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EDITORIAL

Why is it that every time a Sampada edition is getting ready, we get emotional ? At the same time, we also feel a sense of repetitiveness while the Editorial is being written. The answer is not easy to find, but it is the truth. Within the Editorial team, this discussion keeps popping up every now and then. And we tell ourselves that publishing 156 editions of Sampada over 13 years without missing a single month is not as easy as it seems. To wrap the essence of UVCE every time in a new way is very challenging, though there are stories that span over 106 years.

For instance, the previous edition - "Family Special" received a wonderful response from both alumni and students. Many people wrote to us saying that they were aware of couple of such instances, but were amazed to see such a huge number of family connections. The students could understand why we keep saying "Legacy of UVCE" when they read the stories, relationships (three generations, parent-child, siblings etc) in the edition. When you document 48 such instances of "UVCE Family Tree", it is bound to inspire the future generation. We would like to state that this was a very limited effort of a very small team. We are sure that there are many more stories of families which we could not gather. After the edition, we have received few more information which will be published in the coming editions.

A similar response was seen when we had published "Couples Edition", "Entrepreneurs Edition" and others, saying it was a wonderful experience to read about the fellow UVCEians and get the sense of the community. So, the basic answer to the question at the beginning is that the Editorial team may find it repetitive, but we are able to connect with our readers and they find it very interesting. It is also the reason why we have evolved from focussing on UVCE alone to bringing out perspectives of UVCEians. That has helped to keep creating something fresh and new, which entices the readers. Do you agree? If so, drop us a line via sampada@uvcega.org

From UVCE Graduates Association, there have always been effort to build the alumni community via various initiatives and events. **UVCE 5K Run** on March 5th is being organized for the exact reason - bring the alumni to college, connect them with each other and make sure students get an opportunity to interact with them. We have already had more than 600+ participants confirm their presence by registering for the event. Read all about it and don't forget to register for the Run !!

We are also glad to inform that TedXUVCE is being organized in our college on February 23rd and some amazing speakers are ready to share their thoughts and ideas about the "The Greater Good" which is the theme of the event. You can read more about inside the edition.

Multiple stories about UVCE and UVCEians from the newspaper media have been covered in this edition. Read about the 73 Batch Civil Reunion that was held in Mysuru and also the rare achievement of a very high salary package by a UVCE student in the newspaper stories. The same was publicized by the Higher Education Minister of Karnataka, Dr C N AshwathaNaryana in LinkedIn.

We have updates about Best Class 5.0 being started, UVCEGA Scholarships Interviews on February 25th, the latest episode of UVCE Chronicles and many other articles covered in this issue. We keep trying to cover all the aspects of UVCE - alumni achievements, initiatives by alumni groups, memories of alumnus, students activities, events and activities from campus in Sampada. What else would you like to see in "your window of UVCE"? Do let us know and we will try our best to see that it can be accomplished in some manner. Will allow you to dive inside this issue by ending the Editorial with Mahatma Gandhi's quote we used in the first edition of Sampada - "the future depends on what we do in the present"

- Satish A G, Team Sampada

UVCE AUTONOMOUS 5K RUN

We have always cherished organizing the “Centenary Marathon” that happened on April 2nd, 2017. We witnessed an amazing sight where 800+ participants (students and alumni) wearing the tshirts crossing K R Circle towards Cubbon Park and come back to college. Every participant cherished the moments and wanted more. If we look back, it has already been 6 years since this historic milestone.

So, in a meeting of the UVCEGA Executive Committee, there was a proposal of the same and we went ahead with the plan of organizing another 5K Run, this time to commemorate the Autonomous status of our alma-mater. Since the announcement on January 10th 2023, we have witnessed great energy from the alumni and students side. Within a month’s period more than 600 people have registered for the same. We are expecting 1000 people to participate this time, breaking the previous time’s record. The necessary arrangements are happening in full force - the permission from the Horticulture Department for Cubbon Park premises has been obtained by paying the necessary fees; the Police Department permission has been requested for; the Sponsors have been approached for financial support; the logistics of Tshirts, medals, banners, breakfast and other things are being worked out.

The idea is to make this “UVCE Autonomous 5K Run” another most cherished moment for everyone. We want to bring the alumni together on a platform so that “Giving Back to UVCE” can become much stronger. Also, it is an opportunity to build the alumni community - which can also help each other. This will become the driving force for alumni to connect and support within the community. We have seen this happening across various alumni communities like IITs, IIMs, NITs etc. Only when the feeling of “being part of” is imbibed, many wonderful things can be achieved.

