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EDITORIAL

It has been sometime that I was invited to write an Editorial and share my thoughts (well more than 4 years to be precise). I heard Sampada completed 14 years previous edition. I am glad about it. In my 107 years of journey, these 14 years have helped me recall my memories of the olden days, feel proud of the accomplishments of the students, hear the stories from the students mouth and more. I am happy to read the newspaper articles and other media stories covering information about me and the progress happening.



You all know my name has been changed many times - School of Engineering, University College of Engineering, Visvesvaraya College of Engineering etc. Also I have been moving under the ownership of different entities like Mysore University, Bangalore University etc. Now, I have become independent, "autonomous" as you like to call it. Well, I did hope that it will be better to be on my own. The idea of having a Board of Governors to look after me, continue the legacy and even take it greater heights also filled me with pride. A sense of accomplishment was felt since it was announced officially by the Chief Minister himself on September 15th, 2022, the birthday of the man himself whose name and title I carry around.

I agree that "Change can be difficult" and sometimes needs time. Well, I have been patient for a long time and this new, challenging phase has made me to rework on it again. There is a sudden "state of halt" around all the things and nothing appears to move any more. Everyone and everything is waiting for some one else or something else and vice versa. This has been affecting lot of things inside the campus. The students are getting restless because of delay in exams, no co-ordination among the calendar of events among different batches, little clarity on the future etc. I worry about their future. It is a well-known fact that one of the main reasons of my reputation is because of the campus placements along with lower fees. This has been attracting the talents from the poorer section of the society to come to me with a hope.

I heard a quote about Hope - "Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies." I was very glad to hear that there is a Vision 2030 to make things better for m, lay a strong foundation for a brighter future. I keep hearing promising things every now and then. I am happy about those plans, but be even more happy if things could be executed at a better speed. I am waiting for a Full-time Director to come and take charge of things and act on the plans since more than one year now. It is a fact that to build a good team, a great leader is needed. Though I am not aware of the reasons, I am waiting for the Director to come and set the records straight. I am also very proud of the Board of Governors appointed and their profiles, who are very capable of taking care of things in a professional manner. I am looking forward to see them in action at full swing. It is not for my sake, but for those parents and students who look upto me with those dreamy eyes. I would like to be always accessible to the students who have the passion, energy, hunger for learning and strive hard irrespective of all the hurdles around them. More power to them.

Looking at students move out year after year, I always believe that I have given 100% to make them fit in the society. I know many of you are also patiently waiting for things to improve so that you can also join hands. I believe this nature and temperament in you because of you being Proud UVCEians. I have continued to be poised and face the situations as they arise. Let us all take a moment to feel happy about the journey so far, because that is what matters. I will always be looking forward to hearing more stories of accomplishments and achievements of you along with memories you made for life with me in the form of Sampada. What say??

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We would like to remind everyone that we are organizing an "Exclusive Alumni Networking" event - UVCE Alumni Soirée 2024 on February 10th.

We have around 70+ confirmed participants from various companies and organizations so far. We welcome you to join us for an evening of delicious food, engaging conversations and fun games. This inaugural UVCEGA event promises an evening of pure enjoyment, providing the perfect opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni at Bangalore's iconic Century Club.

Venue: Century Club, Wodeyar Hall Date: Saturday, 10th February 2024

Time: 6:00 PM onwards

RSVP Link: https://payments.cashfree.com/forms/uvcesoiree2024

Only with your support, the alumni community can grow bigger and stronger. Each of you need to join hands in building this into a big organization, so that we can help each other grow as well!! Register today and also get your friends with you.. Looking forward to meet you!!



KIRU PARICHAYA

As the editorial team of UVCE, we are grateful for Ravikala madam of 1988 batch for introducing us to Shanti madam, daughter of H N Subba Rao. We take immense pride in celebrating the legacy of one of our distinguished alumni, H.N. Subba Rao. Born in 1906, Rao's journey as a trailblazing civil engineer began with his formative education at UVCE, from where he graduated in the class of 1924-25.

Starting his career at the Coimbatore Municipality, Rao quickly distinguished himself with his dedication and expertise. His tenure as Assistant Engineer saw him play a pivotal role in the construction of the Kanva Reservoir, a project that underscored his engineering acumen

and commitment to public service.

Rao's contributions extended further when he became involved in the planning of the Jayanagar Extension, working with the City Improvement Trust Board. His vision and innovative approach were instrumental in shaping one of Bengaluru's well-planned residential layouts, setting a benchmark for urban development. Here is a photo that we were able to gather during the inauguration of Ashoka Pillar in Jayanagar (Rajagopalachari, Madhavan & HN Subbarao)

Culminating his illustrious career at the Public Works Department (PWD) around 1961-62, Rao retired as the Superintending Engineer in charge of Water Supply. His tenure at PWD was marked by significant contributions to the sector, enhancing the city's infrastructure and quality of life.

