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EDITORIAL

Yet another month goes by, yet another batch graduates and yet another new batch steps in to join namma UVCE family! This month was a period of hard goodbyes for all the students of final year with their course coming to an end. In a matter of two months, we will have new members kickstarting their UVCE journey. As we speak about a new batch stepping in, let us introspect over a few thoughts on reality about where UVCE stands.

With this edition of Sampada, you will find that yet another news article has joined the list of headlines that UVCE has been making these days. Being wrestled for by 3 universities to gain ownership of UVCE, the institution has been the talk. This brings forth lot of thoughts to ponder on. With a century gone by, UVCE has a lot on its plate in terms of improvements that are highly necessary. The competition of private colleges are increasing exponentially, there exists an ever evolving education system to catch up with, and most importantly the dream to be transformed as a world class institution. With so many dreams of development awaiting UVCE, where has been the main focus? On a tug of



war between three universities for ownership! Well, even if a dispute has been in progress between the three universities, rises the questions: What can we do? What steps should we take as alumni. Looking at more facts, we do not have a unified alumni platform that reflects the strength of the alumni and fights for UVCE's rights and deserving development.

At this point, what VisionUVCE truly believes is that we as alumni hold the key to being UVCE's backbone and we must come together irrespective of all the difference of opinions we have in regard to these topics and work towards fostering UVCE's growth to a world-class institution. Imagine, we have the innumerable batches that have graduated from UVCE over the years and harnessing strength of even a handful of that could transform UVCE. How? We have to assemble together and display the strength of UVCE such that we capture Govt's attention and then we demand the right care for UVCE from them.

The stress on this matter at hand is real and of grave importance, we are only making headlines but no progress. The shortage of faculty and numerous vacant posts, the construction clutter that has filled the college (although we are happy for the renovation) that has not just ruined the look of college but also proving to be a obstacle with monsoon setting in and causing more of challenges. This is just a small sample of the problem pool that exists in our college. The repercussions of all these unsolved problems is a lot. One of them importantly being that, with season of admissions around the corner and UVCE's reputation being low amongst the competing colleges, these problems just give more way to reasons for brilliant students from not considering UVCE as an option to study engineering. If the whole centenary celebrations was meant to bring any meaning and goal in minds of the stakeholders of UVCE, it has been to make serious attempts at instilling back the glory that existed years ago. This is not an easy plan but something that would need the coordination, support and involvement of the alumni to break these barriers and remind the administration and government to take right steps in help improving this iconic institution. Namma UVCE, namma kanasu!

In earnest efforts of preaching what we talk, VisionUVCE has been consistently monitoring and working on any initiatives necessary for college's well-being. And recently one such attempt was revamping the college's official website so that there is an ease of access about information on the institution. For close to 4 years now, the website was in a dormant state, but with the new revamp in place it has been effective in aiding all those interested in namma UVCE.

Do visit <https://uvce.ac.in> and check it out!

- Team Sampada

IN TALKS WITH DR. SURESH SIR

1. Please, tell us about yourself 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 & experimenting with teaching.



2. How did you join UVCE and what are your most fond memories of being an UVCEian?

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 eating 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. I was not one of those who participated or organized extracurricular activities. I joined the crowd and enjoyed.

3. Share with us your journey from engineering to being an Academician today.

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.

4. What do you think are the best plans for future of Centenary old UVCE?

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. The plan, 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 possible!

(This interview is borrowed from Avalokana-2. We are thankful to Dr Suresh sir for sharing his thoughts with us and our readers)

UVCE IN MEDIA

Three-way tussle rages over ownership of iconic UVCE

Admissions to undergraduate engineering courses for the academic year 2019-20 are all set to begin but there is no end to the fight over the ownership of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), Bengaluru.

Now, the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Belagavi too has joined the race and is demanding that the government add UVCE to the list of colleges affiliated to it. The Bangalore University (BU) and Bengaluru Central University (BCU) are already in line to gain control over the college, and the committee constituted by state higher education department to decide UVCE's fate is convening its second meeting on Tuesday (June 4th). The committee, headed by former chief secretary S V Ranganath, has sent a communication to members of the committee about Tuesday's meeting.

