

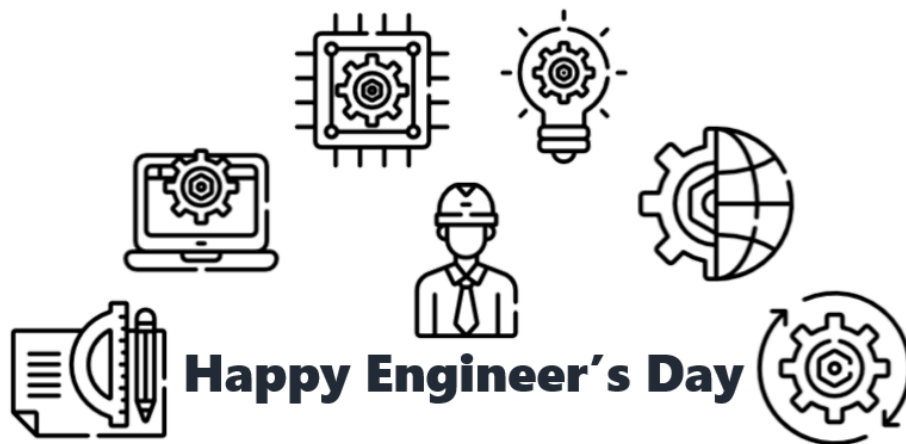
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EDITORIAL

Already September huh? Well, the rollercoaster that this year has been with all that is happening around us, the new lifestyle and so much more - time is just flying away! But amidst all this we have one thing to celebrate and especially for all of us!

You ask me what that is? Well, the community we all are a part of with pride celebrates—'Engineer's Day' this 15th of September. Engineer / Engineering, something that is so dear to our hearts that has not just changed our lives by being our profession or qualification but being so much more change to not just our lives but everyone's, infact the world with technology.



Let's take the current situation for instance, if not for the work of so many engineers and scientists who propelled the advent of technology and internet connecting all of us - this lockdown, things could have gone so wrong. Working online, staying in touch almost as real as in-person with our loved ones and so much would have not been possible at all. We are all now far away yet so close to one another. And everyday—sorry every second, we are growing with technology and innovations.

Sir M Visvesvaraya, the reason UVCE exists and the great man pioneered/ revolutionized the field of engineering not just in our country but worldwide—said 'An Engineer is a person who applies the skills and knowledge of basic science for the good of society'. This is so true and motivating, isn't it?! I mean as the lockdown started, I was so focused on getting settled to the new routine and fearing/resenting the pandemic that I forgot to see the other side of it! There are so many out there who have unleashed so much creativity and brought out such ingenious ideas that have helped many. And I am so inspired that everyday I am questioning myself or challenging saying what new I am doing today? What more/ new can I do that would help? We should all, shouldn't we?

We may joke about our days of engineering (or about how it become so mainstream in our country — that's a debate on a different side), but I know for a matter of fact a lot of us reminiscence the memories of engineering the most. It transformed us and I am so grateful to engineering for where I am today and for what I am today, I am sure all of you share that feeling too! Let's celebrate the spirit of engineering and do our best to bring a change through our ideas, work and more!

HAPPY ENGINEER's DAY TO ALL OF YOU FROM TEAM SAMPADA!

- Team Sampada

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ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ನಗರದ ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೃತ್ತದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ (ಯುವಿಸಿಇ) ಅಂತಿಮ ವರ್ಷದ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಂಗಳವಾರದಿಂದ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಆರಂಭಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಕುಲಪತಿ ಡಾ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೆಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿದರು.

600ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಹಾಜರಾದರು. ಕೋವಿಡ್ ಕಾರಣ, ಸುರಕ್ಷತೆ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ ಕಾಯ್ದುಕೊಂಡು,

ಯುವಿಸಿಇನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಕೋರ್ಸ್

‘ಮುಂದಿನ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಯುವಿಸಿಇನಲ್ಲಿ ಐರೋನಾಟಿಕ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಐರೋನಾಟಿಕ್ಸ್ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಆರಂಭಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು’ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರೊ. ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೆಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

‘ಯುವಿಸಿಇಯನ್ನು ಐಐಟಿ ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ತರುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಹೊಸ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಆರಂಭಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾ, ಪಿ.ಜಿ ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಗ್ರಿಕಲ್ಚರಲ್ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್, ಪಿ.ಜಿ ಡಿಪ್ಲೊಮಾ ಇನ್ ನೇಚರ್ ಆಂಡ್ ವೈಲ್ಡ್‌ಲೈಫ್, ಬಿ.ಎಸ್ಸಿ- ಅಗ್ರಿಕಲ್ಚರ್ ಎಂಟ್ರಪ್ರೈನರ್ ಆಂಡ್ ಸ್ಟಾರ್ಟ್ ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್, ಬಿ.ಕಾಂ. ಇನ್ ಬಿಸಿನೆಸ್ ಅನಾಲಿಟಿಕ್ಸ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಪರಿಚಯಿಸಲು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ’ ಎಂದರು.

