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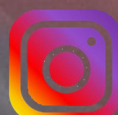
SAMPADA

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EDITORIAL

After 116 editions, when you start thinking that the 117th edition has 16 pages of content, what is the first thought that occurs? UVCE and its legacy have tonnes of stories to tell and to be documented. Sampada has been just that. We have been able to successfully connect with alumni, to whom UVCE was not accessible at all. We have narrated what is happening in campus and activities by the students which again has helped alumni to rekindle their college memories. We have unearthed few tales and stories, otherwise which would be lost in the history. These are the achievements of Sampada in the past 10 years.

Evolution, adaptation and perseverance are the keys to growth and success. If anyone asks us what was the thought behind starting Sampada in 2009 December, it would be hard to answer. It was a “Sudden Spark” which flashed during an discussion. But, now it all makes a sense, because “Connecting the Dots” is easy while looking backwards. The two trees in the Quadrangle are our witnesses. Both the trees have listened to most our conversations during college days and even after that and always been some sort of motivational factor. Its not just us, but many of the alumni who visit the campus always mention that the shade of those trees are very soothing and helps to get some peace of mind.

Under the same trees, the current students conducted “UVCE Jaathre” few days back and we have shared an article, photos and thoughts about it by students in this edition. We assure you that it will take you back to the college days as you are going through the pages. Along with it, couple of other events organized by students—CodeFury (Hackathon) & Blood Donation Camp form IEEE UVCE are also captured. Thus proving our point that in the past 10 years, any event that has been organized in the campus is archived in the pages of Sampada.



In order to showcase how alumni have been passionate about their alma-mater, we have numerous examples. Couple of them have been mentioned in this edition - One of them being Scholarships from 1973 batch to Mechanical students. We also have one more set of alumni (mainly consisting of 97 EEE) who have taken the responsibility of procuring PCs for the Computer Lab of Electrical Department. Both the initiatives are definitely highly appreciative and need to be brought to the attention of the alumni around the globe. Because of such alumni, youngsters like us get motivation and encouragement to carry on the small activities to help students. Kudos to all of the alumni who are involved in this and contributed their money, time and efforts for the betterment of UVCE and students !!

One of the names that we have to mention is Dr V K Aatre sir, who has been such a role model for us since the time we have interacted with him in the past few years. We were always afraid to approach him because of his seniority, achievements and experience. But, once we got to know him, it has been totally different. We are pleasantly surprised to get some details about the event - "Aatre @ 80" and also the Live Interview programme in DD Chandana. We have provided the link to the complete video interview in this edition. Wishing Aatre sir a “Happy Birthday” !! How fortunate are we have an opportunity to interact with such a legend regularly!

We have also included couple of media articles which mention about achievements of Sir M Visvesvaraya. This article also includes his speech in the college in 1955. One more article is about a recent achievement by one of our alumni - Aruna Venugopal (2000 batch) in swimming. This again is something very important that Sampada has been able to achieve - gathering all media stories about UVCE and alumni—in one place.

With 3 more editions, Sampada will also hit a new milestone - 10 years and we request all of you to share your thoughts and feedback about the journey so far. You can write to us at sampada@visionuvce.in and we are definitely open for criticisms as well. It is the only way to grow and reach new heights!

- Team Sampada

MEET & GREET THE ALUMNI - S SRIDHARAN (1960)

* Team Sampada- Please tell us a bit about your self

I was raised in Kolar Gold fields where I did my schooling. I did my schooling in Tamil (my mother tongue), but I can speak Kannada well. I forgot Kannada reading and writing since I left UVCE. I graduated from Mechanical branch in 1960. I had spent major portion of my career with BHEL. Lastly I was General Manager for the Advanced Energy Conversion Research Project on Magneto Hydro Dynamics. I took voluntary retirement from BHEL in 1989. Subsequently I was a consultant on Sugar Plant Co generation and have been the Chief Editor for two books on Industrial Energy Aspects and Sugar Plant Co generation.

* TS - Share some of the memories about college days and about the faculty

My memories of Our College is always sweet and fertile. I was a Hostel student too and this makes me more attached to those fine memories. We had a wonderful set of teachers starting with Sri B R Narayana Iyengar who was the Professor for Mechanical Engineering, All the students in our class used to be very impressed at the style and ease with which he used to sketch the machine components on the board.

Dr. Venkatachala Iyengar the Professor for Mathematics used to frequently take classes. He would also sometimes come incognito quietly into the class and sit in one of the back benches and observe other teachers handling the class! He used to stress that logical thinking and correct methodology is the basic thing in Mathematics. He used to say, "I am not bothered about the final answer you get while working out problems. The logic adopted and going through correct steps is the main thing."

We were a close knit group of boys, but sadly we did not keep our ties alive after leaving the college. Few of my classmates also joined BHEL later and we renewed our contacts. One of my class mate Sri A. Gavisiddappa rose to the position of Chairman and Managing Director of BHEL.

* TS - Advice to youngsters like us and the students in college

UVCE is ever blossoming and gives out new fragrance every year. My advice to the youngsters is to keep an inquiring mind. Engineering is learnt all through life with no end to it. My best wishes to all the young present day students to keep the UVCE flag high and visible where ever you go in life.

