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## EDITORIAL

Last time Editorial was pictorial, highlighting all the upcoming events and initiatives. This time we have an update on most of them and we are glad to report that there has been amazing progress.

- PULSE Talks : Session 4 was organized and more than 50 students attended it and interacted with Haripriya, Senior Director at EdgeQ. She is an alumnus from 2000 batch
- Visit Boys Hostel : On Feb 7th, we had 25+ alumni from various batches joining us to walk down the memory lane by walking through the corridors of the hostel physically. You can read the detailed article inside.
- Career Sutra: Within a span of 10 days, more than 30 alumni agreed to join and share their thoughts with the students of UVCE and help them understand the real world expectations and how to skill up for the road ahead in their careers. Along with the article, we also have feedback from both alumni and students inside the edition
- UVCEGA Scholarships: The shortlist of students for the interviews will be announced shortly and we will be inviting the alumni to interact with the students and understand their needs. Stay Tuned for details.

We have always believed that “Giving Back” does not always mean funds alone. And that is one of the reasons we organize various activities and initiatives. However, we have never shied away to request the alumni for funds. For example, with the generous contributions from 2000 batch, we have been able to procure couple of cutting-edge, high-end equipment for MARVEL. You can read about it in the article inside.

We are also raising funds for the Hostel Renovation work. Approximately, each room interior refurbishing work (masonry, electric and painting) is costing 20K . For 44 rooms in total, we are looking to raise around 9Lakhs. We have some generous donors who have contributed already. Calling more alumni who have stayed in the hostel (even if not) to join hands to provide the students a basic environment to stay and study. We are also calling for support towards the Scholarship Funds. You are free to let us know your choice and it will be utilized accordingly. Drop us a note when you transfer funds to us so that we can track it. If you need any more information, reach us out at (Satish: +91-9740111552)





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Inside the edition you can find articles from MARVEL & IEEE UVCE and also continuing our collaboration with ECell UVCE, we have published one more interview of our Alumni Entrepreneur. Congratulations to our own Alumni from 1984 Batch, Dr Shatavadhani Ganesh for being honored with PadmaBhushan award. Read the newspaper article which has complete info.

We have some more interesting articles and write-ups inside this edition. Looking forward to hear about your thoughts and feedback. Write to us at [Sampada@uvcega.org](mailto:Sampada@uvcega.org)

### PADMA AWARDEES - UVCE HALL OF FAME

- **Dr M R Srinivasan (1950 Batch) :** Padma Vibhushan (2015); Padma Shri (1984)
- **Prof Roddam Narasimha (1953 Batch):** Padma Vibhushan (2013); Padma Bhushan(1987)
- **Dr M S Ramkumar (1959 Batch) :** Padmashri (1999)
- **Dr VK Aatre (1961 Batch):** Padma Vibhushan (2016); Padma Bhushan(2000)
- **Dr N Sheshagiri (1961 Batch):** Padma Bhushan(2005)
- **Dr TS Prahlad (1961 Batch):** Padmashri (2004)
- **Dr Prahlada Ramarao (1969 Batch):** Padmashri (2015)
- **Dr Shatavadhani Ganesh (1984 Batch):** PadmaBhushan (2026)

## UVCE BOYS HOSTEL VISIT

A vision to waterproof the Old Hostel Block's roof, initiated by the 1984 Batch alumni and led by UVCEGA Vice President Lt. Sukumar, was completely managed by the 1984 batch. This showcased the commendable spirit of the alumni in seeing the project through to completion. The work ensured that leakages into the rooms were stopped, addressing an absolute need of the hour. This section of the renovation was completed in May 2025, and the effort followed the opening of the new canteen building for students, further enhancing hostel life.

The work and vision to make the hostel more liveable did not end there. Soon, Lt. Sukumar, along with his batchmates and with the support of UVCEGA, began the Hostel Room Renovation Project. This initiative involved setting up fixtures and painting rooms, starting with two to three rooms at a time. To celebrate and encourage participation, an event was proposed at the hostel, inviting alumni to visit, witness the renovation work, and join hands in supporting UVCE students.

The UVCE hostel visit, organized on 7th February, 2026 envisioned as a chance to relive college days, recollect amazing stories, and walk down memory lane with batchmates. Alumni were encouraged to spread the word and make the gathering even more meaningful.

