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# SAMPADA

Your windows to UVCE

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*Team MEGAREUNION is coming out with a souvenir that invokes a surge of all those emotions you might have felt when the event unfolded on Jan 2nd and 3rd, 2011.*

*It will be a book release that will comprise of moments of UVCE, its beginning, growth, present and future. Following this will be articles on various genre, scintillating interviews, informative write-ups, artistic displays such as posters, sketches, paintings, poetry etc.*

## Special points of Interest:

- SAMVAADA Slambook
- IMPETUS 2011
- A Letter to Mahatma Gandhi from Sir MV
- Alumni & Their Alma Mater
- VisionUVCE Volunteer Hunt..!!

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*So if you are Interested being part of the Souvenir, please send in your sweet memories, write-ups and artistic hobbies to us at sampada@visionuvce.in*





## Editorial

It has been a month and to remind you all, here we come with a new edition of SAMPADA and it is the 15<sup>th</sup> edition and we will churn it for the months to come. With UVCE bustling with energy and activities, it never will be a problem getting content for our magazine.

The Placement Office in UVCE conducted the selections of Placement Coordinators. Looking at the number of students who took part for the selections, we were reaffirmed that students still do are interested and they do have the zeal to explore the various facets of engineering, personality development and also in a way help the college in smooth running of the operations.

The college has been in the helm of activities with IMPETUS being held on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. And then there is the most expected MILAGRO, on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. As a student, you can't ask for more from the campus. One hindrance to all these activities in our campus is that, our students lack the required interest in turning up for these events and surprisingly these events have carved a niche for themselves with other college students who turn up in huge numbers and make up for the crowd deficit caused by our college students. These activities are for our students and it must be hugely supported by them. If these events find endorsements from students of other colleges, why is that we still snub them...!!! We request every student out there, to put on display his/her outgoing persona and make sure the activities are successful and the organizers will dare to conduct them in the coming years, because these are what that define the cultural facet of our college.

As for SAMVAADA is considered, we have been active in the last month with activities taking place every week and most importantly strength of students attending these are gradually increasing. Sampada is one forum where you can request for the activities which you want SAMVAADA team to do. And asking gets the better of expressions and it will be done swiftly.

An alumni has words of advice for all the students who are satisfied with what they have. He urges all of them to stay hungry and raise the bar. A student writes about his experiences of attending samvaada sessions. You can look out for more interesting things.

Do reach out to us at [sampada@visionuvce.in](mailto:sampada@visionuvce.in) for all your feedbacks, queries and suggestions. We will be waiting to hear them.

Thanks,

Team SAMPADA

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## SAMVAADA Slam Book

Just when the session was about to start, all that I was waiting for was the session to end. "samvaada" would be an exciting event was the promise from the "Team Samvaada". But like all other normal human beings I didn't go by their catchy poster tag lines. I believed that it would be a dud.

This edition of Samvaada witnessed a pack of 30 odd students turning up. I was still not sure whether I made a wise decision by attending the event.

5 minutes into the event, and I was sure that 500 odd students of uvce had made an unwise decision of skipping the event. Right from the word "start" the session sounded magnetic and joyful. It was unlike all other conventional sessions of boring lectures and age old stories of personal experience. The first edition made it clear that **Team Samvaada not only has the "WILL" to do good things for the students of uvce, but also knows the "WAY" to do it.**



The next editions of samvaada has seen things varying from purely fun oriented events to the sessions that dealt with resume building and programming skills and promises even more valuable stuffs. If "crowd attendance" is the scale to measure the success of any event then I

would suggest a change in the definition of success. But if "quality" and "crowd satisfaction" are the parameters then the sole little word "success" would be too small to describe the impact of samvaada.

A request to all the uvce students would be to exploit TEAM SAMVAADA's readiness to help us. Attend it and you will regret for having missed the earlier editions.



After the weeklong tiring and head banging work in the office, it's not always easy for alumni to spend their weekends for the betterment of their alma mater. And when they are doing to it, they deserve nothing less than a handsome salute and accolades.

Without taking names let me congratulate all my dear seniors of "TEAM SAMVAADA" for their efforts and ever growing passion towards UVCE. A promise from us would be that your efforts will be paid off. You being my inspiration, here comes my words "when I jump out from UVCE, I will make my landing in **TEAM SAMVAADA**" to join you in your endeavor, to give back to the institution more than what I gained.

