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2020!?! Phew—its almost over and what year it has been! The sprinting world was forced to halt and take a step back. The last 8 months we have experienced, explored and reinvented ourselves as well our life. Apart from safety and health being the main point of focus and concern, the biggest challenges all of us faced was with our professional aspirations. Businesses fell apart, the norm got destroyed, companies changing routines, revenues plunging, jobs at stake, digital work culture adaption and so much more.

As we sit at homes behind the screens or treading careful in the outside world with masks to push ourselves and emerge from amidst the COVID challenges to our careers, it is highly important we support each, draw inspirations from other's work/stories and connect. Therefore TEAM SAMPADA is making a humble effort with our editions to focus on careers and various industries, bring to you the aspiring stories and thoughts from some our fellow UVCEians so we can all learn from each other and draw motivation.

As a first in this new series of editions, this month we have some very special folks joining us in sharing their stories of the climb to the peak. Rathi Murthy, CTO from Verizon Media who is leading efforts to transform technology and strategy in the Digital Media Industry talking us through her journey. We have Satish H C, Executive Vice President of Data Analytics Division at Infosys Limited in conversation about the power of increasing data footprint and potential of analytics in revolutionizing the industry. *Ram Mathod currently working at Amazon as Product Leader, Amazon Consumer Team* who shares with us their nostalgic memories of UVCE, R&D journey and a switch to the Corporate Industry with their article. Providing an insider's view of the world of academics and their aspiration is Latha DU, a Assistant professor at Vidya Vikas Institute of Technology.

These are some of the thousands of stories treasured in our UVCEian community. Our team is working incessantly to bring more and more of these to you. Although we have been down the conventional corporate industry route so far, we are working our way to bring future editions regarding Government Sector Careers, Sustainable Energy Industry and so on. We have mentioned this time and again, and we shall always - every time we document and walk through each UVCEian's story we learn something new, find inspiration and feel all the more proud to be a part of namma UVCE.

And as we reminiscence the pride of being part of the UVCE community - giving back to this great institution has always been our main goal. With Sampada being one of the long running initiatives to connect and make the community stronger to give back to the alma mater, another one running successfully for the last 9 years has been our VU Scholarship Program. Till date we have awarded a total of close to 30 Lakh INR scholarship amount to 393 bright students with support of over 265 Donors. With 2020 being our 10th year run for this initaitive , we will be continuing with support under the umbrella of UVCEGA. With challenges due to COVID, we have changed to online processing and have received 160 applications with videos and shortly planning for their interviews. With these circumstances, we request you to join hands in this initiative to either donate to our scholarship fund or help us in student shortlisting process. Please contact us at sampada@visionuvce.in

With the festival of lights around the corner, here's wishing this brings a breeze of happiness in all your lives along with prosperous health!

DREAM BIG! WITH RATHI MURTHY

Rathi Murthy is CTO for Verizon Media. Recognized as a transformative technology executive, Rathi oversees Verizon Media's global technology strategy, leading the company's continued innovations in 5G while also managing the platform technology and infrastructure. Previously, Rathi was Senior Vice President and CTO for Gap, Inc. Rathi has held senior technology leadership roles at some of the world's best technology companies including American Express, eBay, Inc., Yahoo, Sun Microsystems and WebMD. She is from 1988 Electrical Engineering batch.

Team Sampada: We'd like to hear a quick introduction from you.
Rathi Murthy: After graduating from UVCE, I got married and came to the US to complete my Masters in Computer Engineering, in Santa Clara University. I started my career at Informix as a Software Engineer. During that time, I was influenced by several women leaders who showed me the path to lead teams effectively and gave me several opportunities to actually lead large projects early in my career. This paved the path for my passion of leading large and complex organizations and driving transformation. I pivoted into leadership roles pretty early in my career.

I have dabbled at both large companies and startups such as WebMD and Metreo Inc, where I was one of the first Tech leaders in the company. These experiences helped broaden my expertise across all aspects of technology including Engineering, Architecture, Network, Data Center Operations and Customer Service. I also learned how to run technology end to end, drive design thinking and innovation as part of the engineering culture.

Over the course of my career I have been very fortunate to have strong mentors, and sponsors who always taught me to dream big, demonstrated confidence in my capabilities and gave me the opportunities to try my hand at new things.

TS: You have been in this field for over a few decades now. Would you elaborate on that?
RM: Over the last 20 years, I have been fortunate enough to work at some large brand name companies. I have built a passion to lead and drive large scale transformation across People, Process, Tools and Technology. This has enabled me to build a brand for myself as a Digital transformation leader.

I have led technology and operations across several industries including Healthcare, eCommerce, FinTech, Retail and Media. This has allowed me to truly drive Business Transformation across several verticals by leveraging technology. My mantra in driving transformation has mostly been helping companies get Faster, Smarter, Better while staying Secure. Prior to Gap, I was the CIO for Enterprise Growth at American Express, where I managed end-to-end platform technology, infrastructure and operations for the suite of American Express prepaid products. While at American Express, I was named Top Woman in Cloud Innovation in 2014, and Most Influential Women in Payments in 2015.