He has shared a group photograph with us. Quoting him -

"Here is the photo of the four of us from 1960 Mech group along with our spouses, taken recently here at Sunnyvale California.

The blue striped shirt is CV Gopala Karishna and the one with dark shirt is H.Srinath. The one with red tilak is me and next to me is S.Kasturi."



It was a pleasant surprise for us when there was an enquiry about photos of all the Principals of our college starting with Sri Seshachar, the first Principal. We were even more glad that the query had come from an alumni of 1960 batch.

We immediately replied and shared that photo and requested for an interaction. The reply was so gratifying. It said - "Thanks a lot for the gift. I will cherish these photos and keep them in my album." This is the exact reason why we have sustained SAMPADA for 10 years now. It has created a dedicated connection with alumni across the globe, from various batches and along with it created a channel to know each other better. The archive that has been achieved in the past 10 years is the only treasure and guiding map we can hand over the next batch of UVCE students.

SAMMILANA - ENGINEERS DAY

Sammilana - a flagship event which has never disappointed us to surprise us. Every year, it is an opportunity to meet new set of alumni along with the few of the regular people who join us for such occasions. Just like last year, we decided to meet on September 15th - Engineers Day with an agenda. In association with “UVCE Graduates Association”, Team VisionUVCE organized “Sammilana” at Century Club, where the idea was to showcase the contribution of Engineers to the society, share updates about Renovation of the college & UVCE Graduates Association and discuss in general about alumni involvement.

It was a great pleasure that Dr Prahlada Ramarao, Padmashree Awardee (1969 batch) agreed to address the gathering and speak about “Engineers Day”. He shared his work related experiences in DRDO, Ministry of Defence and also about designing the “Akash” Missiles. He also addressed some queries about “Chandrayaan-2” mission status. After him, we were also happy to invite Dr R Jagadish (1965 batch) who was earlier the Chairperson of Civil Department and currently MD of CONCONS Consultant Pvt Ltd. He is monitoring the renovation work of the college and he gave an overview of the challenges faced during the work in past one year (century old building and college was supposed to keep running with classes while the work was in progress). He also assured that by the end of this year, the college will return to its old charisma.

Later, we had Maj Gen Neelakantappa(1963 batch), President of UVCE Graduates Association address the alumni about the state of affairs at the Alumni Association and the legal tussle going on with them. Though the order of Appointment of the Administrator has been served, they have approached the court seeking for Stay (which is yet to be permitted). He also gave the updates about UVCE Graduates Association and what are the objectives of the organization. Satish(2009 batch), from Team VisionUVCE gave an update about “10 years journey of UVCE” and requested everyone to join hands in the initiatives. VisionUVCE is supporting the UVCEGA in all ways possible. Next, we had Dr BP Harish (1990 batch), current Chairperson of Electrical Department, addressing the crowd about the needs of the Department & how alumni need to support it. Finally, Srikanth gave the “Vote of Thanks” along with the request to everyone present to become members of UVCEGA. Around 70 alumni were present from various batches, gave their feedback along with registering for UVCEGA Members.



UVCE - AS I RECALL

Giggly girls & gangly guys
Met at UVCE with stars in our eyes
We bonded over blue books & T-Squares I'd say
And learnt Circuits & Symmetrical Components by the way
Slogged over electrical drawing before submission day
Let the exams get postponed we'd pray!

Combined studies & By-2 coffee
Bunked classes for morning shows, kar do maafi!
Professors – NS, MVK, Mecci, Naik et al
Even a missing link & Koli to complete the roll call
MVK was terrifyingly strict, Naik's notes you HAD to copy
Some were earnest, some just sloppy?

We trundled along to Semester 10
Said our good-byes & parted as friends
Some stayed back, some spread their wings
Hey presto we have WhatsApp & reconnected links
A budding writer, a singer divine, an artist, a scientist
A quizzier par excellence, are all in our midst

Some new-found talents, some rediscovered
Most successful in all they have endeavoured
We have gone grey now & lost some along the way
May their souls RIP & the rest of us – Meet again someday
And....out of the blue reappears one naughty Miss!
Thought she was gone; thank goodness for this..



Kalpana Deepak
UVCE-EE, Class of '82

**Join us for the VU Scholarship
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CODEFURY 2.0

Our college, UVCE, is one such college where the students can truly dare to dream. We were a bunch of students just whiling away our time just like every other student, but we suddenly stumbled upon the thought of participating in a Hackathon. Well, at that moment, there weren't any Hackathons that were taking place during the thought upon timeframe. Any other student from a different college would've done the obvious thing - wait for the next Hackathon. Instead, our team (The IEEE UVCE Computer Society Team) dared to conduct a whole Hackathon! Conducting a Hackathon on an inter college level is obviously not easy. It comes with its own set of shortcomings and hurdles. Our first and foremost concern was the infrastructure. Housing around 200 students very evidently demands the right infrastructure. With careful planning and thought, we were able to come up with plans and set up the venue to house 200 participants, complete with the internet connectivity and the power points.