**Chandrajith Belliappa**

**6th Sem CSE**



## UVCE News

- Placement Coordinators Selections were conducted and able candidates were selected. VisionUVCE team wishes them all the very best and hope that they bring cheers and smiles to the students of UVCE with a rocking placements ahead.
- Impetus 2011 is scheduled to be held on April 8th and 9th, 2011. Do participate in huge numbers and make sure it lives up to the billing. The theme for this year's event is IT and its various facets.
- UVCE's most awaited, spectacular, cultural rejuvenation, MILAGRO 2011, is scheduled to be held on April 29th and April 30th, 2011. Pump the air with cheer, rejoice with the events and catch the amazing action on the big amphitheater in UVCE.
- IEEE Robotics Club is conducting a 45 days, over weekends, workshop for all the Robotics Enthusiasts on Line Follower Bots which involves descriptive teaching experience as well as hands on tasks, executing the problem statements and a robo-war at the end. It is quite an initiative and well handled. We wish all the best for the organizers and participants.

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**IMPETUS** is our National Level Technical Extravaganza started in the year 2001. For ten years now, it has been serving as a platform for the students to showcase their skills and share their views. It brings together the brilliant minds, whose direction of thought has been streamlined by extensive knowledge, to compete in an arena marked by fight for creativity, excellence and innovation. Held on an intercollegiate level, this fest consists of a variety of technical events and sees a footfall of over 1000 students every year.

IMPETUS is a technical fest designed for a change and with vivid difference. Unlike other fests, every year this festival goes out with a message for the engineers. IMPETUS 2009 was focused at spreading environmental awareness among engineers. The year 2010, the fest was themed with women empowerment and Women In Engineering (WIE). The fest has always had a diverse participation from all over the country.



Bangalore, the 'Silicon Valley of India' has been the most prominent hub of Information Technology on the globe for many years now. It is certainly emerging as a software and R&D haven for numerous multinationals. This boom in the IT industry has stirred the student community to look for various avenues that the industry has to offer; be it employment, entrepreneurship or research. The growth of IT in Bangalore can certainly be regarded as a phenomenon, rather a metamorphosis from the garden city to a silicon city with everlasting prospects. By designing our technical fest on this theme, we aim to provide a platform to budding engineers through which exchange and hence, the obvious spread of IT knowledge is made possible. We may learn a bit, but in the long run, combination of these bits would constitute a byte. To sum it all, we will explore a myriad possibilities in the IT Industry at this year's IMPETUS 11.

## Millennium Mantle-bearers.....

...23rd October 1998... a day of reckoning?- No, it was our first day in the college! And what a way to begin! The thought that 33 souls with sturdy soles trekked across wild cross country that is J.B(Jnana Bharathi Campus) to zero is on that elusive Shangri-La i.e. Architecture Department can still be rattling one. None the less we were cooling our heels soon before the very building; with a gut feeling that since it was a little bit odd it must be the one. Lo! it was to be our "adda" for the next five years. (We make it in five, what others can do in four!).

We entered the department looking lost trying to figure out literally what architecture department is all about; for there were studios and no classrooms! (You don't call them classrooms here). Studios with no walls but windows all round reaching down to floor or up to ceiling, (Yes!! easy to give proxy and disappear, but wait, you can be seen for miles around here). Outside cows and sheep would be grazing lazily eyeing us once in awhile, probably wondering that why we can't join them outside as we were doing the same inside! The studio was literally open to all types of experiences. Time stood still, until some crawly reptilian friend would visit us forcing us to take flights of fancy in every which way! After this and the cows, can the cowboys be far behind! The security staff chasing the grazing cow all around would fit the role too. The odd dog would be there too keep us company. All these added spice over the years.

There was not intensive reading to do (neighbor's enemy); while colleagues from other departments would be burdened with books. We say it with pictures and drawings, 'a picture or drawing is worth a thousand words'! Of course figuring out these things from books in the library turned out to be crazy for us too (Hey! B.T.W ours is one of the best "Archie libraries" in the town, Thank you). The staff gave us enough food for thought; whether it was the wonky design ideas, mysteries of history, an earful of acoustics, an elevating experience of lifts or a load of structures. It was the staff that helped us to complete the puzzle by unraveling it. A lot of jargon like concept, form, metaphor, statement etc. made things easy to explain (or did it?).

These 'concepts' born out of much reflection and deliberation translate themselves into homes, offices, theatres, hotels, cities/towns etc. with inputs from Landscaping design and Interior design. This work sometimes involves night outs and night-ups to

get completed- typical of Archie students; especially during semester submission time. It also means tracking seniors for sheets, notes and any hard me downs, which they received from their seniors! (Can't ignore one's heritage you know!). This sometimes involves collective action or positive synergy, especially when group work is involved- urban studies or critical studies of buildings. Naturally brain-storming sessions follow. Well, stop me if you have heard this before.... (Do you have a choice? Hee! Hee!), if you have a rupee and I have one we still have a rupee each after exchanging them. But if you have an idea and I have one, we have two each after exchanging them!).