Meanwhile, BCU authorities have already sent a letter to the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) stating that this year's admissions to UVCE should be given to BCU. BCU vice-chancellor Prof S Japhet said, "It is notified in the gazette and the legal position is that UVCE belongs to BCU. We have already written to KEA informing that all admissions to UVCE should be under BCU from this year. We are yet to receive a reply from KEA." "It's the act of the legislature and not just the college. Both college and property belong to BCU. If Bangalore University wants an engineering college, let them start a new one. I have submitted it before the committee and will present it at the upcoming meeting," says Japhet.

Interestingly, BU has already uploaded UVCE's seat matrix for consideration for 2019-20 admissions to KEA. BU vice-chancellor Prof K R Venugopal says UVCE should remain with BU for the next four years and should be given Unitary university status after that.

"UVCE belongs to BU, but I am not demanding that the government retain it with BU. I am demanding a Unitary university status under Rashtriya Uchatar Shiksha Abhiyan scheme," said Venugopal. "When the 50-year-old Maharani College is given Cluster University status, why can't the 102-year-old UVCE, having student strength of 4,500 be given Unitary university status," he questioned. However, a senior professor of UVCE said, "According to the University Grants Commission norms, there is no provision for a new university to start an engineering college and BCU cannot get hold of UVCE."

Meanwhile, UVCE faculty members convened a meeting on Friday to discuss the issue and a majority of teachers favoured staying with BU. The sources said, of the 93 faculties, five favoured going with BCU. VTU vice-chancellor Prof Karisiddappa was not available for comments.

-Source: Deccan Herald, Jun 2, 2019

Govt to soon decide on ownership of UVCE

The tussle over the ownership of the 102-year-old Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), in all its likelihood, will be resolved in a couple of days with the expert committee headed by former chief secretary of Karnataka S V Ranganath submitting its final report to the government in the next three days.

The second and final meeting of the committee was held in Bengaluru on Tuesday evening, involving the vice-chancellors of both Bangalore University (BU) and Bangalore Central University (BCU) along with the vice-chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and the Principal of UVCE. Sources privy to the meeting told DH that both BU and BCU authorities have submitted detailed plans before the committee seeking ownership of the century-old college. "While the BU has called for unitary university status, the BCU has suggested bifurcation of the college," revealed an official.

Surprisingly, VTU Vice-Chancellor Prof Karisiddappa objected to the plans citing the act of VTU that does not allow any university to start a new engineering college. He also brought to the notice of the committee that even if the college were to be transferred to VTU, the act needs to be amended.

A senior BU official told DH that until further decisions, the BU is given all control over the college. "We have demanded unitary university status to UVCE and until then, it shall remain with us. The admission for 2019-20 shall also be done through BU as the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) inspected the college under BU and recommended renewal of affiliation," a BU official stated.

The committee, following the absence of director, Technical Education Department, deputy secretary, Higher Education Department, during the meeting, decided to seek their opinion and submit a final report to the state government.

-Source: Deccan Herald, Jun 5, 2019

AICTE APPROVES ALL SEATS FOR UVCE

Much to the relief of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, the All India Council of Technical Education has revoked reducing 10 per cent intake of seats from next academic year.

The UVCE will now retain 550 under-graduate (UG) seats and 350 post-graduate (PG) seats for the academic year 2019-20. The college, which is still crippling from a shortage of faculty and infrastructure, was rattled when AICTE warned them of reducing the intake of students by 10 per cent from the academic year 2019-20.

However, the State Higher Education department has woken up to the long-pending crisis and promised the Council that it will fill up the vacant faculty positions by end of August.

Officials have cited the State government's assurance to retain the number of seats at AICTE. Students will be admitted through the Karnataka Common Entrance Test which is scheduled to take place in the month of June.

Speaking to BM, Professor Venugopal KR, Vice-Chancellor of BU said, "AICTE has allowed all government colleges to take admissions as per the sanctioned seats. The State government of Karnataka has also agreed to fill up the faculty positions. Therefore, UVCE will not lose any seats in the next year admissions." He added, "We have 550 UG seats across the streams and 350 seats for PG courses, all this will be retained."

A senior official from UVCE said, "Out of 175 faculty positions we have got an approval for 97. Out of which, four of them have retired this year. So we currently have only 93 working faculty members. The State government of Karnataka has promised to fill up other 77 faculty positions by the end of August this year. We have uploaded all the details including the placement details as per AICTE directions."

