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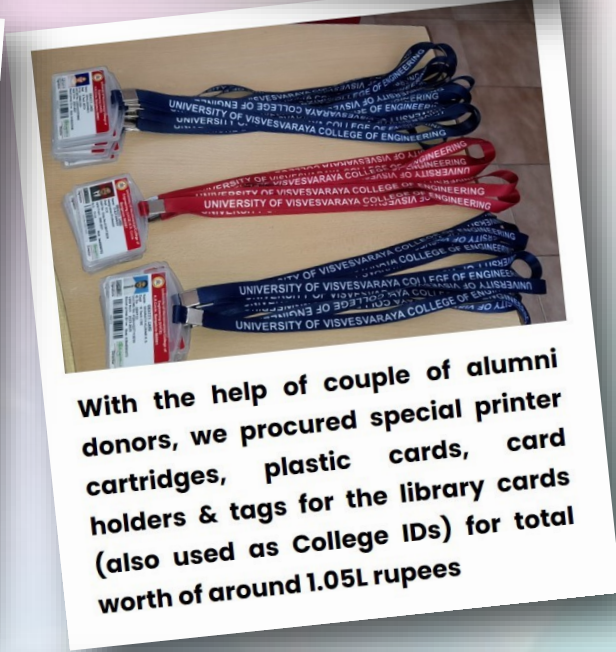
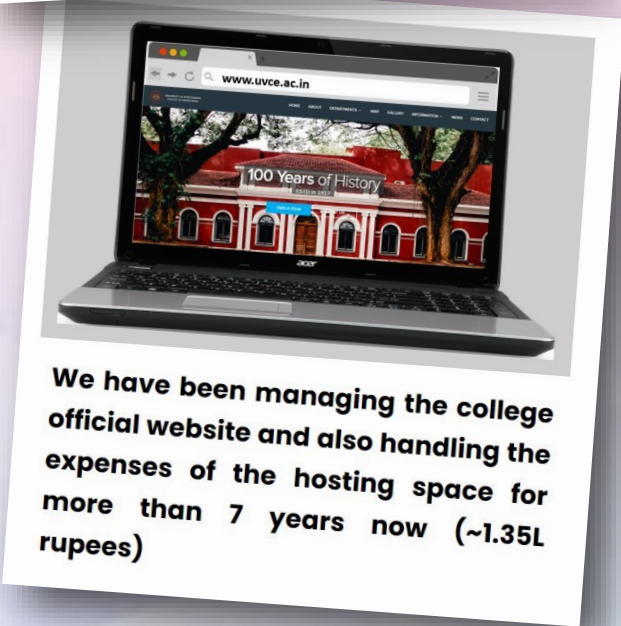
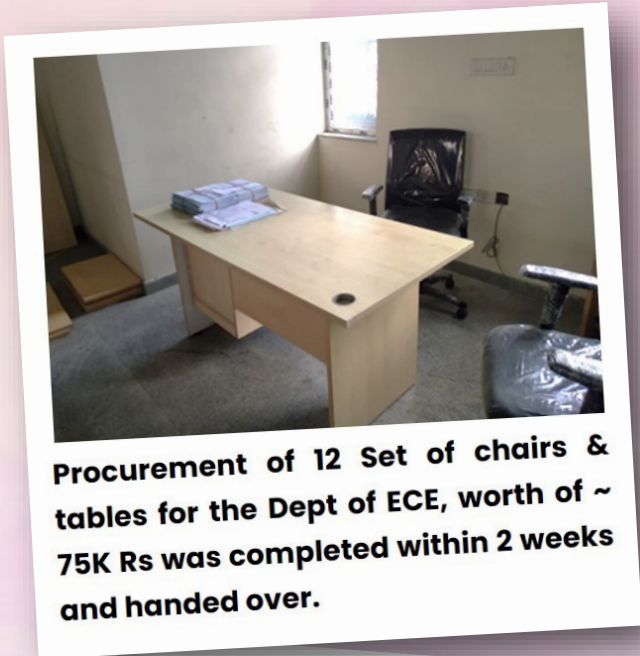
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EDITORIAL

We are approaching the AGM of the UVCE Graduates Association for the year 2023-24 shortly and were browsing the tasks during this period. Hence, how about a Pictorial Editorial highlighting some of the initiatives (that are not so highlighted ones) taken up to “give back” to the alma mater while creating a platform for building the alumni community.