Currently, as the CTO for Verizon Media, I am recognized as a transformative technology executive, and I oversee Verizon Media's global technology strategy, leading the company's continued innovations in 5G while also managing the platform technology and infrastructure.

TS: How has UVCE played a role in your career? How has it shaped your professional life?
RM: UVCE provided us with a broad engineering foundation that I could build on. It taught me to be resourceful and build confidence in myself. There were times when we didn't have professors show up to all our classes. This really made us all more resilient to adapting to situations. We all helped each other come up to speed with the basics and supported each other. This is a skill that has truly built the teamwork spirit that I continue to cherish.

I also found some of my best friends for life at UVCE. These friends have continued to motivate me and inspire me to be my best self at work.

TS: How are things in your field in the current scenario? What is the next big thing as per your knowledge in this domain?

RM: Our parent company Verizon is building the best-in-class 5G network, and 5G will have a massive impact on how we live, learn, work and play. 5G will usher in the fourth industrial revolution, paving the way for unprecedented innovations that will reshape the world. Autonomous cars, smart communities, the industrial Internet of Things (IoT), immersive education will all rely on 5G, and in terms of media, consumers can look forward to better, more immersive experiences.
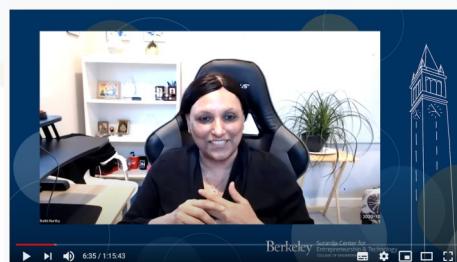
Fueled by 5G, Verizon Media Immersive and our production house RYOT is powered by a team of content creators, producers and engineers. That is a unique combination and one we believe will be key to building and transforming future experiences for consumers.

At Verizon Media, 5G lets us animate experiences in real-time. The technology allows us to render actors' body movements, experiment with new XR formats, and integrate interactive backdrops for a more immersive entertainment environment, changing the way consumers can engage with their favorite artist, sports team and the issues that matter to them.

TS: What advice do you have for students or young alumni who want to grow in this field?

RM: The field of technology is constantly changing and evolving. Keeping a growth mindset with a zest to learn is key. Never become stagnant. Always look at new opportunities that continue to challenge you and push you to learn new skills. Dream Big and let your passion lead the way!

Here is an interview of Rathi Murthy Ma'am by UC Berkeley's College of Engineering for their lecture series. The video touches upon many aspects of her journey and is very inspiring. Click here for the LINK*.*

WALKING DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

"Ela, Identy card kodappa" from the librarian was a scary thing to hear! In the 80's – I don't how it is now – if we had borrowed a book from UVCE library and were late even by a day beyond the due date, the librarian would take away the identity card till the fine was paid. Without the identity card, we could not borrow another library book! The fine itself was a small amount like 25 Paisa or so, but the process to pay the amount was arduous! The librarian had to make a list of all the students who had to pay the fine, send it to accounts department, the accounts department would then enter in a couple of ledgers and publish a list on the notice board. Only after our names appeared on the notice board we could pay the amount, get a receipt, show it to the librarian and get back the identity card! The whole process would take 3-4 days and it was a nightmare to be late in returning a borrowed library book!

So many such incidents come to memory as I write this article. UVCE was my dream school since my 8th standard – yes, used to dream of going there when I would ride route 14 bus from Banashankari to KR Circle when it passed KR Circle. And I also was very keen on studying Mechanical Engineering. When I joined UVCE Mech in 1982, we had 3 top 10 ranked students in 10th of Karnataka in the class!

I was thrilled to look at the Babcock-Wilcox boiler and the steam engine in the college! There was no ragging or any such unpleasant acts for the entering students. We had the privilege of getting taught by the best professors in the city, as we were just the top ranked engineering school.

We even had professors from IISc who came to teach us classes. Dragging a big 'load range' in electrical lab (a device to add the needed resistance in electrical circuit, if I remember it right) from the other end of the lab was an experience! Once a junior professor asked us to get a 'low-range' ammeter, and due to his accent (from an eastern state), he pronounced as 'low-dange' and my friend and I heard it as 'load range'! When we dragged the big (4 feet tall heavy box on wheels) instead of a palm sized ammeter, we had to hear his frustration!