Rs 53 cr to be released soon

Regarding the infrastructure of UVCE, the official said, "With Rs 25 crores sanctioned by the state, renovations are underway. The government has agreed to release Rs 53 crores more for the construction of mechanical block and other facilities. We have also received Rs two crores from the UVCE Foundation and others which will also be used at working towards infrastructure. We have also created a separate account for funds where our alumni members are contributing." UVCE is expecting to complete its renovation work by end of August.

Approved UG seats by AICTE for 2019-20 admissions

- Architecture / 40
- Civil Engineering / 120
- Computer Science and Engineering / 70
- Electrical and Electronics Engineering / 80
- Electronics and Communications Engineering / 60
- Information Science and Engineering / 60
- Mechanical Engineering / 100

- Source: Bangalore Mirror

THE UVCEIAN JOURNEY

Team Sampada had a pleasure of interacting with Sri Krishna Bhogaraju, an alumnus of UVCE 2010 CSE Batch. He is currently a Research Associate at Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt and has over 8 years of experience in the industry. Here is an article where he talks about his journey with UVCE and a few thoughts on pursuing higher education outside of India.

‘It would be an honor to study at this campus’. The memory is still fresh in mind, as we were driving past K.R.Circle, my father looked up to me and said this line. The expression on his face said it all and so be it, 2 years down the lane, I was sitting in the CET counselling waiting for my turn and it didn’t come as a surprise to any of us that I chose U.V.C.E to pursue my bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering.

When I look back at it, it ranks up there among the best decisions I have made in my life. My stay at U.V.C.E. was the turning point of my life. The true value that it added to my engineering career is something I realized only once I started with my Master’s here in Germany. The emphasis on self-study and the fact that there wasn’t a fixed/specific textbook we could refer to made us explore the subjects better at U.V.C.E and this was my biggest advantage once in Germany.

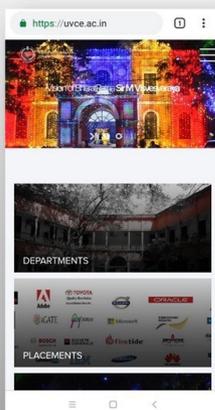
My love for automobiles is what made me choose Germany. It was a natural choice. To all the students out there planning on studying abroad, I would sincerely request you to make a thorough check of the subjects offered, the university, the university town and the business environment around the university. Unfortunately over the years with the growth of foreign study consultancies, it is painful to see students outsourcing all the work to these firms and doing little themselves to understand the steps in detail.

A thorough check by oneself helps in better planning academically, financially and also psychologically. It is very important to embrace the new cultures and be open to change. Principles are important, but they cannot come in the way of a positive change. Jobs must be the least priority when you plan your studies. An excellent academic career and development of an expert know-how in the chosen field automatically guarantee a prosperous professional career. The world has transformed in the last 5 years and entrepreneurship and not jobs must be the prospective avenues youngsters should be looking it. Constantly upskilling yourself is the need of the hour.

Finally, if you are planning to study abroad in a country where the native language is not English, please make a conscious effort to learn the language. It helps you integrate better into the culture, make friends and more importantly learn from each other.

All the best for your future endeavors. Trust me, it is only going to get more exciting out there and it’s no longer a marathon that you must prepare for, but rather short and many sprints.

-Sri Krishna Bhogaraju



Official Website is LIVE !!

<https://www.uvce.ac.in>

From **Team Visionuvce**, we are glad and happy about making this announcement and informing everyone that we will providing the funds for maintenance of the servers.

Thanks to **The Website Weavers** (startup of our own alumni) for designing and developing the website !!

GRADUATION AND SMILES

On the 28th of May 2019, UVCE woke up at 6 AM, to all the hustle and bustle created by twenty-odd students, who were preparing to bid adieu to their seniors. Decoration of Visvesvaraya's bust, rangoli making, putting up banners, transportation of supplies, all of it was going on simultaneously. Eventually as things were getting done at college, the action began to shift to the Jnana Jyothi auditorium, the place where it was all going to happen. And the scene was no different at JJ, with decoration work, arranging mementoes, seating arrangement, setting up the stage, testing light and sound, all of it happening parallelly at different parts of the auditorium. After about three hours from when we began, we were finally ready to welcome the 4th years who looked elegant in their black and red robes. They sat around clicking pictures, cracking jokes and reminiscing about the last 4 years, until the formal function began.

