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## EDITORIAL

It's December! I can feel the tingle of excitement. Why you ask? Because December is the month of celebrations, holidays, family and fun! With the year almost coming to an end and a new promising year at the brink, December also brings with it a sense of nostalgia and realization as we look back to reflect on what we have accomplished in the last 12 months.

As a team, when we at VisionUVCE look at the year, we feel a sense of satisfaction, eagerness and happiness. With various initiatives across various different platforms, we have pushed with our best efforts employed to bring a change, create opportunities, help students grow and bring the alumni network closer in this year. When VisionUVCE was started, the agenda was to give back to our alma mater, namma UVCE. Over these past 10 years, this goal has had its learnings and grown. We know that the true meaning of giving back to not just provide what is of our knowledge and go away. But it is to participate with fervor, experience the passion, protect the strength of alma mater, help our institution improve, mentor and share, create and build a stronger community, inspire to do better, work hard, support initiatives and much more that we are yet to learn in years to come. With 2020 almost set to start, we hope to dig deeper into this meaning and be able to do more for namma UVCE in the years to come.



Talking about all of the activities conducted in 2019, let's first catch on the bustling activities of November at namma UVCE. As you all are aware, we conduct the scholarship program every year to help our students tackle financial burdens. This year, our team was able to raise money and provide close to 6 Lakh worth Scholarships to 65 UVCE students. This feat was nothing short of being possible if not for our alumni joining hands to provide generous donations to aide our students to study better. Many of our alumni even participated in the whole process helping us identify students with need. Moving a page from our scholarships, a Bootcamp Session was conducted for our students in the pre-final year in order to get them kick started on the prep needed and steps they need to take to work well for the placement process they will face in the upcoming months. The tremendous response and participation seen brought our great happiness. As we speak of December starting, it is also the indication of semester end approaching. In order to mark this, for our Best Class 2.0 Initiative, we conducted a mega event at JB Campus where all the classes participating in the competition competed against each other on a mind-boggling challenge in order to grab extra points and inch closer to the winner position. Exhausted reading the jist? There is more and all details entailed in this edition.

Speaking further about initiatives and giving back, we are so proud and glad about how many of our alumni who step forward to take the self-start and do something for the college. In this edition we have ensured to put more details of the initiatives we came across from UVCE Foundation, alumni groups and individuals inside the edition. Another initiative that is being strongly advocated and participated by our Alumni is the proposal to make UVCE autonomous. Information about earnest attempts being made to initiate discussions about this at various levels by different stake holders was mentioned by our Vice Chancellor our VU Scholarships Distribution Program. This provided fuel to carry out similar discussions amongst namma UVCE Alumni with a small meeting organized by UVCEGA. We will be there and if you are looking forward to join then we have all the details further ahead in the pages.

Just before you begin your journey down the pages, the icing on the cake to this edition is your eagerness for our next MEGA edition, the 10th Anniversary edition of namma SAMPADA, a newsletter evolved in the years of making an effort to bridge a strong relationship between alumni and students while enabling the opportunity to engage into UVCE's current events. We are as pumped as you are and we have some details paved inside this edition to provide food to your thoughts.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**- Chitra S Reddy, Team Sampada**

## RENDEZVOUS WITH ASHWIN RANGAN

**Team Sampada:** Please give our readers a glimpse about yourself, your career and activities you are associated with.

**Ashwin Rangan:** My name is Ashwin Rangan, a name which I took when I naturalized as a citizen of the United States. It is a contraction of Ashwini Kumar Venkatarangan. That name was too challenging for easy pronunciation. Therefore, when I was given an opportunity to rename myself during the naturalization process (this is a common practice for immigrants in the US), I shortened it to Ashwin Rangan. I graduated with a Bachelors in Engineering (BE, Mechanical) from UVCE in 1982. I am married to Deepa Ramakrishna, who is also a graduate of UVCE. She earned her BE (Electrical) in 1983.



Following Bangalore University, I was accepted by the National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering (NITIE) in Mumbai as a student. I earned a Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering (PGDIE) from NITIE. I was recruited by Tata Burroughs (which was later absorbed into TCS).

I have been a part of some terrific growth epics: Ducommun Aerostructures, AST Computer, Rockwell International, Conexant Systems, walmart.com, Edwards Lifesciences and now, ICANN (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) - all based in California. When I transitioned from AST to Rockwell, I was appointed Chief Information Officer (CIO). I have since served as the Head of Technology and IT in various organizations. I now serve as Senior VP, Engineering and IT for ICANN.

Apart from career, I am invested in philanthropy. Currently, I serve as Chairman for the American Red Cross in Orange County. I had served as President of TiE Southern California. Deepa & myself serve together in various capacities at the local Chinmaya Mission.

**TS: Would you share some of the most memorable memories from your college days that you reminiscence even today?**

**AR:** I recently visited the UVCE campus. Not much has changed in the many decades since I graduated. As I walked the corridors, so many memories came flooding back.

