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EDITORIAL

Voila! Well 2021 is almost over and we are just a few days away from a new year 2022. It feels like the year has passed in a blink although it has been quite eventful. For VisionUVCE specially 2021 has been special considering the big move to merge with UVCEGA was made after almost 12 years of its inception. And an important towards this was taken in November when a Special General Body Meeting was held by UVCEGA to take a vote on the proposal from its members. More details on the meeting proceedings is inside this edition. And with this process on the go, this marks the beginning of a new chapter for VisionUVCE. Hence this edition the editorial team decided on the theme 'An Ode to VisionUVCE'. Albeit post the merge, Sampada will remain the same, the volunteers will remain the same and so will the initiatives. It is just a small gesture of respect to the journey that the name VisionUVCE has had over the last 12 years and to all the people who have believed and have been part of the same.

And for this special edition—it only makes sense to have special editorial with some special thoughts shared by those who have been at the crux of it. So here's pulling Mr. Satish AG into the conversation thread that you and I have:

C So Satish Anna! Its been 12 years and here is VisionUVCE making a big move after bridging the UVCE Alumni and Student Family. How does it feel to you? When you started VisionUVCE with a few others, did you think it would come this far and garner so much recognition amongst alumni?

Honestly, when we started VisionUVCE – it was more of an instantaneous thought and need to create a group to give back to our alma mater than a very elaborate and carefully thought plan. Now, when I look back I feel happy that we made a right decision then to go ahead with that spark. And what an amazing journey /experience this past 12 years have been ! We have had wonderful memories and the satisfaction of being able to contribute towards betterment of namma UVCE with the support of alumni, students and faculty.

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C Yes! Definitely, over time the platform has grown to include more people like me who had a similar spark too and enabled us to do much more for the college together. And for me one of the best things has been the close-knitted bond that I have or others have developed with each other even after we graduate that it truly feels like a family. Testimony to this is the fact that I call you, SriHarsha and Lomesh as Anna along with many more students of the recent batches. What do you have to say about that?

That's the most endearing part of VisionUVCE that we have been able to achieve. We have been able to interact with the alumni starting from 1940s batch till the most recent ones. It is a proof that when you have good intentions and the right attitude, lot of things fall in their place. The bond-relationship that you mention have helped us to reach where we are today with some milestones that no one would believe that a small group could achieve.

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C I completely agree! And I believe that it is because of this kind of strong bond that VisionUVCE has been able to implement so many initiatives from scholarships, best class, project mentoring, UVCE celebrations, Sampada, Avalokana, celebrations like Payana to alumni meetups and much more. The list is big and the impact even more bigger. With the merger, I know one of the concerns addressed was UVCEGA to shoulder this responsibility to continue the impact that VisionUVCE has created all these years going forward.

Yes. Consistency, transparency and open for discussion nature - VisionUVCE showed that these along with right attitude can help build a stage and make an impact. I am sure this will be continued with UVCEGA and with the merge specially the platform is going to grow even bigger as it will act like a centralized channel for the alumni to work and do more for namma UVCE.

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Well that's a wrap on the editorial along with my conversation regarding namma VisionUVCE and UVCEGA merger with Satish AG. Here are the other two founding members, SriHarsha and Lomesh sharing their thoughts.

- Chitra S Reddy, Editorial Team (& Satish A G, Batch of 2009 ISE in conversation)

Whenever I have thought of VisionUVCE, my mind goes back to that day when a few of us sat down under the shades of the two mammoth UVCE trees at the quadrangle. I really don't know if it's the garden city vibes or if the moments of remembrance happen under big trees or if they're coincidences for me. Every person has their share of times when global-good takes precedence in their mindspace and that was mine then :) And with that zone in our lives, we wrote down the key principles of VisionUVCE and trust me it's been 12 years and when i look back at it, it feels very idealistic and too good to be true. Maybe life has had it's way with me and idealism may not be exciting at the moment. But this idea of VisionUVCE has stood strong for the words, phrases we had written back then. And I say this with a chest full of pride and a mind full of clarity. I'm amazed at how a dogged approach to written words can lead to realization of those same words. And I've to thank Satish AG for that leadership and the way he has imbibed those words and phrases within him.

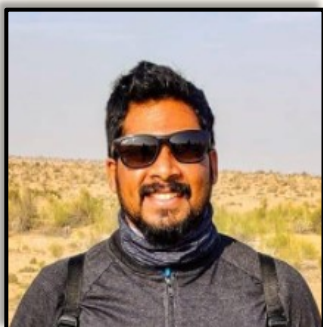


VisionUVCE shows a glimpse of what sustained growth means. It started small and slow, had the right plans, had the best of intentions, surrounded by people who wanted it to succeed, timely support, earned trust and reposed faith. We do case studies on large companies - why & how they are where they are. VisionUVCE is one such example for a case study. It has shown growth in all areas where it has set foot on - Scholarships, Samvaada, Sampada, E-Cell, College Infrastructure Support, Student Support Initiatives, Alumni Interactions and many more. All these while maintaining goodwill with all stakeholders and people even remotely connected to UVCE. This can happen with purest of intentions, good camaraderie and an absolutely spectacular leadership.

Now we're turning a page in the history book of VisionUVCE and that's about merging it into the grander UVCE Graduates Association. If the leadership which has delivered the above experiences has thought this is the best move for VisionUVCE then I'd rather place my trust firmly behind this intention with the hope that the scale of what has been achieved via VisionUVCE will be bigger, better and grander.

I'm teary-eyed as I type this, that lump of throat, that nostalgia! Now that I'm a parent, I vaguely understand what a parent would go through while sending their kids off home for higher studies - that happy sad moment - sad that they're leaving the house but happy that it's for the good. And in this moment, i feel like singing a re-written VisionUVCE tuned "Summer of 69" with louder cheers for "Those were the best days of my life"

- SriHarsha D V, Batch of 2009 ECE



My mind is flooded with fond memories reminiscing 12 years of VisionUVCE while I share these few lines. What I do not want to write about are the events, activities and all the initiatives VisonUVCE has done so far because we all are aware of it. I want to share something different than usual.

So, we were in our early 20s just out of college and were supposed to be focusing on our new jobs, higher studies, making money and spending on materialistic pleasures from our initial earnings. But there we were thinking about setting up a Trust to assist students, unite the alumni, much other deep intentions of giving back to our Alma Mater and all of that. We never started with a huge seed fund with big entrepreneurs writing big cheques.

It was a group of our own friends yet in our 20s donating smaller amounts drawn out of our first-year salaries, also spending weekends after weekends at college. But very soon in no time we had Alumni in their 30s through 70s joining hands in appreciating and trusting us. Today after 12 years of where VisionUVCE stands, yes, I personally have immense pride about it. Though we are 3 trustees on paper for the legalities and Satish AG being the biggest support structure, with great pleasure I say that we are an organization in today's world, with no hierarchies involved. Over the years we have had so many of our alumni and students interact with us and assisted our various initiatives with the feeling of VisionUVCE as their own. We have always sought collective larger opinions before arriving at any decisions. We are happy the way it has run, having built a platform for so many like minded people who came forward and supported all these years.

All this said, just like 12 years back in our 20s we are yet again taking a huge leap of faith in merging VisionUVCE with UVCE Graduates Association for a greater good. Few years down the line I am positive and confident about writing more such articles and going gaga about UVCEGA. Request all your continued support!

- Lomesh K G, Batch of 2009 EEE

UVCEGA SGM

We had the Special General Body Meeting from UVCE Graduates Association on 27th November organized successfully. Around 70 alumni attended the event at KEA, Basaveshwarnagar. This was the first OFFLINE meeting after almost 1.5 years. It was wonderful to see everyone in person after such a long time. Everyone interacted in the beginning with tea-coffee servings and some of them registered as members for UVCE Graduates Association.

