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EDITORIAL

This edition of Sampada has many interesting stories and articles included in it. But we were wondering what topic should the Editorial address? By then, 14th November was here. We thought highlighting the fact about Children's Day and why all of us need to celebrate it should be worth exploring. So, let us start with it

Children's Day isn't just about celebrating kids; it's a nudge to remember the child we all used to be—the one who asked endless questions, dreamt without limits, and dove into new experiences without fear. Somewhere along the way, adulthood might have dulled that spark. But what if we could hold onto those childlike qualities that make life so much more exciting? What if we could live with curiosity, positivity, & the courage to try, no matter what?

Think about how kids approach the world. They never stop asking, "Why?" That hunger to know more and understand better is something we could all use a little more of. Too often, as adults, we stop questioning because we think we've got it all figured out—or we're too afraid to admit we don't. But curiosity is what drives progress. As Albert Einstein said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing." Imagine how much richer life could be if we stayed curious, whether it's learning a new skill, exploring a new place, or simply asking deeper questions in our relationships.

Then there's the way kids stay positive, even when things don't go their way. They'll fall a dozen times learning to ride a bike, but they'll keep going because they know the reward is worth it. That's something adults could use more of—focusing on possibilities rather than problems. As Walt Disney famously said, "It's kind of fun to do the impossible." What if we embraced challenges with the same excitement as a child tackling a new game? Positivity isn't just about seeing the glass half full; it's about believing you can fill it up yourself.

Finally, kids aren't afraid to try, fail, and try again. They don't get caught up in perfectionism or worry about what others think. They just do. That kind of fearless experimentation is the key to innovation and growth. What if we let go of our fear of failure and simply started? Whether it's a career change, a passion project, or something as simple as learning to bake, the first step can feel scary—but it's also the most freeing.

This Children's Day, let's take a page from the kids' playbook. Stay curious. Stay positive. Stay fearless. Because while growing older is inevitable, growing up is optional. And honestly? Life's way more fun when you don't.

When we see the senior alumni conversing with the current students during Reunions and other events, it is evident that they are curious to know about the contemporary trends, current generation thought process and more. This has helped us to bridge the connection between alumni and students in a much easier way. Even during the 1974 Batch Golden Jubilee, we were glad that some student volunteers joined us and helped in making sure that the event happened smoothly.

The college campus was very active in the last month with multiple events happening in tandem and students were very busy. Kagada—National Level Paper Presentation by IEEE UVCE, Jugaad by ECell UVCE, Majama by Adhamya UVCE and much more... Read about them in detail inside this edition.

And we are inching closer towards the 15th year anniversary. Even to imagine that we would have published 180 editions over these many months, without missing a single time is difficult for us. We would love to hear about your thoughts of the 15 years journey of Sampada, how it has affected you on a personal level and how can we make it more impactful in the coming years.



- Team Sampada

MECHANICAL BLOCK UPDATES



The last 2 images are from the Mechanical Notice Board which are the plans of the buildings that are being built. We would like to point out that these are not officially announced photos and there might be changes to these designs.

GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION OF 74 BATCH

Meeting batchmates and professors after a gap of fifty years must feel surreal—a journey back in time that brings a rush of nostalgia. Reuniting with the people who played a pivotal role in shaping your life must evoke countless cherished memories of youthful days spent at UVCE.

These were precisely the thoughts that came alive in the college's quadrangle with alumni and professors from the 1974 batch. The air was filled with laughter and heartfelt greetings like, "Oh, it's so nice to see you after all these years," as they enjoyed steaming cups of chai and coffee, rekindling old bonds.

The planning for this Golden Jubilee reunion had begun months earlier, as early as March. The UVCE Graduates Association's effort into organizing a memorable occasion like this was appreciated by everyone.

Organizing such an event is no small feat. It's all about ensuring countless little details align perfectly to create a seamless experience. From securing permission to host the event on campus to reaching out to alumni, gathering their details, handling logistics, and setting up the venue—the preparation was intense. But when you see alumni reconnecting with their peers and professors, their smiles make every ounce of effort worthwhile.