The turnout exceeded expectations, with alumni ranging from the 1965 batch to the 2021 batch attending. Many walked straight to their old rooms, filled with joy at revisiting their hostel days, and expressed happiness that UVCEGA was working to improve the hostel spaces.

The hostel wardens, associates, and the newly appointed deputy warden, Prof. K P Guruswamy, welcomed the alumni warmly. Everyone gathered in the canteen space and alumni shared stories with students and encouraged the students to share their concerns and listened to them and engaged in heartfelt conversations.

We were happy to help create a platform for hostel students to interact with alumni, which gave everyone the opportunity to first-hand understand the challenges students face in their day-to-day hostel life. Alumni listened with interest, shared their own experiences, and expressed a strong desire to contribute toward improving hostel facilities. The event concluded with comforting food served by the hostel warden, after which most alumni departed, while some stayed back to explore the hostel further in a nostalgic rundown. We sincerely thank all those who took time out to visit the hostel and be part of this meaningful initiative.

UVCEGA warmly invites more alumni to join hands in making the hostel space more beautiful, supportive, and enriching for the students. ([Bank Details](#))



## CAREER SUTRA

On 14th February 2026, UVCE witnessed the beginning of something that we believe will shape its future alumni-student engagement for years to come. The UVCE Graduates Association (UVCEGA), in collaboration with the Training and Placement Office, organized the first-ever edition of Career Sutra, a dedicated platform designed to bring alumni experience directly to students preparing to build their careers and step into the professional world.

The idea for Career Sutra emerged organically from continued engagement with the 2000 batch following their reunion. Over the past year, the batch has been actively contributing to the institution, from supporting infrastructure upgrades to participating in initiatives such as PULSE talks through MARVEL, where alumni share their professional journeys with students.

During one such interaction, alumna Sucharita P raised a thoughtful question: could there be a structured platform where senior alumni could guide students specifically on placements and career direction? That question resonated deeply with us in the Executive Committee. It reflected both a willingness to give back and an understanding of what students genuinely need at a critical stage in their lives.

With the encouragement and consent of the Director and the Training and Placement Office, we began conceptualizing Career Sutra as an alumni-led, institution supported initiative. What followed was weeks of coordination reaching out to alumni across sectors, aligning schedules, structuring panels meaningfully, creating awareness among students both online and in person, and ensuring that the event would be impactful rather than ceremonial.

On the day of the event, hosted at the Lecture Complex with one-on-one mentoring sessions at the Rock Garden, more than 30 alumni volunteered their time and over 340 students registered to participate. The program featured three structured sessions with four focused panels spanning IT Products, IT Services, Core Engineering, and Startups. The diversity of experience ensured that students could gain exposure to multiple career trajectories rather than a single narrative of success. Alumni spoke candidly about their journeys about interviews that did not go as planned, about skills they wished they had developed earlier, about transitions between roles and industries, and about the mindset required to grow sustainably in a competitive environment.

Between the formal sessions, the Rock Garden became a space for deeper engagement. Students shortlisted through a preparatory quiz during the break had the opportunity for one-on-one interactions with alumni. The seriousness with which students approached these conversations was inspiring. They came prepared with specific questions about technical preparation, role clarity, domain shifts, higher studies, and long-term career growth. Alumni responded not as distant achievers, but as seniors who once stood in the same classrooms. Lunch, organized by UVCEGA, allowed conversations to continue informally.

Behind the visible success of the day was the quiet commitment of many individuals. Satish AG and Lt. Sukumar Rao provided steady guidance and were instrumental in ensuring that planning translated into seamless execution. Meghashree Gangadhara, Lomesh K G, Swaminathan S, Anupama Hegde, and several other UVCEGA members and student volunteers worked tirelessly to coordinate logistics and support participants. The Training and Placement Office extended full cooperation throughout the process. It was also deeply meaningful to see leaders such as Sudeep Prasad, Vice President at Numocity and a fellow alumnus, visit the campus despite personal commitments.



Beyond the numbers and logistics, what made Career Sutra special was the shared intent. Alumni came forward not out of obligation, but out of gratitude and responsibility. Students participated not merely as attendees, but as individuals determined to prepare themselves better for the opportunities ahead. That mutual seriousness affirmed that Career Sutra was addressing a genuine need within the institution.

