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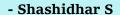






EDITORIAL

Thanks for what you are doing to the UVCE and bringing us together for this edition of Sampada and additionally for all the collaboration also for the work being imparted to the Electrical Labs as 25th year celebration from our batch of 1995 which is memorable and would always remain in heart and mind forever.





Thank you so much to you and your team for everything you are doing to keep UVCE alumni engaged. I know it takes lot of your time and effort to do all these things. Really appreciate it! Keep up the excellent job!

- Sridhar Yadav

Very special edition for our class. Thanks a ton to Team Sampada for this wonderful work. It looks very nice and professional. Something for each of to remember and cherish

- Ravikiran

Kudos to Team Sampada .. You are making us live the past times and recall the nostalgic memories. It is a very huge effort to bring it out in such a timely manner.

- Sanjeev Joshi

Just saw the 25th year Special edition of Sampada. It has come out very well and is very special to each one of us from 95 batch. Thanks so much for this Team Sampada!

- Shubha K

Wondering what our starting lines are about? That is the some of the precious feedback we received for our last edition—a special dedication to the 25th Anniversary of Batch of 1994. Feedback, thoughts ad encouragement like this is what keeps the smile and zeal up for our team and makes us buckled up with excitement to draft a new edition of Sampada every month. We are really glad to be a part of the bridge for exchange of thoughts, reminiscence, celebration and UVCE Unity.

An integral part of Sampada has always been about the alumni community and ways to grow, strengthen it. Therefore this edition of Sampada we focus on why alumni community is so critical. Pledging to be a backbone for this great institution, as alumni we all have a great role to play in its development and growth. An aspect highlighted further with the UVCE Autonomous Committee stepping forward to meet the alumni and understand their thoughts in the decision process. The highlights of this online meet are covered and detailed out inside this edition.

Based on the inputs received from the Committee about making UVCE autonomous, an online meeting of UVCE Graduates Association was held as well and invited their



suggestions too. In case you would like to know more, you can contact us. To keep this momentum going long and strong, we need to strengthen our network and community of UVCEians, which is why we need all of you to join hands in building the alumni community through UVCE Graduates Association. Well what are you waiting for ? Spread the message, bring in your friends to be part of UVCEGA by registering as members here and lets make sure we all have UVCE's back!

UVCE AUTONOMY UPDATE - COMMITTEE ALUMNI MEET

As per our prior update, a Committee has been formed by the Govt of Karnataka to deliberate on upgradation of UVCE into an autonomous institution of excellence akin to IIT and recommend the operative modalities and planning framework for execution. The Committee has worked upon various strategies and is working on a draft proposal. In this background, they are also meeting various stake holders - faculty, college administration, students etc and getting feedback and suggestions from everyone. On the same lines, there were couple of meetings with alumni too. In both the online meetings, few alumni who are from academic/research background, businessmen/entrepreneurs, MNC Professionals were present who shared their vision and feedback to the committee. Here is a brief overview from the meetings:

To begin with, one of the Committee members presented the Draft Proposal to the audience which focussed on the 5-pillar strategy: Complete autonomy in Admin, Finance and Governance; Improved infrastructure; Best Faculty; Academic rethink; Industry and Academic collaboration. They have also worked out a governing structure- Board of Directors, University Director with a team reporting to him/her. UVCE will continue to be owned by Government of Karnataka. Multi-disciplinary/Hybrid-Learning to be introduced instead of silo-structure of learning. Financial dependency to be reduced from only on the Govt. The Governing body will decide year-wise implementation plan.

After the committee members' thoughts, the college authorities, mainly the Principal, shared the thoughts and suggestions of the faculty with the participants - UVCE will continue with 2 Campuses; 100% annual budgetary support from State Government; some percentage of seats to be reserved for All India (JEE & GATE) to get quality students from national character; New Departments to be proposed in both campuses with additional space request at JB Campus.

