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The year seems to have begun 3 heartbeats ago and we are already well into February. This time, the limelight is on freshers who have just joined the college, along with all other things happening in the campus. Since it has been about a month since the newest batch of UVCE stepped in, what does one do in and around UVCE when one has some time to kill? Team Sampada went around the college asking students. So if you're a student who's looking for places to go to and things to do, dive right in! And if you're an alumnus, dig in to reminisce the places you've been to, back in your day!

Team Sampada started off near the Rock Garden, the most happening place in the college. ECE 3rd year has been one of the most enthusiastic classes in the college. Here's what engaging in a conversation with them unveiled.

Adrian suggested that before anything else, one must walk every corridor of UVCE. Find out the story behind the classrooms, read what your seniors inscribed on the benches and get lost in the legacy. "Try all the milkshakes in canteen and realize that you can't pick a favorite," Prajwal remarked. Dency believed that one must

visit JB campus and get to know more about BU. Shrinidhi suggested that visiting the new hostel building would be very helpful for Civil students. Akhilesh said explore Cubbon park and the many many routes it entails. The gang also had some advice specifically for students who are not from Bengaluru: explore the city. Start from the heart of the city and go everywhere you can go. Plan Goa and WonderLa trips with your friends.

A few more steps into the Rock Garden and we ran into the Placement Team of UVCE. This is what they had to say: "Ganesh Prasad at Avenue Road is the best place you can go to for amazing food at a reasonable price. Explore Avenue Road. The taste of the Gobi Manchurian there is unmatched. When you're in a hurry and hungry, quickly run to the PWD canteen. If you're looking to hang out with your friends and have all the time in hand, catch a bus to Cunningham Road from KR circle. Step right up is our go to place, but hey, you do your own research and explore. Take a walk in Church Street and find places."

Moving on from Rock Garden, a quick flight of stairs lands you in front of the IEEE room. A casual conversation about this and Kavya chimed in saying "Befriend people from other branches and seniors. Especially seniors." Mohith agreed and added that one of the key advantages is the college being easily accessible from anywhere. Everyone agreed that when your budget is tight, you go to Avenue road and when it's not, you go to MG road. Kruthin and Nilkant said they look forward to students volunteering for various clubs, because what better way to make the most of your 4 years of engineering? Pruthvi Raj concluded the conversation with "Fall in love with the college. You will receive much more than you expect." The hostel boys reaffirmed the fact that one can go to arts college ground to play anything one wants at any point of time.

Two hops away we spotted Shriya and Danish, who had a ready list of places pinned on Google Maps. "Go see Vidhana Soudha and Freedom park. Take a bus to the Museum. Go to VV Puram food street and explore all kinds of street food. Step into Blossoms Book House and you'll never feel like stepping out."

Descending the stairs that we climbed 2 paragraphs ago, we moved towards MARVEL, the new student-run innovation lab of the college. "Come visit the lab whenever you have the time, see what we do!" the coordinators said. This was in fact what we heard from most people. Everyone was more than ready to talk to juniors and help out with anything. And we believe that is the essence of UVCE. People being ready to help you and tell you not to make the mistakes they made. People welcoming you with open arms excited for you to take the journey they're on. Here's wishing you the very best!

- Varsha, Team Sampada



ಯುವಿಸಿಇನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೋಧಕ, ಬೋಧಕೇತರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಖಾಲಿ 90 ಬೋಧಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆ ಭರ್ತಿಯಾಗಬೇಕಿದೆ | ಇನ್ನೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲದೇ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕ ತರಗತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತೊಡಕು

ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಐಐಟಿ ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾಗಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಮುಂದಾಗಿರುವ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ (ಯುವಿಸಿಇ)ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಕೊರತೆ ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇ.60ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಬೋಧಕ- ಬೋಧಕೇತರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಖಾಲಿ ಬಿದ್ದಿವೆ. ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕ ತರಗತಿಗಳ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಕ (ಇನ್ಸ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಟರ್) ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಖಾಲಿ ಉಳಿದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನ ಮಾಡುವವರಿಲ್ಲದಂತಾಗಿದೆ. ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಭರ್ತಿಗೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಹಲವು ಬಾರಿ ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿದರೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ಖಾಲಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಪರಿಣಾಮ ಬೀರಿದೆ.

