

# SAMPADA

*Your window to UVCE*

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## EDITORIAL

Another month and another new edition of Sampada! Each month as we pen the editorial or prep the edition, how the name 'UVCE' has changed lives of so many forever since we entered the place. Each of us on the Team Sampada, when we write an article or speak with an alumnus or research on anything related to namma UVCE, we always encounter a moment that leaves us with a feeling of nostalgia but more importantly a feeling of pride to be a part of such a great institution and an incredible UVCEian family. This month, that has been amplified even more. You ask why?

The dream of all of our UVCE family has always been to see namma UVCE grow and shine with the recognition it deserves - a part of which was receiving the 'Autonomous Status'. For years, the alumni have vested their efforts into doing their part to help the institution reach that stage and when the Government took concrete steps in this direction, it was the peak of joy for the UVCEian community. What made this month truly special was the inauguration of UVCE's Autonomous Status by the Chief Minister of Karnataka. The Autonomous Status of UVCE was announced along with "State Institute of Eminence" tag and nothing is more rewarding than seeing this moment of 12+ year dream turning into reality .



UVCEians woke up to special coverage articles of UVCE in honor of the event on the D-day and we all witnessed social media groups being flooded with post and reshares of the newspaper clippings by namma alumni. It is so gratifying to see how much love and reverence every UVCEian has for the institution even years after graduating from it. The team has all the detailed proceedings of the event put together in the following page for you to read. As the process of transformation of UVCE continues by the government, there are critical steps for us as alumni to take in order to join hands and do our part in aiding this process. UVCEGA is definitely continuing the ground processes as before to gather alumni together, bring their thoughts and put forth actions to help namma UVCE. We request you all to come be a part of it and unite in this task.

As we speak of UVCEGA, another reason to celebrate this month has been that the UVCEGA Membership has crossed a milestone of 1100 members. This is definitely great news to helping our UVCEian community grow. Also, September saw many activities occur along with the grand autonomous inaugural event, one of which was Sammilana 2022. We have the details covered in the pages to follow but one main thing to highlight for me is definitely seeing how event small events or initiatives like Sammilana are gathering so much attention and support from the Alumni and being successful in terms of its goal to bring thoughts and ideas together for UVCE's development. And as I said continuing the array of events and initiatives were the Kickoff of Unnathi, Batch Reunions, Meetups, more episodes of Chronicles— all taking off the runway and soaring high which means the efforts to connect people and help each other is taking form in reality. As we work more hard on these initiatives for building a better UVCE. We will push to work harder to bring more innovation and more ideas to life, learn from other college alumni associations, work on the suggestions provided by namma Alumni and more. And all this will definitely see accomplishment with the more and more support from you all.

- Chitra S Reddy, Team Sampada

## UVCE AUTONOMOUS INAUGURATION

More than a decade-long dream of UVCE becoming Autonomous has turned into reality. On behalf of UVCE Graduates Association, we would like to congratulate every single person - be it UVCEian or not, faculty, students, alumni, Govt officials - who has contributed in some manner be it directly or indirectly on this accomplishment.

I still remember the MegaReunion days during 2010 when this the topic of discussion in many of the meetings (preparation meetings) where many alumni asked the question. Even during the event, lot of promises were made about making UVCE an IIT and improving the standards by making it autonomous. A Vision Document was released which was jointly collaborated by some distinguished alumni with Bangalore University. It was all very nice to hear and felt like a beautiful dream. From VisionUVCE and later with UVCE Graduates Association, we kept the hopes alive. During the Centenary Celebrations too, we had many alumni asking about the status of UVCE and showing their support to make it a stand-alone institution so that it can regain its glory.



Cut to 2022, the event where the Chief Minister of Karnataka Sri Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated the **University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering** as the First State Autonomous University On IIT Model, I think many alumni would have felt a huge wave of celebrations inside them, wherever they were. Across the globe, many people witnessed this historic moment via YouTube Live. I was lucky to be present during the event at the college premises along with many other alumni. We could see the energy amongst the students who were cheering at every words the Chief Minister told.

From a documentation perspective, here is official report: The Chief Minister said his government was committed to developing the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) into an institution on par with the Indian Institute of Technology, in three years.

The university will be provided required financial support, qualitative faculty and world class infrastructure, the CM assured. Bommai also said UVCE will be free from external interventions and that complete freedom and autonomy will be granted. He urged the students to focus on the basic foundational concepts to have a bright future.

Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwathanarayana, UVCE BoG Chairman Muthuraman, UVCE Development Committee Chairman Dr Sadagopan, Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department Rashmi Mahesh, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and UVCE Alumnus Manjunath Prasad and Principal Dr HN Ramesh were also present on the dias with other dignitaries.

Many of the alumni were also present along with some retired faculty during the event. The Chief Minister who himself is also an Engineer addressed the gathering and assured everyone that Mr Muthuraman will get complete support towards making the institution the best and hoped to see the progress in next 3 years. A UVCE 2030 Vision document was released which mentions about the 5 pillars of development for UVCE.



You can read about the Newspapers reports here - [DeccanHerald Link](#) | [New Indian Express Link](#) | [Prajavani Link](#). Personally, it was gratifying to see the foundation for the new future of UVCE being laid in front of our eyes after such a long wait and consistent demand. We from UVCE Graduates Association have been constantly tracking the progress since the Expert

Committee was formed and pursued it with the Govt Officials and the Higher Education Minister. The Executive Committee on behalf of the UVCEGA members thanks the State Govt, Chief Minister, Higher Education Minister and Govt Officials for making this happen.

We would like to showcase some of the Ads published in the Newspapers published by the State Govt of Karnataka on the day of the event.

**UVCE UNIVERSITY**  
The future of technical education

### A legacy institution's transformation

The latest dates to discuss these details have been defined by the project to transform the UVCE into an Engineering University. The project is being led by the Government of Karnataka, with the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramoiah, as the patron.

UVCE will be the best institution in the nation for technical education.

UVCE is a legacy institution that has been a part of the Karnataka State Government's technical education system for over 100 years. It is a pioneer in technical education and has produced many successful graduates who have gone on to become leaders in their respective fields.

With the support of the Government of Karnataka, UVCE is being transformed into an Engineering University. This will allow UVCE to offer a wider range of programs and to attract more students from across the state and abroad.

The transformation of UVCE into an Engineering University is a landmark event in the history of technical education in Karnataka. It will ensure that UVCE remains at the forefront of technical education and continues to produce the best graduates for the state and the nation.

**ಯುಜಿಸಿಇನ ಹಿರಿಯರ ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತತೆಯ ರಹಸ್ಯ**

### ಬಿಬಿಟಿ ಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಏರಿಸುವ ಕನಸಿಗೆ ರಕ್ತೆ

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All the major newspapers in both English and Kannada - Prajavani, Vijaya Karnataka, Vijayavani, HosaDignatha, Vishwavani, Samyukta Karnataka, Times of India, Deccan Herald, The Hindu carried this announcement by the Govt. Some of the dailies mentioned some highlights of the Hundred Year old college and quotes by alumni, academicians, college authorities and Govt officials on how UVCE Act came into light in such a short span of time. Some of the ideas and thoughts of the Govt, if implemented at quick pace, will help in taking UVCE to a higher standards.

We are also glad to mention here that few of the prominent alumni were listed in these ads and Maj Gen Neelakantappa was also included (with a note saying he is the President of the Association with more than 1000 alumni members). We are elated to see the recognition for UVCE Graduates Association and hope to take it forward. We have reached 1100+ members now.

## SAMMILANA 2022

When I saw that the wait time at the metro station was 11 minutes, my heart sank a little. I'd be late for Sammilana- a celebration in honor of Engineers Day. After a successful Unconference, Sammilana was the next event that the batch of 2022 was attending as proud alumni.

You would think UVCE alumni are spread across the world far and wide, but their experiences are even vaster. Where else do you find so much knowledge, skill and passion under one roof?

Manning the registration desk meant you personally get to greet every alumnus who attends the event. What better way to network? After a quick round of welcome drink, the event started on time as planned. How did it go? You should perhaps ask Avantika Misra, Embedded Engineer at Anderson-Negele from 2019 ECE, one of the attendees:



“I’m from the 1962 batch. Your parents also must have not been born then, hahah”.

These were the lines that the Director of BESCO was heard telling my friend and we all laughed nervously; but were proud to meet such an accomplished alum at Sammilana.

From getting insights into the ISRO’s activities to the evolution of the theatre world, this gathering had the most humble and learned people I have ever met.