MEET N GREET AT CUBBON PARK AND A TREAT

The UVCE Graduates Association conducted the May iteration of Meet and Greet on Sunday, 5th May 2024, at Cubbon Park. The participants assembled at Cubbon Park's iconic bandstand at 7:30 AM.

Visiting Cubbon Park on Sundays is definitely a must-add to your weekend to-do list. The park is always buzzing with activities. You can find seniors reminiscing old memories as they take a stroll with their friends, dog lovers bringing their dogs for a walk in the dog park, families who have come for picnics, marathon runners huffing and puffing as they whiz past you in a race to the finish line, people rollerblading and wave-boarding, people practicing yoga, book lovers coming together to read their favourite books, and a whole host of other activities.

The group comprised around 20 students and alumni from various batches from 1965 all the way to the 2026 batch. After breaking the ice and introducing ourselves to each other, the group proceeded to take a stroll through Cubbon park. A few of the recent alumni well-versed with Cubbon's Sunday activities brought their roller skates along. The group then proceeded to MTR for a hearty breakfast. From MTR's iconic chandrahara, dumroot, and jamun to dosas lathered in ghee, crisp vadas and steaming idlis, the group enjoyed the lovely breakfast. What's more? Mr. Venkat Subba Rao, an alumnus of the 1965 batch, was celebrating his 80th birthday. All of us burst out into wishing him a happy birthday, and the entire restaurant joined in the celebration. He also footed the bill for the entire breakfast. We once again wish him a very happy birthday. After breakfast, the group dispersed in different directions, some taking a walk to the nearby metro station and others retracing the route back through Cubbon park to pick up their vehicles.

As event organisers when we look back at the event we're glad that the participants had a wonderful time but we always yearn for more participation. Opportunities like this are hard to come by and we wish there's more participation in the upcoming iterations. Let's catchup in the next iteration of meet and greet!

- Adrian P Isaac, 2023 Batch



INTERVIEW WITH HAMSA

We are glad to inform that Hamsashree N A from 2021 batch has secured 866 Rank in the UPSC Civil Services 2024. Congratulations to her on this amazing achievement and we wish she continues to reach greater milestones !! Here is a short interview by Sampada Team. We thank her for sparing time in spite of the busy schedule.

Team Sampada: Please introduce yourself to our audience, along with your hobbies and interests, and definitely include how you feel about this achievement.

Hamsa Shree: I was born and brought up in Bengaluru. I have had the pleasure of completing my computer science engineering degree from UVCE in the year 2021.

From what I can recall of my childhood, I was this little girl always trying to do everything I could get my hands on, brimming with inquisitive energy that I still carry to this day, be it dancing, yoga, school band, scouts and guides or reading for hours together. Needless to say, I got my hands dirty and moulded out of whatever I was blessed with, something worth cherishing with a juvenile wonder.

This achievement, or perhaps blessing, is one that brings immense humility and gratitude into my heart. It is no secret that UPSC is virtually impossible without hardwork, planning, consistency and diligence but all of these don't always ensure success in an exam that has around 1000 vacancies and over 10 lakh aspirants. I'm fortunate to have had the wherewithal and constant guidance from parents, faculties and most of all, Almighty God who enabled me to achieve this insurmountable feat. Through the fruits of my knowledge gained now, I hope to give my absolute best in serving our country with all my strength and capacity.

TS: What was your preparation phase like? What did you do differently than other candidates?

HS : I was a part of the 'covid batch' graduates and mostly had online classes in my final year, enabling me to spare a few hours in the evening for UPSC preparation. This is where my preparation started. Perhaps it was a fear of my mind and body becoming passive due to the lock down, perhaps it was a culmination of all my life's experiences or my father's persistent faith in my suitability for the civil services, or my realisation that I would be sitting for placements and get into a job I probably wouldn't enjoy doing, I decided the time was right and dived into full blown preparation.