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ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ದೂರದ ಊರುಗಳಿಂದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಮೊದಲೇ ಬಂದು ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ

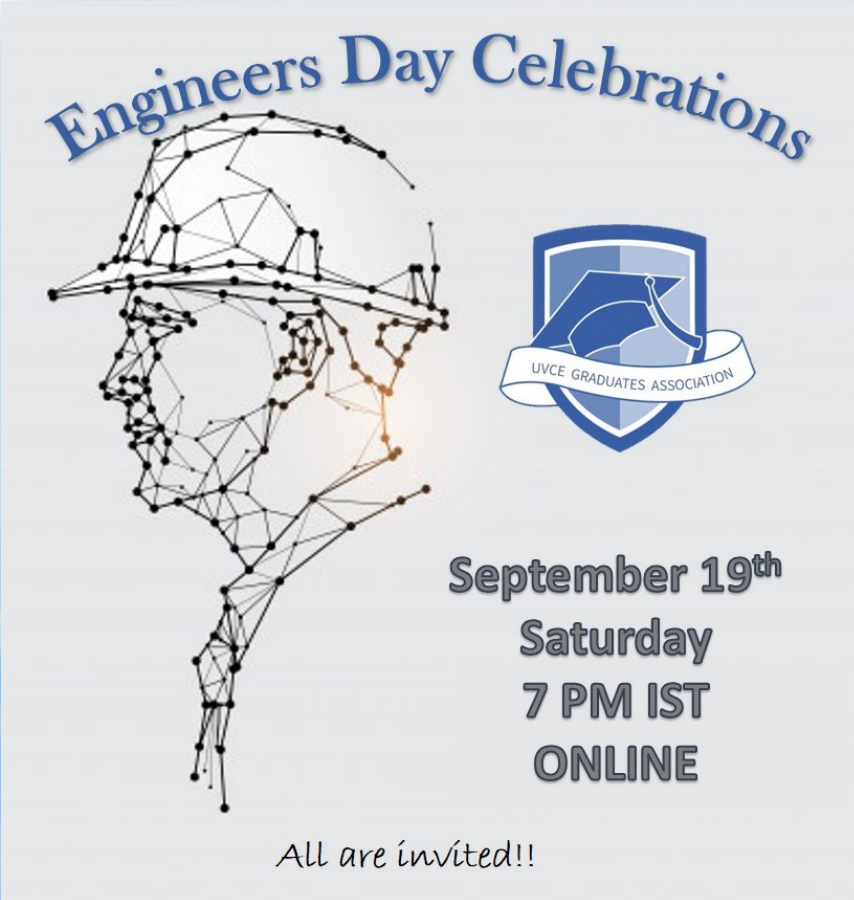
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ಸುದ್ದಿಗಾರರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಪ್ರೊ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೆಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್, ‘ಅಗತ್ಯ ಸುರಕ್ಷತಾ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಸೆ. 12ರವರೆಗೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ನಡೆಯಲಿದೆ’ ಎಂದರು.

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UVCEGA ENGINEER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Engineers Day Celebrations

September 19th
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THE MECHANICAL BRANCH VISIT

It was around 6 months since I visited the college—the longest duration without a visit in the past 15 years. I was very glad when Maj Gen Neelakantappa sir said that he was planning to meet the Mechanical HOD along with few other senior alumni and asked me to tag along. This visit was part of UVCE Graduates Association's vision to interact with the stake holders in the college, gather the current status, understand the concerns and accordingly plan what can be done from our end.



On 2nd September, a small group of alumni met the Mechanical HOD - Dr U.N.Kempaiah and discussed the current scenario of the Mechanical Department. We requested him to share the updates on the New Block that is proposed to come up in the area where once the Workshop was present and currently demolished. He shared the approved building plans and also mentioned that the University has requested for the Funds from the Govt for the same. He pointed that it is very difficult to conduct practical labs/ workshops with the limited space. Though, with the second floor being constructed, the dearth of classrooms and staff rooms has been resolved. While we were discussing, Dr Shivarudraiah (previous HOD of Mechanical Dept) joined us. He also shared similar thoughts with us.