The event kicked off at 9:30 AM with registration and coffee, followed by the main program in the Sir MV Senate hall. The Director welcomed all the senior alumni and the retired faculty. Honoring the faculty was the first aspect of the event. Around 13-14 retired faculty from all the branches were assembled for the event and they were very happy by this gesture of their then students. One faculty from each department shared their thoughts and remembered the time spent with this batch in college. Dr Ravindra of Electronics Department had sent a special video message for all his students. Later, representatives from each branch then took everyone on a nostalgic journey, recounting unforgettable moments from their college days. Few of the spouses of alumni joined in, adding to the warmth of the occasion.

The mandatory group photo was taken at the Quadrangle in front of the two trees. After that, branch-wise photos were also taken. Some of them went on a quick tour of the campus and recalled their student days, popularly known as "Golden Days"

The celebrations continued at Century Club with a sumptuous lunch. Everyone interacted with each other and shared their stories and experiences with each other. Souvenirs were then distributed, including a customized thermos flask with the engraving "UVCE 1974 Batch Golden Jubilee," a special Coffee Mug, a UVCE magnet, Dairy and pen, all put together in the specially branded jute bag

As the event came to a close, the day of joy and reflection left a lasting impression. While the laughter slowly faded, the memories created during this reunion will undoubtedly endure, and UVCE will forever cherish the contributions of its active alumni community. We will be publishing a dedicated Sampada edition for the 74 batch alumni.



UVCE CAMPUS NEWS

KAGADA 20, an Annual National-Level Inter-Collegiate Technical Student Conference hosted by IEEE UVCE, completed its 20th iteration on October 26, 2024. The conference started in the year 2004 and successfully completed 20 years with a progressive count every year.

KAGATHON 8, the prequel run for KAGADA, happened on 17th October, 2024. The run was around Cubbon Park with various engaging fun activities along the way.

On October 26, 2024, the inauguration ceremony of KAGADA 20 commenced with welcoming the gathering, followed by lighting the lamp by all the dignitaries. Prof. Subhasish Tripathy sir, Director, UVCE



University, emphasized the significance of active participation in college activities and the benefits it brings to students. He also encouraged students to explore various startup ideas. Dr. B.P. Harish sir, Controller of Examination, UVCE University, shared insights into the history of KAGADA and highlighted the contributions of IEEE UVCE. Dr. Dilip Kumar sir, Training and Placement Officer, UVCE University, addressed the gathering with his thoughtful insights about various organizations similar to IEEE and their contributions to society.

Soon after the inaugural ceremony, all three tracks, i.e., paper, project, and poster presentation, started. The paper presentation track was conducted entirely in virtual mode through Google Meet. Participants presented their papers to an esteemed panel of judges, and the judgment was based on the criteria provided to the participants. The number of participants was 21.

The project presentation track was held completely offline. It consisted of two categories, viz., IT domain and core domain.

The IT domain had all the projects related to topics of computer science, information science, etc. Whereas the core domain consisted of the projects related to electrical, electronics, mechanical, and civil.

The track started with a brief introduction of the judges who had expertise in their domain. The judges panel included Dr. KP Guruswamy Sir, Dr. Venkatesh Sir, Prof. Shaheeda Ma'am, Prof. Rudresh Sir, Prof. Basavaraj Sir, Mr. Mohith Verma, and Mr. Prajwal Pujari. The judges walked around and inspected the projects along with a question-and-answer session. In total, there were 21 projects, including both IT and core domains.

The poster presentation was held in hybrid mode, i.e., in both online and offline mode. It also had sub-categories as Cybersecurity [on the occasion of Cybersecurity Month], Technical, and General.

The online mode of poster track for KAGADA 20 was conducted in two tracks: general and technical. Participants were given the platform to share their thoughts and knowledge through their posters! Teams received guidance from our esteemed panel of judges and gained valuable experience through this event. A total of 13 teams participated.

A total of 78 teams participated offline, presenting their posters to highlight unique solutions and research insights. Judges evaluated the posters based on creativity and clarity of presentation. The event provided participants with an excellent platform to share knowledge and gain feedback on their work.