Hey! It is not all work and no play. It is festival time for most part. We have our college feast MILAGRO. Right! We gotta make our departmental fest ARCHIKRUTHI a success. Architectural competitions keep us on our toes. We travel to the other end of the country to ZONASA or NASA to grab a few prizes (No Jokes Hee! Hee! ). We have to keep tabs on the latest trends, tastes and styles like fashion designers do. By the end of the course some of us turn out to be designer specimen ourselves, some good, some bad and some really weird (What with all that eighteen hour exams! post-modernist deconstruction theories you become one if you are not already!). We are supposed to be professionals who can make simple thing complex even though we are attempting the exact opposite! Isn't that how most things are? You dismantle things to see how they are and put them again together, assuming that something is wrong to prove that it is right.

So upside down or inside out, if it requires us to be unconventional to learn things, so be it and if it is upside down or inside out, all of us know where the Dept. of architecture is. We are always glad to entangle, oops! ...untangle things for you.

Looking back one becomes aware that our waking up to the fact that freedom to think and act is also coupled with responsibility. Those flights of fancy have their feet firmly on ground. The department imbibed in us that all design is essentially a dialogue, not just with the present but with future generations too, a call to leave behind a humane people friendly earth-scape long after we are gone.

A sobering thought indeed!

**Pragna R. Prasad**  
(2000 Architecture)



## ***A Letter to Mahatma Gandhi from Sir MV***

*You say we hold perhaps diametrically opposite views. You are for developing village industries and I favor both heavy industries and village industries. To the extent that you propose to advance village industries, I am at once with you. I can never persuade myself to take up a hostile attitude towards any constructive work, from any quarter, least of all towards work attempted by one with your brilliant historic achievements in public life... I am in favor of heavy industries because heavy industries will save the money that is going out of the country in large sums every year; heavy industries are required to provide the local manufactures of machinery and equipment required by our railways and for defense forces and heavy industries are required also for supplying machinery and tools for the village industries themselves. I recommend more extended use of mechanical power because it produces results for the country much more rapidly than human power. The object is to get food and commodities required by our people for a decent standard of living as speedily as possible ..."*

**- Visvesvaraya**



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## ***Alumni & Their Alma Mater***

*Alumni are the true ambassadors of an Institution. Once they graduate from their Institution, students are spread across today's highly competitive and professional world. Our own UVCE boasts of a illustrious army of Alumni who are today in the most varied of careers - from Trainees to Training Heads, Research-assistants to Professors, Scientists, Engineers, Project Leaders, Educationists, Industrialists, Venture capitalists, Financial wizards.....the list is endless!*

*With advancements in technology and the world turning into a global village, the Alumni of an Institution are all over the globe, with individuals playing key roles in many Organizations. Many of these Alumni are influential decision-makers in the professional world today and can play a vital role in the recruitments in their respective Organizations. It is therefore very evident that the Alumni can essentially play a very vital role in the placement of graduates from its Alma-mater.*

*Over the last two decades, the placement cell in an Institution, has morphed from a simple one-desk-setup manned by a placement guide to a full-fledged, must have "department" in the Institution.*

*The role of the Institution and the alumni needs to be balanced for optimum results for the students graduating every year. For an Institution with a brilliant past like that of UVCE, a symbiotic relationship with the Management and the Alumni would pave a wonderful future for a majority of the students as they graduate.*

*The matter of concern in today's world is not the lack of opportunity, rather, it is the lack of the timely communication and the right coordination. This is where the Alumni Association can step in to help, by providing support and guidance by :*

- 1. Constantly interacting with the Management and the students and keep the Placement dept. abuzz with activity.*
- 2. Making efforts to involve the management of the Institution and help in providing an array of training / orientation modules to students to prepare them for the challenges ahead -*

*i) Alumni who are experienced Entrepreneurs can initiate seminars and orientations to students to inspire them to think "out-of-the-box", venture into various creative projects, using their professional knowledge and skills.*

*ii) Entrepreneurship has now acquired a wider perspective. Entrepreneurship has now become a "mindset". To quote a few options Social entrepreneurship, Political entrepreneurship, Knowledge entrepreneurship etc. Alumni experienced in the relevant field can guide the Placement department personnel to develop a comprehensive document introducing the students to the wide range of opportunities available.*

*iii) Based on their vast experience, the Alumni should also guide the students on the risk factors in the professional world.*

*iv) Ethics and professionalism are the two sides of the same coin. Alumni can play a major role in instilling the right values in the students, to nurture them and mold them into responsible citizens.*



3. Referring and nominating students who undertake such orientations / training camps in their own Organization.

4. Contributing ideas to design a website dedicated to placements or improve and maintain an existing placement-website. Alumni can help in hosting and maintaining this website. Alumni can provide practical inputs to the management and guide them on the uses of this website and how it could be economically viable to host such a website, thereby ensuring that the Institution promotes and nurtures the Placement department to be one of the most vibrant departments in the Institution.