As mentioned previously, the main agenda of SGM was to get approval by the Members of the Association to merge the VisionUVCE Trust with UVCEGA. There are couple of changes needed to be made in the By-Law in this regard.

After the initial welcome to the committee and the members, Lt Col Sukumaran sir from 1984 EEE proposed the points for the merger of VisionUVCE with UVCEGA. Satish, who is one of the Trustees of VisionUVCE explained the journey in a nutshell and the reasons for the proposal to merger which are as below:

- Already being officially under the banner of UVCEGA for over 18 months, all our activities under VisionUVCE is being communicated as being under the umbrella of UVCEGA.
- Having same office bearers (and multiple organizations) may lead to confusion among the alumni community about the goals and objectives of both organizations.
- We like to turn our focus on creating ONE strong and wide alumni platform, which is a member based organization.
- This will help in focussing the entire effort to build strong organization and to be identified as the official alumni organization in the long run.

Later, UVCEGA President, Maj Gen Neelakantappa clarified about few points like why UVCEGA was formed, how VisionUVCE has been doing good work in the past few years etc to the members and why it is a good idea to eventually have one single organization with active members.

Ashok ML 1975 asked query about UVCEAA and the current status. He also wanted to know where and how to donate amount for the initiatives. Nanjundegowda from 1984 asked for intro of the Executive Committee and Office bearers.



Suresh H from 1974 congratulated VU and the initiatives. He mentioned about the Scholarships from a separate Trust by the 1973 batch. He highlighted few queries about the merger (12AA, 80G, Income Tax Department Permissions, Legalities etc) and shared concerns about the future, where the efforts of VisionUVCE Team may become futile. His submission was that, it is not good to merge at the moment considering all the facts (considering VisionUVCE perspective).

Ananda B N from 1971 spoke about few points and wanted to welcome VU as part of UVCEGA. He mentioned that 1971 Reunion amount is also being collected by UVCEGA account to help/assist them. He submitted that the merger proposal should be accepted with the terms and conditions decided by the Executive Committee.

Maj Gen Neelakantappa agreed to points of Suresh. He mentioned that - We will consider obtaining 12AA for UVCEGA shortly. But, the future is not in anyone's hands. So, worrying will not help in any way. We need to move forward with good intentions and hopes that everything will be good.

Later, NG Suresh from 1971 batch wanted to know why we can't continue in the same way - a Trust and an Association being managed separately. He said that unnecessary questions may arise from the members in the future and VisionUVCE may not be able to function freely like it is doing currently.

Madhav from 1985 batch, who is also part of UVCE Foundation was present in the SGM. He shared his experiences about UVCE Foundation, the struggles towards 80G and FCRA and other concerns. He mentioned that Trust entity will not be considered seriously by the donors or outside community. Association will be taken seriously and when we approach University/Govt with few concerns, it will be heard. UVCEAA, which is supposed to do this, is not responsible enough and hence UVCEGA is the way forward. He also mentioned about getting legal and financial clearances before merging.

Neelakantamurthy from 1971 batch, mentioned we need younger alumni to join the UVCEGA in order to grow. Krishnakumar from 1971 mentioned that if the objectives are same, then what is the need for 2 entities to exist separately?

Satish and Maj Gen Neelakanatappa clarified all the points and answered the questions accordingly. Wg Cmdr HG Dattatreya from 1964 batch suggested talk to lawyer and get clarifications so that there are no issues in the future. Maj General Neelakantappa agreed and said it will be addressed shortly

After the discussion, Satish read the modified version of the agenda - VU to be merged with UVCEGA with the proposed terms and conditions after the consent from the lawyer and auditor. It was proposed by Neelakantamurthy 1971 and Narayanswamy GA approved it and Seetaramu seconded it. Majority of the participants agreed for the resolution by raising their hands.

The next point of the agenda - modification in quorum was kept in front of the audience. After small discussion, it was agreed that the Quorum will continue to be 10% for AGM/SGM with an additional provision that for adjourned meetings (both AGM/SGM) 25 will be the minimum quorum. Suresh H 1973 proposed, Neelakantamurthy 1971 approved it and Narayanswamy GA seconded the same. Majority of the participants agreed for the resolution by raising their hands. After this, Maj Gen Neelakantappa concluded the SGM by thanking everyone.

We had the Monthly meeting after this where the regular updates were shared - UVCEGA Membership, MARVEL (R&D Lab), UVCE Chronicles, UVCE Autonomous status, Updates from campus, students concerns and more.

The entire event expenses was sponsored by HG Dattatreya from 1964 batch and we are thankful to him for the same. We will be updating the website with such generous contributions shortly. We welcome others to join hands as well, since we do not intend to use the Association funds for these meeting/logistics expenses as much as possible.



AN ODE TO VISIONUVCE

ನಾ ಕಂಡ VU (My vision of VisionUVCE)

VisionUVCE ಎಂದೊಡನೆ ನನ್ನ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಮ್ಮುವುದು ಒಂದು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಭಾವ. ಒಂದಷ್ಟು ಗೆಳೆಯರ ಹರಟೆ ಮಾತಿನಿಂದ ಶುರುವಾಗಿ, ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನವಾಗಿ ಬದಲಾಗಿ, ಕನಸಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಿದ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ದಶಕದ ಸಂಭ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು, ಆಲದಮರದ ಹಾಗೆ ಬೆಳೆದಿದೆ.

VU ಒಂದಿಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಒಡನಾಟ ಶುರುವಿನಿಂದಲೂ ಇದೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ VU ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿವೇತನದ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳು, ವೆಬಿನಾರ್ ಗಳು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವಿಭಿನ್ನವಾದವು. ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ ಸಂದರ್ಶನದ ನಂತರ, ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಂದು ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಅಂತಿಮ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ತಯಾರಿಸಿ, ಸುದರ್ಶನ್ ಹೋಟೆಲ್ (ಮುಚ್ಚುವ ಮೊದಲು) ಬಿಸಿಬೇಳೆಬಾತ್ + ಮೊಸರನ್ನ ಪಾರ್ಸೆಲ್ ಸವಿದು, ಟಾಟಾ ಹೇಳಿ ಹೋಗೋ ಮುನ್ನ ಒಂದು ಸೆಲ್ಫಿ ತೋಗೊಳೋದು, ಒಂದು ರೀತಿ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಹಬ್ಬವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷ ಹೊಸ ಪರಿಚಯಗಳು, ಹೊಸ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು. ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಹಳೆಯ ಬೇರುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸ ಚಿರುಗುಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೇರಿಸಿದ ಸೇತುವೆಯಾಗಿ VU ನ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮ ಅಪಾರ. VU ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿವೇತನ, ಟೆಕ್ ಸೆಮಿನಾರ್ ಗಳು, ಕಾಲೇಜು ಲ್ಯಾಬ್ ದುರಸ್ತಿ, UVCE ಶತಮಾನೋತ್ಸವಕ್ಕೆ ಪಟ್ಟ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮ, ಪ್ಲೇಸ್ಮೆಂಟ್ ತರಬೇತಿ, ಮಿನಿ project , ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರುಗಳ ಸಂಕಲನ (Alumni Database Compilation) ಒಂದಾ ಎರಡಾ... ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳು ಕೂಡ ತಪ್ಪದೆ ಮಾಸಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಹಾಗು ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಆಗು ಹೋಗುಗಳ ವರದಿ.

ಒಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ VU ಸಾಧನೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳೋಕೆ ಹೋದ್ರೆ ಅಡಿಷನಲ್ ಶೀಟ್ ಗಳ ಸುರಿಮಳೆಯೇ ಆಗ್ಬೇಕು. ಇಷ್ಟೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ನಡೀತಿದ್ರೆ ಎಲೆಮರೆ ಕಾಯಿಯ ಹಾಗೆ ಇರೋ VU ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಮನಃಪೂರ್ವಕ ವಂದನೆಗಳು. ಕೆಲಸ ಇಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಗಿದಿಲ್ಲ! UVCEGA ಜೊತೆಯ ಸಂಗಮದೊಂದಿಗೆ, ಈ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅನೇಕರಿಗೆ ದಾರಿದೀಪ ಆಗುವ ಶುಭ ಸಮಯ ಈಗ ಬಂದಿದೆ. UVCEGA ಹಾಗು VU ಸಮಿತಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗಲ್ಲಾ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಹೆಮ್ಮರವೂ ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯಿಂದ ಬೆಳೆಯಲಿ, ಬೇರೊರಲಿ, ಹಸನಾಗಿರಲಿ.

- ಸುಪ್ರೀತ್ ಜಿ, ೨೦೦೯ ECE



My association with VisionUVCE began during the golden jubilee reunion of our class of '92 in July 2017 as we sought ways of connecting with UVCE and met with Satish. I have rarely seen a group of people who are more committed to championing and bettering their alma mater! Many of us have heard about VisionUVCE by way of the monthly newsletter Sampada which they have been sending out every month for the past 12 years now without a break. The newsletter highlights the achievements of the alumni community as well as the happenings on campus allowing alumni to keep in touch with their alma mater.

VisionUVCE has been instrumental in celebrating the UVCE centenary as Payana in which a large number of alumni gathered and had an opportunity to celebrate the momentous occasion on a common platform. It has also published the Avalokana Centenary Souvenirs which follow the journey of UVCE as an institution since the founding years. These souvenirs are truly are a labour of love for the institution and have been hugely popular among the alumni community.

VisionUVCE does a scholarship drive every year awarding a large number of scholarship to deserving students who need financial support. This involves an announcement, information session for students, shortlisting potential candidates, conducting interviews for all of them, collating results, announcing the awardees, fundraising from the alumni, conducting an award ceremony, disbursal of funds and keeping track of the students progress through the year. This is a mammoth effort involving both students and the alumni which is conducted very efficiently by the VisionUVCE team. VisionUVCE has also come up with various platforms to engage students, one of them being the Best Class program which encourages initiative as well as a spirit of volunteerism among students. It has also been celebrating our founder Sir MV's birthday/ Engineer's day on Sept 15th every year as Sammilana which brings all our alumni together.

Last but not the least, VisionUVCE has also been instrumental in building the UVCE Graduates Association as a formal platform for our college alumni and is finally merging with it. VisionUVCE consisted of a small group of committed individuals who have made big changes in

the way students and alumni connect with the college. It is with great admiration and gratitude that I have followed VisionUVCE in its journey of service towards the institution and its alumni and wish it the very best under the UVCE GA umbrella.

- Praveen K C , Batch of 1992 CSE

When I sit to write about VisionUVCE, my memories run back to 2009. I was studying in my final year of engineering. Being a naive 20 year old, I was asking myself 'why does our college not have as many college fests as the other engineering colleges in Bangalore?' Miraculously enough two college fests 'Inspiron' and 'Fiesta' were reinstated. We as the outgoing batch had a blast. We were very thankful to Satish and friends for realizing this for us.



During preparation for campus interviews in final year, I wished we were informed from the first year itself, on the difficulties, areas to work on and focus on communication skills. I hoped we had had better interactions with our seniors, so that we could learn from their mistakes, get a clearer direction to work on getting ourselves. I wondered 'our college has such vast history, but we know very little of our alumnus. How nice would it be to document the past, present and future of our esteemed institution in a magazine'. Somehow all these musings and many more were addressed objectively. None from the college management, faculty, government or any miracles were the cause of this. It was again the sheer love and respect for our UVCE, of Satish and friends again. The sheer zeal of this group, to improve the statute of our own legacy, bringing back the glory of the institute which once educated Sir MV himself. Though from a distance, I've seen the organization grow, from its humble beginnings to an organization, which brought about most of the intended improvements.

During the initial days, the group met up every Saturday as a ritual; shared their ideas with, anybody who would spare a little bit of time. Thus ideated the action plans for VisionUVCE. This ritual of meet up is still kept alive by Satish, despite busy weeks of work. That's the sole fuel which runs the machinery. We still send editions of 'Sampada' every month without fail, which captures the heart beat of UVCE. A scholarship program like no other, which genuinely picks and chooses students in need is also run by VisionUVCE. I've seen the process closely as counselor to talk to the students. This first hand exposure, helped me appreciate the troubles some students go through, to complete their study. VisionUVCE provided placement trainings, newly introduced 'Marvel' initiative, mentorship programs, connecting all branches by making them compete to be ideal classes by stating active and self organizing learning activities. The list goes on, and these are just from the top of my head. Not just these, When nobody cared enough to celebrate 100 years of our institution, VisionUVCE came forward and held an innovative 5k run, later had a celebration with enthusiastic alumni. Commemorated 100 years of UVCE by bringing out a collectible memoir titled 'Avalokana'.

Its hard to believe all the above activities and many more are achieved by a self organized group of students and alumni, without any monetary or powerful background support. If not anything, there is a sense of self organization among students, at least some of them are well equipped for their career with better communication skills and leadership qualities, due to activities of VisionUVCE. None of those was a cakewalk. It's all made possible the sheer will to not give up, despite all the hurdles. Hats off to the determination of the Founders who brought VisionUVCE thus far. Hats off to the students who carried the baton year on year and volunteered rigorously. Now I hear, VisionUVCE is going to be merged with the larger org UVCEGA. Wish whole heartedly for the continued growth of the organization and I'm sure the activities continue to evolve and benefit more and more students in the coming years.

