokana-2

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EDITORIAL

And there's always a ray of hope...!

It's a common sight in UVCE when you see a student involved in a particular task or maybe every single task. Try talking to any alumnus from 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and the all millennium batch, they share stories about how they always were a part of something or the other in UVCE. I was very curious to know how a student in namma UVCE is able to blend themselves in all such activities ? After certain analysis I came to the conclusion that it's all about the place...! The randomness, the absence of tyranny, the wholesome environment and a lot of opportunities makes a student to involve more the college on goings and be more versatile.

Everyone knows how fests in college are organized, guided by faculty and driven by students. Similarly I don't hesitate to say that some of the major tasks in college are guided by our alumni and it's brought into action by the students. One such classic example is "Sampada". I personally never understood the importance of documentation until I became a part of the team Sampada, whose motto is simple, to deliver all the important happenings in UVCE to everyone who is a part of this century old family. It's not that easy for an alumnus to gather these details unless students be their eyes and ears. Most of the time it's the same reason which accounts for the delay caused but continuing with Sampada, it's only by the earnest efforts of alumni who've worked for it from the past 8 years that we've been able to bring out a centenary journal "Avalokana" even before anyone conceptualized it. The support and response from the audience was immense and it motivated us to prepare another edition of Avalokana (part two) to culminate more memories and ideas. I firmly believe that it's the support of alumni and coordination of students which made this possible.

Another major incident is about the admission process. In the year 2017, during the final round of admissions, it was disappointing to see parents stand or sit on the floor of the quadrangle in front of the office waiting for their turn to get their pupils admitted into this 'Prestigious' institute. It was then we decided to help change things for the better and a few alumni stepped up to help but the parents grew impatient which yielded the admissions of only 100 students that day. We vowed then that next year would never be the same.

Year 2018, the final round of admissions saw alumni helping with some seating arrangements and we saw a team of young volunteers before the office personal guiding parents about the 'intricate' admission process which has stayed same for a century now. With the help of students, faculty and alumni who extended their hands to welcome fresher's to this institute, the student volunteers helped the office personnel to admit 189 students during the first day. Being personally associated with both the incidents I would like to share how in the former case parents were frustrated regarding the admissions and the college but in the latter it was blissful to see parents happy with the current students helping their new members of the family and also thanked the students for helping them. This convinced the parents that this campus is filled with quality students and their pupil got admitted to the right place, a 'prestigious' institute which has a legacy of more than 100 years.



These two are the most recent incidents that crossed my mind but there are many such activities where students are involved and now are an integral part of this system in UVCE, be it approving bus pass applications, verifying national scholarships, NAAC accreditation, organizing a clean drive, arranging books in the library, independently building a go-cart or an all terrain vehicle, planting saplings, creating awareness in young voters, participating in national competitions, managing placement activities and what not ? It is the sincere efforts of an individual which would inspire any parent, faculty, alumni to help such students and "There is always a ray of hope" for an institution to enhance its culture and glory with such versatile community of students, faculty and alumni. With the concerned bodies being more active, permissions and approval processes made simpler, restoring the platform where alumni could easily contribute or the other way where students could easily contact alumni, one can achieve new dimensions in their field of interest and opportunities would arise opening the gateway towards the glorification of this educational institute in producing responsible citizens and not just another engineer from a reputed college.

- Harsha S, 7th sem Mechanical (with inputs from Rohith and Harini, final year students)

WHEN UVCE JOINED HANDS TO SAVE LIVES

The educational institutions' major vision could be educating the students with knowledge, skill and experience but what is the sole purpose of schools and colleges if the students fail to learn the social concerns on the same platform?

This is where UVCE, as an educational institute, strives hard to inculcate the social responsibilities among its students. Each and every year, students of UVCE not only build the core of different companies but also contribute to help with the social causes.

They say donation of blood is greater than any other services one can do to their society. Keeping these thoughts in mind, UVCE witnessed a Blood Donation Camp in the main campus.

Blood Donation Camp conducted by the Lions Club in association with IEEE UVCE was held on 18th September 2018, and was held in the Lecture Complex, UVCE.