You can follow our Social Media handles - [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) for regular updates. We need your support to reach the 1000 numbers. Please register if you have not done it already. Also, spread the word and get more of your friends to join the Run/Walk. Run/Walk for a Cause which is dear to you - UVCE ! [Register Now](#) !!



The poster features a central illustration of a grand, multi-story building with arched windows and a central entrance. Above the building, there is a yellow banner with a running figure and the text "UVCE 5k Run". To the right of the building, there is a red and white "REGISTER NOW" button and a QR code. Below the QR code, the event details are listed: "March 5th, 2023", "Sunday", and "UVCE - Cubbon Park". At the bottom, a group of colorful silhouettes of runners is shown. The text "Join 600+ Proud UVCEians" is written in large, bold, red letters at the very bottom.

Join 600+ Proud UVCEians

1973 CIVIL REUNION

1968-73 batch Civil Engineering Graduates of UVCE celebrate 'Golden Jubilee' in Mysuru

Mysore/Mysuru: The 1968-73 batch Civil Engineering Graduates of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), Bangalore University, celebrated 'Golden Jubilee' at Silent Shores in city recently.

On the occasion, they felicitated their English Professor Dr. C.N. Srinath.

Prof. M. KrishneGowda was the chief guest. Engineer V.N. Prasad was the Celebrations Convener. High ranking professionals and batch-mates from India and Overseas attended.

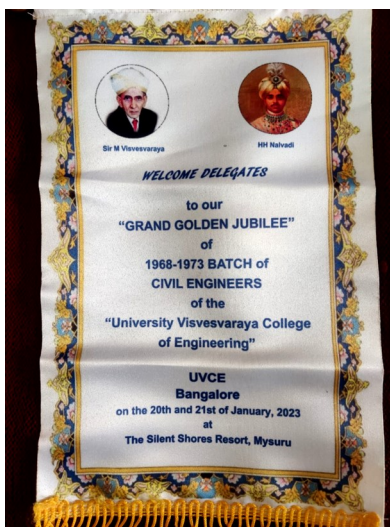
UVCE was the brainchild of two of India's greatest visionaries – Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya (Sir MV).

It was in 1916 – 17, Nalwadi extended full support to Sir MV for the creation of a Centre of Excellence in Engineering fields and thus came into existence the College – then called 'Government Engineering College' and later named after the visionary Sir MV.

"The College was the first Engineering College founded in the then 'Mysore State'; now Karnataka; and only the fifth Engineering College in the entire country. It has produced umpteen luminaries spread all over the world today. Admissions were purely by merit and no capitation fees. Annual tuition fee was less than Rs. 400; nurtured by highly eminent Professors over 'Five Years – Ten Semesters' – with the intent of creating best Engineering Brains," says V.N. Prasad.

"Thanks to the current political dispensation, UVCE is today an 'Autonomous University – akin to the status of IITs or IIMs. The Karnataka Government took the decision on the 15th of September, 2022, when this historic transformation took place. The Autonomy 'DELINKS' the College from Bangalore University and the State is committed to providing annual budgetary allocation, an independent Governing Council and an expert body to prepare syllabi and employ competent teaching and supporting staff to keep up high standard of education in an effort to restore the past glory of the great institute," Prasad added.

[Source: Star of Mysore](#)



We are glad to know the Civil 1973 Reunion. Thanks to Prabhu Prasad who shared the photos and other details with us. In the similar lines, UVCE Graduates Association is working with all the branches of 1973 to have a Reunion on June 1st, 2023. The details of the same are being worked out and a Core Committee with representatives from all branches has been formed. If you know someone from 1973 batch and would like to connect, write to sampada@uvcega.org

UVCE IN MEDIA

Small-town girl from UVCE gets Rs 58-lakh job offer

Keerthi N C could have joined a top private institute, but chose the government-run University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) because she could afford the fees. She now has a job offer that will pay her Rs 58.3 lakh a year. A native of the backward Madhugiri in Tumakuru district, Keerthi received the offer from a California-based cyber security company, setting a placement record at the 106-year-old college founded by Sir M Visvesvaraya.

Keerthi's job offer has set a placement record at UVCE, surpassing a salary package of Rs 49.75 lakh that two UVCE students got from an Australian technology company in 2019. A student of computer science engineering, Keerthi is in her final semester and will write her final exams in August this year.

