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India, while a land of potentials and many resources, yet continues to remain as a 'developing nation'. The question is where do you begin to start tapping the potential or the abundant resources? Talking about the resources, I am referring to the human capital, which is presumably the strength of the country. There is no point in boiling the whole ocean or to get into analysis or debates. If we start focusing on one aspect or a cause with a true intent to make a difference and change, it will go a long way.



Let us begin with the larger context and narrow it down. It is a well-known fact that the country is a leader in cranking out engineers. Yes, I am purposely using the phrase "cranking out" like in a factory because, that is what is happening literally (we do have fine engineers coming out, but I am trying to hit home a point). Over the past 3 decades of my career spanning across US and India, it is my experience that only about 2-3% of graduating engineers in India are truly employable from day 1. It is not the fault of the students; they are just the victims of the system.

Narrowing this down, then the key question is "How can we, as Graduates of UVCE make a difference or help in the betterment of our alma mater?" In today's competitive world, the development of an educational institution into an esteemed entity is not only dependent on the administrators of the institution, faculty and students, but also on the alumni, the business world and industry who benefit from the institution. All of us with our experiences as professionals have so much to offer in many ways. There in itself, is the untapped potential within us that needs to be tapped towards contributing efforts and energies (in any way shape-or-form) for partnering with the institution and students.

So then the question is, what have we as alumni been doing in the betterment of our alma



mater? The typical response that I have often hear is, "What can I as an individual do, it is too big of a task for an individual". This is where UVCEGA comes into play. UVCEGA was formed about more than a year ago with an intent to give back to our alma mater. While there have been many developments over the past two years, I would like to focus on the need of the hour. With the initiative of obtaining complete autonomy of UVCE, there is an urgency for us to come together to give back to the institution.

Giving back comes in many forms, but most important of all is, in supporting the membership drive of UVCEGA that will help make the alumni network and the association more valuable to the institution. As a first step, I would encourage every member to tap into just one other non-member, educate them about UVCEGA, and ensue they become members of the association. Secondly, based on your interest and passion volunteer either to lead or to be part of any initiative towards the cause of taking UVCE to greater heights.

Finally, coming together of all of the past graduates through UVCEGA is important for maintaining and expanding UVCE's development. This in turn will help UVCEGA to establish channels that can facilitate closer ties between the alumni, students and the institution. UVCEGA as a partner will be able provide crucial benefits in enriching the current student's experience as they go through their graduation. So, let us pledge ourselves to do the extra bit in tapping the potential that will help UVCE and add value to the current students.

- Santosh Katakol, Batch of 1990 ECE

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UVCE IN NEWS - AUTONOMY REPORT UPDATE

The State Government had constituted the high-level committee to submit a report on developing the UVCE into a 'State Institute of Eminence' and deliberate on upgrading University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) to make it at par with Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). The committee submitted the report to Deputy Chief Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who is also the Minister for Higher Education, after a two-month assessment of the UVCE on July 24th, 2020.



Based on the various sources, here are some of the highlights:

- In the 112-page report, the committee has recommended Complete autonomy to UVCE in the matters of finance, administration and academics. UVCE should be self-governing and work as an independent entity with “ownership” to be with the State government and Governor as the Visitor.
- The report proposes that UVCE have two campuses, one at K.R. Circle and another at Jnana Bharathi.
- It has recommended that Bangalore University allocate 100 acres to UVCE at Jnana Bharathi and suggested it be mentored by either IIT-Madras or the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).
- The committee has recommended seeking a grant of INR 500 crore from the government over the next two to three years to improve existing infrastructure and make provisions for digital infrastructure as well as online and distance learning.
- It has recommended evolving a financial model to reduce dependency on the State Government for funds, by raising amounts through external sources (like Govt grants, alumni contribution, endowments and from research grants).
- The report states that the UVCE’s financial budgeting should be made so robust that in a decade’s time, the institution should have at least INR 700 crore at its disposal.
- Tuition fee can be increased to 50% of IITs in one year and gradually to match 100% of fees in IITs in five years, said the report. The institution should follow a “need-blind” admission process as practised by other leading institutions to ensure availability of scholarships, income sharing agreement and loans so that the cost of education does not deter students.
- It also recommended setting up a structure for the UVCE to autonomously decide on staff salaries, fees charged, and giving scholarships to talented students hailing from the economically weaker sections.
- To ensure administrative autonomy for the UVCE, the report recommends an 11-member Governing Council with representation of three members each from the government, industries and education sector, besides two alumni from the institution.