ಶೇ.60ಷ್ಟು ಬೋಧಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಖಾಲಿ: ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ 'ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಅನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನಾಗಿಸಿ, ಐಐಟಿ ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಈ ಬಾರಿಯ ಚಳಿಗಾಲದ ಅಧಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಧೇಯಕ ಮಂಡನೆಮಾಡಿ, ಉಭಯ ಸದನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಸದ್ಯ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್, ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಪದವಿ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಇತರೆ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 1,273 ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 177 ಬೋಧಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿವೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಕೇವಲ 87 ಕಾಯಂ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಉಳಿದಂತೆ 90 ಬೋಧಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಖಾಲಿ ಇವೆ. ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅತಿಥಿ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸಕರನ್ನು ಅವಲಂಬಿಸುವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಾಲೇಜು ಕಚೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಅಡ್ಡಿ : ಯುವಿಸಿಇಗೆ ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 120 ಇತರೆ ಬೋಧಕೇತರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಕೇವಲ 50 ಮಂದಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಉಳಿದಂತೆ, 70 ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಖಾಲಿ ಉಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿವೆ. ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸಗಳಿಗೂ ತೊಡಕುಂಟಾಗಿದೆ.

ಯಾರೂ ಇನ್ಸ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಟರ್-ಗಳಿಲ್ಲ: ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕ ತರಗತಿಗಳು ಅತ್ಯಗತ್ಯ ತರಗತಿಗಳಾಗಿವೆ. ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕ ತರಗತಿಗಳು ಗುಣಮಟ್ಟದಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದಿದ್ದರೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಅಗತ್ಯ ಕೌಶಲಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹೊಂದಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕ ತರಗತಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 10 ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಮಂಜೂರಾಗಿವೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಖಾಲಿ ಉಳಿದಿವೆ. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರೇ ಇನ್ಸ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಟರ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಿದೆ, ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರು ಅಧಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯದೊತ್ತಡ ಅನುಭವಿಸುವಂತಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನುದಾನ ಸಿಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ: ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷ ಸುಮಾರು 12 ಕೋಟಿ ಹಲವು ಬಾರಿ ಮನವಿ ರೂ.ಗಳಷ್ಟು ಶುಲ್ಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಕಳೆದ ಐದು ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 60 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಗಳಷ್ಟು ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯವು ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸಕರ ಗೌರವಧನ ಪಾವತಿಸಲು ಕೇವಲ 10 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಗಳಷ್ಟು ಅನುದಾನ ಮಾತ್ರ ವಾಪಸ್ ನೀಡಿದೆ. 1967ರಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ ಸುಮಾರು 500 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.ಗಳಿಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಶುಲ್ಕ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿವಿ ಖಾತೆ ಸೇರಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಅನುದಾನ ಮಾತ್ರ ತೀರಾ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಎಂದು ಮೂಲಗಳು ತಿಳಿಸಿವೆ. ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಈ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಹಲವು ಕುಲಪತಿಗಳು, ಯುವಿಸಿಇಗೆ ಬಿಡಿಗಾಸನ್ನೂ ವಾಪಸ್ ನೀಡಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಕುಲಪತಿ ಪ್ರೊ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಅವರು ಅನುದಾನ ನೀಡಲು ಹಲವು ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದರೂ, ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ವಿನಾಕಾರಣ ವಿರೋಧವಿಂದಾಗಿ ಯುವಿಸಿಇಗೆ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಅನುದಾನ ಸಹ ದಕ್ಕದಂತಾಗಿದೆ.

“ಯುವಿಸಿಇಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿಯಿರುವವಳ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಲವು ಬಾರಿ ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಅನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಐಐಟಿ ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು, ಮುಂಬರುವ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಿದೆ. ಯುವಿಸಿಇಗೆ ಅನುದಾನ ನೀಡಲು ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ನಡೆದ ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.” - ಪ್ರೊ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಕುಲಪತಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ



FRESHERS ON CAMPUS SAYS

2021 was really a very colourful year. Pandemic, online classes, CET and the never ending wait to get our results. Amidst all this hubbub, our destinies remained unclear. I chose UVCE primarily for two reasons: Its prime location at the heart of the city and its glorious history. Seeing UVCE from childhood, it was indeed my dream to study in an old college. I visited UVCE in early October with my friend Harsha. Our senior and saviour Nidhi really gave us a clear insight into what UVCE is and how it works. She also took us on a tour around the campus.

Experience in UVCE has been really thrilling. From voluntarily managing stuffs in class to becoming CR, our college has always shown positivity, endurance, hope and a sight of our own future at the end of four years.

Now we must leave the augustus treasures of our past and turn to the future. UVCE is becoming an autonomous university. New opportunities to develop engineering projects for the betterment of mankind, best placements and a really nice social life is what we look forward to. We as 1st year students, have lots of dreams and laurels to be brought to a college that has forever been decorated since 1917.

- Rahul S R, 1st Yr EEE



Everything in this world has its own advantages and disadvantages. It's even true with our college. Frankly speaking I just made my option entry in KCET with all the top colleges in my list and UVCE got clicked for me.