As we reflect on his legacy, H.N. Subba Rao stands as a testament to the caliber of engineers UVCE nurtures, leaving an indelible mark on both our institution and the field of civil engineering.

We have requested Shanthi madam to share any more information and photos of her father, H N Subba Rao with us and we will share it the alumni community.

UVCE IN MEDIA

Higher Education Minister M C Sudhakar visited the campus on 6th February & took stock of the construction progress in the Mechanical Block. The newspaper article states:

M C Sudhakar said that "UVCE, an autonomous institute now, will be developed in the lines of IIT and around 500 crores will be provided in stages for this purpose."

The new Mechanical building, with an estimated cost of around 87 crores is in progress. He enquired with the current speed, if the entire project can be completed as per the plan (24 months). He warned that if it is not done, fine will be levied on the contractor for the delay. He also mentioned that the modernization of the labs is essential and UVCE lags behind in this regard when compared to other colleges. Though many companies (Volvo, Toyota etc) had donated parts and machines earlier, much more support is needed in this regard.

The faculty members of UVCE requested the minister to sort out the technical issue related to the Seventh pay commission.



MARVEL UPDATES

This month, six new co-ordinators have been appointed at Makerspace for Advanced Research, Vital Education and Learning (MARVEL) after a month long selection and training process. The new coordinators are Akanksh (3rd Sem EEE), G Manvitha (4th sem ECE), Sudeep V Hegde (3rd Sem Mech), Likhith Palya (3rd Sem ECE), Fathima Al Zahra (3rd sem EEE), and Anjal K Nair (3rd Sem Mech).



As coordinators, we have been helping students with their projects by providing them access to the equipment at the lab. A team of Mechanical engineering students claimed equipment support from MARVEL for the 3D printer and printed components for their project.

A group of students from MARVEL participated in a robotics competition organized at New Horizon College Of Engineering and successfully reached round 2 of the competition. Siddharth Kharvi from 8th semester secured the runner-up position at a competition organized by BNMIT with support from MARVEL.



A group of students from MARVEL, visited IMTEX 2024 at BIEC. You can check out the blog for IMTEX 2024 over here: https://hub.uvcemarvel.in/article/958979ec-6b90-45fc-a0a3-be9bacc9a8b7. In this blog, you can check one of the co-ordinators, Sudeep sharing some of the most mind-blowing exhibits at IMTEX 2024 and highlighted the overall experience during his visit. We hope that will shed some light about the Exhibition to people who missed it and give a glimpse about the future of Machine Tool & Manufacturing industry.



As a newly appointed co-ordinator, I took a closer look at the internal organizational structure and functioning of MARVEL. I was amazed by the complexity involved in keeping the lab up and running. It included detailed planning of the timelines for various batches and the basics of maintaining the lab. We were briefed about the various procedures such as maintaining attendance, log of equipment, and assisting the batch students with their coursework. I am excited to begin my journey as a coordinator at Marvel. It opens a wide window of opportunities and a sense of responsibility within me.

FIESTA '23: A SPECTACLE OF TALENT & VIBRANCY

The vibrant campus of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (U came alive once again with the much-anticipated cultural extravaganza, Fiesta '23. This annual fest, held on 6th of January, brought together students from various disciplines, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and creativity that resonated throughout the college.

The festivities kicked off with a grand inauguration ceremony with the hoisting of the Karnataka flag, invoking the spirit of the motherland. Dr. Paul Vizhian, HoDs, and students gathered to witness the lighting of the lamp and invoked the nadageethe. It then showcased a plethora of cultural competitions that brought out the best in participants. From dance-offs to singing competitions, and from theatrical performances to art exhibitions, the college grounds were transformed into a stage for creativity and talent. The participants' passion and dedication were evident in every performance, making the judging process a challenging yet enjoyable task for the panels.

The highlight of Fiesta '23 was undoubtedly the night of performances, where the chief guests, Mr, Sanjay Sridhar(Manager and Keyboardist of 8GB RAM) and Mr. J B Shashank took centre stage to enthral the audience. Being an alumni himself, Mr. Sanjay brought together the past and glory of the college while it was nothing less than a pleasure to host Mr. Shashank. The beats echoed across the campus as the crowd danced and sang along, creating an unforgettable night of joy and camaraderie to the DJ by Naxo. There couldn't have been a better way to end the day. The day was a coming together for the entire UVCE Adhamya family.