The hall went silent once the comperers took the mic. The graduates watched in reverence as the Chief guest of the event P B Korturu and eminent dignitaries on the dais lighted the lamp. This was followed by an invocation dance by a student, which brewed excitement among the crowd. After this was the welcome speech, which was the beginning of what seemed like an unending spree of speeches. Students, representing their respective branches, came up one by one, and spoke words which seemed to come directly from the heart. They were treated to loud cheers from the crowd and managed to bring tears to the eyes of many of the graduates. Then came the Vice-Chancellor, Registrars, Principal and all the other dignitaries, felicitating the graduates who looked inspired by their words. After this was the time for memento distribution, our biggest fear for the day. Sending 950 students onto stage in an orderly manner was surely hectic, but the smiles on their faces while receiving the souvenir lightened ours hearts. With this, the formal function was done and it was lunch time, time for them to continue those incomplete conversations, over some amazing food. And having your seniors try to sell all possible stories to you, for an extra jamun or an extra serving of gobi, is really an inexplicable feeling.

Gradually, lunch was done and the action was slowly shifting back to college. It was class photo time at quadrangle. Watching them come up classwise and throw their hats in the air, I realized that we will surely miss our super seniors a lot during our last two years at UVCE. While still standing lost in the world of thoughts, I heard music play and watched them all get in the groove. With a mixture of emotions, they danced at quadrangle, one last time as students of UVCE.

- Kenneth Koshy, 4th Sem ECE



THOUGHTS OF GRADUATION

UVCE! Oh my God! The acronym UVCE takes me back to a lot of thrilling endeavors we achieved in the last four years. It never fails to bring a smile on my face. The exciting night stays we did in college during college fests and events are the one thing which I would like to look back when I move out from UVCE. Not only was it amazing but also taught me the skills of organizing an event. The group studies we had during exams would be the other thing which I would never forget as this was the time for us to study or Is It? Never! This was the time for us to look back at the fun we had together and have a discussion on the never-ending gossips of class. I would also like to thank UVCE for all the free time it gave and the faculty which taught me the effective utilization of free time. The coolest bunch of friends and the amazing time we had together in UVCE would be the 'bestest' (if there's a degree greater than superlative) gift I would be taking with me. This would be a never-ending saga if I go on and on and on to describe my journey in UVCE. To end it, I would say these four years of life in UVCE indeed was the happiest student life I ever had. Proud to be a UVCEian. Thank you, UVCE.



-Anand M, 8th Sem ECE



In my four years of journey at UVCE, never for once did I think about life after it as I found it to be cozy and comfortable in giving me the warmth of feeling at home. Though what have I learned academically doesn't seem to give me many answers, what have I learned in life seems to give me much more. This is all because of the free time you get, the responsibilities you are shouldered upon, the events you participate in, the events you organize and the humble attitude of students. I'm also thankful to UVCE for giving such a nice bunch of friends and faculty who were and would be there with me at all times. The college trip would be one thing which I would cherish for years to come. These four years would remain the closest memory to our heart for sure. All in all, this place has been an Abode blessing you with loads of joyous memories, a bit of knowledge and a whole lot of life skills and friends for me. Proud to be a UVCEian. I would only hope this heritage college to save it's 'Unique' culture for years to come.

-Mahesh HG, 8th Sem CSE

After PU ends, the dreams of higher education and the possibilities of encountering new phase of life flutters. We all try to imagine ourselves in one or the other life changing places. For me, UVCE was that place and undeniably a great choice. On the verge being an engineering graduate, when I look back at my life in UVCE, all I see are the colorful moments and the journey of being self-dependent. The first year rolled with the busy classes from 8 am and sometimes even would go up to 5 in the evening. The endless waiting for the morning lecturers to show up and later getting to know that the class is cancelled. The first bunk as well as the mass bunks are hard to forget. The 2nd and the 3rd year passed on with the studies and masti. With the free time you get in UVCE, people can focus on other things in life as well. The 4th year is the time period where almost all are jubilant with the placements and would have at least 2-3 offers in their hands. Once placed, the final year seems so relaxed and you would be just enjoying the last few months of your college life. The 4 years just flew off very swiftly and UVCE has always given me more than what I asked for. That's the best part; the most satisfying part of this unforgettable journey!