Blood donation camp also offered True Weight body checkup and, skin and hair checkup by Dr. Batra's. This event garnered a wonderful response and the students and the faculty rushed to the Lecture Campus. A large number of teachers and students donated blood. And the event concluded by 3:00 PM

It saw an active participation from 400 students and teachers and 129 units of blood was collected. With a huge amount of enthusiasm from the volunteers, donors and hospital staff, this event was a major success.



KAGADA—THE RESEARCH ARENA

The fifteenth National Student Conference KAGADA was held in University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering on Saturday, 6th October 2018.



The KAGADA conference was inaugurated by chief guest Dr. Shyam Vasudeva Rao, Founder and Director Forus Health, Renalyx and Rx DHP. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shyam said that the students should expand their horizon of knowledge in order to enable them to compete at global level. Mr. Abhishek Appaji, Young Professional Chair person IEEE blore section also joined as one of our chief guests to inspire young professionals and churn their young mind with some thinking. We also had with us Ms. Divya M, joint director CDAC, co-chair,

WIE Bangalore Section.

Joining them were our very enthusiastic and encouraging Dr. P. Deepa Shenoy: Branch advisor IEEE UVCE, Dr. Kiran K: Branch counselor IEEE UVCE, Dr. Pushpa CN: WIE mentor IEEE UVCE, Dr. Latha BT, Dr. Venkatesh M: Branch mentor IEEE UVCE, Dr. Triveni J: placement officer UVCE, and HoD's and teachers of all departments.

The conference comprised of Paper Presentation, Project and Poster Presentation with more than 200 participants from various engineering colleges across the state.



Women in Engineering section of IEEE UVCE conducted "ottige Kaliyona" and invited 63 students from "Labourier fellowship upgraded primary school" to UVCE college at 9-30 am. The students were from 5th, 6th and 7th grades. 6th and 7th grade students were taught MS paint and MS word in the computer lab. Later even 5th grade students were taken to computer lab and were taught MS paint. The main aim of this session was to teach students how to operate the computer and learning some basics. Along with this the 5th grade students were asked to sing rhymes and make posters. Later the students were engaged by making them play many



games where all the students participated enthusiastically.

Food for cause was an initiative where the volunteers made delicious food items and the money collected from it was donated to an NGO. The food items varied from different kind of chats to different variety of Maggie at very affordable rates. This initiative was a big success with many people taking part in it. It raised upto 4k which was donated to an NGO.

Kagada'18 ended with a valedictory session where the winners of various events were announced and the prizes were given away. The participants were given participation certificates. The valedictory was presided by Mr. Ravi Kiran, CEO and founder of innohabit technologies. His words about theory being different from the implementational domain was an inspiration to all.

Thus, Kagada'18 was a huge success with a myriad of participants taking part in it with utmost enthusiasm.



- Team IEEE UVCE

UVCE IN MEDIA

Visvesvaraya College of Engineering running with 50 per cent faculty shortage for 20 years now (New Indian Express Article on 15th July 2018)

University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), Bengaluru, which is the only constituent engineering college of Bangalore University (BU), has been facing 50% faculty shortage for the past 20 years, varsity's Vice-Chancellor Prof K R Venugopal has said. Prof Venugopal, who took as the varsity's VC recently, was earlier the principal of UVCE. "For more than 20 years now, the college is running the show with shortage of staff. We have requested the state government to fill the vacancies and we hope that it will give its nod," he told reporters here on Friday.

According to the data obtained from BU, the sanctioned teacher post for UVCE is 175 of which only 96 have been filled and the varsity has appointed guest lecturers to make up for the shortage. The issue of staff shortage is not just affecting academics, but is also one of the main reasons for UVCE not getting accreditation from the National Board of Accreditation (NAB).

UVCE, which is celebrating its centenary year this year, is one of the most sought-after engineering colleges in the state. Over 4,500 undergraduate students pursue various technical courses in the college.

"To get NAB accreditation, all posts of teaching and non-teaching should be filled. We are trying our best to get the accreditation and after that we want to make UVCE an autonomous college and a deemed-to-be university," he added.