As the first edition, the event was both fulfilling and instructive. We learned that structured alumni engagement can create measurable impact. We recognized the importance of bringing in even greater diversity of industries and experiences in future editions. We saw the potential for Career Sutra to evolve into an annual flagship initiative, and perhaps eventually into a sustained mentorship ecosystem that supports students beyond a single day of interaction.

From the perspective of the UVCEGA Executive Committee, Career Sutra represents more than an event successfully conducted, it represents the beginning of a culture where alumni engagement is intentional, organized, and deeply aligned with student growth. When alumni return with clarity of purpose and students respond with preparation and humility, the institution as a whole becomes stronger.

As a 2023 ECE alumnus and a member of the UVCEGA Executive Committee, I feel privileged to have been part of the team that helped bring this vision to life. The true achievement, however, belongs to the community. To the alumni who gave their time, to the faculty and Placement Office who trusted and supported the idea, and to the students whose enthusiasm validated the effort. Career Sutra 2026 has set a foundation. It is now our collective responsibility to build upon it with even greater depth, reach, and impact in the years to come.

**- Adrian P Isaac, 2023 Batch**



## CAREER SUTRA - FEEDBACK & RESPONSES

Some of the alumni responses:

Spent an insightful session with 2nd and 3rd-year students at UVCE ( Training and Placement Office UVCE ) sharing real-world insights on current industry shifts, professional landscape and essential employability skill sets! □ Discussed the importance of staying ahead of the curve and adapting to the ever-changing landscape.

Thank you to UVCEGA for the invitation and the warm welcome. Grateful for the opportunity to connect and inspire the next-gen professionals!

**- Bala Murugan, Program Manager at Ather Energy (2016 Batch)**

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Sharing experience, shaping future leaders. Privileged to contribute at CareerSutra in UVCE, engaging with 350+ students and 35+ alumni.

Our conversations spanned diverse and vital themes – careers in the defence forces, the future of AI and sovereign AI, handling adversity, building confidence, and nurturing a lifelong learning mindset. Leadership is not only about experience, but about sharing it meaningfully with the next wave. I was inspired by the curiosity of the students and the diverse insights my fellow panelists - Akash Raj and Mohammed Fouzan brought to the table.

Giving back to our alma mater in this way highlights the power of collective wisdom and mentorship. Looking forward to continuing this journey of shaping future leaders.

Kudos to UVCE Graduates Association and the tireless volunteers for organising the event! True leadership lies in guiding others to face challenges with confidence and curiosity.

**- Maitreya Bhoopalam, Chief of Staff at Carelon Global Solutions (2002 Batch)**

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It was really nice to be back at UVCE for Career Sutra. Sharing experiences from my time there and the lessons I've picked up since then. Hoping they help in some small way as students shape their own careers.

**- Akash Raj, Lead Product Owner at Aptean (2018 Batch)**

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UVCE students are always curious and passionate, a trait so evident. A humbling experience, made a lot of friends, alumni's from 1980s to 90s , 2000s to 2020s and thought provoking interaction with everyone (transcending across decades)

Kudos to UVCEGA for organizing and Wishing the students good luck..! Calling all UVCEian's to join in future engagements and strengthen the community of this great institution.

**- Naveen Kumar, Director at Target (2004 Batch)**

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Great to see this initiative kicking off !! Wishing this to become a Quarterly / Half yearly event and help the students make their career choice. Thanks to UVCEGA for organizing this event at a short notice

**- Chandrashekar S, Group Manager at Infosys (1994 Batch)**

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Here are some feedback from the students:

Firstly, Hat's off to all the ones who brought this initiative, planned, executed and volunteered for this event. This was something I found 4x times better than any emerging trends workshops or career guidance sessions. Everything was managed really well. However, one suggestion is to use some alternative instead of the "plastic" boxes for lunch.

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Great initiative! Learnt so much more than I expected. It was like a little peak into how the industry works. Learnt a lot new terms, ways on how we can skill up, etc. Personally, during the one-one session, I got a chance to show my resume and got a very valuable feedback.

The Career Sutra event was very informative and useful. It helped us understand the gap between academics and industry requirements. The speakers shared real-time industry knowledge, career guidance, and important skills needed for placements. The session was interactive and motivating. I especially liked the practical insights and tips given for resume building, interviews, and career planning. It gave clarity about different career paths and industry expectations. Overall, the event was well organized and beneficial for students. I look forward to attending more such sessions in the future.

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It was great opportunity to meet and get the insights of our alumni. Getting to know the real aspects of the work exposure was very useful which helped me to know what I should work on from now and what are the things I need to improve with. Thank you for such a great event.