Fiesta '23 was not just an event; it was an experience that brought together the UVCE community, fostering a sense of unity and pride. The memories created during these days will linger on, serving as a reminder of the talent and vibrancy that define UVCE. Until next year, Fiesta '23 remains etched in the hearts and minds of everyone who was part of this unforgettable celebration.

- Gopika, 4th sem ECE





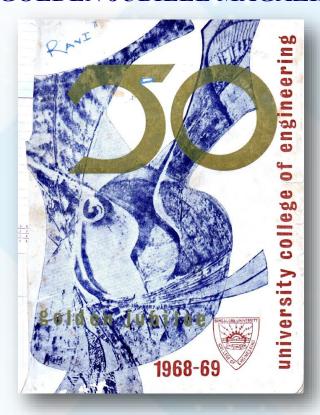


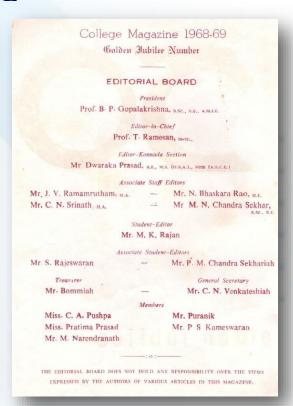


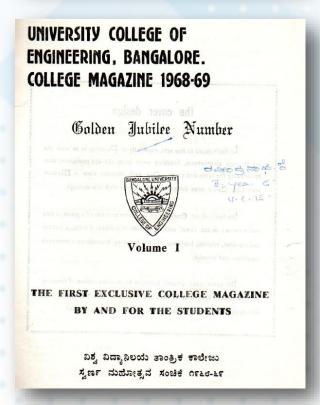


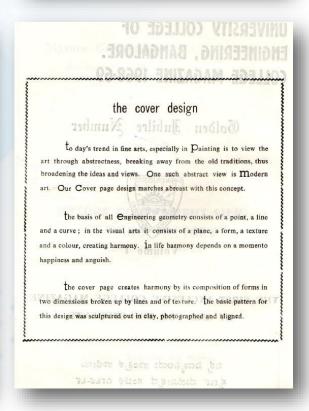


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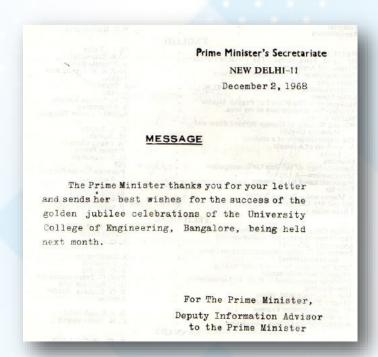








The cover page of Golden Jubilee Magazine—the first exclusive College Magazine by and for the Students. You can see the Editorial Board - all the names of the people who worked to get the magazine published. We can just imagine the hard work and commitment that would have been needed to get the magazine printed during those times (when the resources were limited and access to technology was negligible). We are fortunate today where Sampada or any such magazines can be done with such ease. Every page of the magazine is something we would like to reproduce here, but we will not. We will be showcasing some important sections and the rest will be available online.

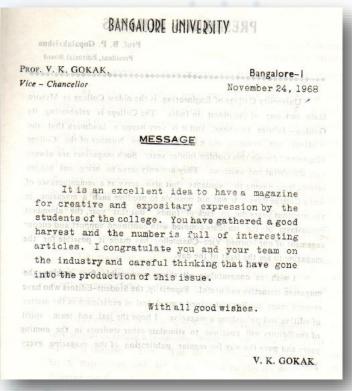


We struggle to get the well wishes from college authorities and people from Bengaluru where everyone is available online and email access is easy. The Editorial Team had reached out to the Prime Minister for a message. Here is what it says-

"The Prime Minister thanks you for your letter and sends her best wishes for the success of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the University College of Engineering, Bangalore, being held next month"

Most of us know that the Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University during those years was Prof V K Gokak (Jnanapeetha Awardee) and here are his words -

"It is an excellent idea to have a magazine for creative and expoistary expression by the students of the college. You have gathered a good harvest and the number is full of interesting articles. I congratulate you and your team on the industry and careful thinking that have gone into the production of this issue. With all good wishes"



We are going each page by page of the magazine to just gush over the effort of the Editorial team and get inspiration. The design of the magazine, layout of the pages, the content flow are all just professional and thorough. We have ads from Janata Tourist company which organizes Joy Trips to Mysore (Rs.17/-), Bangalore Sight Seeing (Rs.6/-), Nandi Hills (Rs.7.50/-), Belur, Halebidu, Shravanabelagola (Rs. 17/-) which had varied slots.