The convenient location of the college was loved by our diverse classmates. For those wanting to watch movies, there were some 20 cinemas on KG Road and another bunch around MG Road/Brigade Road that was just a few minutes away by walk through Cubbon Park or a short ride on a two wheeler with no traffic. In addition to our college canteen and restaurants nearby, there were many government offices that offered inexpensive food in their canteens. Jaunts to book stores with my close friend, Kavi Mahesh (now a professor) was a favorite pass time for us.
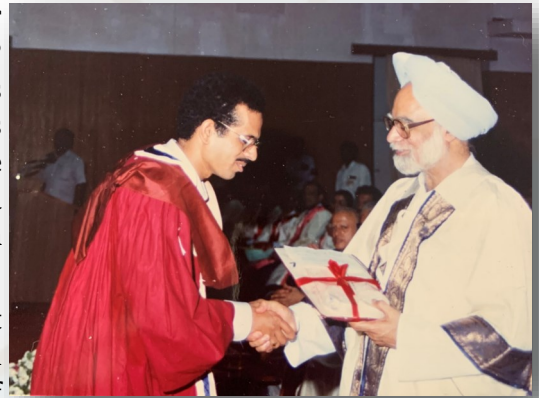
Another favorite thing to do in my latter years at UVCE was a short walk to 'Bale Pete' for watch spare parts – that area had a dozen of them! I had picked up horology/watch repair as a hobby and needed to get watch spare parts often. I learned it from my father who had learned it himself after his retirement. When I was in 3rd year of the college, he had opened an automatic watch of a customer to repair, but fell sick with a foot infection that kept him a hospital for over 3 months. The customer started asking when he would give back the watch, but the watch was then dismantled into a bunch of gears, screws and such! My father taught me on how to assemble the watch, all verbally, when I used to spend nights in the hospital and I did what he told. I could finally fix that watch and started getting watches repair on my own. I have repaired over 200 watches. This reminds me of the time I spent in the 'nurse room' at the government hospital studying 3rd year subjects in the night. The nurses had let me use their office room for studying as my father was in the 'general ward' where the lights had to turned off after 10PM.

Another good friend and classmate of mine, Ashwini Aragam, also picked up this hobby and he was my companion in trips to Bale Pete. We used to have spare time between classed that started at 730AM and ended much before noon, before the workshops/labs that would begin at 2PM. This helped us to bond a lot between a very diverse set of classmates – from movie actor, skit writers for All India Radio, trainee-pilot, cricketers – there was even a friend who used to work part time in a bank! The community was extremely diverse, if I look back now! I have memories with many of them, but cannot pen all of them down here! Here is a picture with classmates when Ramesh's first film - Sundara Swapnagalu was released. The entire class had been to the movie wishing our friend a success !!

Graduating from UVCE, I followed another of my dream of becoming a scientist in DRDO. Though I got an engineer trainee position at L&T, that was much coveted those days, I left within 4 months when I got an offer (called 'appointment order') from DRDO. I was fortunate to work with Dr. VK Aatre who was then the director of the Kochi DRDO unit and an UVCE alumnus. He needs no introduction to the readers of Sampada as was the chief of DRDO and was awarded Padma Vibhushan for his immense contributions. I stayed in Kochi for ~8 years only because of my admiration for him. Despite being such a senior ranked official in a hierarchical defense organization, he used to drop me in his official car when we traveled together by bus or train. I have sat next to him in bus from Bangalore to Ernakulam, a 12 hour journey those days.

Years later in early 2000, I happened to ran into him in a park in Detroit, when he recognized me and affectionately took me to his wife to show me to her asking her 'do you recognize this boy'.

What is the probability that we run into each other in the vast USA in a park that I had never visited before? Some of his inspiring advice to us still rings in my ears such as "you should read about your subject or advances in science at least for 30 minutes a week". DRDO sent me for an MTech to IIT, Madras and I was fortunate to get a gold medal for the department of Applied Mechanics – an award presented by Dr. Manmohan Singh.

I further moved within DRDO to Light Combat Aircraft program (now called Tejas) at Aeronatical Development Agency, when my childhood dream of working in aircraft design got fulfilled. My father was a mechanic in Hindustan Aeronautics and he inspired me in my school days to become an aircraft design engineer. I met some of the brightest minds and most hardworking people here. The best interaction there was with Dr. Abdul Kalam. Sometime in 1996, Dr. Kalam who was then the chief of DRDO and Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri, had come down to ADA along with the newly appointed Chief (or Vice-Chief) of Air Staff (Indian Air Force). It was not very uncommon to see Dr. Kalam frequently in the computer room where the design engineers demonstrated how LCA was designed. I used to work mostly in the mainframe terminal room. I had stepped out of the computer room to use the toilet and when I came back to my terminal, Dr. Kalam was sitting on the same chair where I was sitting before. He was speaking on the phone that was next to the seat - there were only two phones there. I was deeply thinking about the problem I was solving and came very close to the seat without realizing Dr. Kalam was sitting there. When I went near the seat, Dr. Kalam got up and asked me to sit in the seat. I said 'no sir, I will find another terminal'. He insisted that I should sit down as I was 'working' there! He made me sit down and he stood and continued his conversation! What a humility! I can't forget that experience! We had one design review with him and that happened between 7PM and 9PM. The promotion interviews for directors (that needed Dr. Kalam) were held from 10PM onwards! My director's interview was at 115AM! The next morning, Dr. Kalam gave a key note address at NAL at 9AM despite having been awake most of the night!

Over the next few years, I made changes to move to private sector due to the growing cost of living and pay disparity between the tech firms and government RD units. Coming from a family with fairly modest economic background (I used to tutor school kids for 4 hours a day to earn Rs. 225 per month), I had to let go of my passion for a better pay at the tech firms. I moved first to TCS designing aircraft engines and then to Infosys to set up an engineering services business unit. I had the opportunity to work with the founder directors of Infosys and several UVCE alumni, the key one being my manager, Dr. MSS Prabhu, retired SVP of Infosys. At Infosys I had various assignments between US and Bangalore. I moved to US for longer term in 2000 and pursued an MBA from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. I worked for a company that is now acquired by Wipro, Cisco and Hewlett Packard (HP). I was fortunate to be back in Bangalore for 4 years when I had moved back to India through Cisco. I moved back to US to work for Amazon in Seattle where I have been working in advertising and sales operations. My wife, Vaishali Murthy, an alumnus from College of Engineering, Pune and my classmate at IIT-Madras, also works for Amazon. I have an 8th grader daughter who born in the US.