Our next hurdle was the Sponsorship. We really couldn't afford to host an event of that scale without financial support. That's where our hunt for Sponsors began. To our surprise and delight, Visteon had agreed to sponsor the event last year, along with the provision of internship to the winners. And this year, it was Rakuten who agreed to sponsor the event. This came as a huge impetus for us and it literally pushed us forward to make this event a reality.

All said and done, the last step towards the preparation of the event was pooling in the participants. We were in doubt, wondering whether people would be interested to attend a Hackathon at our college. But when we opened the registration link, we were met with the God of all surprises. We witnessed an overwhelming response from a multitude of colleges and participants alike, to such an extent that we had to limit the number of tickets in the end.

Finally, the denouement of all these tasks was the event itself. Organising it and having



people take care of the various responsibilities was certainly a behemoth task as it was our first time conducting an event like this. Nonetheless, our team was very enthusiastic and very eager to put their hearts and souls into this event and CodeFury went on to be one of the best Hackathons organised in our city.

Little did we know that a simple thought of ours could bring forth a product as magnanimous as this. Seeing this, we had decided to have CodeFury every single year and this year was also no different. As mentioned above, everyone - the student volunteers and organizers - put their best efforts to make sure the participants get the best experience.

With the all the ingredients included for a successful event and the "D- Day" arrived. CodeFury 2.0 was held on 15th September 2019. The participants had to design an Android Application or a Website based on the problem domain, "Digital Commerce", in a time period of 8 hours. The problem domain, however, was announced the day of the event to put their creativity and quick decision making to the test. A team could contain maximum of four members. The winners in each domain were awarded a cash prize of Rs.10,000 for the first prize and Rs.5,000 for the second prize. It saw an active participation of over 180 students from various colleges of Karnataka with students eagerly solving the problem domain with various innovative approaches. App building was later followed by presentation of their apps. In all, the second edition of CodeFury lived up to its hype and is really inspiring us to come up with more creative activities for the students.



Hoping to see our students come out with ideas and events like these in the future.
Always Dare to Dream!

-IEEE UVCE



BLOOD DONATION

“Life is a gift, not to possess, but to share.” Gifting life sounds unreal but it is possible to some extent. One such way is through blood donation. Blood donation has been a major concern to the society as here, demands exceed supply by a large margin. Blood donation is recommended as often as possible as it may be therapeutically beneficial to the donors in terms of thrombotic complications and efficient flow mechanisms.

To create a platform for UVCEians to serve our society and be a part of greater cause, IEEE UVCE organised “BLOOD DONATION CAMP” on 25th September 2019 in collaboration with LIONS CLUB.

- **How did it go?**

The camp started at 8:00 am and ran unto 3:00pm. The lecture complex of main campus hosted the camp. The blood was collected by blood bank team from Victoria Hospital in lecture complex 1 and Rashthrothana Hospital in lecture complex 2.

- **How was the response to the event?**

We saw an enthusiastic number of 350 students who came forward for this noble cause. Around 140 students cleared the initial ability tests and were cleared to donate blood. Refreshments were provided to the donors and certificates were awarded for their valuable contribution.

- **What is the highlight of the event?**

The Principal was felicitated by Lions club and the volunteers were awarded certificates as a token of appreciation of their efforts. This is the tenth consecutive successful year of the collaboration of IEEE UVCE and Lions club of blood donation camp.

IEEE UVCE would like to congratulate all the enthusiastic folks of UVCE coming forward. We also thank LIONS CLUB for backing us in this illustrious effort.



POWER OF UVCE ALUMNI & SOCIAL MEDIA

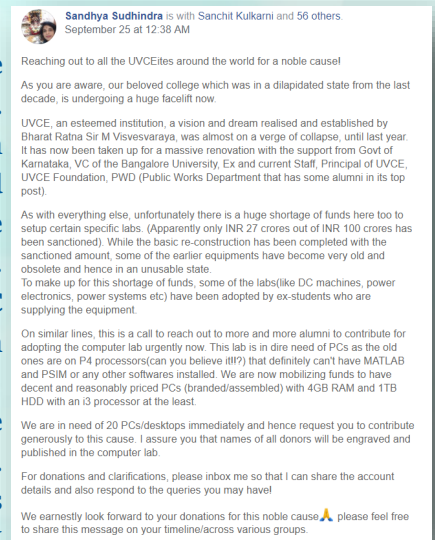
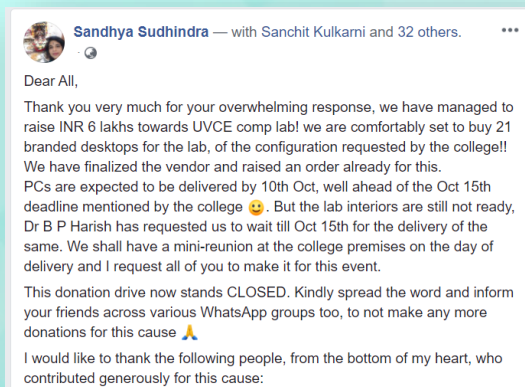
With the permission of Sandhya S (1997 batch), we are publishing two of her FB Posts to demonstrate the power of Social Media & UVCE alumni.