It was the first time I was attending UVCE’s alumni meet and phew! I had the best time speaking to the smartest people in the country from their respective fields. Everyone had something to share, and we bonded over the development of UVCE right from 1960s to 2022.

So what did this gathering have in store for me? Networking? Socialising? Fun time? Yes! But more importantly, it was about getting to know the people behind UVCE’s success today and also learning about your Alumni family.

Getting an engineering degree and signing up as an alumnus should not be the end goal here. Staying connected with the family & alma mater even after getting a degree is what makes you a proud alumnus. Someone who can bring about changes for the good of all and stand by their fellow alumni. For example, this can be seen in our college labs today. The equipment present in the college is top notch and has given a new perspective to our budding engineers-theory will get you marks, but what about practical? It teaches you the wonders that an engineer does out there :)

If we don’t take the first step today, then how can we expect someone else to? “Be the change you want to see”, maccha. And lead the way, because UVCE alumni always got your back ;) Sure looks like the attendees had fun. But what about the organizers and volunteers? We asked Rahul S R from 1st year EEE, a volunteer for Sammilana:

It is always thrilling to meet our college alumni. The post-lunch conversations were really charming. Sammilana was special as we could meet alumni across various batches and streams. Occasions like Sammilana give us the opportunity to hear and interact with our illustrious alumni. The talks by Sadashiva Sir, Gopalkrishna Sir and Prakash Belawadi Sir were thought-provoking and inspirational. We truly admire the love and affection of our alumni for their beloved alma mater. Right from veterans to more recently graduated alumni, the Q&A session with Maj Gen Neelkantappa Sir gave me insights into how we as students are stakeholders in the transformation of UVCE on the lines of IITs.

All in all, Sammilana achieved its purpose in celebrating the engineers of UVCE in their respective fields. We can’t wait to see what the next event has in store for us!

- Varsha Bhat (Batch of 2022 ECE)

Around 75 people attended the event - UVCE Sammilana - Engineers Day Celebrations by UVCE Graduates Association. The event was very simple and the speakers shared their thoughts with the audience highlighting their experience and contribution of Engineers to the society.

Satish, UVCEGA Secretary welcomed everyone and updated about UVCEGA activities. Also announced couple of new initiatives - Unnathi (Higher Education Connect & Support); SynchroSessions (Alumni to conduct workshops/sessions for students); Meet N Greet type events for Reunions, Casual Meets, Focussed meetings etc

P Sadashiva Rao, 1961 Batch - Project Director, ISRO shared his views and experiences at ISRO and challenges during those times where the availability of technology was very limited.

Prof Gopalakrishnan, 1983 Batch - Professor at #IISc, Aerospace Dept shared his views on Engineering and how UVCE should leverage autonomous status going forward

Prakash Belawadi, 1983 Batch - Media Personality & Actor shared how Engineering has helped him in his field of films and camera recordings. He also mentioned about how branding is needed for UVCE to get the limelight it deserves.

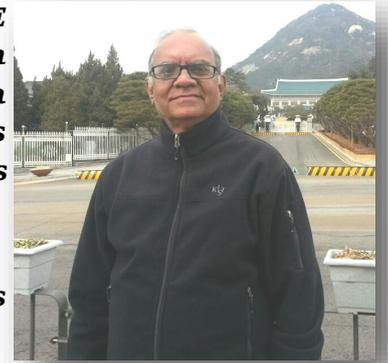
Maj Gen Neelakantappa, President of UVCEGA - updated everyone about the autonomous status of UVCE and how we are working to make sure complete support is provided to Muthuraman, Chairman of BOG, UVCE

Few queries were raised by the audience on current status of UVCE and some suggestions made by the participants on how UVCEGA should move forward. Everyone agreed to support the UVCEGA initiatives in their own capacity. After the group photo, everyone proceeded for lunch and had a gala networking time!!



## IN CONVERSATION WITH RAVIKUMAR

*As we celebrate more and more progress in the betterment of UVCE with the Autonomous Status dream being implemented, Team Sampada and UVCEGA is speaking with more and more of namma UVCE Alumni to understand their thoughts and suggestions. This month, we have Ravikumar Sir (Batch of 1973) sharing his thoughts with us:*



**Team Sampada:** *Finally the dream of UVCE becoming autonomous is being turned into reality. What are your initial thoughts about it?*

**Ravikumar Sir:** This is the best thing that could have happened to UVCE in the last few decades. However, all the stake-holders : Central & State Governments, Board of Governors, College management, Corporates and UVCE Alumni have to put in lot of efforts to realise the dream of making it a great university.