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Yeah all the sessions are wonderful. No comments at all . I think this was the best experience in my entire three sem journey in UVCE. I hope this program will be continued in the future.

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It was a really nice initiative , I am really thankful to Alumini for taking time from there busy schedule and guide us ,it really overwhelming to see how you guys are always willing to help and connected to the college. I thank you again for this wonderful initiative.

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Really a nice initiative that was taken by our alumni. It really helps students choose and decide their career paths properly. The alumni were so versatile that they cover all the doubts of the students. It very interactive too. From this not only we received guidance but also got a chance to connect with great industry experts. Really helpful for students. I request to continue this initiative so that atleast few folks like me would really find it needy and helpful.

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It was a great experience for me today. Actually, I used to have a lot of fear and didn't have the courage to talk to others. But today's session helped me come out of that fear. This session gave me a lot of confidence. I learned many valuable things, and now I will use this opportunity to work hard and achieve a good placement. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the alumni for making us mentally strong and boosting our confidence.

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Specifically Abilash Sir, Avantika Ma'am, Rakesh Sir, , Bhavid Sir, Girish Sir clarified all the doubts and gave a clear path for preparing for Core ECE industries. It helped me understand how the industry work and different job roles requirements. Thanks to all the alumni for their time and guidance.

Really appreciating the initiative taken by the alumni in organising this event. I'm grateful for having this opportunity to attend and definitely made the best use of it. I believe this would be continued in future too. Thank you UVCEGA

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While all our questions were answered, either during the session or during the one on one, it would be great to simply hear them speak out their thoughts. A few panelists did that during the session, but if not for that, it would have just been our questions and answers. While this is also very important, a small suggestion would be to have a session where the alumni could pick a certain topic and have a panel discussion on it, maybe we could also have a moderator for the same. After this panel discussion, we as students would definitely have more questions. Personally, my biggest takeaway was when the panelists gave companies insights even when we never asked compared to the insights we got from the questions we asked.

## MARVEL CORNER

The month of January marked strong progress across technical, research, and organizational initiatives at MARVEL. With new programs launched and key milestones achieved, the ecosystem continues to evolve with clarity and purpose.

### Pulse Talks - Telecom Domain: My Journey

On January 28th, 2026, MARVEL hosted an engaging online session featuring Ms. Haripriya S, Senior Director at EdgeQ. With hands-on experience in architecting solutions across Wi-Fi 6, 5G, and next-generation telecom systems, she shared insights into her professional journey in the telecom domain.

The session offered students valuable exposure to real-world industry challenges and emerging opportunities in advanced communication technologies.

### E-Yantra Initiative -IIT Bombay Collaboration

A significant highlight this month was the arrival of E-Yantra components from IIT Bombay. The kits include high-end microprocessors, microcontrollers, FPGAs, and robotics components such as mechanical gripper arms.

Thirty students were selected for the initial screening test. From these, IIT Bombay will select ten students for specialized training. These trained students will subsequently mentor the next batch every semester, ensuring continuity and peer-led learning. Additionally, our college will serve as a center for E-Yantra workshops whenever required - a proud institutional milestone.



### Research Track Progress

Students under the research track successfully completed their literature survey phase. A structured review meeting was conducted to assess progress, refine research directions, and strengthen the foundation for the next stages of development.

### Product Cohort -Turning Ideas into Tangible Solutions

The Product Cohort was initiated in January as a focused effort toward structured product development within MARVEL. Three products were selected for development, and dedicated teams have been formed for each.

The teams have begun their initial groundwork by identifying and understanding the stakeholders associated with their respective products. The current task in progress involves creating the initial sketches and conceptual outlines, which will serve as the foundation for further development in the upcoming months.

### Technical Enablement

We received confirmation of 25 official SolidWorks licenses for MARVEL. This enhancement significantly strengthens our design capabilities and supports structured CAD training and project execution.

The Bridge Project is currently in its initial stages, with planning and structural discussions underway. Students are also being encouraged to participate in Manthan, fostering innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration.

### Student Achievement-Impulse 2026 at NITK

We are proud to share that Arijit A Patnayak (ECE 2028 Batch) secured the 1st Runner-Up position at Impulse 2026, a Signal Processing Hackathon conducted at NITK. The event featured highly competitive submissions in the domain of Audio Signal Processing, with participants demonstrating strong analytical thinking and innovative technical solutions.