The committee recommended 5 strategies for UVCE’s transformational change- Complete autonomy in financial, academic and administrative matters; involving high quality faculty from India and abroad with research opportunities; engaging alumni and industry experts in teaching; redesigned curriculum to be decided by a committee of academia, alumni and industry with focus on innovation; infrastructure that fosters learning and innovation.

On behalf of UVCE Graduates Association and the entire UVCE alumni community, we congratulate the Committee on submitting the UVCE Development Report to the Govt. In spite of the Covid situation and many other challenges, we are extremely glad that the committee has not only met the mentioned deadline but also managed to interact with all the stake-holders and gathered their opinions as well. We would like to applaud for the effort and dedication.

Sources: The Hindu, The New Indian Express, Times of India

UVCE AUTONOMY - DETAILED OUTLOOK

Through few other sources, we have also been able to gather some more information from what has been reported in the Newspapers. We want to keep the alumni updated about every aspect of this development, since it is very critical for the future of UVCE. Here are some of the other points that we have been told that is highlighted in the Report:

- It is important to re-strategize the goals of UVCE. In terms of aspiration, it must be on the lines of IITs and yet deeply connected to its heritage.
- It is important for any organization - and more so for a higher technical institution - that the vision is shared with all stakeholders and communicated on a continual basis.
- Significant contributions to the endowment funds of leading universities have been made by alumni. The US higher education system which has universities with the largest endowment fund values sees more than 25% contribution from alumni.
- In India, the IITs which have been given the Institute of Eminence (IoE) tag recently have made ambitious plans to raise funds from alumni while reducing the dependence on grants from MHRD (Government grants account for more than 70% of the revenue in the case of most IITs) and move towards being financially stronger.
- Indian faculty members of renowned institutes such as IIMs earn more from consulting than their fixed remuneration. The faculty shares 45 percent of the consulting fees with the institute.
- Tapping into corporates - leading recruiters from UVCE to conduct modules will help in ensuring high quality education rich in industry-specific content (IIT Hyderabad has adjunct faculty coming from TCS, Microsoft, etc.).
- When IITs were created several years ago, the funding was almost entirely by the Central Govt. Gradually, over a period of 60-70 years, the dependence on Govt. has been brought down, and it is, currently, about 60-70% of the total annual expenditure. Especially in the last 10-15 years, this journey of decreasing dependency on the Govt. has been accelerating with continuously increasing funding coming from alumni contributions, endowments and research revenues. The Govt. is also desirous of further decreasing its contribution and urging the IITs to generate their own income.

It is notable that the few of these suggestions were also highlighted during the alumni-committee meeting held during June 30th and July 1st. We are glad the inputs were considered by the Committee. We are also informed that few of the senior alumni - Prof Roddam Narasimha, Dr V K Aatre, Prof R Natarajan and others were contacted on one-to-one basis by the committee to gather their suggestions. Also, experiences on developing of UVCE of Mr. S.V. Ranganath (former Chief Secretary, GoK), Prof N R Shetty (ex-VC of Bangalore University) were collected. We hope that the Govt will take this forward and make UVCE—Autonomous at the earliest.



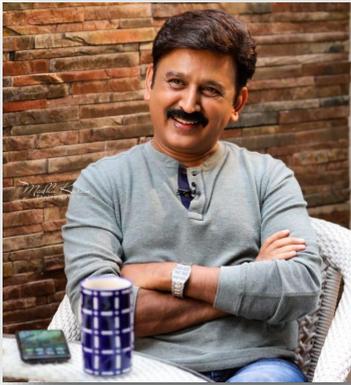
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RAMESH : I AM LIKE WATER WITH A DRINK



Playing a man trapped in unrequited love isn't easy. Such characters, marked with grey shades and relentless, illogical yearning for love, are expected to stir up resentment in viewers or evoke empathy.

Ramesh Aravind, in a series of blockbusters during the late 90s, was excellent as a man who struggled to accept rejection. In triangles like 'Namooru Mandara Hoove' (1996), 'Amrutha Varshini' (1997) and 'America America' (1997), we saw him portray desperation and self-doubt with aplomb. He played his roles to a T in complex dramas like 'Mungarina Minchu' (1997), 'Hoomale' (1998) and 'Chandramukhi Pranasakhi' (1999).