My experience with UVCE, because of this pandemic I have just spent not more than two weeks in the college. But still the experience I had been through was really good. I met an amazing group of friends even though there wasn't any offline contact for a while. I found that we have very interactive and approachable seniors because they are very friendly with us. We are also blessed as we have very well qualified professors and a lot of free time to learn and explore new things.

There were a lot of online events conducted by our seniors to illuminate us about the college, various websites, apps and social media handles of our college, different clubs present, membership benefits, and so on. I think there are a whole lot of things to explore yet. Hope that the journey of next four years in UVCE be filled with more learning and fun.

- Nikita 1st Yr ECE 'A'

UVCE was always a college on my list due to the results I'd heard with respect to placement. The general trend of opinions was great about the teachers, clubs and the extra-curricular activities that took place at the college. I'd seen and read a lot of reviews that emphasized how life at UVCE would have you ready to tackle and be self-reliant. Moreover, the thought of belonging to a campus that had more than 100 years of history sounded quite filmy and who wouldn't want an experience like that.



To be honest, the campus blew me away on the first day of college itself. It was not just about the beauty of the red coloured buildings and the age-old trees that sheltered them but the comfort the campus provided. The college also seemed quite small – in a good way. It felt more like a close-knit community rather than just a place everyone gathered at to study. The thought of being able to graduate in four years with a small family of sorts was rather exciting in a way. I instantly felt like I belonged because of the open environment the campus provided and more importantly, how nice the seniors were. They were all very accommodating and approachable which made the switch from online school to in person college quite easy. Missing out on a lot due to our final year of school being online, I was especially excited to start this new phase of life in a college like UVCE.

- Liyana, 1st Yr CSE

There was no reason I chose UVCE, it was just another college for me. One with a very old history, one older than India's independence, one with an expansive network of alumni; but that was it. Little did I know that soon this place seeming so distant would start feeling like home in such a short time.



The history of "that college" now felt like this history of my college, the walls all more than a hundred year old, all containing tales worth a century, having heard the laughs and conversations of people who grew up in those walls to become people changing the world. The lingo of the college slowly settled into our brains as the "place behind the library" we started referring to as RG and the "stationary shop" we started referring to as society while the "open courtyard" became the quadrangle or minchu.

The canteen's milkshake made of seventy percent ice, like the human body was made of seventy percent water slowly acquainted to our taste buds because, oh boy were we wrong about that mini drafter! We thought it would be fun, we thought how bad can it be? But really how bad can it get? I guess we wait and answer that ourselves.

From being fresh students from pre-universities packed in a classroom awkwardly we've grown to become great friends. From making friends on the way to college in the metro to joining clubs together to collapsing after every EGD lab to gawking at the equipment in the lab to finishing the assignment together at 11:57pm because 12:00am was the deadline to walking around the college and eating the gol gappas and samosas outside the college to having conversations on the group chat till two AM, it feels like a musical and everyone is the main character. Oh, how could I forget about the clubs? In the midst of the quiet first week, came a small sound from a distance, a sound to be reckoned with, a sound that was running the college's spirit and soul.

The clubs made their entry during the orientation week; entrapping all our attention. The IEEE club conducted many more orientations to inform us about the various SIGs each conducting mini-games which had us on the edge of our seats, the "Matheukathe" held on alternating weekends, the workshops that started, the cultural clubs rolling out events all engulfed us even though the college kept switching between the online mode and offline mode, the whole experience consuming our minds and thoughts as they aligned and our worlds started to revolve around the college, with a sense of zeal, rush to get to class as we jump over the divider and run from the metro station, panic to finish assignments the night before, laughter, the inevitably infinite groups now invading our WhatsApps and most importantly the excitement to experience these coming four years promising to get better and better.

- S Gitanjali Reddy, 1st Year EEE

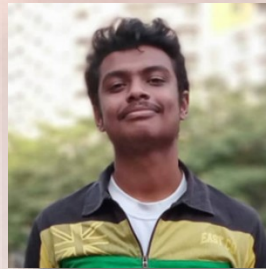
Initially I had heard a lot about UVCE, about people there and about the culture. I wasn't yearning to study at UVCE for all that I had heard made me sceptical. Surprisingly, I was allotted UVCE, AI & ML both in my mock and first round. I felt some sort of connection between me and UVCE. Guided by my fate, I joined this monumental institute. Things that bothered me about UVCE was it is a century old Institution, I presumed it'll be all olde with some outdated infrastructure and facilities and it's a Public Institution!



I was amazed in my first visit to this legendary institute. The alumni list of great achievers, their contribution to the society, renovated infrastructure, expert teaching faculties and unmatched placement. Aforementioned are catalysts of my conviction in the institute to be reliable in aiding me, achieve my aspirations. I saw it a moment ago and already got so close to it. The funny thing is I still haven't explored the campus completely, but I'm determined to, in my term at this College.