- Yogesh K S, Batch of 2011 CSE

**UVCE MegaReunion | Jan 2011 | 3 Days |
Palace Grounds | 1500+ People**

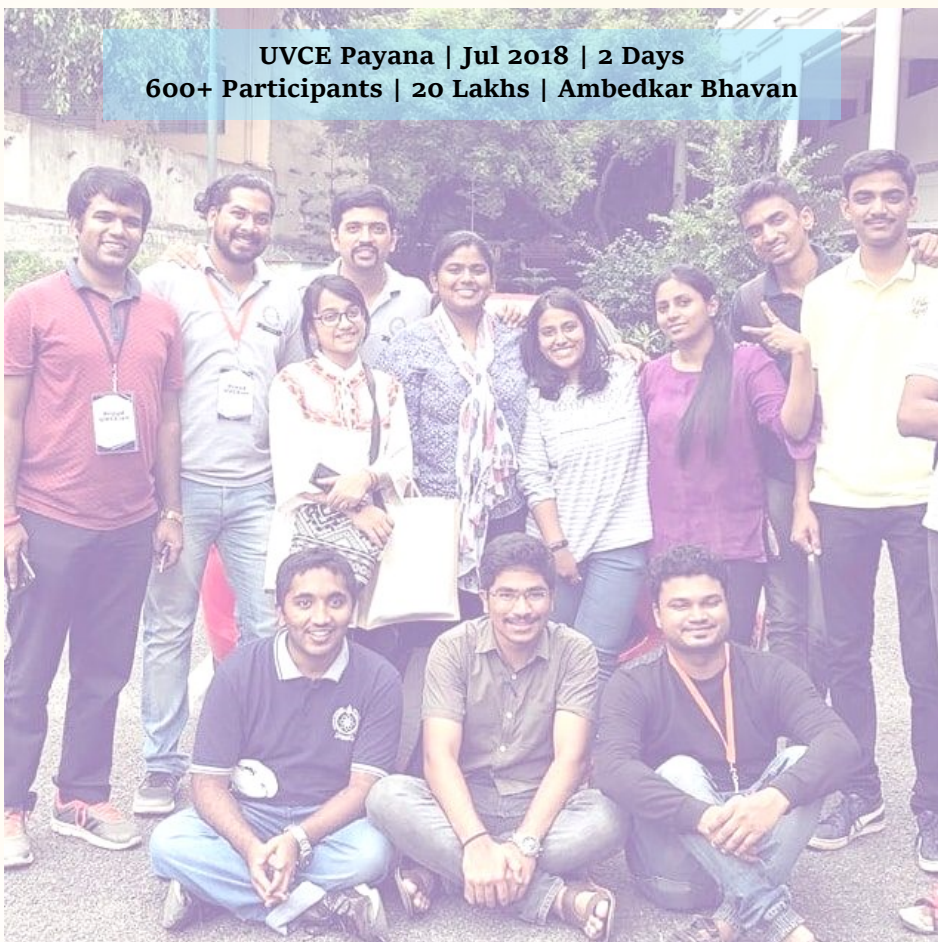


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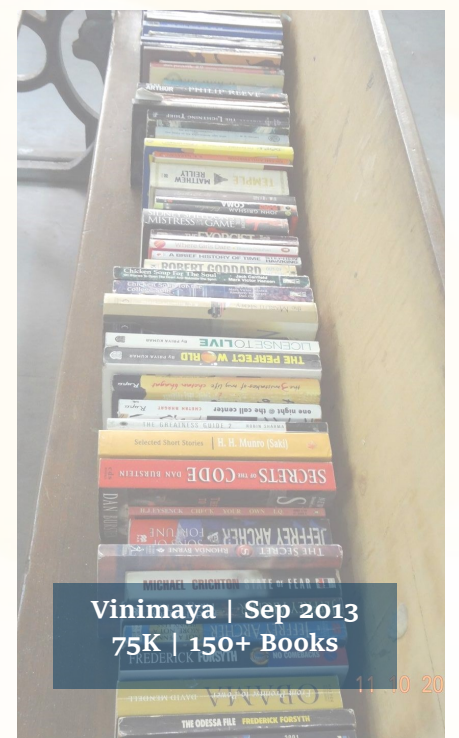


**Centenary Marathon | Apr 2017
800+ Participants | 4 Lakhs**

**UVCE Payana | Jul 2018 | 2 Days
600+ Participants | 20 Lakhs | Ambedkar Bhavan**



Apart from the Water Purifier, we have supported in procuring lab equipment or servicing for labs worth of 3.5 Lakhs. Infrastructure wise - cleaning campus, furnishing rooms, restroom cleansing etc have been taken up multiple times and funds allocated for this purpose is around 2 Lakhs. We have also been hosting the college official website from past 4 years.



**Vinimaya | Sep 2013
75K | 150+ Books**

11/10/20

SAE Competition | GoKart
4 Years | 1.5 Lakhs



Avalokana Centenary Souvenir | Aug 2017
JJ auditorium | 300+ Participants | 5 Lakhs



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SCHOLARSHIPS!



10 Years

41 Lakhs

482 Scholarships

295 Donors



UVCE Jaatre | 5 Years | 2 Lakhs

Sammilana | 6 Years
College/ Century Club | 1 Lakh



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BEST CLASS

Best Class | 2 Years
1.2 Lakhs



Making arrangements during the CET Admissions for the parents and students; Appreciating the student volunteers as VU Champs; Financially Supporting the College Fests and other student initiatives like G2C2 Club and more. Around 4 Lakhs have been spent on these activities during the last 12 years. Though initiatives involving money are highlighted, many more actions needing time and effort have also been taken up

MARVEL UPDATE

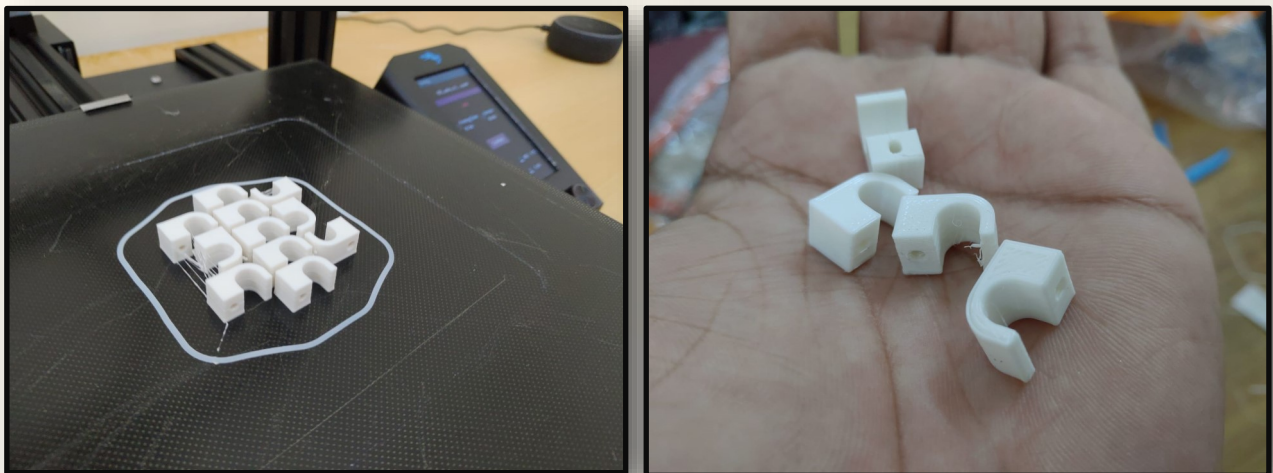
MARVEL has marched closer to enter fully working condition for our first batch, all thanks to the continued team effort of student coordinators at MARVEL and the alumni who have aided us greatly in reaching this point.

A major gain for the lab this past month, is the donation of furniture comprising of 15 tables and a dozen chairs from the batch of 1971. As the MARVEL lab was not able to arrange basic furniture from the institution, we mainly relied on scavenged tables and chairs in various stages of disrepair. The delivery of new furniture to the lab was a breath of fresh air and proved to be absolutely invaluable. We are indebted to the batch of 1971 for this.

In addition to this, we also received a donation of a roomba that serves as a nifty tool for dry sweeping the lab.

Connecting the lab to a stable internet connection was quite the challenging task. What should have been a routine setup from the institution turned out to be a devil's nest. However, MARVEL students handled the situation independently and provided the lab with Ethernet and WiFi, which are essential for all domains.

The 3D printer at the lab saw some action too. Once the computers and other peripherals were setup, cable management became a nightmare. So, the 3D printer was put to practical use when we successfully printed U-shaped wire holders which are in use in the lab.



MARVEL intends to soon kick-start level 1 of our first batch. We conducted a doubt-clearing session where students attuned themselves with the day-to-day happenings at MARVEL and the logistics of the lab. They were also briefed on rules pertaining to student conduct and responsibilities in the lab.

We structured a time table and each student was allotted a time-slot to carry out their tasks. A tracking system was put in place to monitor their progress and journal it. Students will be able to upload images/videos/write-ups of their work after every activity is completed. This will ensure that students are systematically climbing the ladder of tasks, and not missing any important rungs along the way.

We greatly appreciate any alumni who resonate with our motto and purpose or simply is interested to aid this student-alumni initiative. Please get in touch with us to support us in anyway.

Until our next issue, we bid farewell!

A humble request from the team to our dear Alumni is—if would like to volunteer to provide mentorship or conduct any technical sessions/workshops, it will greatly help the students take advantage of this cutting edge tech lab. Please reach out to us if you are interested.

AN ODE TO VISIONUVCE

My memory of UVCE is mostly dotted with events conducted or supported by VU. Two of those that are quite dear to me are - Vinimaya and Jaathre. A bunch of first years including me pitched a few ideas to VU and they thought Vinimaya, a book exchange program, would be a great addition to UVCE's extracurriculars. Over the years, VU has supported several similar ideas related to art, adventure, music from students not just financially, but through mentorship as well. The first Jaathre we organized was supposed to be a small scale event where students get to know about all the clubs and groups in UVCE but received more crowd than was expected. It gives me joy to see that the event is still going strong and students every year come up with creative ideas to keep it lively. I strongly believe that the students will receive the same kind of support and encouragement by UVCEGA as they received from VU.