As a student in UVCE, my interests went way beyond studies. I was a student leader - serving as a Class Rep for many years. I vividly remember the many meetings with the then Principals in their office room, adjacent to the quadrangle. I was also interested in Stage Arts and served as captain of the UVCE Stage Arts team for several years. The "stage" in front of the Library is familiar stomping-ground. I remember performing in front of the student-body many, many times... skits and especially, songs - with friends playing guitars, drums etc.

Sports like Softball (which we played on the GAS College grounds) and Shuttle Badminton (which we played in the quadrangle) are memories. And being a student-leader, I remember leading student "strikes", when some University decision did not agree with our ideas.

**TS: How would you describe your journey till date and how did UVCE aid you in the same? What inspired you at UVCE to want to pursue your passion?**

**AR:** My journey is a series of happy accidents under a grand-arc of a narrative which was directional, not prescriptive. Like many, my schooling was in local neighbourhood schools - where students were a homogenous mixture of boys and girls from the same local neighbourhoods.

Engineering clearly attracted me - as an analytical person. UVCE helped hone those skills. It also taught me street-smarts - since I was jostling shoulders with 80 others from many parts of Karnataka in a crowded classroom - and how to look after myself. Stage and sports taught me to play team-sports. Student-leadership taught me how to get others motivated, organized, and engaged in activities which were somewhat abstract (like ideas about what should be) removed from themselves.

One of our professors - a Dr T Yella Reddy (fondly called "TYR" by everyone) - had returned from the Oxford University with a Ph D. He had style, flair and personality. Like many (most?) of us in UVCE at the time, he came from a humble background. Yet - he had done what seemed to us like "the impossible". He served as an inspiration - a character worthy of emulation.

NITIE sharpened all of the skills - I was exposed to students from every corner of India. The "art-of-the-possible" steadily became more global. That fire in our bellies which TYR lit... that fire burns bright still...

**TS: From your unique experience can you please share words of wisdom for the engineers?**

AR: Coming from UVCE, we often look elsewhere and see people from IITs, NITs and other Institutions with far greater repute and profile. It has been my experience that UVCE students can go as far as anyone else. Skills gained in UVCE are just as sharp as those gained elsewhere.

I have had the honor and benefit of earning advanced Certificates from UCLA in Los Angeles and Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. I felt comfortable and at-ease, knowing that I was in a class of peers.

Serving global behemoths - including serving as CIO for WalMart, ranked #1 in the Global Fortune 500 list - I have come to understand that it is about you, your self-confidence & your ability to make a difference. The question is not where do you come from. The question to ask is, "What can you offer as value? How can you make an impact?"

**TS: How do you think the alumni should participate in UVCE's growth and development?**

AR: UVCE is an old Engineering institution in India. Sir MV's name further embellishes it's provenance. There is pride-of-association in and amongst UVCE alumni. We feel that when we bump into fellow-alumni - wherever in the world.

UVCE as an institution can do a much better job of keeping in-touch with its alumni. Many of us have no idea of the strategic plans for UVCE. We hear dribs and drabs now and then. Those pieces of information do not string together as a coherent strategy. To attract alumni participation, I feel that there are a few prerequisites:

- Create an Alumni network. (I know, for instance, that the Class of '84 Mech Eng already has WhatsApp contact information for 55 classmates.)
- Join branches of Engineers who attended UVCE together. Many of us attended shared-sessions cutting across "branches" back in that day. So we know one another.
- Share UVCE's strategic thoughts and plans.
- Many of UVCE alumni are now in stages of life where they want to "give back". That feeling can be harnessed - but it starts with a shared vision.

## ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಸ್ ಒಳಗೆ ನಂದಿನಿ ಬೂತು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಜ್ಞಾನಭಾರತಿ ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಎಂಎಫ್‌ನ ನಂದಿನಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳ ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವೆಡೆ ನಂದಿನಿ ಹಾಲಿನ ಬೂತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂಬ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವಕ್ಕೆ ಈಚೆಗೆ ನಡೆದ ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ದೊರೆತಿದೆ.

"ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಸ್‌ನ ಹಲವೆಡೆ ಹಲವಾರು ಗೂಡಂಗಡಗಳಿದ್ದು, ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾನಿಕರವಾದ ಪಾನೀಯವನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ. ನಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ ಈ ಅಂಗಡಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿಸಿ, ನಂದಿನಿ ಬೂತುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಸುವ ಚಿಂತನೆ ಇದೆ" ಎಂದು ಕುಲಪತಿ ಪ್ರೊ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. "ಬೂತು ಇಡುವ ಸ್ಥಳ ಗುರುತಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಕೆಎಂಎಫ್ ಅದನ್ನು ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರ ಮೂಲಕ ನಡೆಸಬಹುದು. ಆದರೆ ನಾವು ಕೆಎಂಎಫ್ ಜತೆಗೆ ನೇರ ಸಂಪರ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುತ್ತೇವೆ" ಎಂದು ಕುಲಪತಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

"ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ, ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ (ಯುವಿಸಿಇ) ಬಳಿ 40 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಅನಧಿಕೃತ ಕ್ಯಾಂಟೀನ್ ಮುಚ್ಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅಲ್ಲೂ ನಂದಿನಿ ಘಟಕ ಆರಂಭವಾಗಲಿದೆ."



- ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

## ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS

- **UVCE Foundation** has taken up the task of furnishing the Computer Science Department computer labs—**4 in total** (this includes latest computer systems, 3 overhead projectors with screen (wireless), 86 inch Interactive Board, table furniture, window blinds, chairs etc). The lab is fully operational now. Also, renovation of Placement Office is being undertaken by them. This also includes furnishing the office, tables, chairs for Placement Test Centre being developed. All these development works is estimated to cost around roughly **70-80 Lakhs**. We are glad that these works are taken up by UVCE Foundation and applaud their efforts. We hope that the students appreciate this contribution and make use of the facilities judiciously. And also more alumni get inspired by, this wonderful gesture.



- **Suresh D N and few alumni from 67 batch** joined hands and donated video system (Projectors and Screens) to 3 classrooms in Mechanical Department. The total cost (including one year of maintenance) is roughly around **1 Lakh**. We are glad to see that more and more alumni are coming together for the betterment of the college. We appreciate this gesture of “Giving Back” and hope to publish more such news in the near future. The beneficiaries - current students - should be thankful to these senior alumni



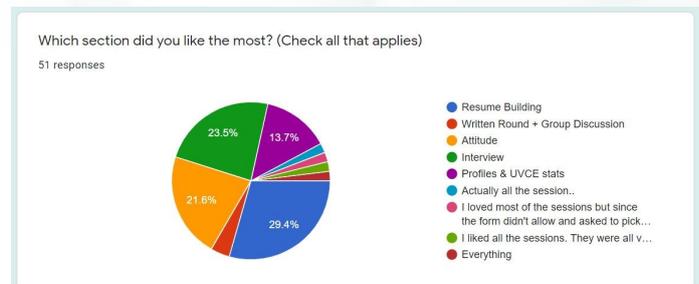
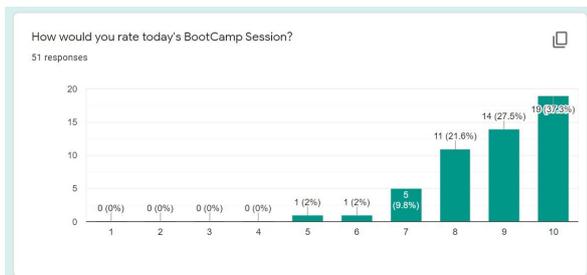
- VisionUVCE and UVCEGA have agreed to furnish Computer lab of Electrical Department. The discussions are in progress and we plan to get the work done at the earliest. Govind Lakshman from 1971 batch has agreed to take up furnishing of Seminar Hall in Mechanical Department. He mentioned over the phone that he is in the process of finalizing the work and he will proceed with the consent of the college authorities shortly. Stay Tuned for these details..
- VisionUVCE Scholarships 2019-20 were distributed during a simple event on Nov 28th in the presence of Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, Principal of UVCE, faculty members and few alumni. 65 students were awarded Scholarships total worth of around 6 Lakhs this year.



# PLACEMENT BOOTCAMP

In the past 10 years, from VisionUVCE, we have conducted multiple Placement Bootcamps. But, this year it was different. Instead of projecting the slide-deck on the screen, we tried something new. We had shared the slides with students before-hand and asked them to keep it handy in their mobiles/laptops during the session. Most of the students felt it was very interesting approach. On Nov 15th, around 80 students from 3rd year attended the event and we hope it was helpful to them.

The focus of the Placement BootCamp was Resume Building, Written Round, Group Discussion, Interview during Campus Placements. Along with these, discussion about soft-skills was also a major take-away to the students. That was the reason, the session was started precisely at 10AM and wrapped up by 1PM. We hope that some insight about importance of time management would be impressed upon on the students. The students were also given suggestions on improving the communication. Most importantly, the UVCE statistics about no of companies visiting the campus, students recruited (branch-wise) in the past 10 years was shared to help them understand the trend in the college. From VisionUVCe, we plan to conduct more such Sessions in the near future.



## Here are few responses from the students about the Placement BootCamp:

- It was an excellent boot camp for 3rd years to improve their performance. By this we came to know where we are, in which all things we should work through so we got an idea about it. Thank you sir for supporting us.
- Thoroughly engaging & informative. The approach made it an interesting session. Never felt bored at all.
- Didn't check the time even once, didn't even feel like it was 3 hours long, loved everything and felt motivated to work for the next 6 months, thankyou.
- First of all I thank you for making your time free for ourselves inspite of your busy schedule. It was an informative session. We got to know so many things may be about UVCE placement statistics and the different rules and preparations to be followed during placement .And it was glad that you shared your experiences when you were placement coordinator and we learnt so many things from those experiences you shared.
- I actually enjoyed the session today. Though it was for continuous 3 hours, there was not even one minute where I got distracted and was soo much useful for me. It really gave me an idea what I should do in the upcoming months. It gave us an outisght of how we should present ourselves and how much important our resume are. And the main thing for me was knowing that it is alright to say I don't know when I don't know something for real and move on to the next question.
- It was a very interesting session which started and ended on time as per the schedule without any delays or confusions, is really appreciable. I really liked the way u kept us all active for the whole 3hrs.