I have been so happy to connect back with my classmates from UVCE Mech recently and it is nice to see that we are still a tight knit group as we were 33-38 years ago! When Ramesh Arvind (his role number used to be next to mine – 66 vs. 67, so we used to be in the same lab batches) used to introduce me to pretty girls in the college who would come to talk to him, I could not utter a sentence in English and used to feel embarrassed! It is hard to believe that a boy in UVCE who didn't know to speak more than 2 sentences of English was able to sell to Fortune 50 companies in the US! I owe a ton to UVCE for giving me the right environment and the company of good like-minded friends that helped me to become what I am today!

- Ram Mathod, 1987 Batch

REVOLUTIONIZING REALM OF ANALYTICS! - SATISH HC

Team Sampada: Can you please share a brief profile about yourself?

Satish H C: I am currently the Executive Vice President, Data Analytics, Digital, Infosys Limited. I have been with Infosys for over 26 years. In the current role, my primary responsibility is as the Head of Business for Data Analytics and Digital portfolios at Infosys. I have the P&L responsibility and manage globally distributed sales, consulting and delivery teams. I am on the board of Skava, an Infosys subsidiary and also serve on the Infosys Cyber security council. I am also responsible for key organization change initiatives in the areas of New services, Talent supply chain, Optimization.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering from University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (1993 batch). I also hold the Executive Education certification on Infosys Global Leadership Program in collaboration with Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

TS: Tell us about your career and journey in the industry so far.

S: I am extremely pleased that I was able to join the institutions that I wanted to be part of and team up with some very smart people in the pursuit of my career - UVCE and Infosys. UVCE - E&C was my first choice to study Engineering. There were a few aspirational brands like C-DOT, Infosys, TCS in those days. I had done well in GATE 94 and the choice was between pursuing Masters in E&C or join Infosys. I am glad I took the right decision and I have never looked back.

During my formative years @Infosys, I got global exposure working with Enterprises in Europe and US. Apart from learning, it was an eye-opener to experience different cultures and travel extensively. During the good and bad times of 2000s, I honed my entrepreneurial skills. I got the opportunity to nurture several of our Top client relationships and work in so many Industry segments - Manufacturing, Healthcare, Life sciences, Financial services and Retail.

After playing leadership roles in Client Delivery, it was fantastic to get an opportunity to provide leadership for our Data and Digital business portfolio as an independent P&L.

TS: According to you, what is the next big thing in your domain? How should the current students or younger alumni skill up for the future opportunities?

S: Enterprises are navigating their digital transformation powered by data across 3 horizons:

Horizon 1 is about enterprises becoming data driven to make better decisions and monetize data. This is all about Business Intelligence & Analytics. With the growing adoption of digital, the data footprint is also growing exponentially. The confluence of data and digital is enabling enterprises to Innovate, Transform and Re-imagine their business.

Horizon 2 is all about becoming Data Native, Digital Native Live Enterprise to compete with digital born companies and respond to change signals in real-time. This is all about Big Data Analytics, Digital, Cloud and AI.

Horizon 3 is about powering a larger data powered economy built on connected ecosystems and innovating to disrupt traditional industry boundaries. As this continuum evolves the Digital Economy is leading to a Data Economy. Data is the new capital pivoting the next generation disruption of industry structure, transformation of Economy and Society. This horizon is powered by a confluence of technologies like IOT, AI, Blockchain, 5G, Edge computing, Extended Reality to name a few.

There is a new era of technology refresh every 2-3 years; the pace of change is mind boggling and continuous learning for life is real. Across broad spectrum of professions – Engineering/Technology, Medicine, Law, Administration, Business, Design, Art everything is powered by computation today. We are moving from an era of people augmented with technology to an era where technology is augmented with people.

Looking ahead, human resource will be leveraged better to reimagine our societies, economies and enterprises and move away from effort intensive jobs which is getting automated. As long as the new generation entering workforce today is open to lifelong learning and harness the power of computing, they can be successful in any profession they choose to pursue. The days are gone where my generation entered workforce to learn the job. The days are here where new generation will reimagine and transform; after all this is the century for right brained people and cross-functional/discipline skills

TS: Being a "Proud UVCEian", what are the memories of college days? How do you think alumni can help in improving the college?

S: Those were the days! The smart people, the aspiration, the atmosphere and focus on getting ahead while having fun and discovering ourselves as adults; priceless ! We did have our share of quality teaching and inspiring mentors. The time we spent creating bonds for life in the quadrangle, our cultural show in third year, our annual trips are all still vivid in memory.

Srikanth and many of our class mates, thanks for being an inspiration and driving engagement between the college and the alumni. Let's make our time available for the college and the students for guidance and clarify the shifts in industry so that UVCE and its students are better prepared to meet the industry needs. It will be great to rejuvenate the brand – the same brand that many of us aspired to be part of, UVCE becoming a top talent hub for the industry

TS: What role did UVCE play in your career? How do you think UVCE should focus in the academics for the future?