On September 25th, she posted **this POST** on Facebook (summary):

As with everything else, unfortunately there is a huge shortage of funds here too to setup certain specific labs. (Apparently only INR 27 crores out of INR 100 crores has been sanctioned). While the basic re-construction has been completed with the sanctioned amount, some of the earlier equipments have become very old and obsolete and hence in an unusable state. To make up for this shortage of funds, some of the labs (like DC machines, power electronics, power systems etc) have been adopted by ex-students who are supplying the equipment.

On similar lines, this is a call to reach out to more and more alumni to contribute for adopting the computer lab urgently now. This lab is in dire need of PCs as the old ones are on P4 processors (can you believe it!?) that definitely can't have MATLAB and PSIM or any other softwares installed. We are now mobilizing funds to have decent and reasonably priced PCs (branded/assembled) with 4GB RAM and 1TB HDD with an i3 processor at the least. We are in need of 20 PCs/desktops immediately and hence request you to contribute generously to this cause. I assure you that names of all donors will be engraved and published in the computer lab.

On October 5th, she updated a **Followup POST** (summary):



Thank you very much for your overwhelming response, we have managed to raise INR 6 lakhs towards UVCE comp lab! we are comfortably set to buy 21 branded desktops for the lab, of the configuration requested by the college!! We have finalized the vendor and raised an order already for this.

PCs are expected to be delivered by 10th Oct, well ahead of the Oct 15th deadline mentioned by the college □ But the lab interiors are still not ready, Dr B P Harish has requested us to wait till Oct 15th for the delivery of the same. We shall have a mini-reunion at the college premises

on the day of delivery and I request all of you to make it for this event. This donation drive now stands **CLOSED**.

When we spoke to her, she mentioned that her batch had met the Chairperson of EEE Department and understood the need of the hour. She discussed with few of her batchmates and decided to take up the initiative for a specific purpose and the Social Media helped to create the platform. It is a perfect scenario of “Where there is a Will, there is Way”. We are glad to see the support of the alumni and congratulate everyone (specially Sandhya) for this endeavor.

93-97 EEE: Archana Hegde, Harish Kumar C, Rajendra S, Sandhya Sudhindra, Kumud Ravi, Srinivas G K, Mamatha Vittalkar, Manjunatha K V, Anil Kulkarni, Sneha Pai, Suchitra, Ramesh Narayanan, Harsha, Rosa G Sudarshan K, Sujatha Ramakrishnan, Lakshmi Srinath, Virupaksha K M, Subhashini Ganesh, Shaila Venkatarama, Kavita Kurtkoti, Mangala Udupa , Bhuvana Gurumurthy, Vivek Kumar, Chandra Nyathappa, Rajesh K H, Sudheendra Prahllada, Harish MP, Mahesh Kumar BL, Vijaya Babu, Yogesh Nagappa

91-95 CSE : Ram Sury

90-94 ECE : Chandrashekar, Ravi S and Krishnamurthy 90-94

92-96 CSE : Harsha Alagud

JAATHRE - AS IT UNFOLDED

One month of planning, some fights and some new friendships later, UVCE Jaathre 2019 was all set for the juniors. As one walked around the campus, one could sense the excitement in the air. The first years walked with a spring in their steps and the second years had already done so much work that they were too tired to even walk now.

The grand poster of Jaathre, with the tagline “Ohoo Jing Jing” was put up in front of Minchu at noon, with great efforts. The fliers went up soon after and the college had now begun to look festive. First year students were still in classes, and we had to hurry and finish all the work before they emerged out into the quadrangle. The next hassle was getting tables. We dreaded the effort it would take to bring the tables all the way from first floor of library. The construction workers generously offered to help, and that issue was sorted. Just when we thought everything was going well, a bird pooped on the photobooth that was made from the scratch. We were disappointed, but quick to act, so we stuck a paper butterfly to hide it!

Soon after, crowd gathered in the quadrangle and the sound system set the event ablaze. Mechanical was the first branch to perform, and they sang lovely songs, ending it appropriately with a group dance. Just the right kind of start for Jaathre. Next up was Architecture. They put up a well-coordinated performance and were lauded for it. ISE students took over after that, and presented an elaborate dance.

All parts of Jaathre were going as planned, and it was time for a break. The break was to realize the main intention of Jaathre, which is to introduce all the clubs in college to the first years. In this time, they went to each stall, played fun games and won badges and chocolates. Each stall had representatives who explained the purpose of the club. Around 6-8 clubs came forward with the stalls and did justice to Jaathre. The main attraction, of course, was the food stall. One could see people drooling over the gol gappa and asking for more, some even fighting!

A few minutes into the break, gentle drops of rain entered the scene. Panic spread across the so-far-excited faces. We didn't want to give in to the rain and give up half way through Jaathre, we had planned so much for it after all! The first years who had prepared for it day and night did not want to let their efforts go in vain. We collectively decided to continue with the event, when, thankfully, as if the Lord had heard our prayers, it stopped drizzling and the sky was clear again.