Over the course of two days, some of the stalwart alumni had joined (we are trying to name most of them, but may miss few of the names, so apologizing in the beginning itself that it is not intentional:)) - Dr Chidananda Gowda (ex-VC of Kuvempu University), Prof Rajashekhar (First VC, VTU), Dr. Prahlada Ramarao (Padmashri Awardee), Kuncheria Isaac (ex-VC of Kerala University, AICTE Secretary), Prof H N Shivashankar (ex-Principal, UVCE), Prof R Jagadish (ex HOD, Civil), Uma Reddy (Entrepreneur), Prof Veeraragavan (IIT Madras), Mruthyunjayaswamy (Secretary, PWD), Prof K Ranga (ex Principal, UVCE), Madhav (CE, PWD), Chandrashekar (Infosys), Maj Gen Neelakantappa, B G Dwarkanath (ex-VP, Titan), Vidhyadhar Wodeyar (Architect), Manjunath J(IAS), GovindLakshman (Entrepreneur), Naryan Rao Maaney (Secretary, BNM Institutions), Prof Yella Reddy, Group Captain Dr V Chandrashekhar, Prakash Belawadi (Actor, Activist), Bhakta Keshavachar (Entrepreneur), Akshay Kulkarni (PhD, TU Delft Netherlands), Dr Suresh M S (ISRO), Ajay Bidari (IRS), Dr Anandram (Director, ISBR), Sanjay Swamy (Entrepreneur), Sridhar (Consultant), Ravikiran (Entrepreneur), Shankar (Microsoft), Megha (MindTree), Suryaprakash Konanur (Entrepreneur), Yogesh (MS, Germany), Chitra (MS, USA), Lomesh (E&Y), Praveen (Oracle) etc. Here are few common ideas collated together:

- By improving the standards and facility, an environment to learn, do research and produce results should be created for both faculty and students.
- Planning and action plan should happen in a time bound manner. Execution of the plan can happen only with the right type of leadership.
- Gen-Z should be the focus. With exposure to industry and cutting edge technologies, the students should be trained as per the industry needs with personal skill training.
- MoUs & Collaborations with Universities in India & Abroad Professors & Chairs (Guest Professors of Eminence). Exchange programs to be initiated.
- Bring more flexibility to the learning & option to choose electives based on one's interest. Introduce liberal arts & blend-in technology with it. Use of digital learning to be fast-tracked.
- Build the alumni network and can be used as an asset at various capacities. Named Labs, Chairs after the Donors to be considered. The scope to be fixed, volume of the task to be informed well in advance to the alumni, who will be eager to join hands for the right cause.

REUNION OF MEMORIES - 2014 BATCH ONLINE MEET

What gives more joy than a cup of filter coffee in monsoons? What is more refreshing than Death by Chocolate in sizzling summer? Let me tell you, it's friends' reunion ...

Wait... To be specific "Its Virtual Reunion with Class of 2014 – ನೆನಪು" That's right! Wondering how? when & where? Here it goes...

A gentleman living the American dream in the Pacific Northwest (Sumukha T V) gets an idea of Virtual Reunion after about 6 years of our graduation & posts about it in our FB group on May 15th, 2020 exactly at 12 am. Like the ripple effect, the fantabulous idea of Virtual Reunion excited a set of our friends for a quick reconnect. When we checked with our class on FB & WhatsApp group, the positive response ignited our enthusiasm more.

Like they say, "We don't remember days, we remember moments". Some of our superactive & excited friends formed an execom & that's how #uvcecsenenapu2014 came into light. We started brainstorming from mid-May and we called out the interested ones to meet up on 25th May over a zoom call. Trust me, the first zoom call was crazy, we had a mini reunion & for approx. about 2 hours we were pulling each other's leg, laughing, reminiscing our yester years, wishing Suraj on his birthday & what not?! For a matter of fact, we are all effective engineers from UVCE, we jotted on a quick blueprint in just 15 min & rest of the time, we just had fun!

It was a norm to wind up any office work, any housework before 10 am on Saturday so that we could reconnect with the Reunion Exe-Com. Every zoom call lasted for more than 2 hours of non -stop talking & brainstorming. To be frank, it was not easy task! We had our own doubts on the event agenda. We had to rethink on the feedbacks we got. We had to conceptualize so that each one of them gets screen time & doesn't get bored. We had to design, re-design, work, rework every single piece to keep the vibe going on, which is in interest of the event. Though it was not an easy task to get people working on this project amidst their busy schedules, the committee worked hard to achieve it come what may. Finally, we proclaim, WE did it!

Nenapu – Class of 2014 went on air on June 27th, 2020 successfully.

On D - day, our hard work would not have borne fruits without our friends participating in the event designed for them. About 40 plus of them actively participated in the event. It

certainly brought a smile on organisers face that so many people had joined the event irrespective of the time zones on a weekend. We understood that our classmates were equally thrilled as we were and the program went on seamlessly with our UVCE reconnect express taking the audience to a virtual campus tour, connecting people back to their fond memories of UVCE. It did put a smile on people's face amidst the current corona crisis. We laughed, got emotional, felt empowered hearing all our friends.