- Yamuna B, 1st Yr AIML

In my perspective, UVCE has never failed in providing knowledge for students from different places, irrespective of what they are. Architecture being my passion hyped me to take up in the Institution. It was by luck I got into the college in the first round of seat allotment. My parents encouraged me to take it up. Since I have been in the college for a month, I am now different from what I was before. As I was filled with curiosity and joyfulness, thinking how college would be, the first day of my college was quite simple because I made friends from different places. I also met my intermediate seniors from 3rd semester.



After a few days, the main chapter of my 1st year in Architecture started. I was filled with Social media messages from different groups and started with sheet works, assignments. We are identified outside the campus as B.Arch students only with Scales and Rolls, as I was identified by some of the seniors just like that outside the University.

We have an outing plan with my pals on the time we get, especially on Saturdays. The most highlighted thing as of now is the fashion walk in the college. We had it once and everyone got a chance to do a ramp walk. I am expecting similar events to occur in my course. I hope we can mingle with the main campus students more.

- Ajay P R, 1st Yr Arch



We dream about things and work on chasing them. In the present world, it matters a lot to be in one of the reputed college to gain knowledge and get ready to face the real world. Since my passion was about to design and construct new kind of buildings, I thought civil was appropriate for me. As I decided to join civil engineering, the major question in my mind was about the college. During this procedure, the name of the institute I came across was UVCE. The legacy of the college astonished me. The college was the best in all the aspects. Since even my CET ranking favoured my dream.

The first time I came to campus, I sensed the whole atmosphere was so warm and welcoming. Very soon I was selected as a CR of my class which made me get an opportunity to talk to every one of our college. And the best thing during our initial days of college was the induction programme where I got all my doubts cleared and a right guiding path for my 4 years journey. When I got to know about the clubs and fests, I simply felt that I would have a lovely journey in the college. And with the same hope of learning new things and experimenting I am waiting for the upcoming days, to make beautiful memories of my life in the college.

- Swapna, 1st Yr Civil

Three months before the KCET exam I came to know about UVCE. It was the last place I would want to end up in for my 4 years of engineering after hearing that it was a government college. But I don't know what struck my mind or was it really Sir M Visvesvaraya from above who was guiding me, a month later I just started browsing about UVCE and had almost gone through each and every article and answer about UVCE and that's when I actually decided and fixed my mind that if I getting into a KCET college it must be UVCE.



I was so thrilled on the first day starting off with the man himself at the entrance. I get goose bumps every time I pass through the entrance. I was so excited that I made sure I was the first to be there and step into our ISE classroom. After a while, all my classmates including me were eagerly waiting for the arrival of some teacher but then we had a rather unexpected surprise, it was the first class of engineering and there was no teacher but this actually gave us the time to speak to all of my classmates. By the end of the day I had become friends with most of them. But the best part of the first day and part which I was eagerly waiting for was our beloved Vice Chancellor sir's address.

So be it the culture, Sir M.V., the UVCEian spirit, the placements, the free time, the IIT model etc. everyone would have their set of reasons and I can go on and on and on about why I love UVCE and how I am ever so grateful to be in this place and will always remain a proud UVCEian.

- Harsha S K, 1st Yr ISE

We've likely already questioned what college would be like. Would it be like a family? Would it be like a senior high school education? Would you stay capable to control it? Will it be fun and exciting? Will it be scary and nerve-wracking? Well, even I had those questions. Hopefully, a glimpse at a day in UVCE will help sort some things out! On the very first day as I stepped into the college, I felt like I entered a completely new world, there was a liberal atmosphere that made a difference. The entrance was filled with first years, they were all new faces or rather new and exciting faces. People here had come from different parts of the state and some even from different states, this was a new exposure and new experience and it didn't take long to connect with them. The professors here are fun too, sure some are strict but that's there in every college.



After our little exploration of college, we were addressed by the seniors, well they were very sweet and friendly. They mentioned to us about all the clubs and how exciting the fests are. They also cleared all the doubts from placement to even a good place for bunking. They also shared some of their joyful experiences and advised us that we make these 4 years the best of our life.

To summarize our first day, it was like a film. It had fun and fear. I remembered all the happenings and reached home with a smile.

In the end, it's been one month and I can say that college life is a beautiful blend of joys and memories. Right from the very first day, every day spent was full of colorful events.

- Sai Krishna, 1st year Mech

NEW HOSTEL BUILDING UPDATES



MANAGING ALUMNI-ALMA MATER RELATIONSHIP

This article was published in Medicon Open Access magazine (February 2022 Edition). The author is Prof R Natarajan, Former Chairman, AICTE and Former Director, IIT Madras, India and our own alumni from 1961 Batch.