- Swaroop Eswar, Batch of 2015 ISE

2009 ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ ಅನಿಸುತ್ತೆ ಸತೀಶ್ ಒಂದು ಟೆಲಿಫೋನ್ ಕಾಲ್ ಮಾಡ್ತಾನೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ UVCE ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾತಾಡೋಕ್ಕೆ .ಆ ಕ್ಷಣಕ್ಕೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಏನು ವಿಷಯ discuss ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ ನಾವು ಆದರೆ VisionUVCE ವಿಶೇಷ ಆಗಲಿದೆ ಅನಿಸಿದ್ದು ನಿಜ. Engineering ಒಂದು ಪ್ರೊಫೆಷನಲ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಅದನ್ನ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಡಿಮೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಉದ್ಯೋಗದ ಹಾದಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಾಗೆ. ಆದ್ರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ನ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದು, ಕಲಿತು ಜೀವಿಸಿದ್ದು ಇಡೀ ಜೀವನದ ಹಾದಿ ಹೇಗೆ ಸಾಗಿಸಬೇಕು ಅಂತ ಕಲಿಸಿಕೊಡ್ತು.ನಮ್ಮ VisionUVCE ಹೆಸರು ಕೂಡ ಹಾಗೇ ಇದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಹೀಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಏಷ್ಟು ಚಂದ ಮತ್ತೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಚಂದನ ನಮಗಿರಿಂದ ಜೊತೆಗೂಡಿಸಿ ಸೇರಿಸೋದು ಅಂತ. ಹಾಗಾಗೇ ಇದು ವಿಶೇಷ ಅನಿಸ್ತೇನೋ ಆ ಕ್ಷಣಕ್ಕೆ. ಆದರೆ ಬರ್ತಾ ಬರ್ತಾ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಾರಣ ಸಿಕ್ತಾ ಹೋಯ್ತು.



ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಆದ ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಮಧ್ಯಮ ವರ್ಗ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಳ ಮಧ್ಯಮ ವರ್ಗದ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜ್. Hostel ಫೀಸ್ ತುಂಬಾ ಏನು ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ಹೇಗೋ ಹೊಂದಿಸ್ಕೊಬಹುದು ಅಂತ ಅನಿಸ್ತಿತ್ತು .ಆದ್ರೆ ಸ್ಕಾಲರ್ಶಿಪ್ ಇಂಟರ್ವ್ಯೂ ಮೊದಲನೇ ವರ್ಷ ಅಟೆಂಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಅನಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಆಗಾಗಲೇ ಬೆಳೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮನೆ, ಸಂಬಂಧಿಕರು ಸಮಾಜನ ಮೀರಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅಂತ. VisionUVCE ಕೇವಲ ಅಂಕಪಟ್ಟಿ ಆಧರಿಸಿ ಸ್ಕಾಲರ್ಶಿಪ್ ಕೊಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ನೋಡಿ ಕೊಡೋಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಟಾರ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು . ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ಸಲ ಬೇಜಾರಾಗಿತ್ತು ಫೀ ಇನ್ನೂ ಒಂದಷ್ಟು ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು ಅಂತ. ಆಮೇಲೆ 2 ಟೈಪ್ ಸ್ಕಾಲರ್ಶಿಪ್ - Half and full ಅಂತ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು. ಸಣ್ಣ ಅಮೌಂಟ್ ಅಂತ ಅನಿಸಿದರೂ ಬಹಳ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು. ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ. ಮೆಗಾ ರಿ ಯೂನಿಯನ್. ಅಬ್ಬಾ ಎಂಥ ಈವೆಂಟ್ ಅದು ಒಂದು ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಶತಮಾನ ಪೂರೈಸಿದ ಉತ್ಸವ. VisionUVCE ಅದನ್ನ ಎಷ್ಟು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿತು ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರಿಗೂ ಅದರ ಅನುಭವ ಆಗಿತ್ತು. ಎಷ್ಟೋ ಜನರ ನೆನಪುಗಳ ಮೆಲುಕು ಅವರನ್ನ ಮತ್ತೆ 18-20 ವರ್ಷದವರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು .ಅದಕ್ಕೆ VisionUVCE ಗೆ ಒಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ ಧನ್ಯವಾದ. ಆಮೇಲೆ ಸಂಪದ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ನ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಇಂದಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಮ್ಮವರೇ ಬರೆದು ತಿಳಿಸಿ ಹೇಳಿರೋದು. 10 ವರ್ಷದ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ, ಸಂವಾದ, ಸಮ್ಮಿಲನ, ಪಯಣ, ಅವಲೋಕನ ಹಾಗೆ ಜಾತ್ರೆ. ಎಷ್ಟು ಸುಂದರ ಕ್ಷಣಗಳ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ ಆಗಿದೆ VisionUVCE. ಅದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಒಡನಾಟ ಇದೆ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳೋದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂಥರಾ ಖುಷಿ ನಿಜ ಹೇಳ್ಬೇಕು ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ. ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಜಗದ ನಿಯಮ ಆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆ ದಿನೆಯ ಹಾದಿಗೆ ನಾಂದಿ ಯಾದರೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಸರಿ.

ನಮ್ಮ VisionUVCE ಅದೇ ಹಾದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಗಿದೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು "All the Best". ಜೊತೆಗಿದ್ದು ಇನ್ನೊಂದಿಷ್ಟು ಮುಂದೆ ಸಾಗೋಣ ಹೊಸ ಹಾದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ. **ನಮ್ಮ VisionUVCE ನಮ್ಮ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ.**

- Pramod, 2009 ISE

VISIONUVCE - CAMPUS SAYS

Synonymous to its name VisionUVCE is a team of people with great vision, both for the college and for the students. The work they are doing is incredible and inspiring. We know that the world is full of takers, it wants more of givers, our Vision UVCE is working in this regard. They provide us assistance morally, financially and technically.



Having known them mostly through Best Class, Parichaya, Payana, Maatukate, scholarships and now MARVEL. All these works help us bond better, learn more and above all have a peek at what a great legacy our college has.

It feels amazing when you know you have so many to look up for advices, it's just like having an elder one's back at home. Vision UVCE is doing the same for us, guiding us wherever and whenever required. The wide spectrum of domains our alumni works helps us have more help. I would love to see them be more active, conduct more events, get more people in campus know about them, involve more new students in their work, achieve an amazing feat through MARVEL and be more amazing. It would be great if they conduct small fun or informative events and get more people involved.

I'm sure they'll keep us inspired the same and I hope all of us will have this pleasure of returning to the college, which gave us so much.

- Meghana K S, 3rd year ECE



This my first time writing an article for Sampada. I am excited to inform the readers about what's happening in college as a part of VisionUVCE. This month, I got an opportunity to witness the recording of the UVCE Chronicles podcast & had a chance to see the behind the scenes stuff. I would say it was a great effort from the team, and am excited to see the final version!

I heard about MARVEL from my senior Vakesan. When he told me that they are getting 3D printers and powerful computers, I was very excited to see the new R&D lab. When he asked me if I wanted to join the team, I was more than happy to lend a hand in this 'marvel'ous feat. This is also a wonderful learning opportunity since MARVEL is not bound by strict syllabus boundaries and does welcome new changes in its syllabus, it evolves to accommodate ever changing industry needs and provides students with hands-on experience. It's truly amazing how students are ready to take the initiative and responsibilities.

I would like to Thank Vision UVCE and UVCE Graduates Association for this contribution.