She is getting paid Rs 1 lakh during her ongoing six-month-long internship at the same company that has given her a job offer. She was confident of getting a good offer, but the package bowled her over. "I had several rounds of interviews - writing, coding, technical and managerial - and I attempted every round with confidence," Keerthi, 22, told DH. She will be working on data visualisation.

Keerthi said she chose UVCE for two reasons: affordability and less academic pressure. "My rank in the Karnataka Common Entrance Test was 4,000 and I had seats in some top private colleges. But I waited till the last round to get a seat in UVCE because the fee is less and the atmosphere is such that there is freedom for students to prepare on their own," she said.

Keerthi's father Nagaraja G is a teacher at a government primary school at a village in Madhugiri taluk. Her mother Chandrakala is a home-maker. Keerthi has two younger sisters - one in Class 12 and the other Class 10.

The placement season this time at UVCE had 502 students registered of whom 337 got job offers from 71 companies who visited the campus. The average salary package is Rs 10.6 lakh. Three students have received job offers with a salary package of Rs 48.3 lakh per annum from another California-based data software company Fivetran. Eight students got an offer of Rs 24 lakh per annum from SAP Labs, a multinational firm.

"This year, Information Science Engineering and Computer Science branches received equal offers with 82 students from each bagging offers," UVCE training and placement officer B M Rajaprakash said. "Second comes Electronics and Communication Engineering with 67, Electrical and Electronics Engineering with 38, Mechanical 32 and Civil 25 offers," he added.

- Source: [DeccanHerald](#)

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BENGALURU, DHNS

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A native of the backward Madhugiri in Tumakuru district, Keerthi NC

There might be lot of hurdles, challenges and shortcomings with our alma-mater, but it never ceases to surprise you !! Our Higher Education Minister, Shri Dr Ashwath Narayan also posted this on LinkedIn.

From Team Sampada, we would like to congratulate Keerthi N C and other students along with Training & Placement Office for this accomplishment. We also wish the best for others waiting to make their mark !! This is just the beginning and we have long way to go



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#DestinationKarnataka

A stellar placement record that elevates our government-run institutions.

Keerthi NC from Madhugiri, Tumakuru, who studied at the Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), has landed a fantastic job offer from a California-based cyber security firm. Congratulations.

Heartening to see talent being recognised with great opportunities to excel for their skills and tech education of global standards

#cybersecurity #education #job #engineering #tech #opportunities #UVCE

73 BATCH MEETUP

A moment to reminisce old days for the batch of 1973 Mechanical, a heart-warming one hour of wonderful stories for team Sampada. A warm welcome speech, and an invocation song by Smt. Usha ma'am set the tone for the nostalgic and emotional journey that was about to unfold.

After a quick catch up, Ravi Sir, along with his wife Melissa, presented a PowerPoint presentation to raise awareness about cancer. He was diagnosed with advanced cancer a year ago, and this meeting was a chance for us to learn more about it.

Ravi sir's story was an inspiration to everyone who was present in the virtual room. He explained about how cancer manifests, including interesting topics like genomics study and targeted therapy. His journey was a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of positive thinking. Thanks to Ravi and Melissa raising awareness on Cancer to help others.

Towards the end, Sundar sir commented, "Was it an engineer talking or a doctor?". That should sum up how good the explanation was. Ravi sir's cat made occasional appearances in the background and was a highlight. During the introduction of the speakers we also learnt that Ravi used to recite 700 verses of the 18 chapters of Bhagavat Gita at the age of 14. Classmates also appreciated the way Ravi is handling the situation accepting life on life's terms!

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks, and like every time, Team Sampada was honored to be a part of this meeting & we thank UVCE Class of 1968-73 Mech for inviting Team Sampada.

- Varsha S Bhat, 2022 Batch



S2 E12.1: Make a Note of This !

This episode of Chronicles, melodies and passion are key talking points.

The members of the musical band 8GB RAM - now proud alumni of UVCE: Suhas, Sanjay and Raghavendra are our guests. Take this walk down memory lane with our host Shrinidhi (4th year ECE) as we explore how the 3 friends met, the origin of the musical band 8GB RAM & their cherished moments from UVCE. Part 1 of this conversation is out now!

LISTEN IN SPOTIFY

TEDxUVCE

TEDxUVCE is happening on 23rd February, 2023 at UVCE. We wanted to highlight few points about the event. This is the excerpt from the website to create awareness among the alumni community of UVCE.