We went to have a look around the demolished site and the Foundry rooms where all the equipment and machinery are stored. To be very honest, it was a very depressing sight and we were not sure how the students were learning in this environment. We also visited the new classrooms and the Seminar Hall. It was being furnished by Govind Lakshman (1971) and had a projector contributed by 1993 ECE Batch. It started raining and we had to wait at the HOD's room for some more time before we crossed the road and went to the main building. Crossing the street was a big adventure in itself (waters gushing in the road, traffic in both directions, no space in between the road dividers etc). There was a suggestion from one of the alumni to construct a walkway between the two blocks which should help the students and faculty)



The replastering and painting works have given the college a better look. But there are other things also which needs to be looked into. The parking space is a mess and also the waste dump needs to be cleared. The entrance where the Sir MV statue is erected has been renovated with granite and an attractive pattern. After being checked by the Security for Temperature and sanitizing ourselves, we met the Principal. We mentioned the visit and our observations about the Mechanical Department. Maj Gen Neelakantappa mentioned that we would also like to how we can pressurize the Govt to approve the letter to release funds through UVCE Graduates Association. He requested to share some details about the proposal and letter sent to the Govt which is pending for approval. After that we walked around the campus and it was also challenging since the water was clogged at many places and there was no proper maintenance to walk around. A new canteen building is being constructed besides the Lecture Complex (previously called the Rock Garden). We left the college after some deliberation on what needs to be the next step. It was decided to share it with all the members of UVCEGA and come up with the next action plan.

Special Thanks to M S Suresh (1973), Giri Tirumale (1984), Srinivasa G(1987) along with Maj Gen Neelakantappa(1963) and Dwarakanath R (1966) for being part of this meet. All the photo credits goes to Harsha S (2019) who was also part of the group.

- Satish A G, 2009



CAMPUS SAYS

With the CET counselling season almost about to begin, its time to invite a new batch of students onboard. It's a big life changing and nerve wrecking choice for anyone, so our team jotted down some thoughts that our students have about namma UVCE that could help :

“ Architecture Department Of UVCE is situated in Jnana Bharathi campus Inside Bangalore University. The lush green surrounding – Open studios – central courtyard – Amphitheatre for open events- an interactive college atmosphere for spending 5 years of College life.

Its an honor to be a student of the First Architecture Department of Karnataka with eminent Professors and faculty. Architecture is a course which deals with a lot of self-understanding and learning through all things around – the open studio spaces provide a basis for throughout vertical interaction between all the years to discuss about designs and other subjects pertaining. The course curriculum involves study of basics and principles of design, analysis of site and designing according to requirements, learning the science of services for the functioning of buildings, understanding landscaping, structures and applying lessons from history and theory of Architecture in to design at urban scale. Six hours of daily college hours is split into 2 sessions of 3 hours each which includes both theory and practical discussions with faculty.

Our Department is also active member participant at National association of students of Architecture (NASA) which is an all India Architecture student body, each year a delegation of 40plus attends the convention -workshops and events and we have received several trophies and special mentions. Attending study tours, workshops and seminars is a part of the course which improves our knowledge system.

Course includes 4 years of studio classes followed by one year of professional training- Internship at an Architecture firm.

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“ Whenever I had to go to the City Railway Station or the City bus stand, I would always admire the old red building in K.R Circle. I assumed that it was a government office and only later did I find out that it was actually an educational institution and not just any educational institution, but the 5th oldest engineering college in the country.

Last year in August, I remember exactly how I felt when I entered the college for the first time.

To be honest, it felt like I was transported to the 1980s. The historic pillars, the two old banyan trees and the red paint all felt very historical. I remember how I felt when I saw that almost the entire admission procedure was done by the students. It was a feeling of independence. I learnt immediately that nothing in this college will be given to you, nobody will question, you will be treated as an adult and trust me this is very refreshing as most of us are "babied" in the lower grades. So freshers, be ready to be independent.

Classes began a week later and you know all the stories you hear of ragging and seniors acting tough? You don't need to worry because honestly, the seniors are the ones who make UVCE special. They were enthusiastic to help in any matter, made sure everyone was comfortable in the institution and, they made sure that everyone's needs were catered too. Trust me when I say that your seniors are going to guide you willingly and you will love them for it (I mean when you have seniors like me, what's not to love!).

As the days rolled by, we learnt many things like how refreshing it is to have sunlight while performing experiments in the physics lab, why everyone loves the library and how lovely it was to have so much free time in our hands. I will not spill any more secrets for I wish that you will discover them by yourself.

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“ Namskara Namskara Namskara UVCE..

I know that its been more than 6 months since we entered our college. The hustle and bustle of the rock Garden, the new addition to the UVCE family, Nandini café, the pitch in the open air theatre which has witnessed budding players score their first six, or broken another LH class window are all being missed.

Along with this, we miss to witness the admissions of the new batch of freshers who will be setting out on their professional journey from our college. Going down the memory lane, it feels like yesterday when I entered college for the first time before putting it as a choice on my CET List. Believe me when I say this, I was truly overwhelmed. There were a lot of things that were running through our heads that day!! I must say, time has absolutely flown ever since, from submitting the admission form to the first day of college when amazing seniors guided us through the orientation and made sure that we feel as comfortable as we can get by engaging us with games and introduction, and the three years of engineering that has followed. Its been a great bit of journey.