-Kaushik G Sharma, 8th Sem CSE



The past four years of being in UVCE amounts to about a lifetime worth of experiences. The past four years have been more enthusiastic and memorable than the other twelve years of school. It has been a roller coaster ride from loving friends to fighting with them and then crying along with them, you will not experience this anywhere else. I bet no one can forget their first thought when they first entered this beautiful place. Maybe we didn't consider it initially but over time, this place has become home now. Your first set of friends, the seniors who have helped us during all ups and downs with their constant bits of advice are all things that will stay with me for years to come.

To the juniors, we'll miss every one of you. You entertained us by your silly behaviors and lame jokes. You were a breath of fresh air. There are places I'll miss, like the canteen where we shared all the gossip and of course, food. The library which has seen all our hard work before internals and the tension we have for all the submissions. The labs that have no circuits working until the last week of exams, I wonder how! Classes which always had new faces showing up, so many people still unknown...

Just know this place will be missed, the people, the environment, everything.

- P K Tejaswi, 8th Sem ECE

“Hurrah! I got UVCE! That too Civil Department.” This was my first reaction when I saw the first round allotment list in 2015. Being a Keralite and getting into a college in Bangalore was beyond exquisite. All my well-wishers back there got flabbergasted knowing this.

The first glimpse of UVCE with those gigantic trees in quadrangle was so pleasing. I couldn't explore Bangalore much during first year as it was very fast than I thought. The traffic around, innumerable fests, lot of free time – that was first year of UVCE for me. Real Civil Engineering feels came into existence within me as I entered the second year. This was a separate world for us, the Civil Engineers' of UVCE.



The Civil Engineering Department strives separately in Jnanabharathi Campus. I fell in love with the beauty and ambience of JB Campus. The web of friendship grew thicker and stronger in this Campus. The Civil Engineering in UVCE won't be the fullest without the long list of teaching staff. The department stood straight with its silence and strictness. In fact the department is so palatial that a walk from one end to other will keep you fit.

The signature part of third year is the Technical Trip. A week of travelling and infotainment gave us some beautiful memories. Our vacation prior to final year is invested on Survey Camp at Ghati Subrahmanya. The fifteen days of camp lead us to the improvement of our practical knowledge on what we studied so far. The Camp is the best part of my engineering life. The first semester of final year was very hectic for me. One part of me needs to complete the Camp report, other one is stuck as Placement Coordinator. The farrago in between is burdened with classes.

Then during the last part of engineering life, I got indulged in organizing Annual Techno-Cultural Department fest Civista. Exuberant I has done something for the Department. This makes my Engineering life enthralling. When it comes to teaching, I am afraid that I don't have enough words in my vocabulary to pen showing the talent, sincerity and dedication of our teaching staff. The Civil Department of UVCE is far more than floccinaucinihilipilification.

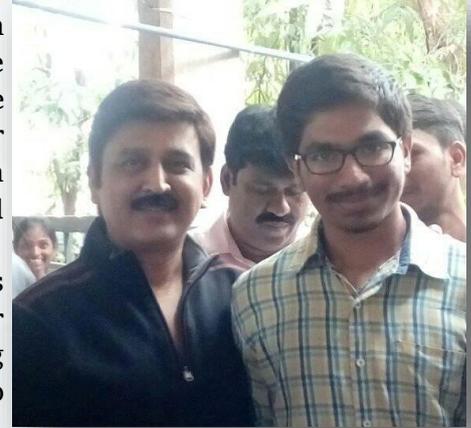
- Karthik K, 8th Sem Civil

THE END OF A CHAPTER

It takes over a period of time for a sapling to shoot up, stand tall, get strong enough to blossom flowers, provide shelter, shed its leaves and repeat it all over again by being more mature at every successive cycle. I still remember entering this college almost 4 years ago young and passionate yet without any guidance.

In UVCE where one gets the greatest boon of learning on their own with no constraints of time and at their convenience needs just one thing in plenty which is "Guidance." We students unknowingly have been seeking advice from our seniors, may it be about any particular subject or a lab or exam or a place to hangout or may it even be about a movie a second opinion from Senior always makes any decision better.

Talking on similar lines, for me being an Alumni is about giving that opinion and spending some time towards our alma mater. I personally have felt the need for guidance during my time in UVCE, well not just in the matter of studies but also in a lot of other aspects that's barely dealt anywhere like....



Experience - A key factor that makes us a complete person but at the cost of time. When I listen to my seniors talk about anything I see their concern towards us, they warn us about what NOT to do and guide what needs to be done and this seems like I'm experiencing what they did even without going through it physically in no time, now I've the knowledge of what needs to be done. This kind of experience saves me from a lot of trouble, aids me with a clear vision and makes me efficient in my work. All this and even more just by listening to a senior.