**TS:** *In your view, what are the few points the new University/college should focus on?*

- RK Sir:**
1. Recruiting the right professional to head the University/College and empowering him/her to take the required decisions
  2. Developing Proposals to seek support specifically financial support from Central/State Govts. and Corporates for initiatives like establishing Centre Of Excellence
  3. Research focus in specific areas that can attract Industry/faculty/students

**TS:** *What can be the short term and long term action plans for the alumni community like UVCE Graduates Association to support the alma-mater?*

**RK Sir:** From a Short term Action Plan Perspective:

1. To work closely with BOG/College Management to fill in the gaps in preparing the proposals
2. To arrange for special lectures/workshops in specific areas for the benefit of students & faculty
3. To incentivise Students who show exemplary interest in research / innovation

From a Long term perspective, UVCEGA can come out with proposal to create and strengthen an Eco System for Innovation & Entrepreneurship. And also develop Corpus funds to support Research/Higher Studies for exemplary students

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# CHRONICLES

## Suhas Chethan

with  
ADRIAN



UVCE Chronicles presents Season 2  
Episode 9: String Master

Suhas Chethan (Batch of 2018 ECE) is this week's guest. A Senior Engineer at Texas Instruments, Suhas' side hustle is more interesting than most - being part of the music band "8GBRAM".

Join Adrian from 4th year ECE as he asks our guest about his postgraduate studies currently being pursued in the University of San Diego, how 8GBRAM came to be, his UVCE life and lots more. Listen now!

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## UVCE IN MEDIA

### KEA to fill up seats at autonomous UVCE this year

Here is some good news for the candidates who are eyeing seats at University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) Bengaluru, one of the most sought-after government engineering colleges in the state.

Although it is now an autonomous university, all the seats will be filled through Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

There were rumours that UVCE will go out of KEA's ambit and conduct its own counselling process, causing worry among parents and students. But the final seat matrix, released by KEA, has put an end to all this by having seats available at UVCE in its pool.

However, the UVCE University officials told DH that 75% of seats will be filled through KEA and the rest 25% at the all-India level, as per its Act, from the next academic year. "As it is late for the current academic year to fill seats at the all-India level, we have written to the National Testing Agency and University Grants Commission seeking exemption for this year," an official from the University said.

Over 700 seats are available at UVCE in eight different departments.

Source: Deccan Herald ([Web Link](#))

Branch/Course	No of Seats
Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning	60
Computer Science and Engineering	70
Civil Engineering	120
Electronics and Communication Engineering	120
Electrical and Electronics Engineering	80
Information Science and Engineering	60
Mechanical Engineering	160
Architecture	38

Check the complete details about the Seat Matrix for UVCE at the college [website URL](#)

### Board of Governors appointed University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering

The first governor's board for the newly formed University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) has been constituted and approved by Governor Thawarchand Gehlot.

The board comprises Prof. S.Sadagopan, Founder and Former Director, of IIT Bengaluru and entrepreneur BV Jagadish who is also a former student of the institution among other members.

Minister for Higher Education, Dr CN Ashwath Narayan stated on Tuesday, that the appointment of a board of members has been approved by Governor Thawarchand Gehlot.

Maithili Ramesh (Co-founder and CEO, NextWealth), Y.Narahari (Director, Brain Research Centre, IISC) Professor B Basavarajappa (Registrar, IIT Dharwad), Nikhil Kamath (Co-founder, Zerodha), Air Vice- Marshal B Narendra Kumar who is also the former student of the institution, are the other members of the board, informed Dr CN Ashwath Narayan.

He further added that the term of their membership is for 3 years.

Source: The Print ([Link](#))

## UNNATHI - SESSION ONE

Unnathi is a new initiative to guide, help and support students interested in pursuing their higher studies either in India or abroad. The idea is to connect the aspiring students and alumni.

The first session was organized on October 8th, Saturday at 8 PM IST. We had the below speakers:

- Chitra Reddy (2016 UVCE), University of Connecticut School Business, 2019
- Kaushik Golithadka (2019 UVCE) , University of Southern California, 2024

The speakers for this online meet. The guest speakers shared their personal experience about pursuing MS in USA and answered few questions.