During the first year, as freshers, it's the time to let go of inhibitions and take part in all the events that are arranged through various clubs in college. Its also the time when reality strikes you hard about college life and how its going to be different from school, it's a different experience that we must adapt to and adjust accordingly. But this journey is going to get an icing on the cake, FRIENDS, who will stick through thick and thin!! Every class conducted shall have new teachings and every cancelled class becomes an adventure and you get to explore the nuances of college life closely!! The first visit to avenue road to buy books will be something to look out for! The various clubs in college shall give you a wide spectrum to try new things and nurture what you like. Be it Vinimaya where you can exchange books, share your experiences and have cartloads of fun, or IEEE, the Technical club in college which brings through amazing workshops and events where you can learn and grow, or Namma Chethana, which is our Kannada club, or ECell that gives your inner entrepreneur a waking, and many more.

Some teachers' classes are truly a delight to be in, its what I can call an experience of a lifetime!! This is not something one should expect out of every class. There have been great days and others were cold and gloomy, there have been difficulties pertaining to the practical or syllabus, however that's balanced by the fact that reading on our own truly does make us perfect.

All in all, if given a chance to rewind college life and live it again, I wouldn't want to make any changes to it! All the Best!! :) ”

“ The few months spent at UVCE were absolutely memorable. Before joining UVCE I had certain expectations from the college like it would have very good teachers who would make us understand the concepts clearly but unfortunately it was not according to my expectations. Yes, there are few excellent teachers who totally love their subjects and make sure that we understand the topics clearly. But for certain subjects we must majorly rely on self study.

Apart from this, I also expected the college to encourage the students in sports. Few of us also formed a basketball team, started practicing everyday at a nearby place, but sadly couldn't get support from the sports co-ordinator neither the Principal to take part in tournaments. We also faced problems due to lack of drinking water facility, our class wrote a letter, took the signature of all students, seniors and submitted it to HOD but no action was taken. Nevertheless we had great fun spending time at the library, rock garden, attending fests, taking part in IEEE activities, coming to college on Sunday's to do our EGD drawings while listening to music and plenty more.

The most difficult part was to decide where to have lunch as so many neighboring colleges had canteen. I'm very lucky to have such wonderful students in my class who are so helpful. Everyday at UVCE was unforgettable. Just walking inside the college, seeing Visvesvaraya Sir's statue and the twin ancient trees gives a special feeling to the heart. I pray to God that college starts soon. ”

“ I’m certain that a lot of you freshers reading this accepted University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering as your last resort; your parents did not want you ‘wasting’ a year and the institutions you found appealing did not find you to be so. You’ll soon realize, dear juniors, that the stars have actually favored you here and you could not have made a better choice.

The case wasn’t such for me when I joined college for I had thoroughly researched on it, visited it and had given enough thoughts to UVCE to know what I was getting myself into. This was the mental image I had created for myself: a piece of jungle-land, overgrown with wild plants; teachers hardly ever make an appearance and it’s up to students to find a shady tree to sit under and to find a helpful senior who would be willing to teach; students head home once said teaching is done or just find a way to entertain themselves due to the severe lack of opportunities. I’m glad I was biased towards UVCE and more glad to learn that my ‘living like cave-people’ fantasies had been far from the truth.

This is what it’s really like: an educational institute with greenery on campus that has qualified lecturers (many doctorates) and an improved scheme of academics in place. The seniors are approachable and helpful and I surely don’t head home too soon because of the number of student club activities that go on here.

If you’re someone who prefers having a strict and rigid schedule wherein you stay at your college attending class after class till 5 PM or you like a pattern of education where you’re forced to stay on your toes as your knowledge is constantly tested or you expect the most regimented discipline to be followed by faculty and authorities, UVCE is not the place for you. Here at UVCE you have 2 to 3 classes a day which you think might be less but will soon find to be quite sufficient and will wonder what those kids from other colleges even do all day. The environment here is very relaxed and you don’t have any kind of pressure on you for the most part. You’re free to chase after any in-demand skill or modern subject by yourself in the abundant free time you have and if you choose to just do the bare minimum, you could still get by with helpful notes a day before the tests and end up with a decent CGPA and a degree to your name from a prestigious institution. The takeaway here is that you get the liberty of choosing how much of an engineer you want to be and you’ll find nothing forcing you to any particular extreme. The level of freedom is so much that you could even start up your own club at college if you wish, and take over all fame and glory from the clubs that already exist if you were capable.

We don’t wear ID cards around our necks and that is metaphorical to not being under anyone’s enslavement. There is, of course, a risk of becoming too inattentive to your academics. All one can say is find a sweet spot between work and play and make the most out of what is being offered here for so meagre a price for the last 103 years.