S: UVCE was a magnet of top talent in Bangalore in those days; raised the bar and aspirations; created a network effect for all of us learning from each other; gave us an opportunity to enter the industry albeit with some effort if not very easily. Typically top brands like Infosys hired mostly from IITs, RECs and only a few top colleges like UVCE so it was a pathway to success and a stepping stone to pursue our professional dreams.

The industry needs talent who can be Explorers, Navigators, Innovators and not just good engineering/technology skills. If we can create the atmosphere of curiosity, experimentation, entrepreneurship, research, ecosystem collaboration with Industry apart from learning, UVCE and its talent will be a winning brand.

AN ACADEMIC'S WORLD - LATHA CHANDANRAJU

Team Sampada: Can you please give a brief bio about yourself?

Latha C: I completed my Bachelors degree from the esteemed college UVCE from branch of Information Science and Engineering and was recruited as Project Engineer for Wipro Technologies and I served there for about two years. In the due course I realized that I must chose a profession which would be noble and service oriented towards the society. I chose to be a professor, completed my MTech from Maharaja Institute of Engineering, Mysuru.

My main objective was to be a part of a growing and reputed organization, which provides ample opportunities for me to utilize my knowledge and skills thereby, contributing to the success of the society, and thus leading to my professional growth. I served as Assistant professor at BGSIT which at present is a deemed University ACU. Currently I am working as Assistant Professor at Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mysuru. I have goals to pursue Ph.D in Computer Science to offer service to students who are really in need.

TS: Nostalgia is a powerful thing. What memories do you recall the most when you think of UVCE?

L: There comes a time in our life when you have to choose to turn the page, write another book or simply close it, that's nostalgia. If we are brand new to our campus, you have the right to do everything stupid thing and even look different from the others. History has proven that first-day blunders help you find your best friend. Those years we learnt not only academics but everything that unfolds around us in the world. Being there at the campus, all we realized was, we had lot of time when in college, but never realized that each moment would be golden memories and this time would never come again in life. The corridors would be filled with loud chatter, wild abandon laughter and the talks that never ended. When we knew we could change the world, it wasn't a big deal after all. But we had many other plans. The world was opening up but the days were speeding by. By final year, we realized that we have got a lot to see, discover and achieve. We realized the true sense of time then. And we started creating memories and collecting memories. Yeah, nostalgia, for me doesn't mean necessarily wanting to still relive those days from the past, it's more about looking back on those times fondly.

TS: As a lecturer, what would be the most important points you would like to tell the current students of UVCE?

L: I would like to take this opportunity to highlight few quotes stated by Sir. M. Vishveshwaraya.

"I walked my way to good health. It is better to work out than rust out." He stated this at the age of 102 which shows his sincerity and hard work. Sir M. Visvesvaraya led a very simple life. He was known for his honesty and integrity. He worked tirelessly for educational and industrial development of the state.

"Remember, your work maybe to sweep a railway crossing. But it is your duty to keep it so clean that, no other crossing in the world is as clean as yours" It's the dedication and the sincere efforts of an individual which will take him a long way through his life. Some people are born great. And for some greatness is thrust. But the real great are those who achieve greatness by hard work, by using their mind for creative positive thinking and by serving the nation. Keep your spirits high and gain more and more knowledge to reach the greatest height in life.

TS: In the Covid situation, how do you think the alumni can contribute in the betterment of students of UVCE?

L: There are multiple strategies to support students and help them continue to learn during this time of uncertainty. Many colleges are temporarily canceling their face-to-face classes to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 situation. The conversations on our campus have turned to the topic of academic continuity plans as the nation continues to deal with the impact of COVID-19.

Beyond the electronic connection, we need to connect emotionally - especially in times of anxiety & uncertainty. As a teacher I can understand that emotions are the key to learning. Hence the alumni can connect with the students to help them overcome the uncertainty by supporting them morally since students communicate better to their seniors than to their teachers.

Alumni can Email students to remind them that we are still there for them. Convince them how we are changing our schedule to deal with the new situation and that change is part of life. Don't ignore the elephant in the room. If possible, talk about COVID-19 and fear. This is an opportunity for us to remind our students to consider their news sources & to beware of the large amount of misinformation. Most importantly, ask each students about how we can help them.

Third Episode of UVCE Chronicles is here - A pioneer in the technological field, Mrs. Sandhya Thyagarajan talks about the challenges one is likely to face. Listen to the full episode to get an insight to her experience in UVCE and henceforth!

Interested to share your thoughts as part of this podcast? Would you like to interact with your friends and share it with us? Write to us - info@uvcega.org

CIVIL BATCH OF 1995 REUNION

It all started with a Whatsapp Group 'UVCE 95' that I created back in 2015 with just two members in it. It was 20 years since we had graduated from UVCE and here was our first step to stay connected. Over time, the group started slowly growing with each member sharing their contacts of our classmates now dispersed all across the globe. We made efforts to have meetups for our classmates but it did not work and only few people who resided in the areas were able to meet.