The actor has a simple philosophy for getting into the skin of a character. "You just need to become that particular instrument through which the music comes," he tells Showtime. "The whole idea of acting is to understand what the character is going through. It's about your IQ as a performer. It's about putting yourself in the shoes of the character. You have to accept his world," he explains.

Even after 30 years in the industry, Ramesh talks about cinema with childlike enthusiasm. His fascination with the art goes back to his childhood when watching movies was like a ritual.

"I used to watch a movie every Sunday with my family," he recollects. "We watched morning shows at Shanthi Theatre in Jayanagar. It was a big deal for me to stand in a queue, to see the housefull board coming in and the curtain going up before every show," he says.

Long before he got people hooked to his performances, Ramesh was influenced by iconic artistes and cult-classics.

"I can never forget the last flood scene in 'Bhootayanna Maga Ayyu' (1974). As a Bangalore boy, I was thrilled to see horses and elephants in 'Gandhada Gudi' (1973). There was no Discovery Channel then. Other big forces during that time were Vishnuvardhan and Anant Nag. I loved Anant Nag's 'Mududida Tavare Aralithu' (1983) and Srinath's 'Chiranjeevi' (1976). In Tamil, Kamal (Haasan) and Rajinikanth were reigning at that time and I watched all their films," he says.

Academically bright, Ramesh also cherished his acts on the stage which fetched him applause. "When I was in the seventh standard, the heroine of a skit refused to act because of stage fright. My teacher pushed me on to the stage to finish the show. I went and spoke unprepared but nobody realised that this goof-up had happened. That's when I realised I can be in this business of acting," he remembers.

He led a successful drama group while pursuing engineering at the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE). There on, it was a steady transition as Ramesh moved to television, his gateway to films.

After a successful career in multiple South Indian industries, he plied his trade in writing and direction. As good as he was in emotionally impactful films, Ramesh was at ease with comedy. In 'Sathi Leelavathi' (1995, Tamil), 'Ulta Palta' (1997), 'Kurigalu Saar Kurigalu' (2001) and 'Panchatanthiram' (2002, Tamil), he displayed good comic timing.



"There was a humour club called 'International' in National College. Every Sunday, the club would meet and tell jokes. I enjoyed it. Then there was Crazy Mohan (renowned playwright and screenwriter). I used to watch all his plays when he came to Bangalore," he says.

His innate knack for public speaking is evident in the well-received television talk show 'Weekend with Ramesh', which has completed four seasons. Personalities from the Kannada industry appear very comfortable talking to Ramesh about their highs and lows in lives. "Lot of psychiatrists have told me that they (guests) are opening up to me as though I am a psychiatrist. As a host, I mean no harm to them and try to bring out the best in them," says the 55-year-old.

Ramesh is forever grateful to legendary filmmaker K Balachander who launched him in 'Sundara Swapnagalu' (1986). "His last film ('Uttama Villain', 2015) was with me as a director. That's a complete circle and it is one of the best ways to end a relationship."

On his long-standing friendship with Kamal Haasan, Ramesh says: "I have stood in a queue to watch his 'Sagara Sangamam' (1983). Then when you become a co-star, a friend, and get to direct his film, it's a dream come true."



In his illustrious journey, Ramesh is one of the few actors to have performed alongside all the big stars of Sandalwood. "Vishnuvardhan used to say I was like water, mixing well with any drink," he laughs. "I have had a good equation with all the heroes. Perhaps they felt I am harmless. I didn't believe in camps and groups. I could do so many films, meet so many talented people."

Ramesh thanks his parents for believing in his choices and credits his wife Archana for his career's longevity. "My mother (Saroja), despite me being good in studies, never questioned why I was getting into acting. In cinema there is no guarantee or security. It's an uncertain field. You don't know when you get your next offer. Yet, if I lead a simple and care-free life today, it's because the load has been shifted on my wife's shoulders. She has handled it remarkably well," he says.

Author of two books ('It's No F_N Without You' and 'Khushiyinda Ramesh'), Ramesh wants to be a constant learner. "It doesn't matter if I finished 30 years in the field. Tomorrow is a new day and I want to learn something," he signs off.

- Source: Deccan Herald

CONGRATULATIONS - SHEENAM OHRIE!