## BEST CLASS 2.0 - THE BRAINSTORMER EVENT

Vision UVCE under the best class competition had organised one day event that focused on major issues like Economy, Environment, Employment and Education. We were asked to bring out solutions to these common problems faced by citizens of globe. We had to prepare a chart providing solution for the given problem statement, as a representation of problems faced we as participants had limited resources, time constraints, division of workload and restricted information which added more challenge in completing the provided task. After completion of our charts we had to present it to 130+ audience from classes part of the Best class competition.

Overall we had to think differently, be creative, manage time, act as team and more than all were made to work as a team. We realized the importance of teamwork under pressure where everyone helps in order to bring the best out of us. The overwhelming fact for us is that the venue of this event was our department, over decades of ignorance we felt our presence for the first time. We as the students of architecture department personally thank Vision UVCE for making this event possible. Also, we thank our college-mates who had participated in multiple events and travelled to JB Campus in huge numbers, they made us feel proud of our dept, looking forward to host many more events. Below are few thoughts compiled from the participants

**Payal Karwa , 2nd Year Architecture**



- Inviting us for JB Campus was first best thing, it was really awesome in new place with our friends and got some new friends in Architecture department too loved it thanks for such opportunity let tis continue for next coming events also , I like to be part or this always .
- It was a great experience- meeting and competing with people from different branches. The campus was clean and well maintained and the art work on the walls (and the stairs) was creative and gorgeous. The students in the campus and the chairman sir were very friendly and hospitable. It was an enjoyable event and I found the areas that I need to improve in. Hope to have more events in the future in our campus:)
- It was an amazing experience and the event taught me that "it's not about how talented and creative you are but it's about how you execute your idea at the right time".

## IN CONVERSATION WITH MR.VENKATESH

**TS: Could you give us a brief introduction about yourself and about your career journey?**

**Venkatesh Sir:** I completed my computer science engineering in 1991 and have been working mostly with software products. Started with Sonata Software where I spent 4 years, but my longest stint was with Finacle at Infosys, a core banking product suite. I currently head the Banking and Financial Services Vertical at ITC Infotech. My primary area of interest and expertise is large program planning and execution, with my heart always in software engineering best practices.



**TS: What are the most memorable memories from your college days that you reminisce even today?**

**VSG:** All the computer science subjects were of great interest to me. Outside of the class room, the cricket we used to play and the time we spent at our canteen still remind me of the good old days. The newsletter than Shankar Vedantam ran was indeed remarkable for the content and effort.

**TS: How was the faculty who taught you? Did you have any favourites?**

**VSG:** I enjoyed the lectures from HNS, ARV and Venugopal Raju Sir very much. They had an ability to not only talk about the subject but relate it to a lot of other topics, which helped us recall better.

**TS: How was your journey as an engineer when compared to the times now where there are more industry opportunities and technological advancements?**

**VSG:** The entire industry started picking up around the time I graduated, thanks to our late Prime Minister Narasimha Rao and Dr. Manmonhan Singh who was then the finance minister. The opportunities came in the way of a few products developed in India and services delivered to global organizations out of India. While this gave a good exposure to enterprise systems and tightly controlled software development processes, the quality of work outsourced was not very high initially. These days, with a lot of global organizations opening up their own offices in India, a lot of mainstream work happens in India in advanced technologies in automation, AI/ML and IOTs. This gives opportunities for our engineers to stay on top of the emerging trends and master the latest technologies.

**TS: What role did UVCE play in your life? If you get an opportunity to address the current students about what are the things they should not miss during the college days which will help them in the future, what would you tell them?**

**VSG:** UVCE provided the right platform to pick up the fundamentals of computer science upon which, I could easily build upon later in my career. This helped me understand what it takes to deliver pristine quality software with high productivity. My advice to the students would be to focus on learning the fundamentals of software engineering very well during the 4 years and not so much worry about the number of languages they learn, which will always keep changing anyway. While having fun is important during the college days, putting in the required hard work to master the fundamentals is equally important for a successful career.



### Silver Jubilee Celebration of Graduation

Class of 1994 Electronics Engineering

13th December, 2019

UVCE, K R Circle, Bangalore-01

For Details, [Click here](#)

# RELIVING MEMORIES - 1973 BATCH REUNION

The 1973 Mechanical Engineering group held a reunion of classmates from Friday October 11 through Sunday October 13, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Thanks to all of our classmates in USA and India for giving priority and attending the Reunion in USA. Special thanks to spouses Gayathri, Gita, Melissa, Parvati and Rama for their support and active participation.