The speakers emphasized on challenges that are specific to pursuing higher education in the USA, what are some of the best practices they followed that helped in their application process; course selection; general prep. They also answered the students' specific questions on how to choose



universities, how post graduation work opportunities look like whilst the speakers also highlighted how thorough research into all the processes and building a network is important.

You can find [the video](#) published in our Youtube Channel which has the overview of the session giving the jist of points shared.

## TEDXUVCE

Both of us started the discussion of a TEDx chapter as a casual conversation without any thought of putting efforts. But one fine day, we came back discussing the same thing but rather with a serious note! Guess what, the idea of forming TEDxUVCE was framed. We discussed for days on

how to go about it, and by days may be even weeks. Right from drafting letters to include Faculty Co-ordinator to getting permission from Principal about the proposal! Even filling up of the application form for the TEDx license was an uphill task. After around 1-2 months of preparations, we applied for the license. It wasn't easy coming; we were mailed by the TEDx community upon making some changes to our application within just 2 days. We fought back, with a much detailed and diverse form of our initial draft. After a day or 2, we got the mail which we were waiting for 7 weeks - LICENSE CONFIRMATION. The most joyful day since the initial journey was the mail of a TEDxUVCE license. - **Sheehan Ghosh (1st year, MECH)**.

TEDx is an independently organised TED-like event with license from TED. The red theme in UVCE syncs greatly with TEDx by our luck. We received our license on 7th October, 22. Delighted to have started the first club, post-autonomy of UVCE. I am glad to have Sheehan, a fellow Christite and UVCEian as co organizer. TEDx is an immense opportunity for our outreach by organizing talks to share ideas worth spreading. TEDx UVCE is a win-win for everyone. TEDx is a community driven event where local voices of people with BRILLIANT IDEAS worth spreading shall have stage. For an institution with such a glorious history, we are looking forward to have students, alumni, professors, admin, or anyone with great ideas can be TEDx speakers at TEDxUVCE. Here is the link- <https://www.ted.com/tedx/events/52468>

- **Rahul S R (1st year, EEE)**

## IN CONVERSATION WITH PROF. YELLA REDDY

**Team Sampada:** After almost more than a decade long demand, UVCE has been declared autonomous. What are your initial thoughts about it?

**Prof YR:** *Satisfaction:* The struggle has met with some success.

*Reservation:* The govt. promises many but implements very few – if any. One doubts if the govt. will allow the necessary freedom to this autonomous body.

For an autonomous UVCE, the govt. should provide the framework, funds and let the admin in UVCE create the infrastructure. The director's appointment shall not be by any meddling govt. but by a committee headed by the chairman and a few members of authority. The appointment of faculty and staff should be likewise.

*Hope:* I shall be very happy if my reservations are proved wrong. Despite, UVCE University may succeed by its legacy, and its bright students.

**TS:** As a student and faculty, you have witnessed the glorious days of the college. From your perspective, what are the few points the new University/College should focus on to regain the legacy?

**Prof YR:** It is important to create good (if not state of art right away) infrastructure – class rooms, laboratories, workshops, faculty rooms, seminar halls, library, sports facilities, gym, canteen, toilets and such. A mechanism to maintain these in a good trim should also be put in place. Many of the current faculty and staff in UVCE have a meek personality and/or are forced into a subservient attitude by successive administrations. They should be encouraged / forced to come out of such shells and stand up as equals.

The new UVCE University should appoint well learned faculty based on merit, not giving in to the external forces and govt. meddling. Merit need not be just based on degrees and publications. A person for a teaching position should be learned, keen to learn and impart the knowledge to the students inside and outside the class rooms with dedication. This person should be human, objective and even handed.

It is important to get the new & current faculty co-exist harmoniously to contribute their might either by inspiring or reading the riot act to ensure principles and motivation are maintained. This is a huge challenge that the administration, the existing and incoming faculty will face.

**TS:** What would you advice the current flag bearers- both students and faculty should work on to make sure that UVCE becomes worthy of the autonomous tag?

**Prof YR:** *Learn to learn* – from teachers, colleagues, students, books, periodicals, colloquia, discussions

- *Learn to teach* – students, fellow staff, with the help of up to date media creating the medium needed
- *Teach to learn* – from students and others through their Qs, disagreements, discussions
- *Think and learn*

Be objective at all times. Encourage the clever bods to achieve more. Tolerate and help the not so gifted beings to achieve. One has to think how one can do these effectively.