- Pratheeth Adiga, 3rd Sem CSE

UVCE CHRONICLES



Season 1 Finale: Editor's Take - ([Click Here](#))

Team Chronicles has come a long way. We can't believe its been a year since we began. We've taken our listeners on multiple price-less walks down memory lane through the medium of a simple 20 minute podcast. As this season comes to an end, we felt that our listeners deserved something special. For the latest podcast, team Chronicles sat down for a heart to heart conversation to walk you through behind the scenes. Listen and get to know things you'll never find out otherwise!

VU SCHOLARSHIPS 2021-22

Our Scholarships Initiative is back for the 11th consecutive year. Like every year, we will be putting in our best efforts to raise funds, identify students with need and bring the initiative to fruitfulness.

As we have announced, with VisionUVCE merging with UVCEGA—this year's scholarship will be managed by UVCEGA. This is definitely not going to change anything as the people part of the initiative will be the same, the process will remain the same but the initiative will grow even bigger. So this is a humble request to all alumni to support and help us in this initiative in the same way you have the past couple of years because of which we have been able to help hundreds of namma deserving UVCE students in need.

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AN ODE TO VISIONUVCE

VisionUVCE has been a major force in connecting the alumni with students and college and making the alumni contribute back to the college for more than a decade.

VisionUVCE, founded by Satish, Lomesh, Harsha, Satya, Saad and a team of 2009 graduates were the backbone and ground level volunteers who made Mega Reunion in 2011 a grand success. MegaReunion, organised over 3 days at Palace Grounds, College and University was attended by over 1500 members. There was over one and half years of preparation for the event and the help of VisionUVCE team was invaluable. It was during organising of Mega Reunion that I started to interact with enthusiastic and dedicated VisionUVCE team.



Even though tremendous hope came out of MegaReunion regarding giving back to college it was only due to persistence and dedication of VisionUVCE team that a mechanism could be put in place so that alumni can give back to the college.

Scholarship initiative by the VisionUVCE team is generating over 30 lakhs per annum to the well deserved needy students and the system developed has helped other groups like UVCE Foundation and other batches to develop their own Scholarship initiatives. Consistent efforts of VisionUVCE team is clearly evident in not a single issue being missed of the monthly edition of Sampada magazine and releasing on time for the last 10 years. Marvel, the latest initiative of Vision UVCE team to set up a research lab shows their untiring efforts even after 10 years of their existence. Payana was successfully organised to celebrate the centenary year of the college. There have been many other initiatives of VisionUVCE team including helping students to build their confidence. Every week Vision UVCE team especially Satish have visited the college and there will be many ways that college has benefitted from this.

Merging now with UVCE Graduates Association is a natural choice for the Vision UVCE trust as it has always been community driven and making it part of a membership based organisation is in line with its vision. Wishing all the best for VisionUVCE team to thrive as part of UVCE Graduate Association and appreciate all their efforts over the years.

-Sridhar Aghalaya, Batch of 1987 Mech

A TALE OF TWO ARCHITECTS

Sri. S H Lakshminarasappa was the third principal of UVCE from the year 1927-1932. He was a Chief Architect and designed notable landmarks under Mysore Maharaja Krishna Raja Wodeyar's rule. And recently Arvind Krishnaswamy from Bengaluru.com reached out to us regarding the information and photos about him for their story 'Tale of Two Architects'. Here is an excerpt from the amazing article published about his - Sri S H Lakshminarasappa and Prof Krishna Rao Jaisim's life story. (Full article: [Click Here](#); Our Sampada Team Editor AG Satish is also mentioned in the article acknowledgement)

Crossing the Oceans

Liverpool, a maritime city in northwest England is at the estuary of River Mersey and Irish Sea. During the first decade of the twentieth century, the city and the country were in a state of flux. The Victorian era had ended, workers were going on strike, the 'unsinkable' Titanic owned by a Liverpool based company sank in 1912, the city had acquired a reputation of having a high crime rate and the First World War was just around the corner.

It was in these chaotic times that Srinivasarao Harti Lakshminarasappa sailed across the oceans from India and arrived in Liverpool as a student. Born in 1885, Lakshminarasappa came from a family with an agrarian background in North Salem district. He excelled in studies and earned a BA degree with First Class from Central College in Bengaluru in 1903. An interesting contrast in his performance was that, while he won the Jagirdar of Arni Gold Medal for highest marks in Physical Science, he passed his third language Sanskrit in Third Class! He followed this up with a BE degree in Civil Engineering in 1908, where he was the recipient of The J.A. Jones Prize. This was awarded annually to the candidate who got the highest number of marks in Hydraulic Engineering subject while passing the BE degree (Civil) examination. After graduation, he joined Mysore Public Works Department or PWD as an Assistant Engineer.

It was while he was working in the PWD that he got an opportunity to study architecture in England. In the early 1900s, only about 700 students from India were studying in England. Many of them were scions of royal families from the princely states or from other affluent business families. Most ended up at Oxford or Cambridge to study Law. Some others took courses needed to become civil servants, but few took up architecture.

Lord Lytton's Report of the Committee on Indian Students 1921-22 documents several problems that they experienced when they came to England like little or no recognition of Indian educational qualifications and no friends or point of contact upon arrival in a strange land. There were changes in clothes to suit the local culture and climate. It was extremely difficult to secure lodging and finding familiar food. Since India was in early stages of the freedom struggle, even displaying sentiments of patriotism was viewed with suspicion and made life very difficult.

Lakshminarasappa arrived in England a few years after more familiar names like Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (in 1888) and Jawaharlal Nehru (in 1905) both of whom studied law at Inner Temple. Listed between Martha Stewart Laing and Jeannette Lancaster, university residence records of 1911 show that he was literally the odd man out. There were no less than 272 students under Faculty of Arts and he was the only one with an Indian name. Picture yourself in his place for a minute and you will appreciate his courage and determination. Being alone in an alien land did not dent his academic prowess and he excelled at Liverpool just as he had done in Bengaluru.



(to be continued)

AN ODE TO VISIONUVCE

The joy of being part of VisionUVCE (VU) is immense! Somewhere in the year 2015, my music band “8GB RAM” was picking up and we needed a place to practice. Without any hesitation, Mr. Satish AG from VU supported us and had a room within the campus allotted in no time. Since then, that room has been used for various college activities such as Go Green Clean Club (G2C2) and Chakravyuha (Trekking club). Such invaluable contributions and help from the alumni network help the student community vastly. VisionUVCE has always been committed to the betterment of college and the improvement of student life.



Without any hesitation, my friends and I became a part of this wonderful organization. Organizing the centenary marathon was the most memorable of all! The logistics involved and the amount of work put in were immense. I remember walking in Cubbon Park at 11 PM and drawing chalk directions on the road! The event was a grand success! Apart from the above some of the activities that I was involved with VU were the Avalokana event (100th-year Souvenir Release), green plantation drives, and numerous other activities. In a nutshell, there are far too many contributions from VU to college that have created a positive impact on student life. I am grateful for having been part of this great organization in whatever capacity I could contribute. The merging of VU with the UVCE Graduates Association marks a new beginning to the alumni network! I take this opportunity and moment to thank VU for all the help it has provided to the student community and also for providing us an opportunity to be part of it!

-Suhas Chethan, Batch of 2018 ECE

BEST CLASS 4.0 IS BACK!

BestClass 4.0 iteration is here after a break.. Due to Covid, this initiative was temporarily halted from past 1year.. And we have got a good response to this as well.. Around 11 classes have registered voluntarily to participate.. What is Best Class competition?

The amazing memories we recall of the college days, not just along with our classmates, but with our seniors-juniors and other batch friends are so essential that it shapes our approach to any situation. With this thought, we wanted to compare it with the current situation in the college, where due to numerous technical advancements and distractions, human interaction has become very less. This would create more difficulties in building the community in future, or to become an alumnus or even becoming worthy engineer.