With the year 2020 being our 25th Year of Graduating UVCE - we had great plans for celebrations but with the onset of Pandemic, everything had to be postponed. Finally, the talks of reunion and prep discussions resurfaced in August 2020 with most of the classmates confirming while some were doubtful.

We finally decided to set on the date 10-10-2020 and a core group of five members were formed to work on the preparations and organize the event. The first step for the core committee was to look for places to host the reunion gathering and we zeroed in on a location where everyone could spend the whole day cherishing the good ol' college day memories and catching up with one another.

The selected venue was Club Cabana in Jade Gardens, Airport Road, Devanahalli and the D-Day arrived. As scheduled, we all met at 10.30am and the gathering continued till 6pm with 22 of the 25 members making it to the meet.

The event began with cake cutting to kick off the 25th Anniversary Reunion and it was so nostalgic to see each and chat. Everyone had become uncles nearing 50! Before continuing the celebrations we observed a two minute silence in the memory of our friend JAtin Kanthi whom we lost in 2007.

Post this, we had a round of introduction by each member, walking us through how their professional journey, family and life had been in the past 25 years after graduating from college. One fun part about this was, as each one spoke all of us had to tell the Nicknames we had in the college days and the reason behind getting that.

As the introduction and chit chat continued, we all discussed about a plan to meet every year for a social cause and do our bit for Nature and Society. By the time we completed all the introductions, it was time for lunch and all of us together had a nice yummy lunch.
Few of our friends presented some gifts & goodies for the event like Mug, Plant, Water Bottles, T Shirt and Mask. Post this, we had a photo session and continued spending time chatting till evening. Finally, it was time to say bye after an eventful day. We had a great time recollecting memories of our college days and promising to meet every year.

ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ವೈಭವ – ಕನ್ನಡ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವ

"ಈ ಸಲ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ಫೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ರೆ ಹೇಗೆ? ಪ್ರತಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಈವೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡ್ಬಹುದು" ಎಂದು ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ ನಡುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿನುತ ಮೆಸೇಜ್ ಹಾಕಿದ್ಲು. ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ಏನೇನು ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಅಂತ ಒಂದು ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಕೂಡ ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ಲು.

ಎಲ್ರಿಗೂ ಈ ಉಪಾಯ ಹಿಡಿಸಿತು, ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳ ತಯಾರಿ ಶುರುವಾಯ್ತು. ಇದರ ಮಧ್ಯೆ, ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರ ಅನುಮತಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನೆನಪಿಸಿದ್ದು ಸ್ವಾಮಿನಾಥನ್. ಹತ್ತು ಹಲವು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳ ನಂತರ ಪರ್ಮಿಷನ್ ಲೆಟರ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಹಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿತು, ಮುಂದಿನ ತಯಾರಿಗೆ ಗ್ರೀನ್ ಸಿಗ್ನಲ್ ದೊರೆಯಿತು.

ಮುಂದಿನ ಹಂತ, ಪ್ರಚಾರ. ಈಗಿನ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಗಳಾದ WhatsApp ಮತ್ತು Instagram ನ ಸದುಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ಇನ್ಸ್ಟಾಗ್ರಾಮ್ ಪಾಸ್ವರ್ಡ್ ಬೆನ್ನಟ್ಟಿ, ಹಳೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದೆವು. ಯಾರಿಗೂ ನೆನಪಿನಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಕಾರಣ ಚಿನ್ಮಯ್ ಫಕ್ಕನೆ ಒಂದು ಹೊಸ ಅಕೌಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ. ಈಗ ಪ್ರತಿ ಈವೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಚಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಪೋಸ್ಟರ್. ಎಲ್ಲ ಪೋಸ್ಟರುಗಳೂ ಒಂದೇ ಥರ ಇರ್ಲಿ ಅಂತ ಅದನ್ನು ಡಿಸೈನ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೂತ ವಾಕೀಸನ್, ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಎರಡು ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಗಿಸಿಬಿಟ್ಟ. ಪ್ರತಿ ಪೋಸ್ಟರಿಗೆ ಸರಿಹೊಂದುವ ಬ್ರಾಡ್ ಕ್ಯಾಸ್ಟ್ ಮೆಸೇಜ್ ಬರೆದೂ ಬರೆದೂ ನನ್ನ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ಹಿಸ್ಟರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇವಲ ಪದಕೋಶವೇ ತುಂಬಿಕೊಂಡಿತ್ತು!