There’s hope that the renovation in progress will uplift the face of the college as it certainly can be uplifted. There’s further hope that the recent attention from the government will restore its image and status to the level it once enjoyed and make outsiders appreciate it as much as it’s loyal students already do.

“ UVCE is a college with great legacy but the present reality has its pros and cons. Infrastructure is in a state of transition and being renovated. Labs are functioning well but can be improved considerably. The teaching quality varies and classes are not always regular. College administration is slow as delays can be observed when it comes to exam results, online fee payment and scholarships. Students get a lot of free time giving them opportunity to participate in clubs and events. Few of the clubs are E-Cell, Vinimaya, Tatva and G2C2. All clubs can be found on UVCE Connect App and Instagram. IEEE UVCE is the most active technical club that conducts various events throughout the year.

There is an active and friendly atmosphere in UVCE. Seniors are very approachable and helpful. UVCE is a place where you get a lot of exposure, freedom and independence. We hope you make the best out of it and have a good time!

“Take a limitation and turn it into an opportunity. Take an opportunity and turn it into an adventure by dreaming BIG!” and UVCE is the right place to make that happen. College life is a best provision for life's journey. All of us have got our own dreams and goals. It's never going to happen unless we start working on it. When we have all possible opportunities right in front of us, why not just grab one and make it worth learning.

Just like most of you reading this I too was once a fresher who had mixed feelings of fear and excitement. As days went, we got started with our classes. UVCE has got best faculty members. To be honest our 1st year classes went really well though most of the classes got cancelled. Sometimes teachers were regular and punctual and sometimes not. See the thing is teachers don't really bother whether we listen to them or not. All they do is come to class, do their part of work and leave. We don't understand unless we are attentive. But whenever I couldn't, I referred to the materials provided by them or from the one's borrowed from our college library. Sometimes approached seniors for help. It won't go like school here. We are not spoon fed but are encouraged to self-learn.

One best thing about UVCE is that it is a 'RAGGING FREE' college. Seniors here are super friendly and generous. Our college has a very peaceful atmosphere with small population of students. Since ours is a 103 years old building, it has got no advanced infrastructure. We find no painted walls, no polished tiles with old benches, old big windows. Even labs are old with few old equipment. There is dust and debris all around. There is no canteen, only one place to chill and that is rock garden. There is restroom which is more like a public one. But then this is not the case now. It's being renovated, re-painted and labs are rebuilt. You know this is more like a monument which can't be reshaped entirely but can be improved. Hence there are improvements being made. There is Nandini parlor and we will shortly have a canteen too. Now UVCE is much better than before.

In addition to all these, there are many clubs in our college, both technical and cultural. Interested people can join any number of clubs free of cost, except one or two technical clubs. These clubs keep us engaged with various competition, games, events, workshops and so on throughout semester. There are also monthly challenges like Ncode and Voltorb to improve on our coding and circuit building skills. To start with something new or to explore new things, workshops are beneficial. Participation in such workshops allows us to work on our leadership qualities thereby giving it the proper boost and growth.

UVCE doesn't focus only on academic-related growth but also on one's personal development. That's where the importance of technical/cultural fests comes into spotlight. Here, we get to volunteer which gives us sense of accomplishment that can increase our self-confidence and responsibility tremendously. We also get to organize events which comprises of planning, teamwork, leadership and multi-tasking. In many cases, that's where we learn to interact, work, coordinate, manage and work as a team with common objective. As far as technical fests are concerned, it gives us a chance to showcase our innovative ideas and compete with peers. To be frank at the same time, fests in our college aren't as big as that of other colleges, yet are the best ones.

We all know that fee here is affordable and students are aided economically by providing them with scholarships. UVCE, though not much popular is well known for its placements and is one among top colleges. Instead of making the best use of facilities being provided here, we are busy complaining about what is never a problem or something irrelevant for our future. At the end, what matters is not how and where we have studied but what we take when we get out of it. I'm not lying, but this is how it is. Mark my words, four years here is going to be total fun and it's worth it.

We start LOVING when we stop COMPLAINING. You will know it yourself!!

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“ The primary difference between UVCE and any other college is that these constraints are relaxed and it wouldn't be an over statement to say that they don't exist. For our college is 'Run' by us. A scientific study has concluded that the Finnish Education system is the best for their system teaches with less constraints, more collaboration and teaches in resonance with the natural state of the students.

In UVCE, this principle of relaxed constraints is what sets it apart from every other college that stands and we can sure say that, it has successfully stood the test of time. Here, is the model of democracy which even the Romans who made it would envy, because Everything is 'Run' BY the students, is 'OF' the students and 'FOR' the students. The results are therefore quite effectively clear: an unparalleled work environment without a lot of pressure, a coordinated system within which there is immense power and primarily the liberty of openness to decide. The innumerable clubs and societies that are there here span all the horizons of skills and arts. There are immense volunteering opportunities to harness.