What is TEDx?

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created a program called TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience.

Our event is called TEDxUVCE, where x = independently organized TED event. At our TEDxUVCE event, TED Talks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group.

The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events, including ours, are self-organized.

The Greater Good

This commonly means that individuals may have to sacrifice their own interests for the benefit of the group. There are many reasons why we may choose to act in the best interests of society.

For one, it can be seen as a way of repaying our debt to society. After all, society has provided us with many opportunities and resources that have allowed us to thrive.

We may feel that it is only fair that we give back in order to help ensure that others can enjoy the same advantages. In addition, by working for the greater good we can help to create a society that we are proud to be a part of.

We can build a future that we can all look forward to. And by working together towards a common goal, we can achieve things that we could never hope to accomplish on our own. This is our TEDxUVCE theme.



We are glad to see that UVCE Foundation is supporting this event by being the Associate Sponsors. We see couple of our own alumni and faculty members as speakers at the event. The students will be further motivated by this encouragement. To everyone interested, you can buy the tickets here - <https://www.tedxuvce.com/tickets/>. We wish the team a “Great Success” and hope this sets a new path for the future of UVCE.

UVCE IN NEWS

UVCE faculty members choose to remain with Bangalore University

Almost all of the 80 faculty members at the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) have decided to remain under Bangalore University (BU), which could leave the 106-year-old institution with a severe shortage of teachers. Before being made into an autonomous IIT-like university, the UVCE was the constituent college of BU. UVCE faculty members have decided to request the government to give them an option to choose where they want to be. So far, the government has given options only for non-teaching staff members.

Some of the departments have already conducted meetings and passed resolutions to remain with BU, considering their post-retirement benefits and other services. The civil engineering department has resolved thus: “The department teaching staff expressed their solidarity towards the Bangalore University and resolved to continue to be in Bangalore University. Further, it is resolved to urge the Bangalore University to start a school of engineering in the interest of students and teaching staff.”

Even the UVCE Teachers Association, a registered body, has written to BU Registrar requesting for an opt-in and opt-out facility even for teaching faculties. Speaking to DH, Association president HC Chittappa said there is a provision in the law to choose.

“There are 80 teaching staff on the rolls and almost all of them have decided to stay with BU,” he said.

He further explained that this was considering the hardship faced by some of the staff who opted out of BU during its bifurcation and trifurcation. “We’re ready to support UVCE until they hire new staff, but we all want to remain with BU,” Chittappa said.

There are six departments in UVCE of which two departments – Civil and Architecture – are housed at BU’s Jnana Bharathi campus.

Meanwhile, some faculty members say they are worried about UVCE becoming too corporate. “Looking at the members on the Board of Governors... we feel it will turn into a corporate world with less importance for academics,” a senior faculty member said.

However, BU is in a dilemma. The university does not have an engineering department to accommodate UVCE staff.

- Source: [Deccan Herald](#)

UVCEIAN IN LIMELIGHT

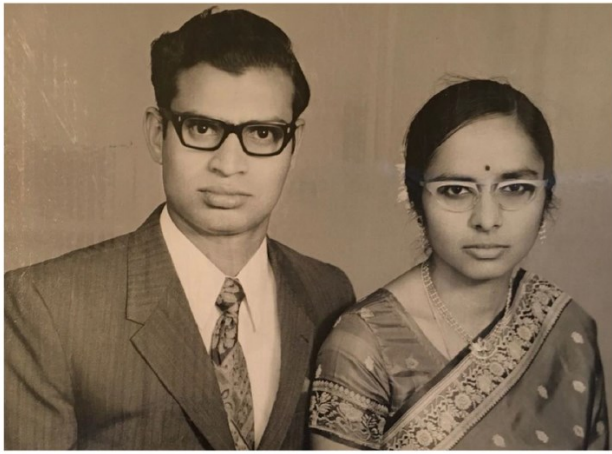


Sharjeel Ahmed is an alumnus of UVCE from 2001 batch and currently the CoFounder and CEO of PAZO.

PAZO is an app to manage the entire operations of Retail, Facility management and general administration in any organization. With PAZO all your current manual based processes of checklists filing and issues management are digitized.