In total, including all the tracks, we had 133 teams and 295 participants, which made a remarkable count in the history of IEEE UVCE. The presentations opened a wide scope for all the participants to display their ideas and thoughts.

Further, KAGADA 20 also sets a platform for two humanitarian activities that aim towards building a better society. Starting with Ottige Kaliyona, an initiative taken towards helping a government school student to learn and enjoy a day on the college campus. This year we had BBMP High School, Cottonpete, Bengaluru. The program kicked off at 10:00 AM with an engaging icebreaker session, followed by a series of games and activities. Students had the opportunity to showcase their talents, including singing, dancing, and artwork. They also indulged in learning MS PowerPoint. At the end, students were gifted with educational goodies.

Another initiative taken in order to help orphanages is Food for Cause, where the volunteers cook food and sell it. The profit is then donated to the orphanage. This year we had Masala Puri, Sprouts Masala, Mocktail, and many other snacks on the menu, which attracted students to buy and contribute towards the good cause.



The day ended with a closing ceremony led by Dr. P Deepa Shenoy Ma'am, Branch Advisor, IEEE UVCE and Former Chairperson IEEE Bangalore Section 2022, and Dr. Kiran K Sir, Branch Counselor, IEEE UVCE and Chairperson of Electronics and Communication Engineering. The ceremony started with quick, overwhelming feedback from participants. Further, the dignitaries handed over the certificates and cash prizes for all the runners and winners.

Overall, the 20th iteration of KAGADA nurtured young ideas and thoughts to present themselves and assured a significant platform for further guidance and betterment of participants.



UVCEGA MENTORSHIP IMPACT

I wish to convey my deepest gratitude to UVCEGA and my mentor, Dr. Deepa Shenoy ma'am, for their immense support and invaluable mentorship. Being chosen as a recipient of the UVCEGA scholarship and mentorship program has truly been a life-changing experience. When I first embarked on this journey, I was aware of the technical skills I lacked and the confidence gap that stood in my way. Simple tasks like presenting a PowerPoint seemed daunting, and I felt uncertain about my potential to grow and succeed in competitive environments. However, all of that changed with steadfast encouragement and guidance from Deepa ma'am.



Her mentorship has been a beacon of light, guiding me not only through the intricacies of technical knowledge but also offering me continuous motivation to overcome my self-doubt. With her help, I have achieved milestones that once felt out of reach, including winning the Securathon and excelling in the Kagada poster presentation competition. These accomplishments were not just personal victories; they were proof of how impactful dedicated support and belief can be.

Beyond the technical growth, what makes Deepa ma'am's mentorship truly special is her holistic approach. She has never treated my journey as purely academic. Knowing that I am a classical dancer and an active participant in various college clubs, she has encouraged and celebrated those aspects of my life as well. Her constant reminders that success encompasses more than just academic achievements have fueled my passion and helped me maintain a balanced approach to personal growth. This has given me the courage to bring my best self to every competition, every presentation, and every creative pursuit I am a part of.

Reflecting on where I started from struggling to present a simple PowerPoint to where I am now, with awards from Securathon and Kagada to my name, I am in awe of the journey that has unfolded. None of this would have been possible without the immense support and belief that UVCEGA and Deepa ma'am have invested in me. Their combined encouragement has not only nurtured my technical abilities but has also molded me into a more confident and well-rounded individual. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity that has brought out the best in me and equipped me with the skills and confidence to pursue even greater heights. Thank you, UVCEGA, and thank you, Deepa Shenoy ma'am, for making this chapter of my life so profoundly impactful. Your support has been and continues to be a cornerstone of my growth and success.

- Bhavani.P, 3rd Sem CSE



UVCE REPRESENTATION AT ZONASA

This is me talking about my experience in the 67th Zonal NASA Convention, by National Association of Students of Architecture (NASA), hosted by Aurora Design Academy, Hyderabad Telangana. Before I start, I want to share the background of the convention where my students from our college participated in various competitions, such as Dance, Graphic Design, Photography, Cinematography, and Rueben's Trophy where we exhibited the various academic works of our college. And the purpose of the convention is to have a union between the students of various architectural colleges and interact with each other in various competitions, workshops, sessions, activities and we had colleges from Zone 5 (Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Goa) and a few colleges from Zone 6 (Tamil Nādu and Kerala) attend this time.