Civil was the first branch to perform after the break. This was followed by EEE, who had a wonderfully well-thought show about Mysuru Dasara. ECE took its turn to reiterate the purpose of Jaathre, and did a skit about all the clubs. CSE played out a small play titled “UVCE's got Jaathre”, and that was the last of branch performances.

The last event was a flash mob by the dance team, and it was a show that redefined enthusiasm. What is an event in UVCE without the DJ towards the end? Naturally, everyone danced to popular songs in local languages in groups, and then there were people getting pictures to commemorate the day. That was seemingly the end of Jaathre 2019, an eventful end to an eventful day, and everyone who was a part of it had fun!

- Varsha Bhat, 3rd Sem ECE

From VisionUVCE Team, we congratulate the organizers, co-ordinators and participants for their enthusiasm and spirit . “UVCE Jaathre” - a concept started by us, 5 years ago has taken it's own shape and form and every year students make it their own. We are glad that the reach and impact created has far reaching effects in its own manner. We thank K P Guruswamy sir from EEE Department who took the ownership and responsibility this year to make sure “Jaathre “ was a success.





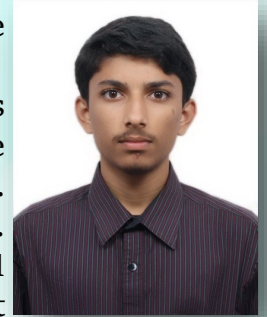


CAMPUS SAYS

1. What were your expectations on Jaatre? Did it reach your hopes?

What a whirlwind of a day it was, from the whimsy tag line to the incredible performances, Jaatre 2019 was nothing short of breathtaking.

It all started two weeks ago when the seniors walked into class and formally invited us to take part in the festivities. There was some mysterious charm to the way Jaatre brought the whole class together. All of a sudden everyone was working together and having a blast. Preparations and practices were happening in all directions. Amidst all this hubbub something even more magical happened, the spirit didn't die down. The excitement and buzz only ramped up as we inched closer and closer to the day. It was all oh so lively, people were all over the place having a great time. On the day of Jaatre I doubt if anyone could keep their minds of the crazy evening that awaited all of us.



The time had come, it was finally here and it felt like something in the lines of that crazy beat drop in one of those crazy songs where everyone loses their minds. The hustle and bustle of the stalls to the antics on the stage, the vivid decorations to the exhilarating crowd, it truly was very carnivalesque. One phenomenal performance after another was met with eager eyes, cheers and hoots. I guess time moves in top gear when you're having a ball. The memories we made that day will stay with us forever.

In some sense, Jaatre felt like a joint freshers' party that we all enjoyed together. A jolly escapade we didn't know we needed but are truly glad to have had.

- Abhiram, 1st Sem, ECE

2. Which club are you sure you're going to be a part of in the future? Why?



The orientation of clubs had an impact not on my mind but on my heart. Right from day one, I was introduced to this whole new world of different clubs in UVCE.

Starting with the Chethana club where we learn and spread our knowledge about the Kannada language. Entrepreneurship and startups are the next big thing and Ecell guides us on these topics. Tatva brings out hidden acting skills in you while Chakravyuha club takes you in all kinds of adventures. Last but not the least the soul of UVCE which unites all branches and called as the technical temple, IEEE, teaches the whole book of knowledge, socializing with all, technical skills and the chapter of memories.

Talking about which club I'll join, IEEE is my first choice and maybe the first choice to most of the UVCEians out there. I'm also keen to join G2C2 because I'm just as worried about climate change and our Earth as the 16-year-old Greta Thunberg is. G2C2 creates awareness for a clean UVCE and also on the problems of the present time. Acting has always been a part of my life so I feel that Tatva is going to be my second home for the next four years.

'The personality of the person depends on his interests and not on his character' I'm excited to meet new friends with the same interests from different branches and take part in the upcoming competitions!

- Kruthi.N, 1st Sem, ECE

3. What did you feel about the events at Jaatre? Any suggestions on which we can improve our approach?

"Oho Jing-Jing! Jaathre is coming! " When I first heard these words, I was all ears. "Ohh Jaathre! Isn't it going to be about the college clubs? Will it be just like the actual rustic Jaathre? Are there going to be so many different and interesting stalls to visit? Ohh and delicious food most of all?

"Come September 25th, the Quadrangle transformed into a colourful place, with origami butterflies hung up everywhere and a beautiful banner with pretty feathers over the stage that simply demanded admiration.



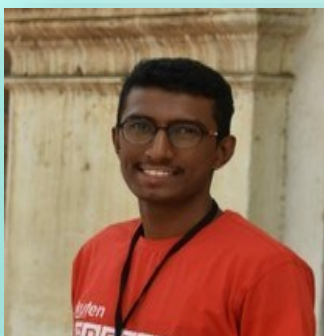
My friends and I were eager to explore the stalls. First stop: E-Cell, where our seniors explained the club's activities. After that, we went to one of the IEEE stalls and after learning more about the society. Being a huge bookworm, a visit to the Vinimaya stall was much needed. I attempted a quiz on Disney movies, which was very easy. We visited many other stalls too, a few of them really fascinating. The games were fun and we felt like excited kids playing them. After this came the most awaited event of the day - the performances put up by the first years. I cheered along with the crowd for the performers, and harder for the ones from my branch.