On ownership

Both Bengaluru Central University (BCU) and BU are claiming ownership of UVCE. The Kori panel, which was formed to submit a report on BU trifurcation, had recommended UVCE should remain with BU and be shifted to Jnanabharathi. Meanwhile, a recent order by the Higher Education Department said UVCE falls under BCU's jurisdiction. Venugopal said, "We have taken a decision in the recent Syndicate that UVCE should be promoted as an autonomous institute in four years and it will remain with BU. This communication will be sent to BCU."

University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering hopes for accreditation by technical board soon (New Indian Express Article on 1st October 2018)

Bengaluru's University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), the oldest engineering college in the state, may be graded by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) next year, for the first time. This marks a major effort to enhance quality of its courses and move forward with the times.

Accreditation by the NBA is increasingly being seen as a requirement by technical colleges to enhance the quality of education. The government, both central and in the state, have asked technical institutions to go for NBA accreditation. While a number of private colleges in the city and state have got themselves accredited by the agency, government colleges are still far behind. Colleges have to, however, fulfil a number of requirements before they are eligible for accreditation by the NBA. Presently, the UVCE has already brought in the credit-based points system (CBPS) instead of the normal grading system, in fulfilment of NBA parameters.

CBPS is a grading system that comprises core, elective/minor or skill-based courses. The courses will be evaluated using the cumulative grade point average (CGPA). The aim is to provide a holistic and more broad-based education.

Professor KB Raja, head, Electronics and Communication Engineering, UVCE, says, "Our college has introduced the CBPS for all its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. This is one of the major requirements in order to be graded by the NBA. Other courses under Bangalore University (UVCE is affiliated to BU) already have the CBPS system."

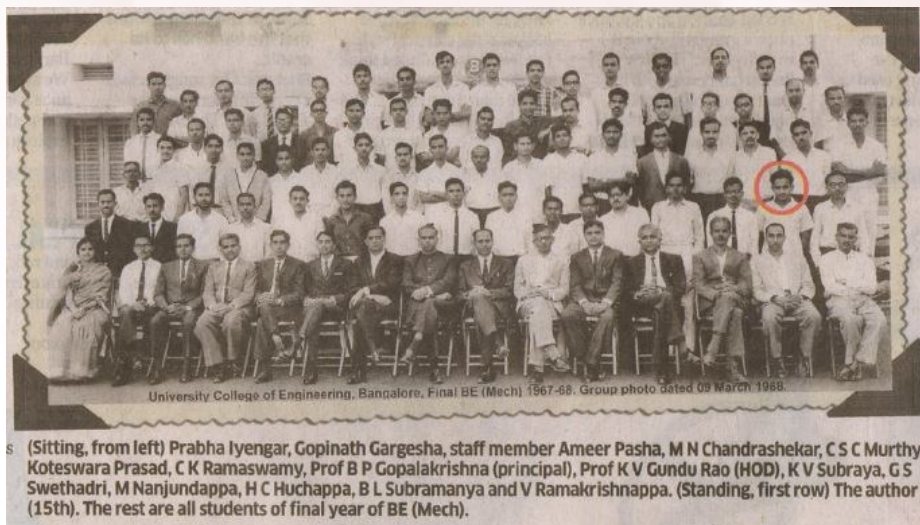
Another major requirement is an optimum student to staff ratio. Presently, UVCE has a teaching staff strength of 100 against the required 175. "The All India Council for Technical Education (that governs all technical institutes in the country) recently changed the staff-student ratio from 1:15 to 1:20, making it easier for UVCE to fulfil the staff requirement. In the last syndicate meeting, there was also a lot of talk and planning on filling up vacant posts, so we are hopeful of fulfilling this requirement too. We are confident about NBA accreditation by next year," he adds.

IN THOSE HALLOWED PORTALS

This photograph was taken in 1968 at University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), KR Circle, during my final year of BE (Mechanical Engineering).

Coming from a humble background through Municipal High School, Mulbagal and PUC from the Government Arts and Science College, Bengaluru, I joined the BE integrated course in 1963. Prof B R Narayana Iyengar was our principal.