Summary

This paper looks at several facets of alumni-alma mater relationship and strategies for managing it for achieving success. It is recognized that nostalgia is the glue that can sustain the relationship, and continuous mutual communication is essential to keep alive the relationship. There are mutual expectations which must be carefully fulfilled. The driving forces for promoting the alumni-alma mater relationship and critical success factors should be recognized and nurtured. Regular Reunions, on campus and at the different alumni centers are necessary to maintain the momentum of the relationship.

Introduction

The alumni of educational institutions represent one of their important stakeholders and it is very important for the alumni-alma mater relationship to be managed in an enlightened and effective manner. While this happens routinely in the US, it is only recently that higher educational institutions in India have learned to recognize the alumni as important stakeholders who should be cultivated as contributors to the achievement of the mission of the institution.

The strength of the Relationship is a function of the success achieved by the Alumni; the credit they are prepared to ascribe to the contributions of the Alma Mater; the efforts made by each to keep in touch with the other. The relationship itself is rather tenuous, such as that between parents and children, as they grow up. The alumni must also remember that while they are important as stakeholders, they are supplementary stakeholders, in the sense that they should desist from involving themselves in mainstream activities such as selection of Director, duration of the Director's term, budgetary details, and determination of Institute priorities, as alumni of an institution in Bangalore were proposing to do recently.

While mutual communication is essential to keep alive the relationship, there are gaps in the process. Efforts are needed to make improvements in this area. With so many IT-enabled artifacts available, it must be possible to do better in this respect.

There are mutual expectations, which are ill-defined and diverse: the alumni expect the alma mater to constantly keep in touch with them; communicate with them; continuously enhance its reputation so that the alumni can be proud of their alma mater; and keep the feel-good factor at a peak all the time.

The alma mater expects the alumni to: feel proud and good about the contributions of the alma mater in providing a good foundation and initial conditions as the basis of their present success; constantly keep in touch with it; promote activities that will benefit the Institute, in both tangible as well as intangible ways; form cohesive groups in the cities they live in, and help each other, if and when necessary; and provide mentoring and counseling to current students.

There are several barriers to achieving success: time constraints (time for self and family vs alumni activities); apathy / cynicism, in some cases; lack of communication; and history of some bad experiences.

Some of the strategies to overcome the barriers are: Institute Distinguished Alumnus Awards to honour the Alumni for their Achievements and Accomplishments; establish communication channels and continuously communicate and interact; and organize re-unions (gold, silver, pearl, etc.); re-unions are like summit talks - adequate preparation is crucial.

Like in any partnership, or collaboration or joint activity, the following are essential for achieving the desired results: regular meetings, get-togethers, newsletters, chat sessions,

e-groups; identification of nodal persons on either side, who provide a focus; mutual understanding and respect; clear articulation of goals and projected activities (e.g. Institute needs that alumni can fulfill); feedback, to re-orient or fine-tune plans; response – fast and precise (the world is full of impatient people!); broad-based participation – (we need numbers and scale.); leadership; involvement of current faculty and students ; good documentation of success stories; and learnings from Best Practices of others.

Driving Forces for promoting the Alumni-Alma mater Relationship

The driving forces exist on both sides – the Institution as well as the Alumni. On the institution side one can identify the following: Recognition of Alumni as important stakeholders; Institution's needs requiring alumni contributions; Feedback on academic as well as other relevant matters; technology collaboration; and infrastructure requirements.

On the Alumni side, we can identify: Nostalgia; recognition of contributions of alma mater in laying the foundation for current suc- cess; loyalty to alma mater; and patriotism towards India.

Critical Success Factors

The following can be identified as critical success factors for getting positive outcomes from the alumni-alma mater relationship: commitment and support of Director/Head of Institution , Deans and Heads of Departments; Identification of 'Champions' in the Institution who will drive the Relationship; Careful articulation of Institutional needs worthy of alumni support; Appropriate recognition of assistance provided; prompt and 'correct' response by the Institution; effective communication; documentation ; and bestowing importance to the 'feel-good factor 'on both sides.

The Importance of Reunions

Every Alumni Reunion is an opportunity for the alumni to turn the clock back and feel younger again - in virtual time; to meet their classmates and friends, whom they have not seen for many years; to meet their teachers of yester-years and learn to appreciate them a lot more than they did as students; to showcase their Alma Mater to their spouses and children.

The Alumni Reunion is also an opportunity for the alma mater to feel proud of the alumni achievements and accomplishments, for which the Institute laid the foundation many years ago; to obtain valuable feedback from the alumni and also suggestions on how the Institute can serve its stakeholders better.

Over the years, the Institute has learnt many interesting things from such Reunions: The Reunion is an emotional experience for the alumni as well as for the Institute. The nostalgia the alumni feel has both space and time correlations: it is directly proportional to the distance between their home and the Institute, and the time elapsed since they left the portals of the Institute. Nostalgia is the glue that binds the alumni to their alma mater.