We are glad to announce that "Sheenam Ohrie" - 1992 batch UVCE alumna, currently VP at DELL Technologies has been declared as one of the Winners of Zinnov Awards for 'Next Generation Women Leaders'. The spotlight of this award is on the sheroes who have shattered glass ceilings, captained breakthrough initiatives, and have laid out a path for upcoming talent to follow.

This category is an individual contributor award for felicitating women leaders in India global centers who have created large scale impact through their business, leadership and/or technology expertise. These women leaders have excelled at mentoring upcoming talent and serve as an inspiration for the industry for excellence in work. The category evaluates excellence shown across the dimensions of individual, organizational and ecosystem development.

Zinnov's Confluence series, over the past 13 years, has become the place for global technology and business leaders passionate enough and driven enough to make a difference in the ecosystem. A technology thought leadership summit, Confluence has become synonymous with change in the Global R&D and Product Development space.

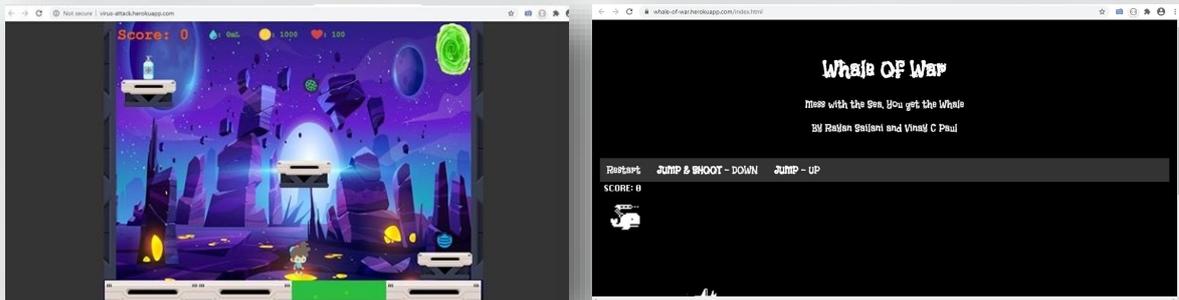
IEEE UVCE EVENT GALORE

This lockdown has been quite difficult for students with stuck at home. Therefore, to keep the students engaged and motivated, IEEE UVCE conducted a galore of fun and challenging events. Here is a glimpse of few of those:

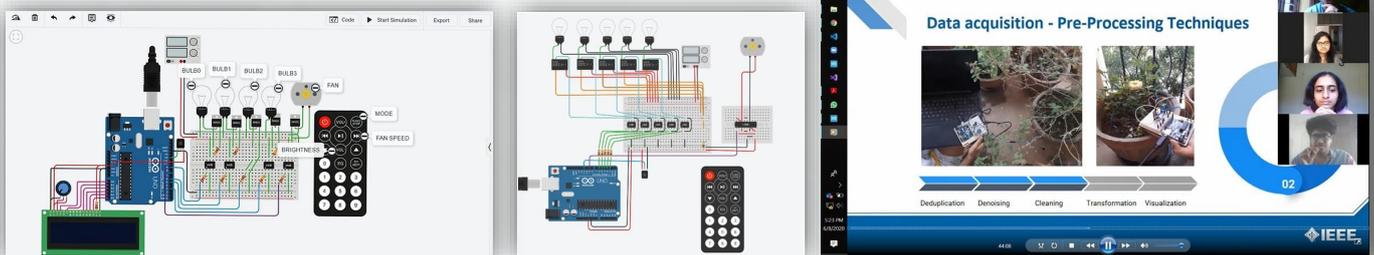
IEEE UVCE's newest SIG - 'IEEE UVCE Civil' conducted their very first event called Builder's Brain Scratch. This creative event consisted of two rounds of quiz and model making that propelled the students to ideate out of the box with over 84 participants joining online to participate.



The Computer Society conducted 'Phase A Web', a browser game development contest for World Wide Web Day. The participants had to create a browser game using HTML 5 2D game framework called Phaser, later host it on heroku and submit their work.



The PES Team conducted an intercollegiate event on circuit simulation - 'VOLTORB' in July 2020. The students were to design a circuit to control the lightings and speed of rotation of the fan through IR remote. The usage of microcontroller was allowed. Students were asked to submit a working prototype for the problem statement provided using any suitable simulation software. This saw a participation of over 36 students from all over Karnataka, and there were a few teams from Kerala and West Bengal as well. A semester long contest, the project run encourages innovative thinking and implementation of ideas. Ideas from Electronics & Computer Science fields were presented in this year's project run.