The integrated course was common for the first three years. Later, students used to opt for civil, electrical or mechanical disciplines based on their interest. I was in 'C' section and we had the best lecturers including Prof Ramesan, Lakshman Reddy, Rama and Ramachandra. My classmates whom I remember are Nagaraj Rao ('Titoo'), Rishi Prabhakar, D V Satyanarayana, Prasanna Kumar, M S Parthiv, Ravindranath A, H C Ravindranath, Prabha Iyengar, K R Srinivasan, Seetha Ram Iyengar, G V Murthy, N N Reddy, T S Krishna Murthy, Venkatesh S, Dalappa, Basavachary, S H Mohan, Narasimhaiah, Sourendra Kumar, Srinivas K, Lakshmipathy D V, N N Reddy, B R G Reddy, N N Rao and Ganesh.



During those times, we had 'pancha pandavas' in our group. They were Prasanna (Arjuna), Parthiv (Bheema), A Ravindranath (Dharmaraya), Sourendra (Nakula) and Radhakrishna (Sahadeva). We also had a bright student called Prabha Iyengar. When the A320 flight met with an accident at Bengaluru's old airport during the 80s, she survived but passed away later. I remember this one instance in 1967 when Prabha approached me in college enquiring about the nearby public telephone availability. With great pleasure, I took her to the then restaurant at Cubbon Park and after the call, I escorted her back to college.

Prof D B Narasimhaiah became the principal later and during 1965, Prof B P Gopalakrishna took over in his place. I was staying in Anekal Thimmaiah Balija Hostel in Chamarajpet and used to walk the stretch to KR Circle and back via Avenue Road everyday for six long years. Later on, I opted for a bicycle. The roads were far less crowded in those days as the city had a population of a little more than two lakh.

Both the hostel and college were like temples of learning to us. Started by Sir M Visvesvaraya, the college was very reputed and we were proud to be a part of it. It is sad to see the condition of the college today; there is no maintenance or improvement whatsoever. Dr K R Srinivasan is known for his contribution in theoretical physics and aerodynamics and is working as the dean of New York University. Dr Seetha Ram Iyengar, a renowned authority on cyber crimes and robotics, is working as the dean of Florida International University, Miami. Another well-known personality is Rishi Prabhakar who was my classmate. He was engaged in social spiritualism in Siddha Samadi Yoga (SSY). He is no more along with 16 other classmates who left for their heavenly abode. From 1993, we have been meeting almost every month with our families. We also celebrated our 25th and 35th year of passing out. We hope to celebrate the 50th year soon as well.

- Dr Poolu Nagaraj ([From Deccan Herald Archives](#))

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

This photograph, taken in 1967, is of the 1962 batch of students of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), studying in the final-year of BE Degree course in Mechanical Engineering. There were over 70 students in our class.

UVCE is one of the oldest colleges in the country and it has an excellent infrastructure. We had eminent principals during our period of study in the college — Dr BR Narayana Iyengar, Dr DB Narasimhaiah, Dr BK Ramaiah and Dr BP Gopala Krishna.

The subjects of study were very interesting with a lot of laboratory sessions, workshops and drawing classes. We were a group of students from different places and varied family backgrounds. Everyone wanted to fare well in studies as a disciplined lot. Classes used to start everyday at 7.30 am.



(Standing, second row) N Raghu, S Srinivasamurthy, the author (fourth), S Swaminathan, MD Krishnamurthy, JK Chandrashekhara Murthy, Guruprasad, S Gururaj, K Kempanna (eleventh), AS Krishnaswamy, Ramarao Nadig (fourteenth), S Bhararushankar, K Balaji, KS Suresh and Rangappa with other students and staff of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

We used to have a break at 10 am and would visit the Bar Association Canteen adjoining the Government Arts and Science College and the Sri Ramanjaneya Canteen at the Textile Institute in KR Circle for breakfast. There used to be some student unrest and strike every year just before the exams when colleges used to be closed. The good part was that this helped us prepare well for the exams!

Our survey classes were held in the beautiful Cubbon Park and for a one week survey work, we had once camped at Ghatisubramanya near Doddaballapur. In the fourth year, as part of an educational and industrial tour, we visited Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works and Jog Hydro Electric Power Station in South India.

In the final-year, we went on a North India tour visiting Mumbai, Allahabad and Delhi. I have fond memories of meeting Indira Gandhi, at her residence in Delhi and posed for a group photo with her.