Here, the performance of a student is what solemnly dictates how his career would turn up. Here, the concept of 'attendance' is non-existent (which should be the general case everywhere) whereby enabling us with a freehand to pursue our learning without the fetters of dictatorial directives. The most cherished treasure and the essence of our college are our seniors who are exceptionally resourceful and are very approachable. The touchstone here are the awesome placements.”

“ It's been two years, since I joined this prestigious college. The thought of being in a 100-year-old college, built in 1917 just amazed me when I joined. Little did I know that not only outside even the inside was like 1917. My labs were basically dungeons and museums with equipment just for display. Didn't really expect the chemistry lab to be a hut. I asked my friends, how did their college compare to mine. It looks like every college in Bangalore has a problem but not sure they pose a threat to the lack of electricity in labs and water in the lavatory. My seniors did spark confidence in me, they told me I'll get used to it. So far it looked bleak. But what makes UVCE special and at this point you think that I'm going be a grade school teacher and answer the question myself, I'm not because I don't really have an answer. Seniors keep telling me it was a lot worse for them and it really helped them prepare for life. I learnt to swim by just jumping into a lake, too bad for the ones who drowned. But what does make people get attracted to UVCE, placement? I just don't get it, I definitely can't learn to ride a motorcycle by looking at it, let alone build one. But it does seem to work out, UVCE gloats about having the best alumni. So I really don't know, 4 years of living on your own helps you lead your life, it's definitely worth it. So the college teaches your life lessons by not teaching you anything. That bombshell is what makes UVCE different or special.”

“ 3 years have flown by since I entered the college. And by far, these have been the best years of my l life. From fighting for the first bench to bunking the classes. From eating dosas from the canteen to drinking lassi from Nandini Parlour. From burning components in lab to acing the experiments. From being one single me to one giant family of friends, this college has given me happiness right in every aspect. The sheer amount of patience our dear lecturers had while teaching us and the knowledge they have can never be topped in any other college. I couldn't have asked for better guides towards by quest for successful future. Whether you sit in class or in the massive library containing hundreds of books, you play in the ground or sit in the shade of Rock Garden, each second you spend in this college will be etched in your mind for life. And that is all I ever wanted.”

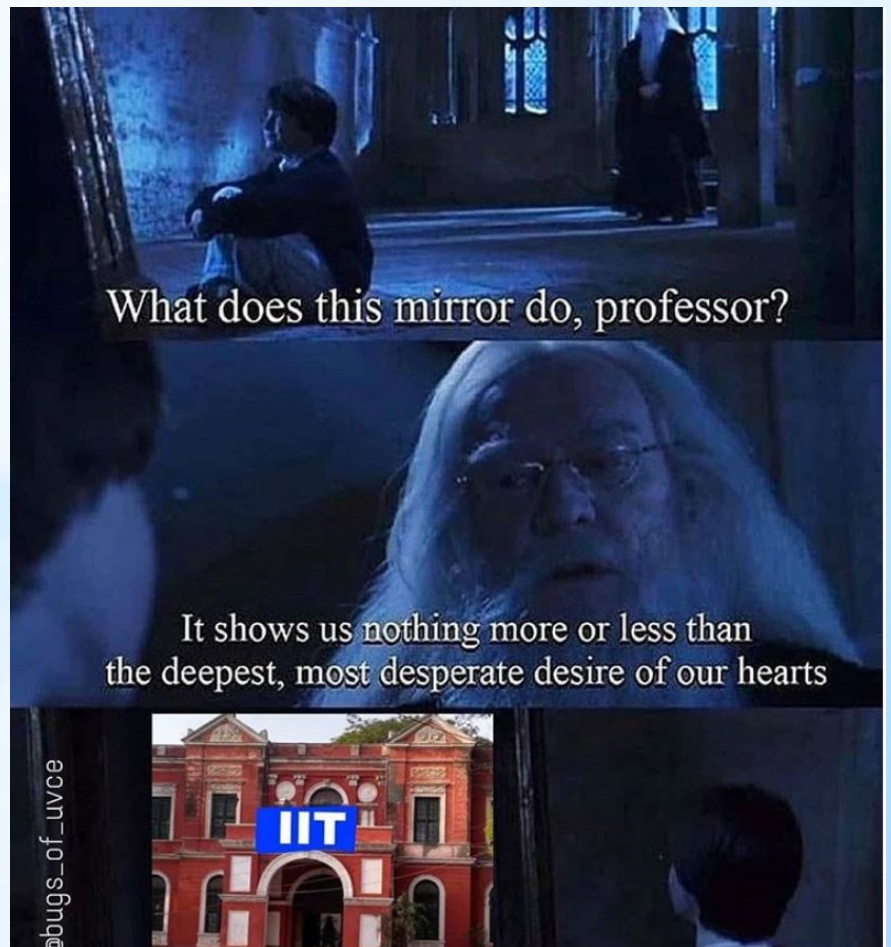
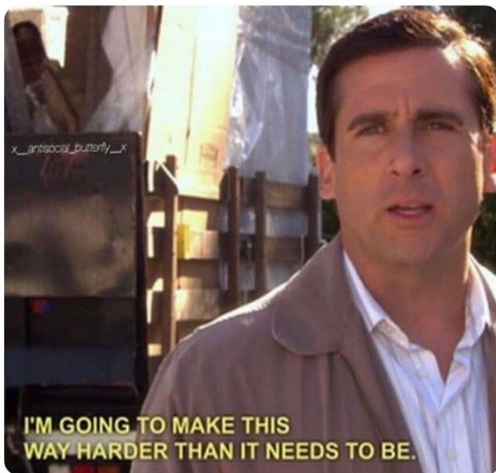
“ What a whirlwind year it was for. UVCE was a passing fancy at the initial days while opting for college. I was knowing very little about UVCE and not even aware that it was one among the top colleges in Karnataka. It was a mixed opinion while joining college for Civil Engineering. After joining I came to know that my decision was right. It literally gave me a good vibe from Day 1. Starting with the induction program, I made friends with same mentality towards the career. The seniors helped us to adjust to the new environment and were supportive too. The main attraction of any college lies in their fests and UVCE has like Fiesta, Inspiron, Impetus, Milagro. Sad part for me is due to lockdown we missed two of the fests this year. When it comes to studies we do not have strict timetable like other colleges. Tthough some classes are not conducted regularly, they complete the syllabus by the deadline. Labs are conducted on time. Clubs like IEEE, E-CELL, TATVA, G2C2 are essential to enhance skills rather than just academics. Events conducted by VisionUVCE like "Best class" helped us to create a bond within the class. As a civil engineering student in 1st year in K R Circle, we do not get opportunity to meet our Civil seniors as compared to other branches, since Civil Department is in Jnanabharathi campus. Interacting with other branch seniors helped us to know about the various events in college. As a representative of the class, some of us boosted our confidence by taking part in various activities. It was like a blessing in disguise that we had ample free time with us. After few months, we realized that mking use of this opportunities are very essential. Finally, I wish to conclude that UVCE will definitely be pleasant environment and help us to pursue our dreams. ”