This exam is beautiful in the a way that it allows every single person to have their own journey and unique experience. As to how I did things differently, I would perhaps start stressing on the importance of building the right mindset and having a sense of purpose for writing the exam. I couldn't write the exam simply because many around me were writing it, or because my parents would want it, I had to have my own sense of purpose. I took this exam up as an opportunity to build myself up to be a disciplined, consistent and hard working person, as a personal challenge to become the best version of myself and reach my absolute potential. I didn't want to give myself any opportunity to second guess myself or have any lingering questions about my ability. I decided to believe in the truth that all of us have been blessed with the mental faculty required to achieve any goal. I was okay with walking away from the exam with failure but not guilt or regrets. I had to go all in. So, that is what I did. I went all in.

In a practical sense, I focussed on 'building up a system' that would set me up for success, something I picked up from 'Atomic habits' by James Clear. Be it having a strict timetable and striving to fulfil it every single day or simply refusing to have backlogs while studying, recollecting information like current affairs from magazines on a monthly basis, I was brutally persistent as was required of me.

I also focussed on 'training the brain-pre-frontal cortex', especially before prelims. Knowledge is endless but the skill of answering MCQs with the limited knowledge we have can be cultivated. I simulated the exam environment and took up over 25 mocks at the same time as the original exam. This was in addition to several mocks I had taken up during different phases of my preparation. There is no perfect recipe for preparation except one where we prepare with all our heart and soul.

TS: Can you please let us know what are your next plans? Which service are you targeting? And share your thoughts also about making one more attempt as stated in one of the newspaper comments.

HS: The service allocations will most likely take time and is expected to be released post June. It would be an absolute honour to serve as an Indian Foreign Service officer or Indian Administrative Service officer because I believe this line of work will allow me to explore my strengths better. However, my rank this time will not suffice considering the vacancies. Hence, I will be giving another attempt keeping in mind I have several more attempts left officially. Having said that, however, all the services in UPSC will give one ample opportunity to bring about positive changes in our society and I hope to do the same in whatever service I shall serve in.



TS: Your junior and senior batches know you as an active person in the college clubs at UVCE. How has that impacted your UPSC journey? And as someone who was so involved in many things, how difficult was it to cut it down and focus on studying?

HS: Being active outside of academics, I have realised, instils within us several subconscious skills. I was a part of several clubs and events at school and college. UVCEians have seen me as a part of IEEE UVCE, Team Tatva, Team Sampada and Fiesta coordinator to name a few. These responsibilities have taught me the ability to manage and process magnanimous amounts of work, develop a line of thought in solving intimidating problems, work efficiently and most importantly, to learn from my mistakes and not be afraid of making them. I realised early on that I would go one step extra to fulfil my commitments as a part of several clubs and feel satisfied at the end of the day even when tired, this is what propelled me towards the civil services, which is considered a demanding and diverse line of work. My participation in activities such as coordinating with people and organisations, writing content, reporting, planning, have all contributed immensely to my preparation journey. The ability to get work done with limited resources and to take up challenging tasks fearlessly is something UVCE has particularly taught me.

In regard to cutting down things, as my preparation started in final year, it was relatively difficult. However, I was of the impression that my bond with my friends, seniors and juniors was worth an extra year of preparation. So I did not compromise with the farewells and the convocation, which reflected in my first attempt at UPSC when I didn't clear prelims. However, I have no regrets and wouldn't change a thing if I had to do it all over again. Post college, I disconnected from my social media and studied diligently. Quoting my favourite scripture from the Holy Bible, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13. I did a complete re-start with a newfound strength.

TS: What advice do you have for current students who want to crack the UPSC exam?

HS: Having been through the process and seen my fellow UVCEians, I strongly believe that the exam is very doable subject to our ability to cut off the clutter and give it the required time and effort. Another piece of advice I have picked up from my optional is to be 'bold as a lion and smart as a fox' [Machiavelli], in everything that we do. Our country doesn't just have a great market for digital products but also is in need of youth who will work for the betterment of our society, be it our education system, health or infrastructure, if only to enable our future generations to be proud of their incredible India!

Lastly, I want to thank team Sampada for reaching out to me. I also want to thank my parents who were extremely supportive throughout my journey and trusted all of my decisions, however unconventional. Thank you to all of my friends who have been more than understanding and incredibly supportive, and every acquaintance I've had the pleasure of learning from. I Praise God for the continuous blessings he gracefully bestows upon me. All the very best to all the future aspirants from UVCE!