We even visited Chandigarh, the Golden Temple and Jallianwala Bagh at Amritsar, the Tata Iron and Steel Company in Jamshedpur, the auto industry in Kolkata, Kalighat and Belurmath. We also visited Diesel Loco Works at Varanasi, the Bhakra-Nangal Dam and stayed in Dalhousie in a wooden house. I remember feeling so cold then that I went to bed without removing my coat and shoes!

At that time, Bangalore was very calm with very few buses. We would go around the City and for movies on bicycles. In 1964, Bangalore University was formed and our college got affiliated to it. Malani was the first female mechanical engineering graduate of Bangalore University from our batch. Dr DB Narasimhaiah was appointed as the vice-chancellor of West Indies University.

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CAMPUS SAYS

It might sound too good to be true, but a hundred and twenty people preferred running a marathon to getting those few extra hours of sleep on an early Saturday morning. And boy, they did have a lot of fun! What started off with an excited crowd and warm up exercises ended with the same people, now in an exhausted state. The running part involved a lot of breathless complaints about how running is difficult. You could see people stopping occasionally to pet the dogs in Cubbon Park. Friends motivating each other to run was one sight not to be missed! The later part of the marathon was what made Kagathon 2018 unforgettable. People gathered in small groups and danced and danced and danced a little more. Did I mention that they danced? Freshers, seniors, IEEE members, everyone danced. When you dance with people you don't know well, this feeling of being welcomed wraps your heart. And that is exactly how Kagathon 2018 ended. With that warm feeling in the heart. Of course, people could be heard crying about body aches for the next two days. I'm very sure that is not going to prevent them from awaiting Kagathon 2019!



-Varsha S Bhat, 1st sem, ECE

“It is the beginning that keeps us going till the end”



What's more spine tingling than a marathon in a sprawling green Cubbon Park amidst the skyscrapers of Namma Bengaluru. It was time to breathe in some fresh air and exuviate some beads of perspiration in the cradle of nature.

All the students were ready for a rip roaring experience. In comes the ever young Prof.Venugopal K R. He put on a T-shirt and became set to make it to the mark.

Here starts the marathon. Everyone dashed off in their own solacing pace. The crowd was awestruck seeing the however boisterous youth sweating for a cause. We became a sight of euphoria. The indomitable spirit in us kept us moving ahead. Some ran professionally, some jogged, some trudged but eventually everyone reached the mark, the iconic Minchu.

Nothing is more appetizing than Parle-G and Adam's ale for a collapsing voracious soul. The complacency that came with this run was beyond words.

When everyone sat there relaxing, a sound emerged out from Minchu, a sound that wakes up the dancers in every soul, a sound that throws out the masks of an introvert, a sound that invites us to the stage unknowingly. Everyone's hands and legs stopped listening to their brains and started making socially awkward, yet pleasing moves. In no time, the crowd was up on their heels making groups and displaying their mastery in desi steps. Everyone turns out to be a crowd puller with his/her exclusive moves.

At the end of the day, dancing turned out to be the icing on the cake which broke the barriers between each individual.

- Prajwal R Shetty, 1st Semester CSE

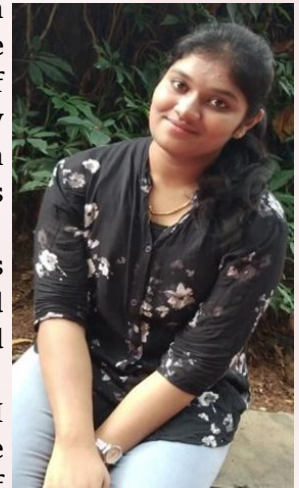
After a long wait of four months, it was time to step into the college which carried its own great legacy of pride and respect. The very first day when I stepped into the college there was an air of excitement and trepidation which left me with a hint that this college is going to give me a lot more than what I had anticipated, and yes my surmise turned correct.

Kagathon was conducted by IEEE UVCE on 15th September 2018. It was actually a propitious day especially for all the UVCEians out there as it was Sir M.Visvesvaraya's birthday popularly recognized as “Engineer's Day”. Marathon is something that I have never participated in earlier and never thought of participating, but then this time I wanted to give it a try. Honestly speaking I had a sleepless night, I was excited.