Before arriving at the convention and registering, we met a few architecture college students, who were traveling along with us, and we had a good interactive session with the fresh minds of their college and with my juniors as well while I shared about my previous convention experience.

And one of the best experiences in the convention was my participation in a hands-on-workshop (bamboo structures) where I got the opportunity to be a part of constructing a bamboo pavilion as a part of the objective. The three day workshop included two days of building the structure, and a day of field visit to a farmhouse, where my workshop instructor has designed and worked in. Apart from building the pavilion, the students in the workshop, including me, had a good time bonding with each other over there by interacting, dancing and we all enjoyed it. Even my juniors learnt new things like Heritage, Vaastu, Cinematography, Urban Mapping which included their city tour on the basis of their workshop type.

But the most enjoyable part was after the workshops, which ended in the evening with a parade which had colleges proudly waving their college flags, and starting off their band and further having different cultural events and programs, such as dance, music concert, and DJ on the last day. The best thing from the college was that both our graphic design entries got shortlisted in the top five, and one of the entries won a special mention too. Also highlighting the hat-trick in the graphic design shortlisting in the last three conventions. And a proud moment that even my contribution gave an effort.

Last, but not the least, attending the 67th Zonal NASA Convention was a transformative experience that deepened my understanding of perspectives in architecture and my role as a student within the field. The workshops, lectures, competitions, and the interaction with fellow students left me inspired and motivated to keep learning and evolving. As I returned home, I felt not only enriched with new skills and ideas but also more connected to the larger community of architecture students dedicated to designing the future.

Finally I would like to thank my department people who have worked on the various trophies and my juniors who helped in exhibiting the college's entries and helping in getting the special mention for the college, and also enjoyed being with us.

- Ajay P R, 3rd year ARCH



OBITUARY

Annapoorna T.R., ECE 2023 Batch

Gone too soon, but forever in our hearts

It is with great sadness that we announce the demise of one of the younger alumni. We pray that her soul rest in peace and for strength for her family to get through this difficult time.

UVCEIAN IN LIMELIGHT

We were excited to know that one of our alumni - Usha Hegde from 2009 batch opened the London Mayor's Diwali event in Trafalgar square with Inaugural dance with her team. This is what she had to say on the Social Media -

"One of the best experiences of my life. Performing "Ramashtakam" in the central London in front of thousands of people was a surreal experience. Many thanks to my teacher and the team for the vision and giving me this opportunity. Forever grateful".

This was also featured in msn news and BBC News pages as well.

[Click here to view](#)

Usha is currently working as "Firmware Engineer" at FireAngel Safety Technology at Coventry, UK. She had earlier worked at Robert Bosch at various capacities.



JUGAAD BY ECELL

On October 24th, the Senate Hall at UVCE came alive with innovation and creativity as E-Cell UVCE presented Jugaad - an event crafted for the sharpest, most inventive minds. From 2:30 to 5:00 PM, participants showcased their talents through various rounds that tested their business knowledge, strategic thinking, and real-time management skills.

The event kicked off with a quizzing challenge, where participants had to identify famous entrepreneurs from photos, guess companies based on their logos, and from their brand taglines. After three intense rounds, contestants were presented with an exciting "dare round" to earn additional points, adding an element of surprise. Finally, in the ultimate test of skill and creativity, participants were given points to "purchase" materials and tasked with building a phone stand. The challenge required not only constructing a functional stand but creating one that was both practical and artistic, all with limited resources.



Jugaad 2024 transformed the design process, pushing participants to use limitations and ordinary materials to produce extraordinary creations. This memorable event epitomized the vision of E-Cell UVCE, leaving participants eager for the upcoming events.