TOASTMASTERS AT UVCE

Toastmasters was a great session which gave a opportunity to know more about self . The session was comprised of 3 speakers giving insights of life and the decisions needed to take in life to excel.

The session started with Nitesh Ambuj who talked about "why do we take decisions" and the factors affecting the decisions we make, which included the passion, prestige, Mystic, rebel, alarm, trust and power, speaker talked about apple and their ideas towards future followed by example of bajaj pulsar which took over the market because they could make decisions considering future. The conclusion given was to take decision according to the gut feeling as it is correct most of the times.



The next speaker was an UVCE alumni, Rashmi Karthik who talked about two keywords voice and spark , voice expanding as value ideas, offer insights, include everyone, celebrate preference, engage in learning. Spark expanding as share your thoughts, participate actively, ask question, remember, knowledge is power.

Last speaker was Priya Dhaiya who talked about facing fears and a practical approach towards it. Priya talked about her motivating story, setbacks and how she overcame the difficulties in her early life and lead a successful career in Airbus India, and being the president of Toastmasters.

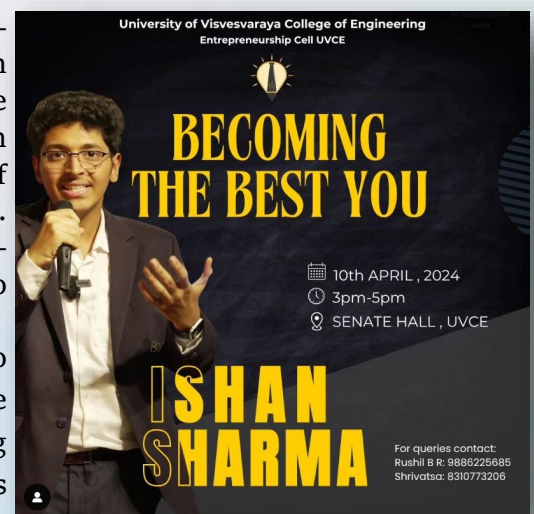
It was a beautifully crafted session by TPO, which every member of UVCE should attend in future to carve themselves and get on the journey of finding oneself.

- Vishwajeet, 3rd year ISE

“BECOMING THE BEST YOU” BY ECELL UVCE

‘Becoming the Best You’, an event organized by E-Cell UVCE was a transformative session filled with learning and lessons on making wise use of time and the importance of continuous upskilling in life. Conducted on 10th April, at Senate Hall, the event had an audience of over hundred students from varying branches and years. Ishan Sharma, a content creator and entrepreneur, co-founder of MarkitUp and Sentora was the speaker, who shared insights and guidance for self-improvement.

From sharing his incredible growth journey, to guiding the audience to make their journeys incredible too, Ishaan clearly explained the entire process of setting a clear goal to achieving it. Prioritizing the needs according to our goals and achieving them by following some basic activities and steps when routinely done was a major message conveyed to the audience. He patiently addressed the queries and uncertainties of the audience, leaving no stone unturned in their pursuit of personal excellence. The event ended with our faculty coordinator Dr. K P Guruswamy presenting Ishan with a token of gratitude and an heartwarming gesture from Ishan Sharma, who graciously invited attendees to engage with him personally.



MARVEL APRIL BUZZ

This month at Marvel, students enthusiastically delved into electronics and coding to participate in various competitions. Notably, they took part in the Hack A Maze competition organized by IEEE UVCE and Katalyst Tech Fest 2024.

Marvel set up a stall where they showcased several exciting projects. The stall featured a retro pie arcade game, a simple arcade game designed by students, a drone simulator, a challenging wire loop, and various board games. During this exhibition, we engaged with numerous students, introducing them to MARVEL's diverse tracks and initiatives. The stall garnered significant attention, drawing curious and intellectually inclined minds who wanted to learn more about MARVEL.

Additionally, a team of UVCE students participated in the Katalyst 2024 Engineering project track at the Bangalore Institute of Technology. With extensive support and hands-on experience using MARVEL's equipment, the team successfully developed a user-friendly and cost-effective wearable device called the "Body Slouch Detector." Their achievement was met with resounding success, earning them first place and a cash prize of 14,000 INR.