I was actually desperately waiting for the break of dawn. It started off in the morning around 6:30 and our Vice Chancellor led the event and we followed him. It was amazing to enjoy that morning bliss amidst so much of greenery, the chirping of birds and that fresh breeze which gently struck my face and of course clicking pictures. Running three kilometres was not an easy task, at least not for me. The happiness after crossing that finish line is something that I will never forget although I was physically drained.

The next thing that took place was the blood donation camp which was indeed a noble cause. It was well organized and everything was quick and comfortable. There were scores of students who donated blood. The care and concern the organisers showed after the donation was exceptional.

This way the month of September was filled with immense zest and fun. I would like to conclude by saying that UVCE provides us with vast exposure to great challenges and great opportunities and by making the best out of them we would surely make these upcoming four years a memorable one.



- Kavyashree M, 1st sem EEE



I am proud to be part of UVCE College which has a glorious history of 100 years. We are the 101th batch. We are the first batch to have Induction program for 1 week and also, we are the first batch to have CBCS curriculum.

The Induction program was good. We got to learn about the history of UVCE, various clubs and their activities, about different cultural and technical fests. But some programs were quite less interesting and some other were extremely joyful. From induction program we learnt more about the college, placements, personality and stress management, meditation and yoga which are really helpful. I think induction program like this is essential.

Along with academics, we are going to learn lot of things from this college. This college helps us to follow our passion. We can have lot of free time, so that we can do the things which we really wanted to do. I think I will never regret to be a part of UVCE and in fact feel that it was a great decision.

- Akshata G Hegde, 1st Sem ISE

Life is a collection of moments, some random , some significant. Most assuredly, I am a student of UVCE and I am fortunate for it. Its been two months me being in UVCE and I am undoubtedly relishing it.

Before stepping into college I was totally nervous about the new atmosphere. But for the very first time when I entered UVCE for admissions I felt so glad to have chosen this college. Starting from the scratch of the admission procedure to the final step of completion, everything was so organized and it was not at all a hectic work for us, it was just like icing on the cake. We had an extremely good Induction program for five days and it was really useful for fresher's. It has helped us in adjusting to the new curricular system too!

Truly, I am a proud to be an UVCEian and pleased to have motivating seniors working hard on various activities like IEEE, art forum and alumni.

- Nandana H S, 1st year Civil



IN TALKS WITH DR. SURESH

We came in touch with Dr Suresh sir during UVCE Payana. We had visited BNMIT college where we got introduced to him and struck a wonderful conversation. We were glad that he also joined the Panel Discussion during UVCE Payana. That is when we requested him for an interview and we are glad he obliged.

Team SAMPADA: Please, tell us about yourself Sir.

Dr. Suresh Sir: After graduation in Electrical Engineering from UVCE in 1971, I joined Indian Institute of Science for MTech degree from the Physics department. My first job was at BEL Bangalore for four years, followed by a long stint at ISRO satellite centre for 28 years. I worked on spacecraft power system design during an exciting time when new satellite designs were being made. I acquired a doctorate from Physics department, IISc, while, working at ISRO. In 2006 I decided to shift to academics and now I am with BNMIT, a well known Engineering College for more than a decade having held positions of head of ECE department, Principal and now Dean. I had the privilege of contributing in many areas such as power electronics, electrochemical energy sources, solar cells and sensors. I have guided five PhD students, written two technical books, published 62 technical papers and delivered many technical lectures. I enjoy teaching and experimenting with teaching.



Team SAMPADA: How did you join UVCE and what are your most fond memories of being an UVCEian?

Dr. Suresh Sir: During our time, UVCE and BMS were the only two colleges in Bangalore for merit students. UVCE charged a fee of Rs. 300 per year and was considered the best. My PUC marks were good enough to get me a seat in UVCE, my first choice. The most enjoyable times were the tours during 4th and 5th years and a survey tour to Makalidurga and a project tour to Jog. English classes by Prof. Ramamrutam and Electrical Machine design by Prof. Keshav Rao who, explained through his experience in industry are memorable. The NCC camp, the coupons to go and eat Masala Dosa and sitting in a corner of the library, unnoticed, to read books not allowed for us, walk around majestic are all imprinted in memory. Let me say we enjoyed.