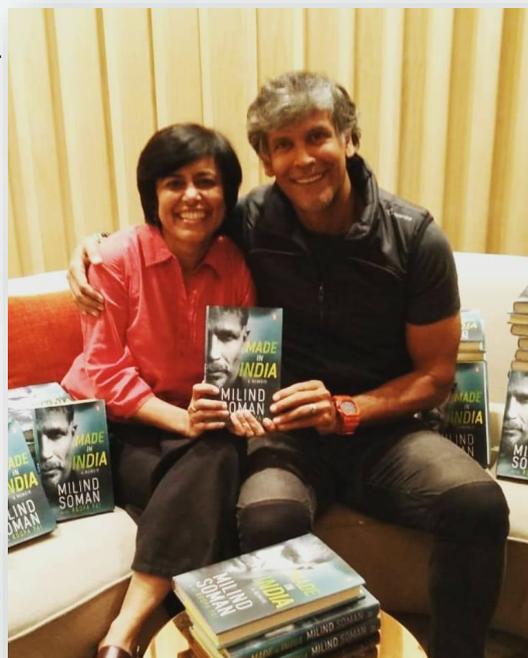


PENNING AWAY!

Yaaaasssssss! I got a selfie with Milind Soman – and I didn't even have to do the mandatory push-ups that he insists on before he gives one! And thereby, ladies and gents, hangs a (rather long) tale.

Four years ago, during the Rio Olympics, spurred by a sudden, overwhelming desire to share my admiration of Indian athletes who had made it through some of the toughest trials in the world to become eligible to compete shoulder to shoulder with the planet's best on sports' biggest and grandest stage, I posted, on my Facebook page, a series of stories about their journeys there. To my surprise and delight, the stories went viral, each being shared hundreds of times through the fortnight, as the entire country got caught up, as it always does, in a welter of Olympic mania.

That was fun, and very gratifying, and I would have been grateful just for that, but my posts also led serendipitously to other exciting things. One of them was a long-form essay on the rise and rise of the Indian sportswoman from a fan's point of view, which was thrillingly included in a fabulous anthology – Go! India's Sporting Transformation (a must-read for all sports fans) – that featured writings by some of the country's best sportspeople and sportswriters. The other was... well, it was a friend request, from someone calling himself Milind Soman, who also commented, on one of my posts, 'You write so well.'



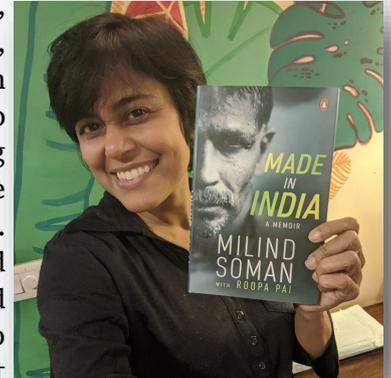
Wait, what? Milind Soman? Surely, surely, it couldn't be THAT Milind Soman? The dreamboat who, emerging with studied insouciance from a rough wooden crate before our hungry eyes all those years ago, walked straight out of our TV screens and into our young, lovesick hearts? I checked out the profile – it seemed genuine enough. 'Oh. My. God,' I remember thinking, before picking up my phone to broadcast the news to the girlfriend universe, 'Milind Soman wants to be my Facebook friend!!!!!!'

Turns out that wasn't all he wanted. (Yes, I know how that sounds; no, it isn't what you are thinking). A year or so later, I had a call from Gurveen Chadha of Penguin Random House (PRH), who had a proposal for me. PRH had been in talks with Milind (I knew of him, of course?) for many months about putting out his memoir, she explained, and the man had finally bitten, egged on by his feisty business partner Raga Olga D'silva. Delighted, PRH had lost no time in suggesting writers that they believed would help structure his story into a book, when Milind had thrown them a googly. "There is this woman who did a series of Facebook posts on the Rio Olympics," he had told them, "I have no idea who she is or if she writes professionally, but if she's willing, I'd like her to write it." And that's why Gurveen, who had been relieved to discover that 'this woman' was a 'real' writer, never mind that she mainly wrote for children, had come calling. Would I be interested, she ventured hesitantly, in taking up the project?