Most of the alumni acknowledge that they owe their success, at least in part, to their residence and studies at the Institute. They have more attachment to the hostels than to their departments. The undergraduates have more attachment to the alma mater than the postgraduates, not only because of their longer stay in the Institute, but also because they were younger when they were UGs. In fact, recent efforts by a predominantly postgraduate institution like the Indian Institute of Science have been less successful than the IITs, which are predominantly undergraduate institutes. The alumni feel that their teachers are better - much better - than they thought they were while they were students here! There is a generation gap between the alumni and the present students as there is between them and their children. They are keen to do something in return for the Institute, but the details need to be worked out.

In conclusion, an excellent potential exists as Alumni Goodwill; but we must convert this latent potential into explicit support for the Institute, through positive processes.

UVCE IN MEDIA

Bangalore University: A varsity always in crisis mode

Results held up, evaluation messed up, students beaten up, political outfits banned, funds diverted and precious land given away to government agencies at will... there's hardly any day when Bangalore University isn't in the news, negative news that is. So what's wrong with the eminent centre of learning? DH caught up with the vice-chancellor, Prof Venugopal KR, to find out what he has to say:

Despite digitisation, exams and paper evaluation have remained problematic in BU. Why does the university take one year to declare the results?

We have decentralised the evaluation of exam papers. The system at BU is so robust that we are capable of declaring the results in just a day provided our teachers do the job. From the scanning of answer papers to evaluation and tabulation, the whole process has been digitised to curb cheating.

In this case (the delay in distance education exam results), teachers from outside the state and other universities were unable to come to evaluation centres due to the pandemic restrictions. But now, the evaluation is almost done, and we will be able to announce the results soon.

BU cut a sorry figure recently when students were given more marks than the total. How did that happen?

It was a mistake but a small one. But I must say that it happened due to the carelessness of the students, the cavalier attitude of the evaluators, the negligence of the (exam) custodian and the result-announcing staff. As there were both freshers and old students, it was clearly stated in the question paper that old students have to write for 100 marks and freshers for 70 marks. Yet, their carelessness, and the indifferent attitude of the evaluators led to this. Only 12 students got different marks. The results were recalled, papers were evaluated (afresh) and fresh results are ready.

Clashes between the teaching and the non-teaching staff have affected the university's progress in the past. How did you manage to quell that?

As soon as I took charge, there was only one parameter: academics and administration. The factions that constantly made headlines were largely due to disparities in salary, promotion, incentives and positions. I addressed all of these by promoting 220 out of the 240 teachers and giving them whatever they wanted, in the very first year. I then asked them to deliver. They cannot escape from work now. I have given projects worth Rs 2 lakh each to about 100 teachers. They will have to do research and publish papers every year. During the pandemic, they all focused on teaching because everything was monitored digitally.

But the same efficiency wasn't shown in PhD admissions.

The delay again is due to the pandemic. But we quickly covered the losses. In just a few days, we completed the entrance exam, coursework review and admission. We admitted about 800 PhD students, including 400 from the SCs, STs and OBCs. No other university gives them an honorarium of Rs 20,000 a month.

You are accused of diverting funds to the UVCE? Why this special treatment?

There is no special treatment for UVCE. It was part of BU. One must understand there is no shortage of funds in BU. UVCE was bringing in more revenue than any other department in BU. Yet, it was ignored all these years. I set that right by spending on basic amenities for students. Works in Jnanabharathi are also going on.



Why is no student outfit allowed on the campus? Can't students fight for their rights in BU? Definitely, students must fight for their rights. But why take political colour? I myself had been in various positions of student organisations in the past and I know how they work. I am of the opinion that if a student has any problem, let them come to me directly, I am sitting here 24X7 to resolve their problems. Why they should go to a political party?

Why do several syndicate members call you a Hitler? Many even say you are pro-right.

Syndicate members must explain that. All through my tenure, I have never taken up any work or project outside the purview of the syndicate. Had I been Hitler, I would have bulldozed everything and worked as I pleased.

As far as the ideology is concerned, I believe only in only two ideologies, good and bad, not left and right. I only go by what is best in the interests of BU and its students.

BU has given away a big chunk of land to government agencies during your tenure.

When 45 acres of BU land was given away for BASE (University) a few years ago, there was no opposition. Only when I gave a few acres to top research institutes so that BU students get exposure did many people oppose it. I have only given 15 acres to UGC to train 12 lakh yoga teachers and 10 acres for a joint research venture with ISRO, NAL and GTRE (DRDO) to boost aviation research. Another two acres were given to the Council of Architecture which will set up the National Digital Library at BU, five acres to NAAC for setting up guesthouses. CBSE was given one acre for its campus in South India.

On the other hand, I have succeeded in getting 40 acres in Ramanagar our PG Centre. I have raised a fruit garden on over 20 acres and planted nearly 10,000 saplings in Jnanabharathi.