UVCE KARATE CHAMPION

We are glad to inform that Supritkumar from 1st Semester Mechanical Branch, has achieved 1st place in the 1st International Karate Championship, organized by the Goju Ryu Karate Do Ken Ryu Kan, Japan recognized by multiple organizations like Akhil Karnataka Sports Karate Association (AKSKA), Karate India Organisation (KIO), World Karate Federation (WKF); International Olympic Committee (IOC); Sports Authority of India (SAI)

This prestigious event, held on October 26th and 27th at Vasavi Nagar, Hubli, saw the participation of athletes from over seven countries.

Supritkumar competed in the 18+ Kumite (fight) category for the 70kg weight class and came out on top, showcasing incredible skill and unwavering dedication. We couldn't be prouder of his hard work and determination. His journey is nothing short of inspiring, and we're sure this is just the beginning of many more achievements. Supritkumar truly reflects the perseverance and spirit that define UVCE.

In addition to this recent victory, he has won: 3 Golds and 2 Silvers in 6 Open International Karate Tournaments; 2 Golds and 1 Silver in 4 Open National Karate Tournaments. Some of his other notable Achievements are 2 times National Karate Champion; 4 times State Champion; 6 times District Champion.

On behalf of the UVCE alumni fraternity we congratulate the achievement and hope that he brings more laurels to UVCE. We will support in any way possible to make sure he reaches more milestones.

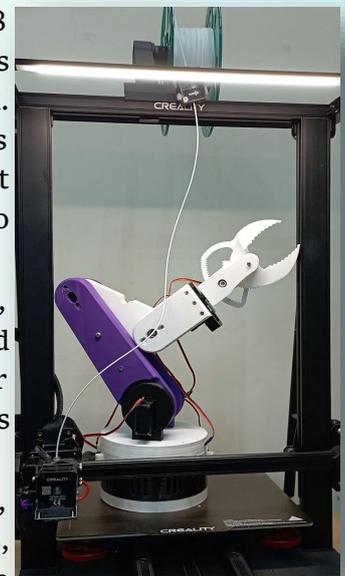


MARVEL UPDATES

MARVEL provided a great kick-start to the students of the 2028 batch during the induction program, introducing them to various domains and tracks within MARVEL and receiving wonderful feedback. It also supported students participating in the E-Yantra Robotics Competition. Discussions are ongoing for an important upcoming event for MARVEL Open Day where students will have an opportunity to explore MARVEL in depth.

Kagadha was conducted by IEEE UVCE on the 26th of October, with a strong turnout of students participating in both poster and project presentations. Notably, Anjal K. Nair, a 4th-semester Mechanical student, won first place in the project presentation for his robotic arm project.

The final presentation for Batch 5 students was also conducted, where students demonstrated their completion of Level 1 tasks, showcasing detailed knowledge that was very insightful. We encouraged lateral entry students to visit MARVEL by broadcasting information about it, which piqued their curiosity. Many of them visited MARVEL with interest and asked numerous questions. Another important event was the release of the application form for Batch 6. We campaigned in every class of the 27th and 28th batches, and received an enthusiastic response from them. Finally, as the month ends, we're preparing for Open Day. To make it more impactful, students interested in showcasing their projects are being supported through the project track. Points of Contact (POCs) have been assigned to assist students with any questions, ensuring a smooth experience.



MAJAMA - NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS

The Majama event was a true testament to the spirit of celebration and unity, even under challenging weather conditions. The event beautifully captured the festive spirit of Navaratri/Dussehra with multiple clubs bringing their unique talent to the stage and delivering memorable performances. Team Tatva's engaging street play started the evening off on a high note, drawing the audience into its story and creating a vibrant atmosphere from the start. Club Momento followed them with an electrifying dance performance, where each move showed their hard work and synchronized teamwork, keeping the energy levels high. Paradox then took the stage, filling the air with soulful melodies that connected deeply with the crowd, adding warmth and sentiment to the stage.

The evening concluded with Eunoia's captivating fashion show, where models presented creative and stylish designs, exuding confidence and elegance that left a lasting impression. Despite the light rain, the performers' dedication and passion for their craft shone through, making Majama a truly unforgettable celebration of culture, artistry, and community spirit that resonated with everyone in attendance.



GIVING BACK TO UVCE

We are always glad to make announcement about alumni coming together and supporting the college in terms of infrastructure.