The event was organized well by our seniors, and the decorations and overall arrangements were good. The performance put by the seniors was amazing too. I wish the stalls had come up with more of games that were related more to the club in focus. Also, information about the clubs wasn't provided so well as the focus was more on the activities. But overall Jaathre was really fun, and I made so many new friends and got to know a lot about the clubs. Jaathre may be over, but the memories remain and the Jaathre badge on my backpack is a reminder of the amazing day!

- Shriya, 1st Sem, ISE

4. How was your experience being a coordinator of Jaatre? Tell us about the challenges you had to overcome.

Being a coordinator myself, conducting this one fest was overwhelming, humbling and even painful at times. We had a lot of ground to cover. The decoration team did a phenomenal job, working tirelessly day-in and day-out managing to come up with



decorations that matched our theme: CARNIVAL. All the flyers, posters and photo booth were very colourful, very eye-catching mimicking being in Rio for the fest. Jaatre coordinators had to ensure smooth sailing of every event and be prepared for the following performances. We had to take permission and request many professors to cancel the classes. KPG sir was our go-to-person for any issues relating to taking permission to use benches from the library, sanctioning partial leave to all first-year classes during the event, convincing all teachers to not take classes. He was the most reliable person and every coordinator followed his instructions. Some of the organizers enjoyed decorating the vast Quadrangle, climbing up the poles to hang the bright posters and flyers which seemed risky and fun at the same time.

The added attraction in every Jaatre is perhaps the Flash Mob performance by the Dance Club. It was indeed unfortunate that one of their mentors fell ill on such short notice but this didn't deter the members of the club, as they powered through and manifested a very fine performance.

The flash mob marked the end of Jaatre. The food stalls were still up, geared to serve as many hungry students and put on a happy face on every one. In the end, everyone was exhausted but had a feeling of great satisfaction and worthy accomplishment flowing through our veins. It was for sure a roller coaster of emotions and a lot of drama, but it felt just right as all the pieces of the puzzle that we hustled for, all fell into the right space and made the big beautiful complete picture.

- Saurabh S, 3rd sem CSE

5. Being a part of Jaatre for the past three years, what do you feel about the approach of organising and coordinating it? Do you like it?



Every year, our college adopts a particular theme for the fest and organizes various events and that's what I really like. The college premises are also decorated accordingly, thus giving it all a “cultural” look. It is open to all the students of our college irrespective of their fields/specializations, thus providing a great opportunity to mingle and network with others from various walks of life. It is really motivating to see that the Jaathre provides the broadest scope to organize a myriad of types of events. Some of them include Performing Arts like Group/ Solo Singing, Dancing, Dramatics, Street play etc. The scope for creativity in organizing events is virtually limitless. It provides insights into all the clubs present in our college. As an audience, I have seen huge improvements as the years passed.

From performing in a Street play to putting up E -Cell stall, I have been provided with various opportunities during Jaatre every year. There's no doubt that juniors are always eager to attend Jaathre. To conclude, I'm both excited and a bit disappointed to witness the last Jaathre of my student life.

- Chaithra R Shetty, 5th sem ISE

SCHOOL BELL - COLOR THE WALLS

We came to know about an initiative from the Architecture Department and students, where they visited couple of schools in a village near Hosakote and painted the entire walls of Govt School. Around 50 students participated in this entire event and we are collecting the information and you will find more details in the coming edition. Meanwhile is what **Challagulla Dedipya** from **3rd Sem Architecture** had to share



I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the School Bell campaign. It was a splendid chance for all the young students like us to be volunteer & also bring small impact in other's life .

It was a great experience to transform the plain government school and colour the walls of wisdom. And also sometimes there is nothing better than forgetting about work and just going out to bring change and making someone's life better and watching smiles on their faces.

Team work was a great way to facilitate bonding with our team members. And that was really fun. Everyone naturally felt connected to each other. Interestingly, we were discussing and clubbing the ideas which then gave an amazing results. It was a wonderful experience and a good bonding time for all of us.

73 BATCH SCHOLARSHIPS

We are glad to inform that alumni from 1968-73 Batch have conducted interviews of Mechanical students and awarded them the Scholarships from their batch

Vasudevan, H. S. Chandru, Surehs H and Shekar interviewed the students from various semesters from Mechanical branch on 16-09-2019 and shortlisted the candidates. Prof C K Umesh was present and supported them during the process. In total an amount of Rs.66000/- was distributed to the Scholarship awardees.

Here is the list:

3rd Semester

Mr. Basaveshwara and Mr. Vinod Mundasad

5th Semester

Madhu Aradhyamath and Devindra Poojeri

7th Semester

Ms. Roshni and Ms. Swapna N

Special Scholarship

Mr Viresh I Lali was sponsored personally by Dr H S Chandru

We thank the alumni from the 73 batch for taking this initiative. Also, we understand that they are supporting the students from past several years and we are glad to be able to announce this years contribution and awards before hand. Congratulations to the Scholarship Awardees too!