Source: Deccan Herald, Feb 06, 2022

NEXT SAMPADA - UVCE COUPLES SPECIAL

February is widely regarded as the month to celebrate love. While it is important to cherish your loved ones every day, it is also important to take some time out to acknowledge it once in a while.

Meeting your significant other at UVCE: what better way to be connected to the legacy of this college, besides sharing the same college experience? We're sure the college holds a very special place in your heart. So if you met your spouse at UVCE, or know someone who did, then we're listening! Reach out to us and tell us your story, because we're all ears, just like our readers of the next edition, which is going to be a Couples Special!



UVCE CHRONICLES



Season 2 Ep 1: Escape Velocity - [\(Click Here\)](#)

In the Season 2 first episode, Escape Velocity, we have Smt. Anuradha TK from the batch of 1982, the first female Satellite Project Director at ISRO. Join Varsha from ECE 4th year as our guest takes her through what it is like to work at ISRO and be a part of so many exciting projects.

'82 BATCH REUNION

25th December, 2021 was special for the alumni of Electrical batch who joined in 1982. A Reunion was organized at the College premises to remember the wonderful memories of college days. The group met at around 11 AM at the Quadrangle. With the garlanding to Sir M Visvesvaraya's bust, the event was officially kick-started.

Later, they met the current Chairperson of the Department and visited the Classrooms and various labs and walked down the memory lane. The old memories - the fun, interactions, exams, teachers and practical exams - were all shared along with the tour of the campus. Some of the faculty members accompanied them as well.

After the mandatory Group Photo at the Quadrangle, the group visited Grand Nisarga Hotel for lunch and socializing. A wonderful video of the entire occasion is made and shared with us. You can watch it here - <https://youtu.be/kUmqy48cxEs>

We are thankful to Prakash sir who shared these details with us and also congratulate him and others who took up this initiative and gathered the batch. From UVCEGA, we will be supporting such reunions in the future.



UVCEGA UPDATES

UVCE Graduates Association has been very active in various fronts in the last month.. Here are few of the highlights:

- **Placement Bootcamp :** Placement Bootcamp for the 3rd year students has been organized by UVCEGA. Around 220 students have registered for the online sessions. Out of the 4 weeks, 2 sessions on Campus Placements @ UVCE and Resume Building are done during the last two weekends. We have various young alumni conducting these sessions (in 2 batches) and they have been well received as well.
- **Connect with Alumni for Placements:** UVCEGA is grateful to Satish Ananthaiyer, CEO of Celona for reaching out to us and later visiting UVCE for campus recruitment. It is a matter of pride that one of our alumni took the initiative and showed interest to visit the campus. Now 3 students are offered to work in the company. The support means a lot to us and we hope more alumni will come forward in the coming days. UVCEGA will always be happy to be of any kind of assist and you can reach out to us - campus@uvcega.org
- **UVCE Maathukathe:** We are interacting with students on a weekly basis online. It is open for all the students and majorly for them to share their thoughts with each other. With offline and online classes juggling around, the students find it hard to establish bond with their own batchmates and seniors, which was very easy pre-Covid era. Maathukathe is the platform for the students to get to know about each other.
- **Meet with Faculty:** UVCEGA Executive Committee along with few senior alumni had an online meeting with the Principal, Chairpersons, TPO last weekend. We shared some inputs and data from our end and wanted to know how the alumni can support going forward, once college becomes autonomous. We have not some views shared and would like to reach out to each department separately in the coming days. We are working out an action plan for the same..
- **UVCEGA Autonomous Think-tanks:** We have formed 3 Committees to suggest ideas and plans for the Association and alumni community in general, on how the alumni can support UVCE once it becomes autonomous. We have some eminent alumni who have agreed to share their views with us.
 - Research and Innovation Committee
 - Industry Collaboration Committee
 - Branding & Fundraising Committee

The idea is to get some groundwork done on how the alumni can play a vital role in the development of our alma-mater and support the various initiatives once it becomes autonomous. The discussions amongst the Committee members via emails and online interactions have commenced. Apart from these 3 Committees, we also have formed a Co-Ordination Committee, which can help in taking the suggestions to the next logical step.