Jagdish, Venu, Ramprasad, Ravi, Soma and Sethuram in USA organized the get-together. Shekar and Geetanjali, Suresh and Maruthi joined the gathering from India. We are thankful for their extraordinary efforts to join us from India representing our class.

We had a great meet remembering the good Engineering college days, classmates and our esteemed Professors on this occasion. What a blessing to have been part of UVCE that turned 100 in 2017. Our main goal was to meet everyone and spend time together to celebrate our friendship over the years. We visited many resorts and marveled at the artistic and engineering wonders in Las Vegas. Few of the pictures are included with captions.

We are happy to announce that we will organize another reunion in 2021 in USA. We hope this gives our classmates enough advance notice to plan and be part of the reunion in 2021.

We thank our friends in USA and India for making the 2019 Reunion in USA a grand success.

- 1973 Batch

**(From VisionUVCE, we are thankful to Jagdish Sagar sir and Suresh sir who have kept us informed throughout and we are glad that the Reunion was a success. We wish them great health and hope to publish more such Reunion stories including the 2021 one in Sampada)**



In front of the Campanile Tower at Venetian, Las Vegas



L to R: Rama and Venu from Detroit, Michigan, Melissa and Ravi from California, Gita and Jagdish from Arizona, Geetanjali and Shekar from Bengaluru, Gayathri and Ramprasad from Oregon, Maruthi from Bengaluru, Parvati and Soma from New Jersey, Sethuram from Florida, and Suresh from Bengaluru, India in front of the famous Las Vegas sign



Seven Magic Mountains, A Large scale Desert Artwork near Las Vegas



"Fiori di Como" Glass Sculpture in The Bellagio Resort, Las Vegas



The Luxor inspired by Egypt, Las Vegas

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AGM

We came to know that “UVCE Alumni Association” is conducting Alumni Day and Annual General Body Meeting on 7th December, 2019. We wanted to inform all the alumni members about the same and request them to join the AGM. If you have any queries, you can always write to - [aauvce2019@gmail.com](mailto:aauvce2019@gmail.com)

We would like to bring it to your notice that currently there is a court case pending in the High Court of Karnataka about “Appointment of Administrator for UVCEAA” due to the irregularities in the Association by Govt of Karnataka.

The screenshot shows a web interface for querying court cases. At the top, there is a 'Select Bench' dropdown menu set to 'Bengaluru Bench'. Below it, there is a 'Query On Case Number' section with a 'Select Case Type' dropdown set to 'WP', an 'Enter Case Number' input field containing '36419', and an 'Enter Case Year' input field containing '2019'. A 'Submit' button is located to the right of the case year field. Below the search fields, the 'Case Details' are displayed for case number 'WP 36419/2019'. The status is 'PENDING'. The details include: Case Number: WP 36419/2019, Classification: GM KSR, Judge: B.VEERAPPA, Petitioner: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY, Pet. Advocate: D R RAVISHANKAR & LEX NEXUS, Respondent: THE STATE OF KARNATAKA, Resp. Advocate: SRIDHAR N HEGDE HCGP, Date Of Filing: 17/08/2019, Next Hearing Date: (blank), Last Posted For: HEARING - INTERLOCUTORY APPLN, Last Action Taken: ADJOURNED, Last Action Date: 22/11/2019. Below the case details, there is a 'Lower Court Details' section with a table showing the case number, lower court, and lower date.

Case Number	Lower Court	Lower Date
Misc 70/2018 (SAE SASU )	Others Others(THE STATE OF KARNATAKA)	11/07/2019

Apart from this, there was also an announcement of Distribution of ID Cards in September. Many alumni were interested to collect their ID Cards but there was no further update even after repeated follow-ups from our end.

## **Programme:**

1. Sports competition for members and their family (spouse & children) from 8.30 am to 10.30 am at Association premises.
2. AGM at 3.00 pm at Bhojakumar Auditorium of Alumni Association.
3. Alumni Day celebration at UVCE quadrangle at 6.00 pm onwards.

As per the Notice,

The 54th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Alumni Association of U.V.C.E. will be held on 07-12-2019 from 03.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m in the Association Auditorium (Sri Bhojakumar Konanur Auditorium), AAUVCE, Silver Jubilee Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01 for deliberations as set out in the agenda.

## **Agenda:**

- Condolence for deceased members.
- Welcome.
- Reading of the meeting notice.
- Confirming the proceedings of the 53rd General Meeting.
- Report of the working of the Association.
- Read & pass the audited statement of accounts for the year 2018-19.
- Appointment of Auditor.
- Annual Budget for the financial year 2019-20
- Any other points with the permission of the chair.
- Vote of Thanks.