**TS:** What would be your suggestions for UVCE Graduates Association to support the alma-mater in the long run?

**Prof YR:** Fund collection and Philanthropy – big dreams, in crores for: establishing named chairs, labs, organising general and departmental seminars annually, sponsoring visiting professorships and such. Members to consider spending their sabbatical terms in UVCE. Those in industry shall consult, offer their problems and seek solutions from the faculty in UVCE. Invite UVCE faculty to spend their vacation in the industry / research labs. In the least this will inhabit an industry(ous) ial work ethic in them and might get solutions to the industries' outstanding



## MARVEL - STEPS IN SEPTEMBER

We celebrated our first anniversary on the 15th of September. The Hon'ble Chairman of the Board of Governors of UVCE, Shri B. Muthuraman gave a surprise visit to MARVEL with the Principal and OSD. He told us that this is how engineering colleges should be. He was delighted to know about the domains and how it is a student-run lab. On learning that our activities are extracurricular, he told us that this must indeed be a part of the syllabus. Muthuraman Sir was happy to see the initiatives of MARVEL and offered his support from the administration to support MARVEL.

Despite having exams, we are thrilled to have built our first RC plane. The plane was flown in the campus successfully. In this process, we learnt how to integrate systems to build a plane that can fly high into the skies.

CISCO ThingQbator project teams from UVCE have hired interns from MARVEL. This is once more, a testament to the talent pool of MARVEL. Mr Akhil Madav, Maker Manager of CISCO ThingQbator visited MARVEL. He was glad to know about our heritage and to see student run R&D activity happening in the campus.

We got two old cupboards from the Dept of Electrical Engineering. The team got the cupboards open and we discovered archaic devices such as a telegraph device to mention one. After a couple of visits to the historic pete, we got new keys and glass for the doors. With this, we successfully restored the cupboard.

Level 2 syllabus are currently being drafted, and we are expecting Batch 1 students to graduate to level 2. A new team has been created who are redesigning the humanoid arm. We are currently 3D printing parts and replacing the faulty servos. Biceps for the humanoid arm is being made using artificial muscles using fishing line. After treating the fishing line to torsions and heat annealing, it acquires memory which contracts on heating and expands on cooling. This shall be the stage II of the developing the humanoid arm.

We have also held discussions with Prof. Umesh, HoD of Mechanical Engineering to look into how best we can make use of the high-end equipments in the Dept of Mechanical Engineering such as their 3D Printer and Laser Engraver.



## UVCEIAN IN SPOTLIGHT

### Book on Cubbon Park set for Sunday launch

A new book on Cubbon Park will be launched in the city on Sunday. It is written by old-time Bengalurean, columnist and author Roopa Pai.

The book is called 'Cubbon Park: The Green Heart of Bengaluru'.

It is an ode to people who've made the Park "the beating heart of Bengaluru" – 'birthers' (such as British engineer Richard Sankey who designed it), 'watchers' (personalities whose statues stand there), 'enrichers' (like Otto Koenigsberger, the architect behind Bal Bhavan), and commoners who love it and fight to keep it lush, sprawling and friendly.

Cubbon Park finds a mention in perhaps every book there is on Bengaluru but there was little that consolidated its social and cultural history from 1870 till date, realised Roopa during her research. However, this wasn't why Roopa started writing the 175-pager, in the middle of the pandemic.

The publisher Speaking Tiger Books is running a series of books on neighbourhoods, like Connaught Place and Chandni Chowk in Delhi. When a chance to pick a neighbourhood from Bengaluru came Roopa's way, she was stumped. Roopa grew up in Seshadripuram and studied in Malleshwaram. She lived off Old Airport Road for 10 years. All these associations, she realised, were temporary but Cubbon Park "was a constant in her life".

She describes, "As a child, I would go to the Park to enjoy a ride in the Putani Express (toy train) or popcorn. My father was a member of the Century Club inside. UVCE, the college both my father and I went to, is next to it. Later, I would take my children to Cubbon Park. Now, I take my dog for a walk there."

Cubbon Park's appeal, she says, lies in that it is a people's park, open and free to all. Also, because it is centrally located.