In this regards, few alumni have come together and donated :

- * CCTV cameras, providing comprehensive surveillance to the entire library (ground and first floor)
- * TV for display
- * Installation services
- * Image Runner 2224N copier cum scanner

This support significantly enhances the library's infrastructure, security & services. They help in boosting security and safeguarding library resources.

Here are the names of the alumni who worked towards this initiative:

- Mr H Suresh, Dept of Mechanical Engineering (1973-74 Batch)
- Mr Vidhya Sai Prasad, Dept of Mechanical Engineering (2006 Batch)
- Mr Srikanth Kestur, Dept of Mechanical Engineering (2006 Batch)
- Mr Harshan, Dept of Mechanical Engineering (2006 Batch)
- Mr M C Nagaraj, Dept of Computer Science Engineering (2006 Batch)

The college authorities handed over a letter of appreciation and certificate to Mr Suresh and expressed the gratitude on behalf of the institution for this generous support.

From UVCEGA as well, we thank the alumni for taking up this initiative and expressing their love towards the alma-mater and working for its betterment.



RANGAPRAVESHHA

On 2nd November 2024, the Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Gopika S. Kumar, a final-year B.Tech ECE student at UVCE, was held at A. D.A. Rangamandira, Bengaluru. This event celebrated Gopika's dedication to the classical dance form under the guidance of Guru Smt. Chitra Vinodh, Artistic Director of Chitra Centre for Performing Arts, and her earlier training with Guru Smt. Jayanthi Thyagarajan.

Gopika has been an active participant in cultural events at UVCE, serving as the Vice President of Momento, the dance club. Her Rangapravesha was graced by esteemed guests including Sri. Mithun Shyam, Director of Vaishnavi Natyashala, and Smt. Anjali Attavar Santosh, Managing Trustee of Sri Mahalakshmi Temple.

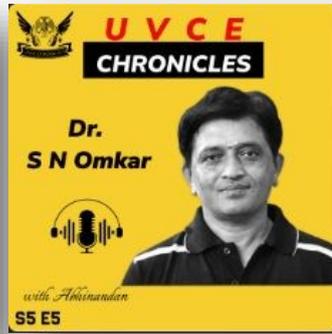
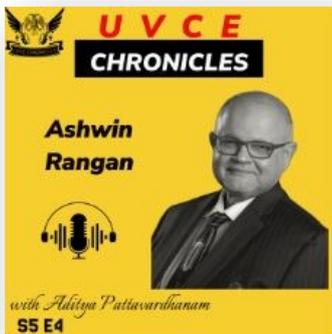
She has passed the Madhyama Poorna Examination in Bharatanatyam with distinction, performed on prestigious stages, and received a 'B' gradation from Doordarshan Kendra, Bengaluru. Her performances include Sai Nrithyotsav, TedEx UVCE, and temples like Mookambika and Guruvayoor.

The event featured a stellar music ensemble with Nattuvangam by Smt. Chitra Vinodh, vocal performance by Vidwan Sri. Rohith Bhat Uppoor, and instrumental support from Vidwan Sri. Vinay Nagarajan (mridangam), Vidwan Sri. Jayaram Kikkeri (flute), Vidwan Sri. Prashanth Rudrapatna (veena), and Vidwan Sri. D. V. Prasanna Kumar (khanjira, morsing, and rhythm pads).



Few of the students, alumni and Dr K P Guruswamy from the Electrical Department attended the event. It was an amazing experience for many of us as we witnessed the classical performance. We wish Gopika continues to inspire and serve as a role model for all UVCEians and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

UVCE CHRONICLES



LISTEN ON SPOTIFY

Moving forward with the fifth season of UVCE Chronicles, we have Ashwin Rangan of the 1982 batch who has served as CIO for global giants like ICANN, Bank of America, and Walmart. After that, we feature Dr. S.N. Omkar, from 1984 batch, a distinguished Chief Research Scientist at the Department of Aerospace Engineering, IISc Bengaluru .

Would you like to share your thoughts and be featured on Chronicles? Reach out to us info@uvcega.org

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