## UVCE IN MEDIA

### UVCE students hit job jackpot with Rs 50-lakh offer

Two students of the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), a government engineering college affiliated to the Bangalore University, landed placement offers of Rs 49.75 lakh per annum from an Australia-based company

This was the first visit of the company – whose name the college authorities denied to reveal upon its request – to the UVCE campus, after it had turned down several requests from the college authorities earlier. Yash Kothari and Abhishek Rai (7th semester Computer Science stream) will be placed at the company's Bengaluru office.

#### Pleasant surprise

Yash said he was pleasantly surprised by the offer. "As it was the company's first visit to the campus, I did not expect the offer, beamed Yash. His father Manoj owns a business at Chikpet and mother Sunita is a housewife. "There were three rounds of filtering process and I was not sure of clearing the HR round. But when they said I am on board, I was speechless," said Yash.

Abhishek Rai's father works for the Indian Air Force and his mother is a housewife. Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University Prof K R Venugopal said the job offers prove that government colleges are in no way inferior to private colleges. "We are proud that our students are on a par with those from private institutions," he said. Training and Placement officer of UVCE, Prof B M Rajaprakash, said, "Of the total 325 eligible students, 199 students received 350 offers. So far, 60 companies have visited the campus and the placement process is on till March 2020. We are confident of placing all our students."

- Source: Deccan Herald

## OBITUARY

We are deeply saddened to inform that Dr. Marehalli G Prasad (a disciple of spiritual seer SriRanga Sadhguru), an erudite scholar of Vedic Hinduism, a guiding light of Indian American community and a professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at the Stevens Institute of Technology, died suddenly early Monday, Nov. 25, 2019. He was 69.

Prasad was beloved for his founding work with several Hindu temples in the Northeast; his patronage of civic, cultural, educational and religious organizations across the United States; his tireless work with youth groups; and his unparalleled knowledge of spiritual, esoteric and scientific topics. He has written five books on Hinduism and co-authored a book on the interfaith. He also authored more than 100 publications & was elected a fellow to four professional societies.

He received his doctorate in mechanical engineering from Purdue University, Indiana, in 1980, after completing his master's in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, in 1974. He earned his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore, in 1971.

Prasad is survived by his beloved wife, Geetha, his two sons- Teju and Raju- of whom he was immensely proud, his daughter-in-law Lindsey, his granddaughters Maya and Neela, and an extended grieving family.



**He had participated in the Engineers Day (Sammilana) at Century Club. He had become the member of UVCE Graduates Association and showed great interest to involve himself in the activities of UVCE. It is a great loss to us and UVCE alumni community.**

## OPEN LETTER BY CIVIL STUDENT

I would like to start by asking a question- "Does civil department belongs to any other college rather than UVCE?" Theoretically speaking No; But, practically speaking Yes.

No one says it openly but they make us feel so just because we are in a different campus. Is it our mistake that civil department is in JB campus? Then why are we treated so. Why are we being given very less information? You say, civil department is inactive. But my answer is you made us inactive.

It might be volunteering a fest, we wouldn't be selected just because we stay in JB campus. Why is it so? When I have applied for volunteering then it's my duty that I need to make sure that my part of job is done no matter where I am. If I had a problem in it, then I would never have applied for it. You can remove me only when I am not working. My batchmates from other branches keep telling that "Dude seniors told us that Civil people won't participate in anything" Or "Civil people will always trouble in all the fests."

My question has always been "Dude till when you will be following what your seniors told?" There can be various reasons for that at that particular time. But, why can't we change that mindset and move on. Come on we belong to same college.

We were asking from years to send us the details too about the activities going on in K R Circle and finally we ended up having a WhatsApp group and by someone's grace we are getting the updates. But what about the students mind-set that they have created on us because of their seniors and they are in turn creating it in their juniors mind.

We have also tried to bring this to the notice of the Principal sir and he has changed few things, but trust me no one can change students mind until they wish to. First year students are always available in K R circle, their branch seniors are not there in college but you all are their seniors. Don't start biasing at their first year itself. Don't demotivate them. Try talking to them just like your branch.

Even with the Placement cell, the same thing is happening as far as some of us have felt. In front of Principal sir and Placement Officer, it is showcased that we all are one but actually speaking NO. Why because Civil Department has a different placement office. I believe it was created then to make it easy for students in JB Campus and not to create bias between Civil and other branches. Why is that we are treated this way just because that the seniors have told civil branch is a mess? May be our batch is different and want to be with you all and learn something that we don't know. There is no point in trying to prove that we don't know anything. Even, we want to be the UVCE flag bearers, just like everyone. Whether it is the Placement Office in KR circle or in JB campus, in the end, it belongs to UVCE not anyone individual.

At the same time, I also request all my juniors to be active by participating in events. It's okay to miss classes (just make sure that you have 75% attendance) and take part in events, you will learn something new. Try everything from your side to have a good connection with all other branches. Let us also do our part in making it a college practically and not just theoretically. Also, inform all your juniors to be part of some club/ IEEE in KR circle from first year and try to manage both. Its a great learning and growing platform.