"Historically, Maharaja's Bangalore and the British Cantonment were on either sides of Cubbon Park. After the Independence, it became the common point where people from both sides flocked. Our legislative, executive and judiciary bodies and the Press Club – the four estates of democracy – are located here," she shares.

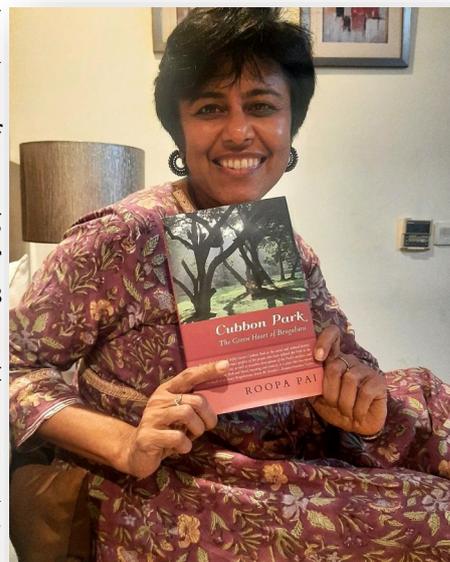
Her interviews with old Bengalureans threw up many insights, like the one about the fountain in the Park.

"A Nepalese queen, who was living in Bangalore, met Mirza Ismail, the Dewan of Mysore, at a party and pressed Rs 5,000 in his hands to take care of her pet parrot in case she isn't around. Mirza said he would take care of the parrot but asked the queen if he could use the money for a public project instead. She agreed. Later, he asked Rs 3,000 extra to complete the fountain. The funny bit is the queen never saw the fountain because she had moved to Bombay by then."

But Cubbon Park is not what it used to be – we can't host picnics, perform music, play games, pointed out. Roopa acknowledges the concerns but says that people of Bengaluru, their loyalty and activism, will save Cubbon Park every time it faces a threat.

- Deccan Herald, Sep 28th ([Read Article](#))

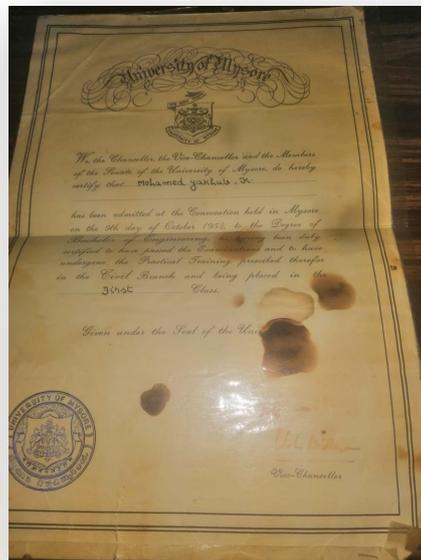
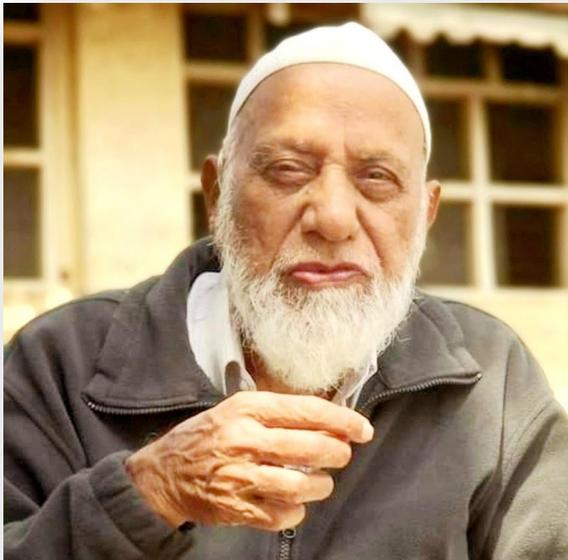
**From, Team Sampada, we congratulate Roopa madam on this new book and would definitely see how we can join hands to make this more connected with UVCEians in the coming days. We also intend to have an exclusive "Chronicles" episode with here shortly**





## KIRU PARICHAYA

We are thankful to Akram for sharing the information with us about his father - Mohamed Yakub who is from Civil Branch, 1953-54 Batch. He retired as a PWD Chief Engineer. Currently he is 96 years young and has always believed in leading a simple life. He is the first engineer from his village Santhebennur in Davangere district. We will be talking to him in detail and sharing more details in the coming edition.



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