With the audience glued to the Zoom app for about 5 continuous hours, the efforts put in by the team proved to be fruitful. Around quarter past ten, the event started officially and Ramitha, Lakshmi sang the invocation song. The welcome speech by Sumukha touched upon the small yet powerful network we can form amongst the large UVCE community to rely upon in times of professional help and support. He showed us a world map pinning the current locations of our fellow batchmates who have covered a wide range of world. The emcees duo Suraj P and Sachidev B S spoke about the importance of building a strong network of peers and to always stay connected. The reconnect session by Shamini D K & Sowmya V was the crux of the entire meet-up where each one of us spoke about their nostalgic memories which gave a platform for everyone to reminisce about their yesteryears of studying in UVCE.

It was a pleasure just listening to them as it was almost six years hearing their voices. Amidst these discussions, Indudhar C and Adarsh S B shared their story of entrepreneurial ventures who have dived into the Hospitality and Bio Ware industry respectively. Their talk on the unconventional path they took was inspiring and motivational for many of us because it's the path less travelled.

One of the refreshing filler events was the Quiz "ಈ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿ"conducted by Nanaiah and Suhas H. Their questions nudged the memories around UVCE syllabus, class events, showstopper memories about our freshers' party, farewell party, College fests like Inspiron, Impetus, Fiesta and Milagro. To top it all, we had an online Tambola event conducted by Abhishek S which kept everyone on their toes to find out who would be the lucky winner in the number game. Sharanayya aced it along with Suraj, Ramita & Sunil. Nitish shouldered the responsibility of thanking the organisers & participants for taking their time out on a weekend to join the event and for sharing their UVCE memories with everyone.

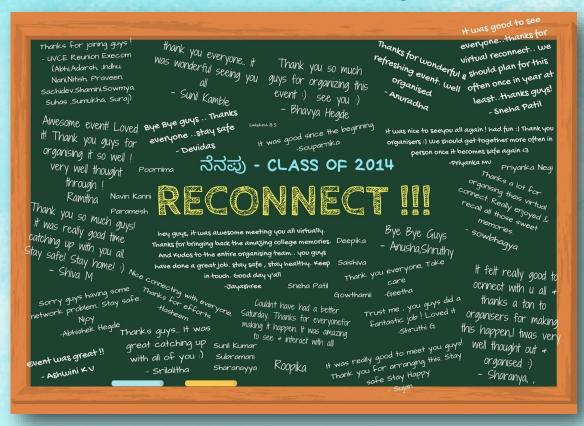
The event ended with a note asking people to stay safe, stay healthy both physically and

mentally and to spend their time in this unprecedented situation. The reunion was a sweet distraction for all of us while being quarantined at our homes. If Sumukha had not posted about a reunion in our Facebook group and we organisers had not executed it, this event would have remained just as a thought in one's mind. Special mention goes to Shamini for motivating the reunion execom to run at its best.



Last but not the least, 2020 is not a great year for humanity, but looking at the lighter side, this reunion has etched a place in our hearts, and we are sure it is only one among the many...Like Libbie Fudim says "Recall it as often as you wish, a happy memory never wears out", now the Class of UVCE CSE 2014 looks forward to an in-person reunion in the upcoming months once the covid crisis subsides. As a closing remark, we would be now called as "the first batch to do a Virtual reunion for our class for the longest duration (~5hrs) with a good number of participants (~45) & we are eccentric about it.

- UVCE_CSE_2014_NENAPU_REUNION_EXECOM



Whenever you think of a reunion you can visualize the plethora of problems like planning, venue, events, participants their dates travel family food. Ufff, lots of preparation and planning needed. But the idea of virtual reunion, the first of its kind, at least for us, was fresh and didn't cause many problems as anticipated. Our organizing team had planned very well beforehand and executed it to perfection, thanks to them. It was informally formal with events like welcome song, new venture experiences. At the same time, it was formally informal with events like individual funny experiences leg pulling's and tambola. We spent whole of 4 and a half hours without any break, the same people who couldn't sit 2 hours of all-hands meeting. That was the extent of our excitement and involvement. In a nutshell it was like we are sitting LC and roaming in rock garden. Ahh what a day. It was good feeling to rewind the UVCE cassette. Hope to get back with the second season.

- Sharanayya Guthedar

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- Praveen Desai

When the talks about the virtual reunion began, I was quite hesitant about it. I wasn't sure because everybody is going through a lot during this pandemic. Cut to the day of reunion. Imagine having a 5-hour video conference. Seems extremely painful. But it was exactly the opposite when all of us got together. It gave us a wonderful opportunity to take a trip down the memory lane. Nothing could have made my Saturday better than listening to everybody's journey in and after UVCE. What's wonderful is that we now have a small yet powerful network that will benefit all in many ways in the coming years. Adios amigos until the next Reunion

- Roopika Srinivas

The whole event was splendid!! Was a great initiative and effort by the organizers, great job ExCom team! Could reconnect and recall to many wonderful memories!! We should have a virtual reunion at least once in 2 years!!