Team SAMPADA: Do you remember organizing or participating in any extracurricular activities back then?

Dr. Suresh Sir: I was not one of those who participated or organized extracurricular activities. I joined the crowd and enjoyed.

Team SAMPADA: Share with us your journey from engineering to being an Academician today.

Dr. Suresh Sir: The journey from a pure industry to research oriented ISRO and working on the cutting edge of technology was exciting. I thought that teaching students through practical experiences would benefit the students and is going to be exciting. This made me take voluntary retirement early and switch to teaching. Now, in teaching for more than a decade, I feel the present

system is not conducive to bringing industrial experience to teaching; learning has taken a back seat over memorizing and marks. To mend this, honesty, discipline and systemic changes are needed. Indian industries must be forced to participate, as part of social responsibility and their own benefit in the long run. It is in this context that I would be relevant to academia.

Team SAMPADA: What do you think are the best plans for future of Centenary old UVCE?

Dr. Suresh Sir: Centenary is just a mark on the time scale. Comparing with other government run technical institutions of 100 years, UVCE is nowhere in the vicinity. Today, a bright student would refuse to join UVCE but for other constraints. A change is possible if the clutches of governmental control is removed and is allowed to work like a central technical institute like IIT or at least a NIT. Industrial research, leading to products, is what will improve the status of the college. This must be the long term perspective.

On a short term a group within the college including the principal must be passionate and willing to cooperate with the alumni for bringing in changes. There are alumni in senior positions who can work with the government and help restore the glory. The group within is very crucial because they are the change makers and ultimately the beneficiaries. With the plan and vision, the process will follow.

For a start can the alumni association be revived with a proper election? Can we form an interacting group of alumni, professors and principal? Can the faculty pledge to teach their best and utilize existing facility? The list can go on but is disconcerting. Unless the bull is held by the horn it is difficult to tackle this mammoth problem. It is not impossible!

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE (Contd from Page 7)

Before leaving our college to take up the assignment, he talked to us in class and presented each one of us with a small 'Bhagavad Gita' copy. We were sad to know that after a few years, he passed away with his family in a tragic accident as the aircraft crashed into the Alps.

As for my batchmates, they did exceptionally well in their professional lives. MS Ramachandra, DN Suresh and I joined IISc for post graduate studies. After which MS Ramachandra and I joined The National Aerospace Laboratories. I retired as scientist in-charge, Engineering and Planning Office. After my retirement, I have been working as a Professional Chartered Engineer offering my services to the Customs Department and Industries.

DN Suresh worked in L&T and retired as DGM, Business Development. JK Chandrashekar Murthy, KS Balaji, AS Krishnaswamy, Malani, Vijayaraghava, PM Gururaj, N Raghu, KC Sukumar, R Raghavendra Rao and TV Ramprasad went abroad and are settled there. On the initiative of DN Suresh, MS Ramachandra and I formed an association of our batchmates. Ten of us met at the Glass House, Lalbagh in 1995. We are now 30 members and are meeting regularly.



- KR Prakash (From Deccan Herald Archives)

WHEN UVCE HOMED IIT BOMBAY TECHFEST

On the 30th of September, UVCE hosted the South India zonal of Techfest which is organised by IIT Bombay. The college grounds were buzzing with excitement in the early hours of 30th even though it was a Sunday. Students, in large numbers, from all over South India came to UVCE to participate in various competitions of the Techfest. On clearing these zonals, the selected teams get to go to Mumbai for the finals that will be held from the 14th to the 16th of December. The three competitions that took place in college were CoDecode, Meshmerize and Cozmo Clench.

CoDecode was a competitive coding competition where participants were given three hours to solve twenty coding problems.

Meshmerize asked students to build line following robots that could calculate and find the shortest path in the maze. 43 teams participated in this event.

Cozmo Clench required teams to build robots which can do simple tasks of gripping blocks and moving them so as to complete its course. Around 28 teams participated in this event.

It was a very successful event where students got to test and hone their robotic and coding skills. It was an event that was thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences who were repeatedly amazed by the skills that were on display.