Also my humble request to all our alumni from Civil branch to please help us regarding placements and/or higher studies. Since there are many core companies which do not want to take freshers, we are clueless of what to do next.

This writeup is not to provoke someone or prove anyone wrong or bad. It is just that we also want to feel that we are also UVCEians. Lets try to build up a good connection between both the campus. Lets conduct activities in our branch too and invite everyone. Lets stay together and make each other grow and not humiliate.

**This letter made us, Team VisionUVCE, think and introspect. We assure the Civil students that in the coming days, we will make sure to involve more of them and also build better co-ordination among the students . We will also work with Civil Alumni to bridge the gap**

# UVCE FEST GALORE!

Here are some glimpses from our UVCE's very own technical and cultural fests, FIESTA 2019 that was held on 14th November 2019 and INSPIRON 19.0 held on 29th and 30th November 2019.



## VU SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

Team VisionUVCE has been successful in raising money every year (**9th consecutive year**) to help namma UVCE students financially so they can achieve their dreams with no obstacles. This has only been possible because of the generous donations provided by namma alumni and their love for our Alma Mater. Here is a list of donors for this year's VISIONUVCE Scholarships 2019. Thank you for all your support!

Name	Year	Branch	Name	Year	Branch	Name	Year	Branch
Sundar Ram Reddy	1954	Mech	Akshatha	2009	ISE	Chitra S Reddy	2016	ECE
Kumar Rao	1964	EEE	Akshay	2009	ISE	Kaushik N	2016	ISE
Chandrashekhar	1964	EEE	Rakesh G & friends	2009	CSE	Yashaswi	2016	ISE
Govind Lakshman	1971	Mech	Pavan Joshi	2009	ISE	Vijay K M	2016	CSE
Deepa Shnoy	1982	EEE	Naveen N P	2009	Mech	Kaushik	2016	ISE
Shankara Shastry	1992	CSE	Mahesh	2009	ISE	Anees	2016	CSE
Shubha T	1992	CSE	Shwetha	2009	ISE	Rashmitha P	2016	ECE
Roopa	1992	CSE	Praveen G P	2009	ISE	Nischitha	2016	ISE
Terryne Edwardraj	1992	CSE	Sindhuri	2009	ISE	Ambika KC	2016	ISE
Kowshik	1992	CSE	Shruthi Rao	2009	ISE	Manjunath	2016	CSE
Ramachandra S	1992	CSE	Jeffrey	2009	ISE	Bhavana	2016	ISE
Anupama	1992	CSE	Usha Hegde	2009	ISE	Avinash Udupa	2016	ISE
Terryne Edwardraj	1992	CSE	Prathyusha	2009	ISE	Gangothri U	2016	ISE
Kowshik	1992	CSE	Vinutha	2009	ISE	Chaitra Vaidya	2016	CSE
Ramachandra Seetharam	1992	CSE	Darshan	2009	ISE	Sandeep	2016	ISE
Anupama	1992	CSE	Sindhuri	2009	ISE	Aditya Iyengar	2016	ISE
Sridhara	1992	CSE	Swaran J	2009	EEE	Samhith	2017	ECE
Bharathi	1992	CSE	Mallikarjun	2009	ISE	Abhishek	2017	
Praveen	1992	CSE	Tejas J	2011	ECE	Geetha	2017	
Kiran	1992	CSE	Sathisha U A	2011	CSE	Kiran Kumar	2017	
Sanjeev Joshi (1995 Batch)	1995	EEE	Usharani	2011	ECE	Gurunath Kusali	2017	
Sharath Aithal	2007	ISE	Veeresh B K	2014	Mech	Sushanth	2018	CSE
Sharath Babu	2007	EEE	Bharath Kulkarni	2014	CSE	Pavan Nadkarni	2018	
Srinivasa	2007	EEE	Shruthi H	2015		Vignesh	2018	CSE
Mahalakshmi	2008	ECE	Bhavana A	2015	ISE	Kartik Agni	2018	ECE
Pradeep S (2008 ISE Batch)	2008	ISE	Suchetha	2015	ECE	Yashwanth	2018	CSE
Vikram	2009	ISE	Anwasha	2015	ECE	Suhas	2018	ECE
Rekha	2009	ISE	Kunal	2015	CSE	Nidhi	2018	CSE
Supreeth J	2009	ECE	Swaroop	2015	ISE	Poornima B	2019	ISE

\* We are still consolidating the names of Donors. The list is not yet complete. The same will be updated shortly in our website. Apologies to people whose names are missing

*Thank You*

# UVCEGA MEETING - AUTONOMOUS STATUS FOR UVCE

As per discussion after Engineers Day, many alumni suggested that the primary focus for UVCEGA should be to revive the glory of UVCE. One of the options is to consider making UVCE autonomous. So, in this direction, there was a meeting organized on Nov 30th with specific alumni. Here are the details:



- Prof Rhoddam Narasimha
- Lt Gen V J Sundaram
- Dr K Ranga
- Dr T Yella Reddy
- Maj Gen Neelakantappa
- Dwarkanath R
- Dr Suresh
- Venkatesh
- Parthasarathy
- Kamesh
- Uma Reddy
- Savitha K S
- Lalitha Anil
- Sandhya
- Praveen
- Shankar
- Vijaya
- Satish A G
- Meghashree G
- Harsha S

Here are few of the major points discussed during the meeting:

- Validate if the college is eligible for Funds from UGC recognition (2F/12B Form)
- NBA/NAAC Accreditation – is mandatory. Focus should be to fill the gaps required
  - ⇒ Student-Staff ratio should be atleast 20:1
  - ⇒ 50% of the staff should have been in the college atleast 4 years
  - ⇒ 15% of the staff should be PhD holders
- On a rough estimate, 1.25L to 1.5L will be the running expenditure per student every year, considering the fact that real-estate is already available
- Suggestion to focus on “Outcome-based” education, which will need 3-4 years to take full shape
- The question about “Where will the funds come from?” needs to be further explored. Options like DRDO research projects need to be considered which will help in establishing lab infrastructure as well along with research works
- Industry Collaboration needs to be thought about in detail which is very essential
- Gather information about much college adheres to the 12 chapters in NBA Accreditation.
- Physical Infrastructure – Need to make a detailed plan on the requirement and approach the Govt for support. For this, each Department need to identify gaps in their respective areas.
- Our approach needs to be planned in a phased manner with time-bound implementation focus
- We need to involve the staff, Principal and Vice-Chancellor and get their views as well. We can have 3-4 faculty members who can co-ordinate with the alumni in this matter.

## **Action Items:**

- We need to develop a Proposal before approaching the Govt, in which:
  - ⇒ 4 strong points about why UVCE should be made autonomous are present
  - ⇒ Eminent alumni would have endorsed
  - ⇒ Pre-requisites & plan with milestones/timelines are well-defined
- A signature campaign amongst the students, faculty and alumni to make UVCE Autonomous. For the same purpose, we can create an online petition
- Alumni need to be divided into Academic Vertical, Research Vertical, Industry Vertical, Govt Administration Vertical etc. This should also include the funding sources and how alumni can contribute.

We will keep you posted about the next steps and require more of you to join hands with us. Please share your thoughts/suggestions on this topic at [info.uvcega@gmail.com](mailto:info.uvcega@gmail.com)

## PRELUDE TO 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Yes! 119 Editions and counting... Sampada - an earnest attempt made 10 years in the zeal to connect generations of UVCE Alumni with the current students. Sprinting through 120 Editions without a gap or break for even a month, the journey had been incredible to bring SAMPADA to the limelight it has today by thousands of regular readers.

Recently, at the VU Scholarship Distribution program the Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University and our former Principal, Dr. Venugopal K R Sir went on to applaud our efforts for maintaining the continuity in publishing Sampada every single month for past 10 years as he realized how hard it has been to get a Newsletter out at Bangalore University once in every 3 months inspite of the presence of the Media and Journalism Department. Yes, this provided us a great sense of contentment and accomplishment. The reason being, every single month for a edition of SAMPADA to be out, the wheels of preparation, content gathering, formatting and all other behind the scenes work start days ahead requiring the team to set out extra hours outside the daily work. The challenges are multiplied when gathering the news bulletin from two campuses, keeping tabs on updates from numerous alumni batches and communicating to current students for their current affairs are encountered all while being from outside the campus.

Much of all this has been possible because of the alumni aid network that SAMPADA has, be it from student representatives who work to gather info from all around or alumni who write to us specifically to share info about some happenings or updates providing content and pictures. The Team Sampada behind every edition is today not just a group of us sitting on the computer to sketch this out but a community of UVCEians who hold passion and adoration towards the newsletter. We are grateful to one and all.

And as we inch to the brim to celebrate the 10th Year Anniversary of SAMPADA next month, the celebrations will only mean right if we are able to gather these thoughts of the UVCEian community that helped us push the bandwagon of SAMPADA for all these years into a special edition, SAMPADA 120. We therefore request you to send across any thoughts, experiences or memories of namma UVCE Family ([sampada@visionuvce.in](mailto:sampada@visionuvce.in)) so the edition can be made even more special. See you soon with a our Celebratory Edition in few days! SAMPADA 120, here we come!

## KATHASANGAMA - MOVIE RELEASE



We are proud that one of our alumni, Chandrajith Belliappa, from 2012 batch is one among the seven directors of this movie. [Click here to know more](#) about the movie. He is also part of one of the most awaited movies in Kannada Film industry “Avane Srimannarayana” as well with Rakshith Shetty in the lead role.

We wish him all the best for his movies and hope that the UVCE alumni fraternity will also support such experimental films in order to make sure that the art-medium grows and reaches more audience.

**TEAM: Akshatha (7th sem) Hamsa, Niranjana, Sanjana (5th Sem), Harsha S, Chitra S Reddy, Meghashree G, Satish A G & SriHarsha D V (VisionUVCE Team)**