BUGS OF UVCE

Respect and security for girls in Mechanical Department



EEE lecturers while preparing question paper



TREASURES FROM THE PAST - 1975 CIVIL



These photos were shared in our FB Group by Prahlad Harsha sir from the same batch. The above photo is from All India Tour and taken at Delhi with the former Vice President of India , B D Jatti. The below is taken at the JB Campus. We thank him for sharing this priceless memories with us.



OBITUARY

We are sad to inform that Shree Harsha, an alumnus of 2011 batch, Computer Science branch is no longer with us. He was an inspiration to many to lead our lives in spite of the hardships and challenges it poses. He could strike a conversation with everyone and with his cheerful spirit make anyone smile. He was a bundle of positive energy and with his never say die attitude, he could motivate those who were around him. If you want to call someone a True Fighter, Shree Harsha would be definitely one among the top in the list. From Team Sampada, we pray for his soul and hope that he rests in peace. Our condolences to his family members.



UVCE IN MEDIA

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“Empathy is crucial to running a strong and happy organisation and that's the culture I try to build”

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VP, DELL DIGITAL

We had featured Sheenam's Interview in one of the previous editions of Sampada (110th issue). You can read the [complete interview here](#)

THE UVCEAA SAGA

It is a very long and painful story, but something that has been asked repeatedly to us. In order to clarify about what happened in the past and all the events that lead to the current situation, we decided to pen down this article. The question is “What is the Alumni Association of UVCE doing? Why do you want to start one more Association when already well-established exists?”

To start with, we will have to move back to the year 2010 when MegaReunion was being planned and organized by few enthusiastic alumni. That time, too, Alumni Association was not an active participant, but provided us the place (Association Building) to be used. That was the first encounter that we are aware about in our personal experience. Though, there were around 1500+ alumni gathering at the Palace Grounds during 2011, nothing sparked at the Alumni Association, which should have been the centre of focus.