Securing a podium finish at a prestigious institution like NITK reflects both individual excellence and the growing competitive strength of our students. This achievement adds to MARVEL’s expanding footprint in national-level technical competitions and inspires more students to actively participate in such platforms.

### ISRO Robotics Challenge

MARVEL conducted an internal selection process for the ISRO Robotics Challenge, where four teams competed to represent the college. After a structured evaluation, one team was selected to move forward as the official representative. The selected team successfully submitted their proposal and has been shortlisted for the next stage of the competition. They are currently in the prototyping phase, actively working on translating their concept into a functional model.

This initiative reflects MARVEL’s focus on encouraging students to take part in prestigious national-level competitions and apply their technical knowledge to real-world engineering challenges.

### Organizational Highlights

- Batch 8 Orientation was successfully conducted.
- Batch 7 completed its second monthly meeting.
- Batch 6 delivered their final presentations.
- BotWorks selections were completed, followed by initial meetings and planning.

The month concluded on a cheerful note with a Secret Santa gift exchange, strengthening camaraderie and team spirit within MARVEL.



## JAL SHAKTI HACKATHON @ CIVIL DEPARTMENT

The promotional event for the Jal Shakti Hackathon was conducted at the Department of Civil Engineering, University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bengaluru. Organized under the Bharat Water Innovation Network initiative of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the session introduced participants to a national platform aimed at developing technology-driven solutions for India’s pressing water challenges. The hackathon invited participation from students, researchers, and startups, and offered a grant of Rs. 1,00,000 for the most promising proof-of-concept addressing real-world water management issues.

A key highlight of the event was an expert address by Dr. Jyoti P. Patil from the National Institute of Hydrology. The session focused on the need to translate theoretical research into practical, field-ready solutions, particularly in the areas of groundwater management and rainwater harvesting. The discussion also linked emerging research directions with India’s long-term sustainability goals outlined in the national Water Vision @2047 framework.

Overall, the event highlighted the growing importance of Water Resources Management as a multidisciplinary field integrating infrastructure planning, digital monitoring technologies, and climate-resilient design. By bringing together policy perspectives, scientific expertise, and student engagement, the session emphasized the role of innovation-driven engineering in addressing water security challenges and supporting sustainable development.



## ECELL UVCE INTERVIEWS

In a professional ecosystem often driven by linear progression and salary packages, Indu Eswarappa represents a refreshing narrative of self-discovery and courageous pivots. The UVCE alumna (B.E. Electronics & Communication, 2001) chose to step away from the conventional engineering trajectory to forge a unique path that traversed corporate retail before finding its true north in education. Her journey is defined by a profound shift from “talking to electronic gadgets” to “connecting with young minds,” a transition fueled by a clear-eyed understanding that professional fulfillment comes from solving human problems, not just managing products. What sets her apart is her brutal honesty about the financial and social challenges of entrepreneurship, her refusal to succumb to the “herd mentality,” and her commitment to ensuring the next generation makes career choices based on self-awareness rather than peer pressure. Through her ventures, Indu Eswarappa represents a passionate yet pragmatic voice in the education sector, mentoring students to build lives they genuinely love.



### ***What was your experience during your time at UVCE, any special memories?***

My experience at UVCE was a vibrant, adventurous chapter that stands in stark contrast to the structured campus life students experience today. I came from Hassan and was a hostelite residing at the college hostel located in Jayanagar 7th Block. A significant portion of my memories is anchored in the daily commute – walking from the hostel to the bus stop and taking the bus all the way to K.R. Circle, a routine that became a defining rhythm of my student life. The campus environment offered an incredible exposure to a diverse mix of individuals; I recall peers with a “scientist mind” who were deeply dedicated to the technical depths of the subjects, alongside others who were there to soak in the broader cultural experience. I formed friendships there that have lasted a lifetime, and I hold very fond memories of the faculty, particularly Prof. Deepa Shenoy, who served as both my warden and a professor for electrical subjects; her mentorship remains a cherished memory for me.



### ***What made you shift from Electronics and Communication into Retail and finally Education?***

My career path was shaped by gradual realization rather than a fixed plan. After graduating from UVCE in 2001 with a degree in electronics, I found myself without clear direction. Like many B.E. graduates, MS or M.Tech were natural options, but I consciously chose not to pursue them after realizing that deep technical work was not for me. During this phase, I explored multiple possibilities – taking exams such as GRE, TOEFL, GMAT, GATE, and eventually CAT – before finally settling into an MBA.