Attitude - With experience we develop vivid attitude and with this attitude we represent what we are. Our attitude builds us as a person which people remember about. Maintaining the right attitude at any given point of time is of paramount importance when you are thriving to be a better person, fortunately I've met our alumni during my engineering who have made remarkable contribution for the development of this nation and every person I met taught me the right attitude to be humble, to listen and to respond without any discrimination. The way they treated me and the reception which they provided has set me an example of not taking success or failure into my head but stay modest during critical, crucial and overwhelming situation.

Gratitude - With enough experience and attitude what makes a person complete is Gratitude. A small gesture of gratitude fills in the divinity for any kind of service that's offered. This simple gesture which doesn't take any time can convey loads about an individual. Expressing Gratitude is a positive boost and an energetic cheer we have to provide for the amount of sacrifice one had made to get a particular work done, however little their efforts might be, the least one can expect from you is a simple "Thank-you, your presence means a lot..!" For a healthy and strong relation with anyone in society including gratitude elevates the overall outlook that we portray. Personally by expressing gratitude I've gained more than usual from seniors which have created an everlasting bond and an everlasting go to place when in need of guidance.

From my very little experience gained by interaction with alumni and being involved in few activities associated with UVCE I've learned that these three aspects are the major takeaway for any student and give away from Alumni prospective, although there are different ways how an alumni can contribute say it in terms of knowledge or financial support or internship or recruitment may it be anything, in order to receive them and to utilize all those services properly these three golden attributes must be embedded into every student, which can be done impeccably by determined alumni.

Before I end, I've a genuine concern to share...! Over past few years I see that recent batches have lost that connect between college and it's students, "Only a recent pass out student will be the one to know about all recent problems and the ways to overcome it." A simple 3 point contribution as mentioned above is all that I urge you to give back to your college and please remember Monetary contributions are NOT the only type of contribution that exists. A healthy interaction and sharing your experience thru any medium is also a note worthy effort you will be doing to a place that has shaped you today. Your contribution matters for thousands of students just like you waiting to make an impact and to create a better universe..! I believe an alumni can do that to their alma mater what aluminum did to mankind.

Harsha S, 8th Sem MECH

FINAL YEAR HURDLES

When I was asked to write about my memories of college, I thought it would be good to share some of the most recent happenings/events which are still fresh in the mind.

One thing I would like to mention here is we were the only batch to attend all the classes even in 7th semester because we had never seen our seniors coming to the department right after 5th semester. And we also heard lecturers saying that we are doing quite well in our studies compared to other batches. One highlight was that we had ethnic day and Archi day in between our tight schedule where those were the only things to enjoy.

This semester, preparing our portfolio for the internship where our marks card got no values was really a stressful job because we had to redo refine edit all our previous works and we really worked hard to finish it along with our thesis and apply for the best firms around. Just couple of days we were part of the graduation day - an important day for any student in their college days to share joy and happiness about their end of studies but sadly we had to attend it with all the stress of our thesis work and for the architecture students its not the final year and it would be great if its held in our final year. And to say about the day it all went well, but...

I was happy to see all other branch students enjoying the day cheering in the auditorium but we were sitting like guests and we felt like we were from different college invited for the function. I also felt bad about there was not much importance given to the architecture branch. We were put in the last for any activities for example memento distribution, speech, photo session etc. The reason may be because of our poor involvement in the college activities anyways that was the sad thing which I noticed. And the other thing was we couldn't really enjoy the glory of our campus since its under renovation. Rest all was good and we got to listen to the wonderful speakers everything was organized in well manner. It was a good day to spend with our friends for one last time.

I would want to share one precious piece of lesson to anyone who wants to join Architecture course – Architecture like other branches has its own tight schedule and steep learning curve, but sadly people never understand the stress we go through in this process. One who is really passionate about the course will enjoy it or else it's a disaster I would say.

Coming to my very personal life, being a PCOD patient handling all these stress, academic financial emotional issues is really a difficult task for me yet I am trying my best to study well and do well in my exams. I'm really grateful for my parents for their love, support, sacrifice and care and thanks a lot for the team Vision UVCE for supporting students like me.

- Manvitha, 8th sem Architecture



UVCE RENOVATION PROGRESS GALLERY