Furthermore, two teams from our college joined the Hack A Maze competition organized by IEEE UVCE during IMPETUS 2024, the annual tech fest. These teams leveraged Marvel's competition track provisions to access equipment and receive valuable guidance from coordinators. Their maze-solving robots, based on Arduino technology and equipped with servo-mounted sensors, adeptly navigated obstacles to find their way out of the maze.



The participating teams include "Digital Creators" (comprising Yeshwanth S, Sujeeth Kumar, and Sharvari) and another team led by R Vinaykumar, Skandan M M, and Vinay R (all third-year ECE students)

A team of students is developing a voice command-activated chessboard capable of autonomously moving the pieces. The project involves creating main actuators, constructing a case, and assembling other components. Nanda Kishore, Prahan, Daanish, Hamza, Hemanth, and Pavan are the students involved.



The students of the aviation cohort arranged for an aviation workshop open to all students across branches of UVCE. Shreyas Das (CSE 5th sem) & Siddharth Kharvi (ECE 7th sem) shared their knowledge with the students regarding the basics of building a drone and initial calculations and considerations for building a drone. It was an exposure session showcasing the aviation projects already executed at MARVEL.

In parallel, the aviation cohort has drafted their syllabus. They recently had an interactive session with Dr. M. S. Rajamurthy, an experienced Aeronautical Engineer and alumnus from the 1970s batch.

The students of MARVEL Batch 3 have graduated from level 2 and have successfully entered level 3. They sketched up their project proposals along with budgets and other intricate details. Their reports have been evaluated and feedback has been sent.

Batch 4 students have successfully presented their work for level 1 to their respective coordinators. The final list of shortlisted students for level 2 has been put out and the students have begun their course work for level 2.

The 3D printer (CR 10 Smart Pro) which had gone out of order has been serviced and is functional. It has gone through parts replacement and maintenance to serve us for further projects.

-Sudeep Vinayak Hegde (Mech 2nd year)

UPDATES FROM UVCE LIBRARY

UVCE Library plays a vital role in facilitating the learning and research needs of the students, faculty and other staff in campus. We have all witnessed the importance of library during our college days. It has been a treasure house of knowledge right from the beginning days. We have heard of instances where people from Bangalore University came to UVCE Library for references. We have also seen people visiting the Library for historical references which would help them in some research. Now, the library has become involved in more initiatives, under the able leadership of Mrs. Sandhya.

We have interacted and worked with the Librarian earlier too. When she reached out again related to the ID Cards, we were made aware of some very good initiatives happening in the recent times under the banner of UVCE Library. The librarian Sandhya has worked with Canara Bank Jubilee Education Fund and made sure the students of UVCE get the benefit. Here are a few updates:

A Scholarship of Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand rupees, benefitting 65 UVCE students with a merit scholarship of Rs.10,000/- each was awarded under the CBJEF initiative. These scholarships will greatly assist these deserving students in pursuing their education and achieving their academic goals. The Librarian took the students in batches to the Canara Bank premises itself for the scholarship award ceremony.

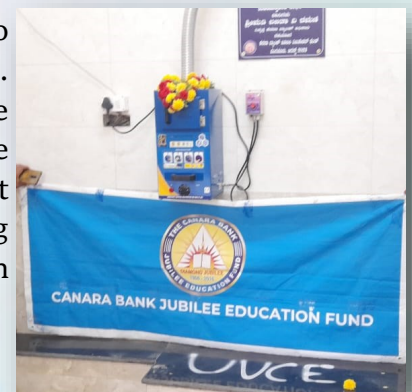


Furthermore, around 126 new books worth of around 66.5 thousand were donated to the UVCE Library' CBJEF Book Bank. These books will undoubtedly enhance the learning experience of the students and contribute in improving the knowledge. The accessibility of these books, which were in fact recommended by students themselves, will be invaluable in their upskilling and getting ready for the real-world.

Additionally, it is also the responsibility of the college to ensure a safe and hygienic environment for all the students. Unfortunately, the female students faced inconvenience due to the lack of proper incinerator disposal machines within the college premises. In this regard too, CBJEF came forward and donated it for the college. The entire team from CBJEF were present during



the inauguration event.



We have collated the available data so far and will keep doing further details from library as and when we get to know about them. From UVCEGA, we appreciate the efforts of the librarian and her team along with the college authorities to have taken this step forward and working towards supporting the students.