Post-MBA, I spent about four years in the corporate retail sector with organizations like Future Group and Dairy Farm International, working across marketing, operations, and category management. While the experience was valuable, I began to feel disconnected, often questioning whether this was truly what I wanted. I eventually realized that my real strength lay not in working with machines or managing categories, but in communicating with people – especially children.

This realization led me to make a complete shift into the education sector, where I have spent the last 13 years, deeply fulfilled and aligned with what I now recognize as my true calling.

***What was your inspiration was to become an entrepreneur and start your own company?***

My move into entrepreneurship was driven less by a childhood dream of owning a business and more by an internal conflict and a desire to solve tangible problems. While working in retail, I learned the importance of understanding the customer’s “ground reality,” but I realized that for a product or service to be truly meaningful to me, it had to alleviate a specific pain point or help someone grow. I wanted to wake up excited to help a child become an independent learner or assist a student in finding their right path, rather than just hitting sales targets. Entrepreneurship became the vehicle that allowed me to step off the corporate treadmill and build something that aligned with my personal values of service and human impact.

**Tell us more about the Jayanagar Kumon Center and NextMovez – what they do and how they started?**

We currently wear two hats in the education space. For over a decade, we have been the franchise owners of the Jayanagar Kumon Center, an after-school math and reading program. The focus here is on helping children develop the discipline and ability to become independent self-learners, building a strong academic foundation early in their lives.

NextMovez, which I co-founded about 3.5 years ago along with my partner Preeti Durga, was born out of a critical observation: too many students and professionals make life-altering career decisions based on external pressure rather than internal alignment. NextMovez focuses on career coaching rather than just counseling. We use psychometric reports combined with human intervention – specifically coaching backed by neuroscience principles – to help high school students (Grades 9–12) and professionals understand their innate personalities. We help them answer the fundamental question, “Who am I?” so they do not end up pursuing careers that make them unhappy simply because they followed the crowd.



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**What are some common mistakes you see young entrepreneurs make and what would you advise them?**

The most pervasive mistake I see is the “Herd Mentality”. Students often decide to take competitive exams like the GRE, CAT, or GMAT simply because their friends are doing it, without ever pausing to ask if that path aligns with their own skills or goals. My advice is to stop looking at what others are doing and look inward to understand what one truly enjoys.

Secondly, I emphasize Financial Literacy. I made the significant mistake of not saving money in my 20s, operating under the mindset that earnings were meant for spending. When I eventually decided to leave the corporate world to become an entrepreneur, I had no financial cushion, which made the transition period incredibly stressful and difficult. I advise every young professional to learn to save and manage money from their very first paycheck to buy themselves the freedom to take risks later.

Lastly, I speak about Independence. Society loves to label you, and in India, there is a strong stigma against taking “gap years” to figure things out. I believe taking time to inspect and understand oneself is far better than rushing into the wrong degree. I urge students to be brave enough to stand up for their own decisions and write their own narrative.

***Did you have any mentor or a person who inspired you particularly in your journey?***

My philosophy is actually heavily influenced by a personal regret and a mistake I made due to a lack of mentorship. After my 12th grade, I secured a medical seat in a college in Hubli, and my father had even paid the fees. However, upon arriving, I was told the college had a strict dress code that required female students to wear a saree once a week to the lab. At that young age, lacking maturity and guidance, I rejected the medical seat simply because I didn’t want to wear a saree. It sounds trivial now, but that was a life-altering career decision made on a whim. I realized later that I would have likely made a very good doctor because of my service-oriented mindset. That missed opportunity drives my work today – I am passionate about ensuring that no student makes a massive career decision based on flimsy reasons or a lack of proper guidance like I did.



***Do you have any business mantra or a motto?***

My philosophy is grounded in total commitment and problem-solving. My mantra is simple: Give your 100%. If one decides to pursue a path, they must do it with complete dedication and belief in their service. Furthermore, I believe that for any business to succeed, it must solve a real problem. Whether it is a product or a service, if it doesn’t alleviate pain or fulfill a genuine need for the end customer, it is unlikely to sustain itself in the long run. This comes from my retail days where understanding the customer’s reality was key.