Would I?? As Milind himself may have put it, Hell, yeah! Of course I had my moments of self-doubt, both before and during the project, given that this was such a new genre for me. Biographies I understood, but a first-person account of someone else's life was certainly not as straightforward. Would I be able to keep my writing true to his voice? Could I get into his head, given that he had lived SUCH a different life from mine, and guess at things that he wasn't saying, things that would be needed to give context and fullness to the story? But those doubts were never large enough or scary enough to distract me from the fundamental reason I had accepted this project with such alacrity – the undying envy of my female friends.

And so began, and continued – in Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad – the attempt to winkle the story of a larger-than-life life out of someone who simply could NOT see why anyone would be interested in it (no, seriously). I expected to be overwhelmed – by the man’s presence, looks, celebrity – and feared I would be underwhelmed instead – by arrogance, fakery, mediocrity. I hoped he would not stand me up, give me drama, throw shade; I dreaded that he would be vain, or worse, a crashing bore.

What I had not dared hope for was long, articulate, intelligent, reflective, inspiring, disarmingly honest, deeply philosophical, and, most heart-warmingly, two-way conversations, about life, human nature, difficult relationships, loving your body, getting to fearlessness, trusting your gut, going with the flow, and being comfortable in your skin (all of which have made their way into the book in one form or another - links to excerpts and the book below). What I did not expect to find was a fellow childhood devotee of Enid Blyton, a zero-hangups ‘famous person’ who adored his mum and laughed often and easily, or a man who was, at the same time, so wholly aware of and so unburdened by his celebrity. What I had not bargained for was that I would end up liking Milind Soman. A lot.



Here’s looking at you, Milind! Thank you for picking me to work on this very special project with you – it has been a privilege, a great deal of learning, and a whole lot of joy.

(This may not be the ideal time to mention this, but I will be failing in my duty as his chronicler if I don’t mention that he can also be AGGRAVATING – he took no less than TEN MONTHS to even LOOK at the completed manuscript! But now that the book is finally here, I’m willing to be the bigger person and let that one go.)

Buy **Made In India** (but of COURSE it had to be called that – thank you, Vidya Mani, for suggesting it!) here: <https://amzn.to/36aebsw>

- From Roopa Pai’s FB Post

(Roopa Pai is an alumnus of 1992 batch CSE and we will be publishing an interactive article with her shortly in the next editions of Sampada.. Stay Tuned..)

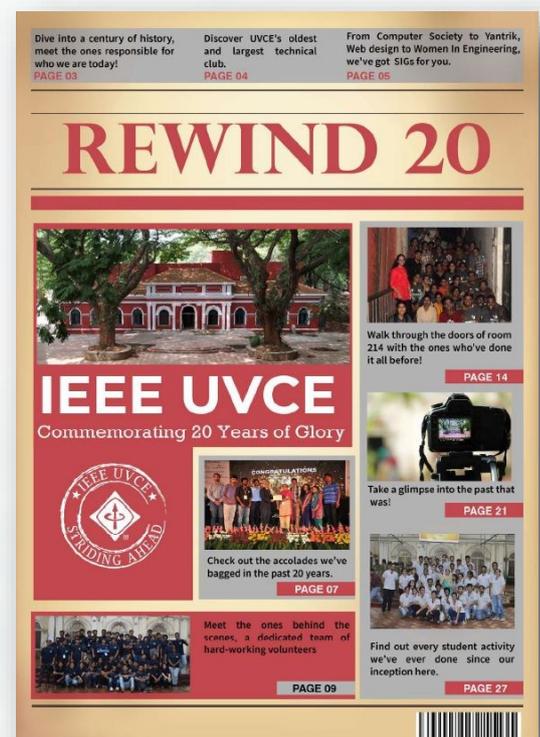
REWIND 20 - TWO DECADES OF IEEE UVCE

Revived in the year 2001, IEEE UVCE is a titan in its own right. Over the last 2 decades, IEEE UVCE has become an integral part and the tech club hub of our college, having played a major role in mentoring students and providing them with opportunities to grow.

With the completion of two successful decades, the IEEE UVCE team has release **Rewind 20**, a special issue crafted to commemorate the journey, memories and the people part of it.

With special messages from members of IEEE UVCE Execom team, mentors, an abstract of each year’s activities and a gallery of photos–this edition is truly special.