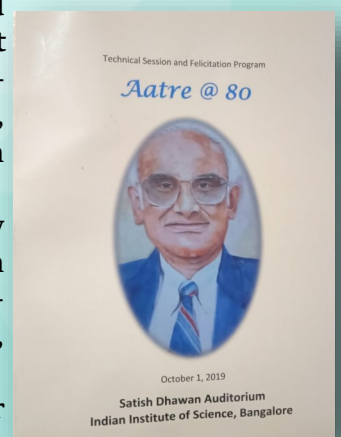


AATRE @ 80

Padmavibhushan V K Aatre's 80th birthday celebrations were held at **Satish Dhavan Auditorium, Indian Institute of Science on October 1st 2019**. Prof Anurag Kumar, Director IISC, inaugurated the event in the afternoon and delivered a presidential address. Dr G Sateesh Reddy, Secy, DR&D and Chairman, DRDO, was the chief guest and Prof V S Arunachalam was the guest of honour.

Technical session titled 'Impetus by Dr V K Aatre' was chaired by Prof N Balakrishnan and speakers included Dr S. Christopher, Dr Vijayan Pillai, Dr Kota Harinarayana, MS J. Manjula, Dr K Rajalakshmi, Prof S Gopalakrishnan, Prof Vinod Sharma, Prof Rudra Pratap, Sri Ramji Raghavan, Prof G Jagadeesh.

After reminiscences by selected speakers who thanked Dr Aatre for contributing to their career and projects, Dr Aatre and Mrs Kanthi Aatre were felicitated by Dr V S Arunachalam and Mrs Meena Arunachalam.



DD Chandana - Interview

Interview with Dr VK Aatre - UVCE alumni, PadmaVibhushan, PadmaBhushan Awardee, served in DRDO & as Chief Advisor for Defence Minister. It was aired on Oct 4th as part of "Shubhodaya"

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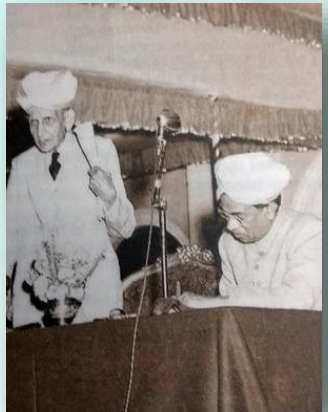


GIFTS GALORE

A lot of good things came Bangalore's way when Sir M. Visvesvaraya was the dewan of Mysore

When Sir. M. Visvesvaraya was the dewan (1912 to 1918) both he and the Maharaja rewarded Bangalore with galore of gifts in the form of several developmental projects. Though Sir M.V was an engineer, his foresight encompassed several aspects required for the all round development of the city.

Sir M.V in his speech on June 1915 to the Economic Conference, had suggested the establishment of Chamber of Commerce, for the whole state to focus and consolidate commercial opinion on current topics & to publish the united judgement of representative merchants and businessmen regarding topics for the information of the public. A chamber with these objects was inaugurated on May 8 1916 in the hall of Government High School, Bangalore and the Chamber began to work under the chairmanship of W.C. Rose from 1916 to 1920. In 1966



-67, it was called Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry and later it was renamed as Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI). This more than a century old Institution has had the distinguished array of businessmen and Industrialists at the helm, establishing it as an apex organization for the Industry, Trade, and Service Sectors in Karnataka. Since its inception the

prestigious institution has sought to promote the national interest by way of both public and private sector led economic growth and has played a catalytic role in policy making at the state and central level. FKCCI stands as one of the five foremost chambers in the country apart from being the oldest parent chamber of any state in India.

Though Sir. M.V gave thrust to the development of Industry and Commerce, he was equally concerned about the Agricultural sector. He thought that if the farmers are trained to cultivate more adopting scientific and progressive methods, rural developments will be more effective. So, In 1913-14 an Agricultural school was opened in Bangalore with more emphasis on practical training. The farmers, after undergoing training, were given a certificate and guidance to adapt innovative methods in their routine agricultural pursuits.

In the same year, the Agricultural department was strengthened by the appointment of a Director. Today, the Agricultural University in Bangalore is globally known, not only for teaching but also for its multi dimensional research.

Sir M.V had realised that silk industry was lucrative and would enhance the income of the state. But by 1913, this industry had been hit due to a silk worm disease. To find a solution to solve this problem, a centre was also started in Tata Silk Farm near Basavanagudi. In 1913, Bangalore- Chikkaballapur and Bangalore-Kolar railway lines were completed. A survey for new railway lines for Bangalore-Hassan, Bangalore-Arasikere and Mangalore were also conducted.

During the First World War, England passed through a critical period. The Maharaja of Mysore sent substantial financial help and a regiment of soldiers to help England. The British gratefully acknowledged the help and praised the King and his subjects. In all these efforts, Sir M.V. played a remarkable role.