So, Best Class is an effort to improve this by making the people within the class to know and work together, develop and grow by helping each other.. They will take up initiatives on their own, make reports and also self assess the progress. This " Social Experiment " will be monitored by one Point of Contact- an alumni- and guide/mentor each class as needed.. You can read/watch the stories from previous iterations of Best Class here..

UVCEIAN IN MEDIA

Apple's Vice President of Operations, Priya Balasubramaniam is none other our own UVCE Alumni from Batch of 1996 Mechanical Engineering. She recently was a speaker at Bengaluru Tech Summit 2021 and during her keynote on tech, she also spoke about her life growing in Bangalore, her journey to Apple and about UVCE! Here's a part of the article and the link to the full article (and other covering about the same):



Apple's partnership with India is expanding in almost every way, said Priya Balasubramaniam, vice president of product operations at Apple, while speaking at the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2021 on Thursday.

Priya, a native of Bengaluru began her speech with Kannada congratulating the Karnataka Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai and team for hosting the world-class conclave-like BTS.

"It is a special privilege to represent Apple at a gathering in Bengaluru. Although I'm speaking to you from Apple Park in California, I feel as if I am returning home. I see the Bengaluru Tech Summit as an incredible milestone—not only for me personally but for Apple's growing presence in India," Priya said.

Apple has been in India for two decades and it first began assembling iPhones in Bengaluru in 2017. Apple's supply partners- Wistron Corp, Foxconn, and others-- now have expanded operations to produce multiple iPhone models for both domestic market and for exports.

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Priya's Bengaluru connection: Priya Balasubramaniam, as said before, is a native of Bengaluru, delved on her roots during the speech. Priya studied Mechanical Engineering at the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE). She was also pursuing a computer programming course at the same time period.

During her studies at UVCE, Priya was assigned to do research work on major technology companies. While most of her peers picked Microsoft, Intel and others, she picked Apple, which back then, had no presence in India.

Her lecturer was a bit confused by Priya's pick and asked her if she was sure about the choice, as it will be difficult to write a paper on a company, which sold no products at that time. But, Priya, who takes inspiration from Steve Jobs, insisted to work on Apple.

A few years later, Priya got her hands on Apple's colourful Macs for the first time, while pursuing the MBA degree at Michigan State University.

By a happy coincidence, Priya soon landed a dream job at Apple. After two decades, she is now vice president of product operations at Apple. "Let me tell you as a former engineering student from Bengaluru who discovered her passion for operations: today, there could be millions of students across Karnataka, throughout India, and around the world, staying after class to ask questions about Machine Learning and AI... examining iPhones and MacBooks and wondering how they're engineered and these sparks of curiosity could ignite the next generation of manufacturing.

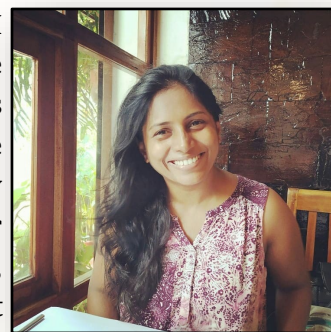
These smart young people are the future of smart manufacturing. As a proud member of the Apple team —and as a proud daughter of Karnataka—I am privileged and excited to help play a part in developing that future and I want to thank everyone involved, including the government of India, " Priya concluded.

Source: Deccan Herald ([Click Here](#))

Read Prajavani Article: ([Click Here](#))

AN ODE TO VISIONUVCE

UVCE is an emotion to me and not just a college name that I graduated from. I always cherish the good moments spent there. For me it was not just going to college to attend the classes or meeting friends but also playing the role of an organiser in college events that made me to think towards what I can do to give back to the college. It was in July 2009, when we realised we will be stepping into a new journey of our lives, a group was formed. No name given, no membership were formed, no rules - just the mindset to do something for our UVCE. That's when it emerged as a group called Vision UVCE along with fellow my mates Satish, Lomesh, Sagar, Saad, Harsha, Darshan and many to count. Honestly, we were confident that we will make an impact, but never even dreamt of making it as the biggest impact in the history of UVCE when we all celebrated UVCE MEGA REUNION in 2011. Again, it wasn't just an event for us, but it was an emotion. Day by day, year by year as our vision started growing, we involved in more activities like mock placements, scholarships, Centenary celebrations and so on. I'm proud to have been part of these events which also helped me grow as an individual with values.



Finally, to everyone who were a part of this journey with me, I wholeheartedly Thank You and express my gratitude. If there is one thing that I have learnt from this journey, it is TEAM WORK - "Tiny drops make mighty ocean".

- Rekha M S, Batch of 2009 ISE



My stint with VisionUVCE began right when I was in my first year. As an enthusiastic first-year in the year 2011, I used to attend almost all events happening in the college. This is where I met some amazing people, some of who are now friends for life. I, along with them wanted to start a Book club in UVCE. So, we reached out to VisionUVCE with a couple of ideas. And without a second thought, Satish Anna was happy to extend support to us in starting Vinimaya, a book club. We were ecstatic when Vinimaya was introduced to everyone in a fair-kinda event. We got all the fundings to buy books, along with people coming forward to donate their books to the club. We operated on an ad-hoc basis in the sense that we'd lend books whenever anyone asked it. Besides this, I also got to be a part of all the events that VU organized throughout my four years and some even after. Running around during events, going campaigning for events from one class to another, writing up articles for Sampada, our tradition to meet up at Hotel Nisarga every year with other VU volunteers are some of my fond memories associated with VisionUVCE.

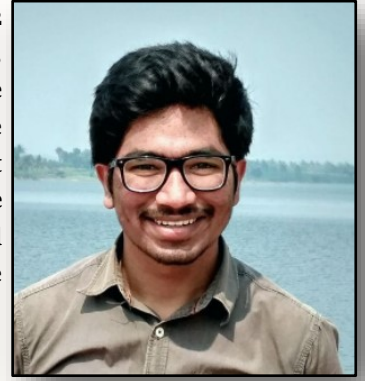
I still remember being extremely overjoyed to have received an award for being a VU volunteer. I might not be as active as I used to. However, I never miss reading Sampada every month. It is my window to UVCE and a channel to stay in touch with my alma mater.

It gives me so much happiness to see this organization complete 12 years. And being able to do this sort of relentless work for 12 years is no ordinary feat. I'm immensely inspired by the people spearheading VisionUVCE's initiatives. And the student volunteers that contribute to VU also have a major hand in keeping this going. I wish everyone the best and that they continue to do the good work and continue to inspire everyone around. I am glad to have contributed in some way and I wish to contribute more!

- Vidhya K Pai, Batch of 2015 ISE

AN ODE TO VISIONUVCE

The way how friends gathered under the idea of giving back to alma mater 12 years ago had exhibited the maturity these youngsters had; By sustaining, adapting and experimenting over time they have now proved to be "True Visionaries" for the institution by merging with UVCEGA and widening the experimental space. It's a matter of personal pride that I, was a part experiencing the growth. I don't exactly remember how I became one among the community member but now it's been integral in my journey along and beyond UVCE. More than what I did with VU I'd want to bring out what VU did to me and UVCE...! Let me start from the most sensitive topic money...