In today's highly connected world, a placement website would be of a high utility value both to the students and to the recruiters.

Apart from career guidance the Alumni can also guide students on options available for pursuing higher education.

We at SAMPADA welcome inputs from our very own Alumni which would help creating greater opportunities for our students. Please mail your feedback and inputs to [samvaada@visionuvce.in](mailto:samvaada@visionuvce.in).

**Ragini H S**

**1991 Batch (EEE)**





## Stay Hungry, Follow your dreams

Today as I write these lines, one thing is for sure to be done: **walking down memory lines.**

There are several important things that have made me what I am today. Of those many things one of course is UVCE. Like me I am sure many of you would agree that this place indeed is a place which has made persona we have today.

The very reason why we had to choose UVCE from among the 100's of other Engineering colleges in Karnataka is evident. It is the premier Engineering college and also one of the oldest not just in Karnataka but in India. It is the one founded by the legend Sir MV himself. The college fee is the cheapest in the state even now.



One of the distinctions of UVCE is PLACEMENTS. Once you are here it is clear that you are one of the cream of the state. Right from Semester 1 it is just by default that you sure will be recruited when the time comes (generally 5-6<sup>th</sup> Sem) by satisfying minimum criterion and an offer letter is guaranteed. The very brand name UVCE gives you the edge over other colleges.

As the days have passed if data is to be looked at, then any UVCEian irrespective of the branch fulfills minimum criterion of eligibility with a fair communication & a good attitude and finds himself among the bus of the MASS recruiters, these companies have a tendency of picking the first fives in each branch & the take a major share of UVCEians. Now among the first ten companies almost the majority of the mass of UVCE is placed. But ask yourself a question once you're placed, WHAT next??

Next is that U need to raise the BAR for you. There is an acute shortage of the quality guys in these CORE competent companies and you need to see to it that you board the cab of these highly choosy companies. It is not that these companies are at UVCE without reason, but it's a proven track record the UVCEians excel in the art called Engineering. But what matters to these companies is not that what you know but to what depth you know.

We need to have a clear cut career path if not a long range at least a medium one should be defined for you. Just for the sake of being placed to have an offer letter is fine but once you are with one offer letter you need to ask yourself a question, "is this fine?" You need to look into a company which is going to quench your thirst in whichever field you want to be. To quote an example, right through these four years of engineering you always wanted to build a superb car but by the time you come to placement, yes you get placed in a software company and you tend to get satisfied, but the trick lies in making sure that the college gets a company of your dreams but for that you need to be quite a material. It isn't just the quantity that should define you, but also it's the quality also.

**"Once you are in the cream of the colleges it is obvious that you got to be among the cream of the companies."**

Every time you get something just raise the bar for yourself, give it a well deserving shot & make it yours.

**Sagar Moudgal,  
2008 Batch, Mechanical Engineering**

## VisionUVCE Volunteer Hunt..!!

*It has been 21 months since we started VisionUVCE and it will become monotonous if the same people write the articles, same faces are seen for the initiatives that we carry out..!! We would like to introduce new energy, new feel and new enthusiasm. Sometimes a small change brings in loads of laurels. So..! Yes..! We are carrying the placards of change and when we say that, we need the fresh oxygen, in the forms of new people who could participate with us in taking these initiatives forward in a new way with new ideas.*



*VisionUVCE is hunting for volunteers and we hope that we get a good response from our alumni and the students in the campus. We can be reached at, **samvaada@visionuvce.in** or **sampada@visionuvce.in**. Do get in touch with us for more details.*

**Thanks,  
Team VISIONUVCE**

## Feedback and Suggestions

*Hello All,*

*We are back again to check with you if we have done a good job with Sampada 15.*

*Did you like this edition of Sampada..?? Was there repetitive content..??*

*Is there something you can help us with..?? We are waiting for inputs from your end.*

*And also, we plan to implement the idea of having Guest Editors for every edition of Sampada.*

*Do you wannabe the guest editor for coming editions of Sampada..??*

*Do you want to nominate somebody for that, do let us know. We can contact them.*

*Are there any views of yours which you want to convey..?? We are waiting to hear from all u all.*

*We can reached at,  
**sampada@visionuvce.in***

**Thanks,  
Team VisionUVCE**