All this proves why documents like this are important. They not only represent the history of UVCE, but also our society in general. The lifestyle of those times, the city and the people, the financial condition and social interaction in general. We are glad that were able to get a hand on these treasures. Thanks to Kamesh sir from 1971 who connected with Ravindranath of 1972 batch and gathered them and shared with us. Stay tuned for more stories and hidden gems from this and other magazines.

UVCEIAN IN LIMELIGHT

A LinkedIn Post from the official LinkedIn Handle of PGDM (GM) (previously GMP) at XLRI Jamshedpur where Bhaktha Keshavachar, UVCE alumnus from 1989 batch was mentioned:

Ingenium Conclave 2024: "Embarking on India's Entrepreneurial Odyssey" is live from XLRI Jamshedpur. Join us for a discussion on how CEOs and founders discuss "Crafting a Brand: Tactics, Narrative and Sustainability"

Meet Mr. Bhaktha Keshavachar, Co-Founder & CEO of Chara Technologies, isn't just an entrepreneur, he's a visionary. From leading the design of India's first PCI-compliant card reader at Ezetap to spearheading Chara's Rare-Earth-Free Motor Systems, Bhaktha's passion lies in building impactful technology rooted in India.

Forget quick wins – Bhaktha champions deep-tech, where the focus is on long-term solutions like sustainable electric motors. These creations transcend mere profits, generating

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positive externalities like environmental benefits and technological advancements. With a marathon mindset and a commitment to a self-reliant India, Bhaktha is electrifying the future, one innovation at a time.

XLRI PGDM (GM), Jamshedpur extends sincere gratitude to Mr Bhaktha Keshavachar for his invaluable insights. Join us for the live feed: https://lnkd.in/dwU5WAcC

Source: LinkedIn Post

UVCE AND TALENT

University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering had the honour of hosting accomplished Talent Leaders (some of them were VPs and top level representatives from prominent companies): MS Sanjeev, Srinath Gururajarao, Kamal Artwani, Urvashi Verma, Ajay Krishnankutty, Mukund Sagar and Gayathri Srinivas for an interactive session. The session, a highlight of the valedictory program for a two-week internship organised by the Training and Placement Office UVCE featured an engaging Q&A to inspire and guide our students.

Ananth Mallya, who is also an alumnus of 2007 batch, and heads QuanTech Origin was instrumental in this event. He is conducting the Training & Skill development programme for the students.







STUDENT CONCERN BOX - RESOLUTION

We have started this section a few editions back for the students to share their grievances and we will try to publish it anonymously. We will also try to find a solution to best of our capability by working with the college authorities or any one else as per the need. You can write to us at <u>campus @uvcega.org</u> and we will maintain the anonymity.

We received the mailers from many students on the issue of the exams being delayed and requesting for support from alumni on this matter. Here is a sample mail content:

We are reaching out to you today on behalf of my fellow students to express our concerns regarding the delay in conducting examinations for the batch of 2025. Unfortunately, the continuous postponement has put us in a challenging situation, especially as students from other colleges have already completed or are well into their 5th semester.

Regrettably, we are still awaiting the final timetable for our 4th semester exams, as promised, and the results for the 3rd semester are yet to be declared. This uncertainty is causing anxiety among us, and we fear it may affect our academic progression and future opportunities. We are at a disadvantage for placements and higher studies preparations. To ensure a smooth continuation of our academic journey, we kindly request your support and intervention.

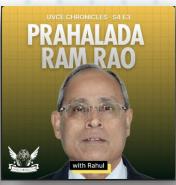
We did respond and took some action from our end. We suggested the students to reach out to the college authorities from their end and submit request letters for the same. They told us that they tried it long before but no action was taken. Based on this, we spent 1 hr brainstorming the solution and drafted a rough calendar of events and action items to be taken up by the college in order to make sure the students do not suffer.

We highlighted the fact that it is going to be a disaster for not only the current batch, but also future batches of UVCE (CET Ranking and Campus placements are closely interlinked especially in case of UVCE). Our President, Maj Gen Neelakantappa spoke to the BoG Chairman, Muthuraman and shared his concerns over the phone. We also sent the mailers to the alumni representatives in Board of Governors.

We are glad to know that within 2 days of this, the exam dates for the 4th semester were announced. The students were promised that the calendar of events for 5th and 6th Semesters will be issued soon by the Bangalore University. We will keep track of these promises by interacting with the students in the coming days.

UVCE CHRONICLES





Listen to the esteemed alumni in two amazing episodes of UVCE Chronicles - Dr. Prahalada Rama Rao (1969 Batch), a Missile Scientist and Padma Shri awardee & Ravikiran Annaswamy (1995 Batch), Co-founder and CEO of Numocity Technologies, where they share their journey and experiences with everyone.

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