This story is to highlight the fact that another amazing feather has been added to the cap of Pazo. They continue our amazing run winning award after award. Recently, they won the Dell-Yourstory startup challenge competing with some amazing and creative startups. On behalf of the Sampada Team and entire alumni community, we convey Congratulations to Sharjeel and all his teammates on this wonderful achievement !!

TEACHER PROFILE - PROF RAMAKRISHNA



Then & Now

1972 & 2021

Prof. K. Ramakrishna

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Taught us Mechanical Measurements and Instrumentation

1961-1966 BE Mech, Malnad College Of Engineering, Hassan, Mysore University

1967-69 – ME. University of Roorkee

1970- 1973 - UVCE Faculty

1980 PhD, Polytechnic University of New York, New York

1976-1980 Consulting Engineering in New York. Developed Thermal and Environmental models to characterize Subway Air conditioning systems, Nuclear Waste Storage systems. etc.

1980 – Bell Laboratories, Chicago.

Design of cooling systems of Computers and Telephone Equipment

Bell Laboratories, Chicago. Project Management and Product Management.

Continued in Lucent Technologies after AT&T divested the Equipment Division.

2003-2005 - Moved to Tellabs in Chicago - Design models for the entire Telephone Exchange.

2005 - Retired

Interest in Vedanta and Hindu Dharma, in the early 1980s, became a Passion

2010- Started teaching Hindu Dharma and Philosophy.

2010- 2020 Started the work on the Transcription of the Nama Ramayana Mahima Book, which was released In 2020, by the Grace of Sri Swami Harshanada Ji.

2019 - Found the Non-profit Organization -'Sanatana Dharma Pratishthana' to bring the Dharma and Philosophy to interested practitioners.

Currently teaching weekly classes on Bhagavad Gita, Advaita Vedanta, Ramayana etc.

'Sanatana Dharma Pratishthana' offers several classes to children and adults on Hindu scriptures. Currently 8-10 classes are in progress by many volunteer teachers.

Overall, Vedanta has occupied more of his adult life than engineering and it has been extremely fulfilling.

Thank you for taking time to know about my journey says Prof. Ramakrishna

This is an ongoing series of Faculty Profiles we started from the previous edition. We are thankful to the 1973 Mechanical batch for sharing this profile information with us.

BEST CLASS 5.0

We are glad to announce that “Best Class 5.0” has started under the aegis of VisionUVCE (UVCE Graduates Association). We are aware that the prizes for Best Class 4.0 has not yet been distributed and we are sorry for the delay. It will be distributed shortly, we promise.

About Best Class

We have all discussed about how important it is to develop our personality and attitude when we are in college. Apart from academics, these traits become very pivotal in the future. We will find very little opportunities to learn once we step into the real-world. There will be no guides who will teach these basic essentials required for a better career or personal life, it is all in our hands.

In UVCE, we learn a lot of such qualities along with our friends. This is evident even now when we watch our senior alumni and the wonderful relationship they have with their batchmates and thereby leading a great life. The amazing memories we recall of the college days, not just along with our classmates, but with our seniors-juniors and other batch friends are so essential that it shapes our approach to any situation.

With this thought, we wanted to compare it with the current situation in the college, where due to numerous technical advancements and distractions, human interaction has become very less. This would create more difficulties in building the community in future, or to become an alumnus or even becoming worthy engineer.

So, to counter this, we started “Best Class” competition - a Social experiment, if we can call it. Through this, we hope, to bring the change at the ground level and give the push to create an environment where students get self-motivation to achieve extraordinary things in spite of all the hurdles and constraints instead of just complaining. It includes allowing the students to decide their own goals, being part of regular college activities, assigning various criteria for judging points, selecting co-ordinators from each class, assigning a Mentor and an alumni to each batch, weekly reporting, self-evaluation and more. We have evolved the idea over the past 4 iterations. Now the fifth iteration of Best Class has just started with over 14 classes from 1st and 2nd years participating voluntarily. We will be providing updates along with students feedback in the coming editions of Sampada.



- Team VisionUVCE

UVCEGA SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS

We had received more than 370 applications from the students for the current year. Shortlisting of the candidates is almost completed. We are having the Online Interviews on Saturday, 25th February. Calling the alumni who are interested to interact with the students and help to understand the needs of the students. Reach out to us via info@uvcega.org



TEAM: Greeshma (3rd sem), Fouzan (6th sem), Adrian (8th sem), Varsha Bhat, Chitra S Reddy, Meghashree G, Satish A G & SriHarsha D V (VisionUVCE Team)