***Could you elaborate how you have been involved in mentoring, startup support or any educational work?***

Through NextMovez, our involvement in mentoring goes beyond just college admissions; it is about holistic life planning. We actively mentor high school students to help them select streams that fit their aptitude, while also working extensively with mid-career professionals. NextMovez engages with many individuals who have 10 to 15 years of experience and are fundamentally unhappy because they never paused to ask themselves what they truly wanted to do in the first place. Our work is dedicated to breaking this cycle of dissatisfaction. We use scientific tools and personal coaching to help students and emerging leaders align their careers with their authentic selves, ensuring they build lives they are proud of, rather than merely building resumes that look good to society.

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## IEEE UPDATES

IEEE UVCE successfully organized the International Workshop on Future Computing on 10th January 2026 at The Capitol Hotel, Bangalore, with nearly 250 participants. The full-day workshop brought together eminent academicians and industry experts to discuss emerging technologies shaping the future of computing.

The distinguished speakers included Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar on emerging space technologies; Prof. L. M. Patnaik on the Internet of Things; Prof. S. S. Iyengar on Artificial Intelligence; Prof. Victor Prasanna on accelerating AI at the edge; and Prof. Rajkumar Buyya on cloud and quantum computing trends. Additional sessions covered image learning technologies (Prof. Vivekananda D), AI in electric vehicle mobility (Dr. Prasant Misra), AI in critical infrastructure (Prof. Nalini Venkatasubramanian), AI applications in healthcare, transport, and law (Prof. Venugopal K. R), and full-stack IoT development (Prof. Dilip Kumar S. M).

The workshop concluded with the distribution of the book “Internet of Things” authored by Prof. Venugopal K. R and Prof. Dilip Kumar S. M, along with copies of the Bhagavad Gita. A key highlight was the release of the IEEE UVCE Silver Jubilee Magazine, commemorating 25 years of excellence.



IEEE UVCE also received multiple prestigious recognitions from the IEEE Bangalore Section. Dr. B. Satyanarayana earned the IEEE SPACE 2025 Best Paper Award for research excellence. The IEEE UVCE Computer Society was recognized as the Outstanding Student Branch Chapter by the IEEE Computer Society Bangalore Chapter. The Student Branch received the Outstanding Student Branch for Digital Presence award and secured a position among the Top 25 Student Branches under the IEEE Bangalore Section, reflecting consistent dedication and impactful engagement.

Further strengthening industry-academic collaboration, IEEE UVCE PELS X PES conducted an Industry-Oriented Workshop on Component Engineering at the Senate Hall. The session, led by Ms. Vinutha V, Associate Application Engineer, focused on core concepts of electrical and power electronic components, component selection, performance, reliability, and real-world challenges. The interactive workshop effectively bridged theoretical knowledge with practical industry applications, providing students with valuable insights into modern power systems and component-level decision-making.



Overall, these initiatives highlight IEEE UVCE’s commitment to technical excellence, research innovation, industry engagement, and holistic development of its members.



## UVCEIAN IN MEDIA

### KSOU convocation celebrates senior learners who topped their courses

**Age not a barrier for senior toppers**

SHILPA P  
MYSURU, DHNS

Age was not a deterrent for the senior citizens, who bagged laurels at KSOU Convocation in Mysuru on Saturday.

"Education keeps our brain active and protects us from conditions, like Alzheimers," said 72-year-old S Gnanasunder, who bagged MA degree in Sanskrit with distinction.

He did BE in Electronics in 1972 and worked in Bharath Electronics and Tata Power Electronics.

As Sanskrit was his second language in PUC, he joined his niece Smitha and daughter-in-law Smitha to pursue Kavya and Sahitya courses in Karnataka State Sanskrit University. Now, he bagged MA.

Recalling the support of his daughter Akhila, a resident of MICO Layout in Bengaluru,

Gnanasunder said, "There is no end to learning. Besides a sense of achievement, this MA filled the void created by the loss of my wife Vasundhara four years ago. I have appeared for an entrance exam to pursue PhD in Sanskrit. I am also pursuing a course in Jyothir Vignana."

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A resident of Malleshwaram in Bengaluru, he retired as Central Excise and Customs Superintendent.