Sir. M.V. had felt the need to conserve and promote Kannada language and literature. He created a study circle under the guidance of H.V. Nanjundiah, a well-known statesman. A sub-committee formed under the study circle came up with five different topics on which suggestions were invited. There was a good response from the people and it was decided to organize a conference in Bangalore on 3rd May 1915 to act upon these suggestions. The meeting was held at the Fort high school grounds and was attended by the literary



luminaries, press and other elites of the city. The gathering agreed to create Karnataka Sahitya Parishath with a mandate to conserve and promote Kannada Language and Literature. On May 5, 1935 The Parishath was formed and H.V. Nanjundiah was unanimously elected as the President of the Parishath. Later, the name was changed to Kannada Sahitya Parishath. The century old institution today is household name in the state.

Drainage work in areas like Basavanagudi, Malleswaram and Shankarapuram was completed. Sir M.V personally used to supervise the construction of reservoirs to store the water coming from Hesaraghatta. In 1915, Cubbon Park was made more attractive and electric lights were provided for Attara Kacheri.

To streamline the distribution of electricity A, B and C stations were built. In 1917-18, the Dewan formed a committee with a special officer for the proper development of Bangalore city. Another remarkable contribution of Sir M.V. to the city as well as the state is starting an Engineering College in Bangalore.

On January 27, 1955, while addressing the gathering at the College of Engineering, Sir M.V. reveals the facts responsible for beginning the prime institution. “The College of Engineering was started in the year 1917. It came to existence because the Engineering Colleges at Madras and Poona were not able to provide seats for the number of students for whom Mysore wanted provision. As far as I can remember, we wanted admission for ten students annually, but the authorities in Madras and Poona could provide only for two or three. Thereupon, we decided to start a college of our own in Bangalore city. Mr. K.R. Sheshachar, Retired Chief Engineer, Mysore, was appointed the first Principal. And subsequent principals and professors have been mostly Mysore Engineers.”

Though the college was his brain child, Sir M.V. while concluding his speech, pays tribute to the Maharaja... ‘The Institution was started as stated above more than 37 years ago, in the time of the late Maharaja, His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur. On such occasion as this, we must tender our tribute of respect and gratitude to his honoured name for the keen interest he took in the establishment of such useful institutions and the great good he has done for the state...’

ALUMNI ACHIEVER

City-based swimmer Aruna Venugopal has had quite an eventful August – she swam the 32 km long Catalina channel (between August 20-21) and the 45.8 kilometres long Manhattan channel (on August 29). Aruna, who is now 42 years old, shares, “I am the only South Indian woman to have swum these channels solo.” An engineer by qualification and a tutor by passion, Aruna is currently on a sabbatical to see her kids through their board exams. The break, however, also gave her time to focus on her swimming. Here’s what went into her recent achievement...



Swimming in a relay versus going solo

I was part of the relay race too, but taking up the solo swim challenge was a totally different experience. For the relay, I had to get off the boat and wait for my turn. But for the solo, I swam for 12 hours – with a short break every half an hour for water and stretching. Compared to the relay, the solo swim warrants more personal effort, more hours of training and speed practice. Based on my qualifying round, the federation in charge had predicted that I would complete the Manhattan swim in eight hours, but I completed it in 7 hours and 58 minutes. And Catalina, which they estimated that I would complete in 14 hours, was done in 11 hours and 49 minutes.

‘Distance aside, it is sea sickness that gets to you’

Both the swims I was part of offered a variety of experiences. For instance, during the Manhattan island swim, I had to swim along with the flow of the Hudson river, around the island, through the day. In Catalina, I had to swim from Catalina Island to Los Angeles mainland through the night and I got to swim alongside dolphins. However, handling sea sickness is a huge challenge. Also, there were times when my upper body had got numb due because the water was so cold. I chose not to eat much through the swim and persevered through it.

Next up: Bhagirathi

I began swimming at age 11, but I took a 20-year break due to personal commitments. I got back to swimming only in the last four years. Coming up next is an 81 km swim in the Bhagirathi river, in Murshidabad in August next year. I had completed a shorter swim (19 km) there a couple of years ago. I also want to participate in the Strait of Gibraltar swim (Spain to Morocco). And, given that I have completed the swims at Catalina and Manhattan, I just have to complete the English Channel swim to add the triple crown of open water swimming to my portfolio.

Long-distance swimming abroad versus India

I think safety wise, swims abroad are organised better and the organising teams can handle situations better. They also ensure the parameters required for a participant to take up a challenge are met; the food kits are ready. However, India is not far behind. Fitness, as a concept is picking up among people here. We are moving in the right direction.

Misconception about long distance swimmers

There is always an expectation for long distance swimmers to have a lean, chiselled physique. I do not, and therefore I get skeptical looks. While we do follow a diet and have endurance training, I believe a certain amount of fat is required when you swim through chilly waters, it helps keep you warm.

- Source: **Times of India, Sep 18, 2019**

Photo - From Facebook Profile of Aruna Venugopal.

[You can check this FB post in which you can watch the video and read the entire story in her own words](#)