From our Team SAMPADA, here’s wishing IEEE UVCE a hearty congratulations on this commendable feat and monumental occasion!



CAMPUS SAYS - UVCE WEBINAR SERIES

Dept of Electrical and electronics conducted 10 day webinar from 20.07.2020. It was inaugurated by our honourable Vice Chancellor Prof Venugopal KR sir, in presence of our principal HN Ramesh sir and our Dean P Deepa Shenoy ma'am and all the department heads. It was mainly hosted on zoom, but as overwhelming response received by students and other academicians, the department decided to share the same through YouTube live stream.

All the speakers were from esteemed Institutes and PSU. Main attraction was a 5 day webinar of solar and wind energy related. The webinar had topics of Electronics too. This is the first time in our college having an online webinar. The webinar had interesting topics related to High voltage engineering, design and challenges of grid management, plc and its application, hot topics like electric vehicles. Few speakers even shared the resources in the form of PPT and PDF. This truly benefitted all the students and we hope we get an opportunity to attend more such webinars from our college. At the end we had valedictory ceremony, which was headed by VKR sir and at the end of meeting, he gave us a campus tour and we are excited seeing the development happening at the rapid rate in our college. We can't wait to go to our own college!

- Vishak S, 2nd Year EEE

The current pandemic has been very challenging to most of us. Many organizations have overcome this challenge at their best by conducting online programs like lecture series, webinars, online classes and so on. To meet the current requirements, UVCE also had to come up with its own contribution. Open Webinar Series have been conducted from the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Electrical Engineering, in the months of July and August.

The webinar series from the Mechanical Engineering Department consisted of 6 sessions, 5 technical and one non-technical conducted between 18th July 2020 and 3rd Aug 2020.

1. **Advanced Simulation Technique to solve Multi-Physics Problems** by **Dr. Gangareddy C**, General Manager, Head of Aerospace & Defense, Mechanical Division, R&D Services, HCL Technologies - Bangalore (**18July 2020**)
2. **Smart Materials- A brief introduction and its future scope** by **Dr. Ashutosh Pattanaik**, PhD-NIT Rourkela, Faculty of Engineering, Jain University, Bengaluru (**20July 2020**)
3. **Making Right Choices using Wisdom of Heart** by **Sri Sarathy D**, Vice President (Rtd), Kennametal India Ltd. and Heartfulness Meditation Trainer (**23July 2020**)
4. **Design Automation and Optimization Strategies for Mechanical Engineers with Insights from Aerospace Applications** by **Ir. Akshay Raju Kulkarni**, Researcher/PhD Candidate, Faculty of Aerospace Engineering, Delft University of Technology, TUDelft, The Netherlands (**27July2020**)
5. **Smart Manufacturing and the Pandemic** by **Mr. Prakash Vinod**, Centre Head- Smart Manufacturing, Precision Machine Tools and Aggregates, CMTI- Bangalore (**28July 2020**)
6. **Current Methodology Trends & Importance of Computerized Data Acquisition in Mechanical Engineering** by **Mr. Ananda V. Mysore**, Founder: Angle Systems, Entrepreneur and Adjunct Faculty, San Jose State University (SJSU), San Jose, California, USA (**3Aug 2020**)

Working as a part of the Students Assistance team for the webinars, we designed the Posters & E-Certificates, managed huge volumes of data collected through Google Forms, handled E-mails, Zoom Meetings, sending E-certificates to the active participants and many more under the radar tasks. It kept me busy and productive almost throughout the day and I thank our Faculties and seniors for their guidance and support throughout the process. The webinars were of great help to many Faculties, Research Students, UG and PG Students and Lab Instructors from various Organizations and Institutions throughout India and abroad, and there were 250-450 participants in each webinar. Altogether, it was a worthy experience!

- G Yogesh , 2nd Year MECH

BUGS OF UVCE



Recruiter: Any extra curricular activities??
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OBITUARY - JAIRAJ (1971 BATCH)

Former International Basketball player R Jairaj died after a brief illness in Hyderabad on Thursday. He was 75. Jairaj, who hails from Bengaluru, represented the country at the Asian Basketball Championship in Tokyo in 1972 and also in the event in Bangkok. An engineer by profession, Jairaj played a crucial role in many important victories for the then Mysore state and Karnataka teams at national-level tournaments. He also represented Bihar at the National championships and even captained the side during 1970s.