CIVISTA-2K24

UVCE's Civil Department once again set the stage ablaze with their annual fest, "CIVISTA-2K24", sponsored by "Hombale Groups". From March 28th to April 14th, the campus buzzed with excitement as students dived into a plethora of events ranging from the electrifying "Flashmob" to the intellectually stimulating "CIVIQ" and the adrenaline-pumping "TechnoBuild" followed by many such exciting events.

Sports enthusiasts showcased their skills in events like "Badminton", and various cricket tournaments including "Long Cricket" for both men and women, as well as the thrilling "Mixed Cricket", Volleyball, Track events etc. The fest wasn't just about competition; it was a celebration of diversity and creativity.

April 15th was a standout day as it was dedicated to "Ethnic Day," where students donned vibrant ethnic costumes, performed captivating cultural acts, and strutted their stuff in the Fashion Flash, amidst stunning decorations and a vibrant ambiance. The culmination on April 29th saw CIVISTA-2K24 reach its zenith with grand performances, dances, cultural showcases, and award ceremonies, all under the watchful eye of the esteemed chairman of the Civil department, L. Manjesh. With over 800 participants and more than 100 winners across various events, CIVISTA 2K24 was not just an event; it was a testament to the immense talent and spirit of UVCE.

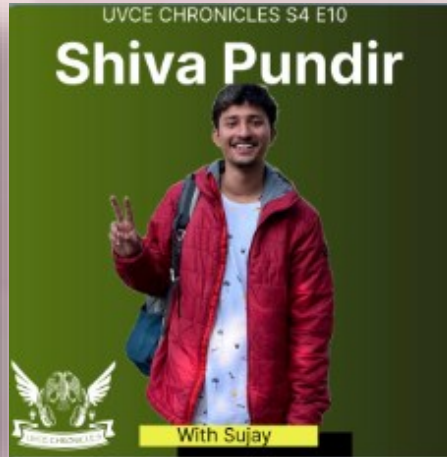
- Rajashree H Jawalgi, 3rd sem Civil



UVCE CHRONICLES



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We request you to listen to these audio podcasts and get to know more about our alumni. Also, we invite anyone interested to share their experience with fellow UVCEians to write to us and we can have your interview recorded and publish in an episode. Reach out to us at info@uvcega.org. You can also suggest your batchmates and other UVCEians to us.

UVCEGA AGM UPDATES

As always, we are in that time period of the year when the Annual General Body Meeting of UVCE Graduates Association is upon us. We have organized 3 AGMS so far—1 Online and 2 Offline. It is an occasion to meet the members across batches and also know the progress of UVCE Graduates Association as a community. Though the monthly meetings we hold online are open to everyone, the AGM is exclusively for members alone. To see the entire list 1500+ members and also verify your own name in the membership list, please check in the below link. If you are not a member, please do REGISTER TODAY !!

<https://uvcega.org/members/>

We are planning to hold the AGM in July mid week (exact dates will be announced shortly). In the Bylaw, we have mentioned that the AGM will be held during the third week of June and we have followed it previously. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, this time, we are planning to delay it by 3-4 weeks. But the AGM Notice, Annual Report and other details will be shared with the members well in advance. This update is to make sure everyone is aware about the delay and do not feel otherwise about not being kept informed.

Also, this year, we will have elections for the Executive Committee. The present Execom has been serving from past 2 years and as per the ByLaw, we need to have the committee selected this year. As you all are aware, for a community to grow and thrive, involvement by every member is very essential. The saying "little drops of water make a mighty ocean" is very apt in this situation and hence we call upon every UVCEian to actively participate in this process. We hope that members who want to be involved in the activities of the Association and lead it from the front will take part in the elections.

The Executive Committee gave the powers to the President and Secretary to appoint the Returning Officer in the previous meeting. After a short discussion, the President and Secretary decided that Dr K S Anandaram from 1964 Batch will be the Returning Officer, after taking his approval. We have assured him all the support from the Executive Committee and all the further announcements related to Calendar of Events etc will be done by him in the coming days. For any queries, please feel to write to us at info@uvcega.org and we will be glad to respond to you. Looking forward to your active participation in taking UVCEGA to newer heights!!

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