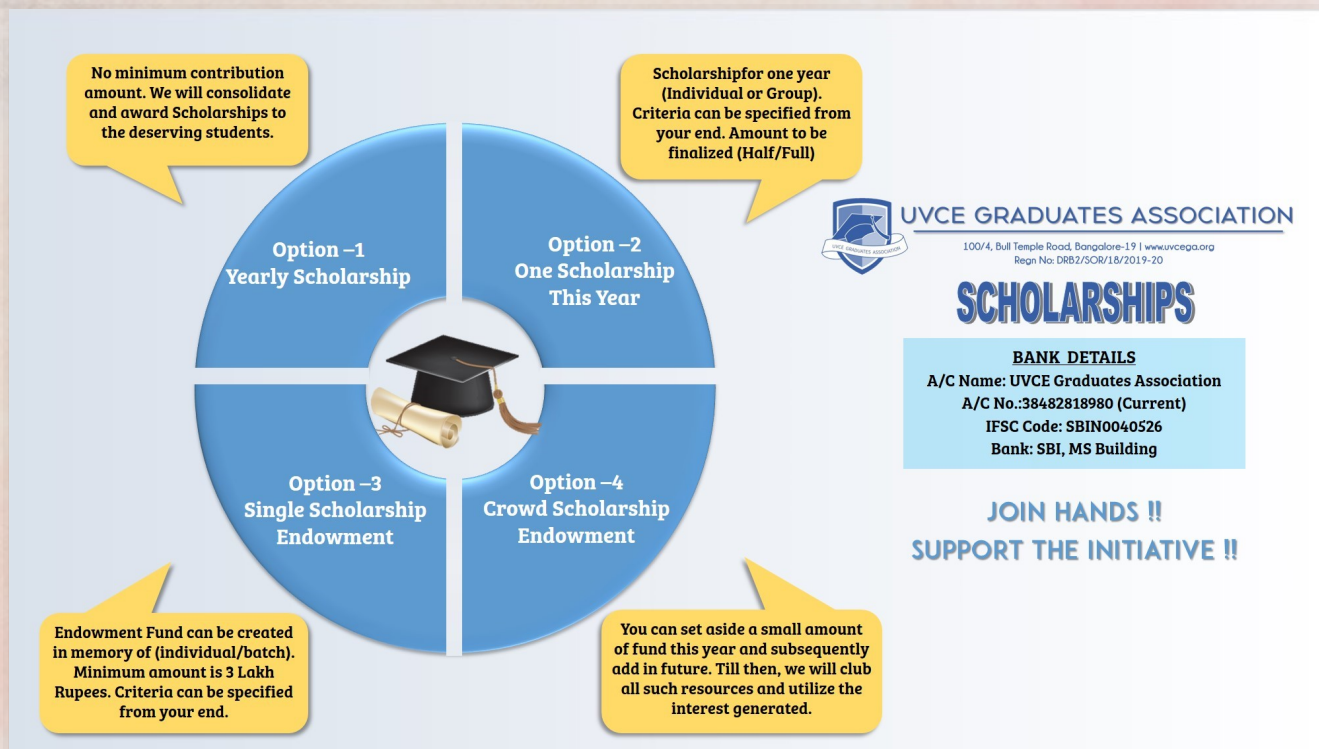
We will be publishing more details about the members of the Thinktank and the action plan suggested by them shortly. We will want more alumni to be active participants and stake-holders in this initiative. You can share your thoughts too here- <https://forms.gle/gLy61gypU81myjva9>

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UVCEGA SCHOLARSHIPS 2022



UVCE Graduates Association was started 2 years ago with an intention to support our college and foster the pride of being a part of UVCE in every graduating student. The vision of UVCEGA is to reach a larger alumni group, grow the alumni network and further help our alma-mater to reach new heights.

The scholarship initiative will be started under the UVCEGA banner this year onwards. We do know that various groups/batches have been doing their bit for the past many years. For example, the 1973-74 batch alone has awarded Scholarships worth around 6.25 Lakhs in the past few years.

VisionUVCE has distributed Scholarships worth 40-41 lakhs in 10 years to around 400 students. UVCEGA will be taking it over from VisionUVCE and hoping that you and other alumni will continue their support and help us in getting bigger and better. As UVCEGA, we would like to provide different options to the Donors and the poster attached gives an overview. Here are the details:

- **Option 1- Yearly Scholarship:** No minimum contribution amount in this category. We will consolidate the total amount and award Scholarships to the deserving students.
- **Option 2 - One Scholarship this year:** As an individual or a group, you can contribute the amount for one Scholarship for this year. We will be finalizing the amount for Full/Half Scholarships in due course and inform the same. If there are specific criteria, you can inform us too in this case.
- **Option 3 - Single Scholarship Endowment:** It can be individual or group, and the Endowment Fund can be created in memory of or honoring someone. The duration and the number of Scholarships will be decided based on the Funds and will be revised once in 3 years. In this category, the minimum amount is 3 Lakh Rupees. You can decide the criteria and rules of Scholarship from your end.
- **Option 4 - Crowd Scholarship Endowment:** If you would like to create a recurring Scholarship for next 'X' years, but would like to set aside a small amount of funds this year and will add some more funds in subsequent years, this is the category. We will use the interest generated for the initial year and combine it with other donations or similar funds.

All the donors will be listed on our website and also announced in Sampada. They will be thanked during the Scholarship Distribution and also in the subsequent AGM. If you have any queries/suggestions, please do let us know - info@uvcega.org