ಮುಂದಿನ ಮೂರು ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಪೋಸ್ಟರ್ ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ದೂ ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ದೇ. ಕೊನೆಯ ನಿಮಿಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲುಮ್ನಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಮಂತ್ರಿಸಲು ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿದಾಗ, ಒಂದೇ ದಿನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟ ಪೃಧ್ವಿರಾಜ್. ರಾತ್ರಿ ಹನ್ನೆರಡರ ವರೆಗೆ ಕುಳಿತು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮುಗಿಸಿದ್ದು, ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವಕ್ಕೆ ಇನ್ನೇನು ಐದು ನಿಮಿಷ ಇದೆ ಎನ್ನುವಾಗ ಇನ್ನೊಂದಿಷ್ಟು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡದ್ದು, ಒಬ್ಬರಿಗೊಬ್ಬರು ಬೈದುಕೊಂಡದ್ದು...ಕೊನೆಗೆ ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ವೈಭವ ಹೇಗೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು ಅಂತ ನನ್ನ ಗೆಳತಿ ವಿನುತ ವಿ. (EEE ೨ನೆಯ ವರ್ಷ) ವಿವರಿಸುತ್ತಾಳೆ-

ಮುಂಜಾನೆಯ ಮಂಜು ಕರಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಹೊತ್ತು. ಆ ಸಮಯಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಸದ ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೈಪೋಟಿ ನೀಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೊಸ ಧ್ವನಿಯೊಂದು ಹೊರಹೊಮ್ಮಿತು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಜೊತೆಗೂಡಿದ ಹಾರ್ಮೋನಿಯಂ ನಾದವು, ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇಯ ಕೋಗಿಲೆಯ ಧ್ವನಿಯನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿ ಹಿಡಿದಿತ್ತು. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಹೃದಯ ಶಿವನ ಡಿಂಡಿಮ, ನಾಡ ಗೀತೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಕನ್ನಡಾಂಬೆಗೆ ಪ್ರಣಾಮ. ಅದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಕಾಲಿಗೆ ಗೆಜ್ಜೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿ, ತಲೆಗೆ ಹಳದಿ ಕೆಂಪಿನ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಕುಣಿದ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇಯ ನವಿಲಿನ ಆ ಕುಣಿತ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ರಾಜರು ಮತ್ತು ಶಿಲ್ಪಕಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಣ್ಣು ಮುಂದೆ ತಂದೊಡ್ಡಿತು. ಈ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿದ್ದು ನಮ್ಮ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇಯ ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ಕನ್ನಡ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ ಉತ್ಸವದಲ್ಲಿ.

ಇದು ಕೇವಲ 2020ರ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ ಸಂಭ್ರಮವಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಉಪಕುಲಪತಿಗಳಾದ ಡಾ॥ ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ರವರು, ತಮ್ಮ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷೀಯ ಭಾಷಣದ ಮೂಲಕ, ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ೧೯೭೭ರ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇಯ ಕ್ವಾಡ್ರಾಂಗಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಜರಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ ಸಂಭ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೆದೊಯ್ದರು. ಇದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ ಯಾವಾಗ ಮುಗಿಯುತ್ತದೆಯೋ ಎಂದು ಕಾದು ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ ಹಲವಾರು ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಜೂಮ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಗೆ ಲಗ್ಗೆ ಹಾಕಿದರು. "ಓಹ್!,ಇವತ್ತು ಕನ್ನಡ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವ" ಎನ್ನುತ್ತ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಫಿ ಹಿಡಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ತತ್ವ ತಂಡ ತಮ್ಮ ಕಿರುಚಿತ್ರದ ದೃಶ್ಯಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಪಡಿಸಿದರು.

ನಂತರ ಬಂದವರೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ವಿನಿಮಯ ತಂಡದವರು. ಬರುತ್ತಲೇ "ಹಾಡ್ಯಾವ್ದು ಹೇಳು, ಈ ಕನ್ನಡ ಚಿತ್ರ ಊಹೆ ಮಾಡು" ಎನ್ನುತ್ತ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಮೂಕಾಭಿನಯ ಮಾಡಿಸಿದ್ದು ನಮ್ಮ 'ಚಿದಂಬರ ರಹಸ್ಯ'ದ ಸಂಘಟಕರು. ಮೂಕ ಮುಖಗಳು, ತಮಾಷೆಯ ಉತ್ತರಗಳು. ಇದನ್ನ ಬದಿಗೆ ಸರಿಸಲು ಬಂದಿದ್ದು "ಭಾವಗಳ ಬೀಸಣಿಗೆ ಬೀಸುವ ಮಾಯಾವಿ"ಗಳು. ನಮ್ಮ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ಪ್ಯಾರಡಾಕ್ಸ್ ತಂಡದ 'ಗಾನ ಲಹರಿ'ಯ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಗಳು."ಕಂಡಂತೆ ಕುಣಿಯಿತು ಮನವು, ಹೂವಾಗಿ ಅರಳಿತು ತನುವು" ಎಂದು ಸ್ವರ ಸೇರಿದಾಗ ವೀಕ್ಷಕರ ಮನ ಹೂವಾಗಿ ಅರಳಿತು.