- Ashwini K V

As a part of ExeCom, while I was really nervous about the execution of the event, All I can recall now is the hearty laughter and the endless banter. While corona has given the world an alarming ring, here is my heart which yearns to sing,

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- Sowmya V

It's been a Marvellous journey of meticulous planning taking us back in our time about our memorial college days, it was indeed an incredible experience for all of us and a successful first iteration filled with lots of learning. Looking forward to more such wonderful time well spent with my amigos in college.

- Abhishek S

I got a chance to meet my fellow engineering batchmates and get to know what they are upto in their lives. We need to do this more often and organize cool events. The reunion was a great distraction while staying at home during the pandemic.

- Suraj P

We, batch of CSE 2014, recently took a beautiful trip down the memory lane with our virtual reunion. Spent a fun-filled 5 hours reminiscing our happy times and sharing the road each of us have taken since we parted ways. Special thanks to the execom for organizing such a rare, memorable and meaningful way for us to stay connected.

- Ramitha M

Soooo many memories, this reunion just clouded my mind. Class of 2014 was one of its kind! Pictures took me on a quick memory rewind. I wish if we could sit together & again unwind?

- Shamini DK

GET QUIZZING! - YANTRIK CLUB

When we are all staying safe inside our homes but are bored of doing almost nothing, we badly wanted something to cheer us up and keep ourselves busy. I guess, that was the sole driving reason behind the online quiz conducted by IEEE UVCE Yantrik, a club dedicated to robotics and technology behind it.

The entire team (including the seniors) agreed to start our club's first event as a quiz so that it is quick, easy and consumes less time and doesn't come in way of people's busy schedule. Once that we were sure of organizing the quiz, we went on to prepare basic questions related to electronics, mechanics and robotics which include questions about diodes, transistors to designing machines and upto humanoids.

We came up with lot of questions few of our own, few from the internet, few from books, text books and others from seniors. The purpose of doing so was to create an unique and different set of questions for the participants.

Lastly we ended up having a successful quiz which also included almost 40 participants, some of them being from other colleges. The quiz was hosted on Kahoot platform. We're eager to conduct many more such events and the feedback of this quiz has boosted our confidence to come up with innovative activities that actually helps the enthusiasts to venture into different fields of technology.

~ Ajay Jayaram and Vinay Desai, 2nd Year, IEEE UVCE Yantrik

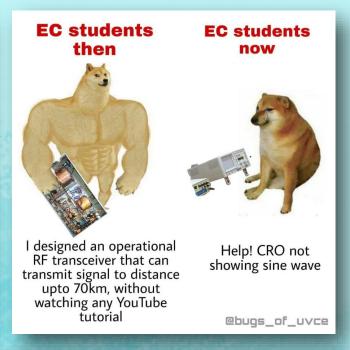
FRAMED MEMORIES - BATCH OF 1957 GROUP PHOTO

We are thankful to Sundarram Reddy Sir for sharing this group photo of 1957 batch. Though this was shared with us few months back, we had missed publishing it earlier. We apologize to him for the delay. Hope our readers will travel back in time with this B&W photo!

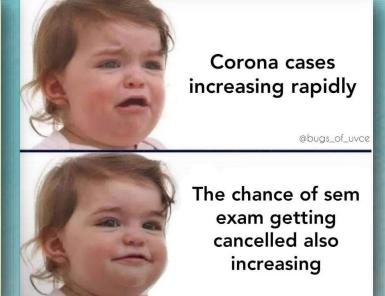


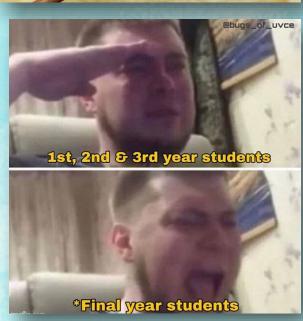
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WHAT'S THE BUZZ @ UVCE!?

It is hard to keep sane during these trying times, every day is like any other. To make things interesting, the cultural clubs of the college are as active as they could possibly be!