Lets cut to the year 2015, nothing much had changed. But, through some source, we came to know that 50th AGM of AAUVCE was being held. We attended the meeting with great anticipation. By then, we were (Team VisionUVCE) slowly gathering support from alumni from various batches, sustained Scholarship initiatives, collected over 2000+ alumni contacts etc. We hoped to be of some assistance to AAUVCE and that is what we expressed too. In the same meeting, few of the senior alumni raised some concerns about the By-Law copy not being shared, members list not being disclosed and Elections not conducted for more than 12 years. We were unaware of all these proceedings. Maj Gen Neelakantappa (1962-63 batch) intervened and said that we need to focus on the future and forget the past. He convinced everyone and urged the Office Bearers to form a Committee for By-Law ramification. It was accepted but no action taken further on this. Even the By-law copies were refused to be shared and no proper meetings were conducted. We continued our own path through VisionUVCE and also working with few alumni.

By the time 2016 came to an end, there was a meeting called to discuss about the Centenary Celebrations of UVCE from various alumni groups and individuals at the Association premises only. Everyone urged that the AAUVCE should take the lead. Though, initially the Office Bearers of AAUVCE agreed to be part of it, they backed out later citing some legal reasons. We came to know that, being tired of the no response attitude, one of the senior alumni had approached the Dep. Registrar of Societies, requesting to intervene. Even in the 51st AGM during 2017, there very little updates/progress from the previous AGM. There was no mention of Centenary Celebrations in spite of the alumni demanding for the same.

In the meantime, we from Team VU, conducted Centenary Marathon in April 2017 with around 800 participants, released Centenary Souvenir – Avalokana in August 2017 which was well-received from the alumni community. In parallel to this, numerous hearings were heard by the Dep Registrar about the conduct of the Association and both the parties had presented their versions and concerns to the authorities with relevant documents. One of the major requests being that the free and fair Elections to be conducted, Dep Registrar of Societies was prolonging the hearings. So, few senior alumni including AVM Abahaya Kumar (1954 batch), Maj Gen Neelakantappa and others visited the Principal Secretary and asked her to direct the officials to fast track and give a conclusion. Following this and other continuous follow-ups, finally on April 12th, 2018, Dep Registrar passed his Final Order which stated that:

- Calendar of Events for Election has to be decided and announced afresh
- Wide publicity to be done for the Annual General Body Meeting by sending the notice and meeting agenda in advance.

Though the instructions were very clear, the Office Bearers “claimed” that Election notification had been already announced on February 23rd and the last date to file Nomination was already over. Also, they insisted that the Elections will be held on April 28th without any changes.

We would like to give you some back-dated references, where we had continuously written emails and also handed over letters to the Office bearers about updates on Elections and AGM through November 2017 till March 2018 for which there was no response at all.

Though there was very little publicity from the office bearers, we came to know about these updates and we approached to enquire the status of our membership and list of other members who could come down for voting. There was no list announced nor was any proper information furnished to us. We were quite shocked to see the brazen attempt to mock the entire democratic process. So, few alumni wrote to the Dep Registrar again about the recent developments and he in turn, appointed an Observer to look into the Proceedings during the Elections and the Special AGM on April 28th. What followed this was even cruel joke to the entire system. Elections were cancelled one-day prior citing that one candidate withdrew his nomination and everyone were elected unanimously. Even in the AGM, though many senior alumni voiced their disapproval, it was not considered and the Officer Bearers tried to proceed with the proposed modifications to the By-law. They even warned other volunteers groups who used the name of UVCE will be legally challenged. It was an open threat to all the self-less groups and individuals who were working towards the betterment of the college.

After this, based on the report of Observer regarding conduct of the AGM of AAUVCE, Dep Registrar of Societies prepared a Report and sent it to the Govt on 9th May, 2018. Accordingly, a Notice was served to Alumni Association about Why Administrator should not be appointed on 20th June, 2018 and they were asked to reply within a time frame. Instead of replying to the Notice, the Office Bearers of AAUVCE filed the petition at the court for Stay on any further action. On 19th July, a Second Notice was served by Secretariat to AAUVCE since there was no response. However, on 26th July, during the First Hearing of the Court, a Stay was issued on further action. The details of the Case can be checked here - http://karnatakajudiciary.kar.nic.in/websitenew/casedetails/case_details.php

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By this time, we were at the last phase of Centenary Year and with some senior alumni guiding us, we organized “UVCE Payana” during last week of June at Ambedkar Bhavan, which was witnessed by around 600+ alumni.

After getting multiple deferrals, the petitioner (ie the AAUVCE) withdrew their petition on Mar 14th, 2019. This was done in order to renew the Registration of the Association. Because of this the Stay became void for the appointment of the Administrator. So, some senior alumni again approached the Govt officials (including the Deputy Secretary) and built the pressure to proceed with the action.

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In midst of all this, during April 2019, when we had an alumni gathering, there were concerns raised and many suggestions were made to create a platform which can be official recognition for the alumni. Dr VK Aatre and many others suggested to create a parallel organization for this purpose and this is how UVCE Graduates Association came into existence. It has been a very long, patient, endured efforts to make sure that the alumni have a strong network and an effective voice towards to betterment of the alma-mater.

- Team VisionUVCE