ಸ್ವರ ನಾದಗಳಿಂದ ತಂಪಾದ ವೇದಿಕೆಗೆ ಮಾತಿನ ಅಗ್ನಿ ಹಚ್ಚಿದ್ದು "ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ಚೇತನ" ತಂಡದ ವಾಕ್ಸಮರ. "ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಯಾಕ್ರೀ ಬೇಕು?" ಅಂತ ಒಬ್ಬರು ಅಂದ್ರೆ, "ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದಿಂದ ನಿಮ್ಗೇಸ್ರೀ ತೊಂದ್ರೆ" ಎನ್ನುವ ಪ್ರತ್ಯುತ್ತರಗಳು. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಪುಷ್ಟಿ ನೀಡಿದ್ದು ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರ ಮಾತುಗಳು. ನಿಲ್ಲದ ವಾಕ್ಸಮರವದು. ಕೊನೆಗೆ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರರು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಮಂಜಸವಾದ ಮಾತಿನಿಂದ ವಾಕ್ಸಮರಕ್ಕೆ ವರ್ಷಧಾರೆ ಹರಿಸಿದರು. ನಂತರ "ಗ್ಲೋ ಶಾರ್ಟ್ ಟಾನಿಕ್" ಮಾರಲು ಬಂದ ಎಂ.ಬಿ.ಎ ಅಂದರೆ 'ಮಾಯಾ ಬಜಾರು' ಆಟಗಾರರಿಗೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿದ್ದು ಇ-ಸೆಲ್ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ತಂಡ.

ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ ಸಿರಿ ಹುಡುಕಲು 'ಅಲೆಮಾರಿ'ಗಳಾಗಿ ಅಲೆಯುತ್ತದ್ದವರಿಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಗಸೂಚಿ ವೆಬ್ಸೈಟ್ ಒದಗಿಸಿ, ಅಲೆಮಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ಸೈಟಲ್ಲಿ ಓಡಿಸಿದ್ದು ಐ.ಇ.ಇ.ಇ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇಯವರು. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಗಿತು ಇನ್ನೇನು ಉಳಿದಿದೆ ಎಂದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಷ್ಟರಲ್ಲಿ "ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ನಮ್ಮು, ಉತ್ತರ ನಿಮ್ಮು" ಪರ್ವಾಗಿಲ್ವಾ? ಎಂದವರು ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ಕುತೂಹಲದವರು.

ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರು, ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರು, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು, ಇತರ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಿಂದ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿತ್ತು ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಅದಮ್ಯದ ಜೂಮ್ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾಟ್ಯೂಬ್. ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ "ಕೋವಿಡ್ ಇದ್ದರೂ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ ನಿಲ್ಲದು" ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಸಾರಿ ಹೇಳಿತು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಭ್ರಮಾಚರಣೆ. ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ಅದಮ್ಯ ತಂಡದ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಚೇತನ ತಂಡವು ಇ-ಸೆಲ್ ಮತ್ತು ಐ.ಇ.ಇ.ಇಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಒಗ್ಗೂಡಿ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದ ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ವೈಭವ ಮುಂಜಾನೆ ೯ರಿಂದ ಸಂಜೆ ೬ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಜರುಗಿತು. ಮೊದಲ ಭಾರಿಗೆ ಮೂಡಿಬಂದ ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ಅಂತರ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಉತ್ಸವ, ಕ್ವಾರಂಟೈನ್ನಿಂದ ಬೇಸರವಾದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಭ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಉಣಬಡಿಸಿತು.

ವಿನುತಾ ವಿವರಿಸಿದ ಹಾಗೆ, ಸುಮಾರು ಒಂದು ನೂರ ಬವತ್ತು ಜನ ವೀಕ್ಷಕರಿಗೆ ದಿನವಿಡೀ ಮನರಂಜನೆ ನೀಡಿದ ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ವೈಭವ, ದೈನಂದಿನ ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ಕ್ಲಾಸುಗಳ ಏಕತಾನತೆಯನ್ನು ಮುರಿದಿದೆ. ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಮೊದಲ ಆನ್ಲೈನ್ ಫೆಸ್ಟ್ ಆಗಿ, ಮುಂದೆಯೂ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲು ಅಡಿಗಲ್ಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಕ ವರ್ಗ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಪಾಠಿಗಳ ಸಹಕಾರ ಅತಿ ಶೀಘ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಪಡಿಸಲು ಹುರಿದುಂಬಿಸಿದೆ!

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UVCEGA CORNER

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

UVCE Graduates Association and IEEE UVCE Power and Energy Society are glad to inform you that a webinar for all the Electric Vehicle enthusiasts was organized on Nov 12th. The topic of the webinar is Innovations in the field of Electric Vehicle Technology presented by Mrs. Lalitha Anil who is the Scientific Advisor at the Crucible of Research and Innovation, PES University, Bangalore. Lalitha is our alumni from 1982 EEE batch and we are glad that we kick-started our new initiative, the "Lecture Series" with her. Missed the session? We've got you covered! Here is the link to the entire webinar - **https://youtu.be/yNlNX9G-D2M**

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

The Entrepreneur Forum of UVCEGA has decided to have the next online meet-up on the 29th November, 8PM (IST). The Topic will be "Mental Health & Well-Being For Entrepreneurs". It was decided that this will be timely topic, given the pandemic and the lockdown for months on end that most of us have been through. The final agenda and the meeting links will be shared shortly.

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

Under the umbrella of UVCEGA, VisionUVCE is continuing the Scholarships initiative for the 10th Consecutive Year. Around 160+ applications are received from 2nd,3rd and 4th year students. We will be having the Interview Process (online) shortly. IF you would like to join, please let us know. If you are interested to know more and contribute financially, you can get the details here: **http://www.visionuvce.in/vu-scholarships/**

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