Born in January 1946, Jairaj started his basketball career with Bharath Sports Union (BSU), Malleswaram, at an early age. He also represented Young Pioneers Sports Club and Beagles Basketball Club. Jairaj was one of the founder members of Beagles (1965). In 1963, he played a stellar role in Mysore winning the National Junior (U-18) Championship in Calcutta.

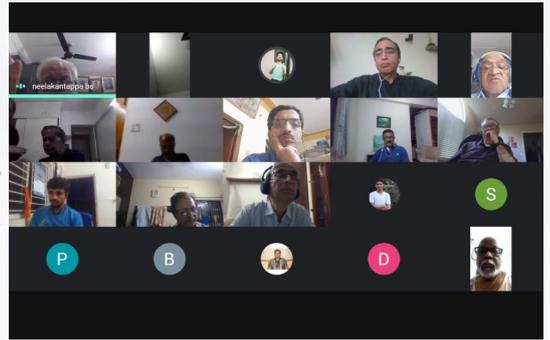
Jairaj completed his engineering from **University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore University, from 1967-1971**. "Jairaj was an excellent player and a sharpshooter who contributed immensely to Indian basketball and the game in Karnataka. Even after his playing years, he did his bit for the state, coaching the men's team for almost 10 years from 2000 to 2010," said KSBBA secretary K Govindaraj.

Olympian and Beagles President G Dilip said: "He was always keen to contribute to the game. After retiring as a player, he used to come to the club to play with and coach the kids. As a player, he was tough. I still remember during my early years with Beagles when Jairaj played an amazing game with a heavily bandaged eye at the state championship in Shivamogga after sustaining an injury during a game." Jairaj worked for Tata Consulting Engineers and is survived by his wife and daughter.

- Source: Times of India

UVCEGA ALL MEMBER ONLINE MEET

Continuing the tradition of meeting online and updating the members of UVCE Graduates Association, we had setup the Online Call at 6 PM on Aug 9th. Around 40 participants joined the call and exchanged views/thoughts about UVCE and the alumni community. One of the senior most alumni, Lt Gen. V J Sundaram from 1957 Mechanical batch, too joined the call and shared some of the thoughts with all of us. Here are the major points discussed and shared during the meeting:



- All the members were appraised about the membership count crossing 500 mark. It is a major milestone and was widely acknowledged by everyone. The target is to reach 800 mark by the month of October. So, every member's support is needed to reach the goal.
- The initiatives of UVCEGA so far (in the past 14 months) were highlighted. It was also mentioned that shortly the same will be updated in the website.
- The highlights of the Committee Report submitted on the Autonomous status of UVCE was shared with everyone. It was agreed that, by the time the proposal is reviewed and implemented by the Govt of Karnataka, the alumni community should also gear up and start creating plans on how they can contribute in the development of UVCE.
- Sub Committees under UVCEGA to be formed with Department-wise focus and also city-wise focus which will help to widen the reach of the Association. The same will be announced shortly in the website and people can volunteer to be part of the groups. You can reach out to us at admin@uvcega.org for further details or if you want to be part of the Sub committee.
- General discussion about the Engineers Day, which will need to be celebrated online took place and few suggestions/ideas were noted.
- The points mentioned by the members are as follows:
 - ◊ Prabhakar mentioned about connecting with MPs of the state and request them to help with grants from the Central Govt
 - ◊ L Ravi, Vice President mentioned that we need to have short lectures from eminent alumni on the day to know the importance of Engineers Day
 - ◊ Sridhara Aghalya mentioned to finalize a theme and welcome speakers who can quick short sessions on those lines.
 - ◊ Muralidhara suggested to involve the students too for the Engineers Day online meet
 - ◊ Lt Gen V J Sundaram sir mentioned about Engineers coming up with solutions or measures for Covid situation.
 - ◊ Shashidhar mentioned it would be good if we can request the HoDs of the Departments of UVCE to join for the conference on Engineers Day Celebration
 - ◊ Chandrashekhar mentioned that the people from SubCommittees can be given an opportunity to give an overview of the initial plan and they can interact with others based on these lines of thoughts.
 - ◊ Santosh Katakol mentioned that long with history, it is very essential to be forward thinking and focus on the future during Engineers Day event.
 - ◊ Suggestion to improve the website - with LinkedIn connections was made.

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