1. Money Matters:

a. Monitoring funds: Where's money there's madness, maintaining the account and making honest use of the available funds donated by many is the most valuable takeaway I learnt. Auditing every transaction twice, making sure no money is put to wrong use is a herculean task.

b. Gathering funds: Vast group of wholehearted UVCEians are to be thanked, whenever we explained our plans visually and presented it in public, they showed at most generosity by donating at their fullest. There are times when we ran short of funds but the trust, we had gained always have saved us and shall in future. Every year the gathered amount disclosed over here: <http://www.visionuvce.in/about-visionuvce/>

2. The Experimental Mindset:

a. Alumni Initiative: Keeping alumni bonded to institution is the most important factor an institution must undertake. Unfortunately, the institution still hasn't taken notable action. Initiatives like VU Sammilana, VU Vaahini, VU Sampada, VU Parichaya, VU Podcast were created and driven. It's still surreal how the team has published consistently for 142 editions of Sampada so far.

b. Student Initiatives: Giving students an extra exposure in their college days would enrich them as valued future citizen, VU Samvaada an initiative to gather the alumni and students is still an experience many cherish. In a student driven environment, it was essential to recognize those who took that extra step in contributing to college, VU Champs was one such initiative. Student volunteers would be recognized, gifted and were thanked by offering lunch. Out of a million things running in my mind I felt important, and I felt I can do more of what I did.

3. The Big Leap:

a. Centenary celebrations: 2017 marked the 100th year of establishment of UVCE. Government had its plans; few others had their plans and Vision UVCE organized majority of the events that others failed to. Marathon, Avalokana and UVCE Payana are those events which I've seen the fine draft, worked on the ground and now writing about it as alumni. It gave me the opportunity to meet those individuals in-person who had made remarkable contribution towards this country. I still remember drawing map on roads of Cubbon Park and few months later walking in the same lane with Padma Vibhushan recipient Dr M R Srinivasan.

b. The Vision Document: Keeping the next few years in mind, VU planned to prepare a vision document for the committee set-up by government, I was asked to search for few things related. It was only then I got to realize how Caltech, Stamford, BITS Pilani and IIT Madras work. The story of College of engineering Pune gave hopes how UVCE can regain its glory. Information about NAAC and NBA accreditation, these are the details that no one cares about among students but are essential for a university. I'm glad to have known that and shall forever cherish the same. Document Draft: <http://www.visionuvce.in/visionuvce-activities/uvce-next-100-years-a-draft-document/>

4. The Democratic way: The Merger - UVCEGA was established for widening the space for alumni to contribute in ways unknown to UVCE. The confusion among people with multiple organization, duplication of efforts and replication of programs could not be afforded at this critical time. This trust was started by 3 trustees and they could have told that we're going to merge with UVEGA and have gone with it, no noise and the easy way. But everyone involved at various capacities were informed about it. I was just a student volunteer and I was provided the space to express my views. Taking everyone into consideration isn't easy as it sounds.

5. The Empathetic side: Lesser-known side of Vision UVCE is its ability to respond and not showcase about it. I've seen professors contacting VU and requesting to help a student in need and we've simply made that happen. I've seen students ask for emergency fund to organize any fest or even a sponsorship for competition which are at National level to any induction program, on many occasions' institution asking for contact details of alumni and we've done our part. The empathetic side of the trust could always be trusted in listening towards the issue and provide moral support to those in need. Another heartfelt thanks to VU who had helped me in times unimaginable and to have encouraged me.

A lot more can be seen and read in this edition about how VU has contributed but now I want to address it to students who might be reading this. Many have asked me if my involvement with this helps my placement; Will they give a certificate so I can use it in my CV? Do you get "Anything" by them for doing all these activities; Why do you want to miss a trip due to some random activities; Don't college have enough people to sweep it's floors ? and what not...! Well, I want to clear all of it now; I got a clear prospective of what a volunteer is and I learnt to adapt, enjoy and embrace change as it comes. These two lessons which takes decades to realize I caught it in my engineering, I'm now benefitting in my professional career due to critical lessons learnt.

Trying to measure in numbers is all we've known; I don't want to quote those because it's beyond numbers which motivated me to be here forever. Not all tasks we've handled is a success, we've failed, we've been experimental, and we have travelled together. I want to mention that all the members involved here have their day jobs which they attend to, hobbies that they want to gain, aspirations that they desire to achieve. Having all these dedicating time to Namma UVCE for over last 12 years with no expectations deserves honorary mention. Satish A G, Lomesh K G, Shri Harsha D V, Chitra S Reddy, Meghashree Gangadhara thanks again for your patience and contribution.

Irony is if we must do anything in college, we've to still stand in queue write a letter wait for permission, run around for few more approvals and still be denied or delayed. Thank you UVCE.

- Harsha S, Batch of 2019 Mech



Every Saturday, without fail you would find an alumnus or two running around the college interacting with the students and faculty. We were curious to know who they were, what they did and why they would visit UVCE even after graduating from here. However, in no time we were acquainted with the alumni of VisionUVCE and began to understand the functioning of this alumni body; slowly started to interact with them and eventually came together with them. They helped students with events, scholarships and boot camps that seemed novel to us initially but we soon understood and recognized that this only stemmed from their belief in giving back to their alma mater in any small way possible.

I have had the pleasure to contribute as alumni alongside VisionUVCE and benefit as a student from VisionUVCE. As a student, I got the chance to work on content creation, volunteer work and interact with alumni from different years and batches. As an alumnus, I have helped my juniors organize events in the campus, contribute to the UVCE journal and plan alumni gatherings. In many small ways, being a part of VisionUVCE has made me feel like I never left college whilst providing me an opportunity to give back to my college. Though VisionUVCE will be dissolved as a trust, its essence will only be carried forward into UVCEGA where I hope we continue to give back to UVCE in the same way.

- Meghashree G , Batch of 2016 ISE

AN ODE TO VISIONUVCE

Back in 2009 a student group thought of how to give back to our college after they graduated? An institution which set us on a path to chase our dreams - to find our dream jobs, to travel the world, to lead a better life. There started a small spark - VisionUVCE with a primary goal to help the students of college in any way possible.



The scholarship initiative : UVCE is a government college where students come from various background. Many students get scholarship and waivers which pays off their college fees, books expenses, hostel fees etc. But, there were many students who dropped studies mid way as they did not have money to pay their fees, survive in Bangalore, meet other expenses. So, we set out to find such students, talked to students, conducted interviews, networked with other alumni to talk to students about their college life and circumstances, and requested to pool in the money to help such students get through college. It started small at the beginning and it took almost 5 years to gain the trust and confidence of an alumni network which was more than 100 years old but was localized to a class group or a year batch or a 5 to 10 year group.

Many initiatives like Library project, Students and Alumni interaction, sponsoring class initiatives, fest events , sponsoring students' projects, Best Class competition, placement training programs, industry relationship and networking etc has built a strong bond between the college students and college faculty with VisionUVCE. Sampada- monthly newsletter which gives insight into the events at college, articles by students, faculty members and alumni has been giving regular updates to the alumni. The transparency of VisionUVCE trust by displaying its financial statement every year has gained the confidence of many alumni to help us achieve and succeed in this movement to do more for the welfare of the students and college. It has also helped in building a strong foundation for Alumni association - UVCE graduate association which is an entity built to reach, engage, and connect UVCE alumni with faculty and students. After 12 years of successful run VisionUVCE will be merged into UVCE graduate association to achieve even more greater milestones for the students and the college. I wish all the members who have supported VisionUVCE will support the association in their future endeavors.

- Darshan, Batch of 2009 ISE



It was when I was in my second year of Engineering(2015) when we got involved with Vision UVCE and the first event was UVCE Jaathre! Ever after this Vision UVCE has been the organisation to go to, if we wanted any support. Even more than the Monetary support, it was the connect in person which the group provided us that made us more like a family.

The journey from a volunteer to an Organiser taking many initiatives for the college has been an amazing and memorable ride. From the Sampada magazine, to VU scholarships , Technical Projects support, Mentorship programme's, Clean drives, and a lot of other events in the college , Vision UVCE had always been with us. When we look back what Vision UVCE has done for our Institution, the achievements are never ending!

Kudos to the team for achieving this great milestone. We expect the same initiatives to be continued now with UVCE Graduates Association as well. All the Best! and Congratulations to the achievements so far!

-Rohvin Dsouza, Batch of 2018 Mech