Vinimaya, the hub of all things literary. A month into the lockdown and the core members are bored out of wits. So we think, why not conduct quizzes for different fandoms? Thus began the quizzes. We started off simple and yet it kept us busy throughout the week. We pick a topic on Monday, finalize it and start making questions on Tuesday, prepare around 40-50 questions by Friday, update them on our quizzing website and do the final testing on Saturday. The quiz takes place at 5pm on Sunday.

This was an experimental endeavour but oh boy, did we get such overwhelming response! This drove us into making it a weekly ritual. Now, every week, a quiz takes place on one specific topic. Messages are sent out beforehand, and participants are not limited by anything. Anyone interested can take part in the quiz with no restrictions!

Soon, other clubs in the college joined us. Odyssey, the space club, conducted a space quiz. Chetana, the Kannada club, will be conducting a quiz about Kannada movies. All in all, this quiz is keeping people busy and entertaining at the same time, not to mention the amount of research that goes into it!





Aforementioned, Chetana has also been doing other online activities. In an attempt to keep people occupied, the first activity from this club was posting English translations of Kannada lyrics, and ask people to guess the song. Next came posting incomplete headlines from newspapers and asking to people to identify the missing words. Then we posted pictorial representations of 'gaade' and asked them to take a guess. The final event from Chetana before the club took a little break, was to get people to tell us stories from their native place. How the place got its name, what legends revolve around an old well, etc. With

that, Chetana concluded activities for the time being. I'm sure they'll be back with more!

The theatre club of UVCE, Tatva, is trying its hand at something new, a short voice film! A script, interested people and one online meeting later, the voice film began to take form. With half the work done, the team is confident and hopeful about the voice film.

Overall, the clubs are doing the best they can with the limited resources available.

-Varsha S Bhat, 2nd year ECE

Feedback: "It all started with the quiz on arguably the best fiction book series ever to set foot in the world of literature, Harry Potter. The quiz was a success. Any discrepancies were immediately resolved and feedback was taken in its purest form. Exciting times had started for us. It couldn't have gotten better than this. But they did one better when they brought in their own website, which notched up the expectation level to the highest. And since then, there has been no looking back. The Office, Space, Mythology are some of the topics which have already created a database in my mind. A wonderful initiative which has to be appreciated. A very big thank you to Vinimaya for doing this. It has been a wonderful and exciting experience."



ONLINE UVCEGA MEET

Continuing our efforts to keep the members of UVCE Graduates Association updated about the current happenings with UVCE, alumni community, we have formed WhatsApp group which help us with better reach and ease to update everyone. Also, we had organized an online meet to interact among the members on July 5th, 2020.

Around 35 members attended the online meet and were eager to know the status of the Autonomous status for UVCE. Starting, Maj Gen Neelakantappa first updated everyone about the meeting with the Committee and the draft proposal they presented. The key points about that meeting is updated in a separate article earlier. We asked the members present to share their suggestions, views and thoughts too. From UVCEGA, we intend to collate all the ideas and share it with the committee.



You can share your thoughts as well at this link - https://uvcega.org/content/info/uvce_autonomous_brainstorming

Few of the main points shared by the members were as below:

- Prof Yella Reddy (1966) Appointment of Board of Governors and Director will be very crucial for the path ahead of UVCE and we need to insist on getting the best people on board.
- Sudeep Prasad (1995) Introduction of cross-boundary disciplines for students instead of current style of branches.
- Dr M S Suresh (1971) The 5 pillars concept is very interesting and looks promising. But, the trust factor will be very essential and will play the key role
- Chandrashekar (1994) Instead of the Finishing School concept, we need to focus on the concepts to be integral part of the curriculum from the beginning. We can think of introducing 5 year program with Management/Entrepreneurship kind of one year additional syllabus. Also, we can request for a mentor institute until we become self-sustainable.
- Girish (1994) The current lack of faculty can be managed by inviting alumni to volunteer to teach the industrial/practical concepts (for a temporary period). Many alumni will be interested to draft a syllabus exclusively for 1 or 2 semesters in these lines.

After this, we moved ahead with the next topic of discussion , i.e., membership drive. We requested everyone to join hands and help us with reaching out to their friends/batchmates. The goal is to reach 800 members by October and we require everyone's support. Sridhar (1987) suggested to reaching out to the Scholarship Awardees that have received support from VisionUVCE and ask them to be part of the alumni community.

There was also an announcement that UVCEGA will be joining hands with 1971 batch to celebrate their Golden Jubilee Anniversary next year in all possible manners. We will need help in reaching out to people from 1971 (esp Architecture). Feel free to reach out to us if you know anyone. Finally, everyone introduced themselves and we concluded the meeting with a promise to have the next online meeting shortly with further updates.

- UVCE Graduates Association Team