Inspired by his mother Shantha Bai and grandmother Cauvery, who recited Sanskrit shlokas, he studied Sanskrit from class 8th to BSc. After a huge gap, followed by a Sambashan Shibhir at Sanskrita Bharathi, he enrolled for MA in Sanskrit. Recalling the support of his wife Mohini Kamath and children Vivek Bengre and Pradhan Bengre, Lakshminarayana shared that he has appeared for an entrance exam to pursue PhD in Sanskrit.

After a long wait, owing to the UGC recognition issue, 60-year-old Abdul Rehman was elated to bag the first rank and gold medal in MA in Urdu, which he completed in 2015.

Abdul, a journalist from Bengaluru, has already pursued five master degrees, including MA in English, Mass Communication and Journalism, MBA, MPhil and Med. He is also planning to pursue PhD.



**S Gnanasunder**      **Lakshminarayana A N B**      **Abdul Rehman**

Mysuru: Age was not a deterrent for the achievement of these senior citizens who bagged laurels at KSOU Convocation in Mysuru on Saturday.

#### GnanaSunder

"Continuous education keeps our brain active and protects us from conditions like Alzheimers at this age," said 72 year old S Gnanasunder, who bagged MA in Sanskrit with distinction. Born in 1953, he completed BE in Electronics in 1972 and he has worked in Bharath Electronics and Tata power electronics and has retired as Programme director. Even as Sanskrit was his second language during PUC, he joined his sister Gayathri's daughter Smitha and daughter-in-law Amrutha and pursued courses of Kavya, Sahithya from Karnataka State Sanskrit University. Now he bagged MA along with Amrutha.

Recalling support of his daughter Akhila and grandchildren who are in class 9 and 4, a resident of MICO layout Bengaluru, Gnanasunder said, "There is no end for learning. There is a sea of knowledge to acquire. Besides a sense of achievement, pursuing MA filled the void created after I lost my wife Vasundara four years ago. I have written an entrance exam to pursue Phd in Sanskrit. I am also pursuing a certificate course in Jyothir Vignana" he said.

#### Lakshminarayana

"When we have examples of former Prime Minister H D Devegowda, PM Narendra Modi and even CM Siddaramaiah who are all so active beyond 75 years of age, age is just a number and we can achieve anything at any age" shared 65 year old Lakshminarayana A N B who secured 6th rank in MA Sanskrit and even got a cash prize.

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Source: Deccan Herald ([Click here for the article](#))

**PS: Gnanasunder sir is from 1972 UVCE, Electronics Branch. Congratulations to him on this achievement !!**

## DEDICATED TO UVCE HOSTEL



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### ೧. ನೆನಪಾದಿ ಉಳಿಯುವ ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಗದ್ದಲದ ಮಧ್ಯೆ,  
ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್ ಒಂದು ಮೌನ ಜಗತ್ತು.

ಅಮ್ಮನ ಮನೆ ದೂರವಾದರೂ,  
ಸ್ನೇಹ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಮನೆಯಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿತ್ತು.

ಬೆಳಗಿನ ಗಂಟೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಎಚ್ಚರ,  
ಕ್ಲಾಸ್‌ಗೆ ಓಡಾಟ, ನೋಟ್ಸ್-ಕನಸು.  
ಸಂಜೆಯ ಚಹಾದ ಜೊತೆ ಕಥೆಗಳು,  
ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಚಿತ್ರಣಗಳ ಚರ್ಚೆ.

ಮೆಸ್ ಊಟ ಒಂದೇ ಆಗಿದ್ದರೂ,  
ಪ್ರತಿ ತಟ್ಟೆಯ ಕಥೆ ಬೇರೆ.  
ಒಬ್ಬನ ಹಸಿವು ಮತ್ತೊಬ್ಬನ ನಗು,  
ಸ್ನೇಹದ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯ ಪಾಠ ಕಲಿಸಿತು.

ರಾತ್ರಿ ಓದಿನ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ನಗು,  
ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ಭಯ, ಫಲಿತಾಂಶದ ಕನಸು.  
ವಿಫಲತೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಒಬ್ಬರ ಕೈ ಹಿಡಿದು,  
ಮತ್ತೆ ಎದ್ದು ನಿಲ್ಲುವ ಧೈರ್ಯ.

ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್ ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಕಟ್ಟಡವಲ್ಲ,  
ಅದು ಹುಡುಗರನ್ನು ಗಟ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡುವ ತಾಯಿ.

ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಲ್ಯ ಉಳಿದು,  
ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ಹುಟ್ಟುತ್ತಾನೆ.

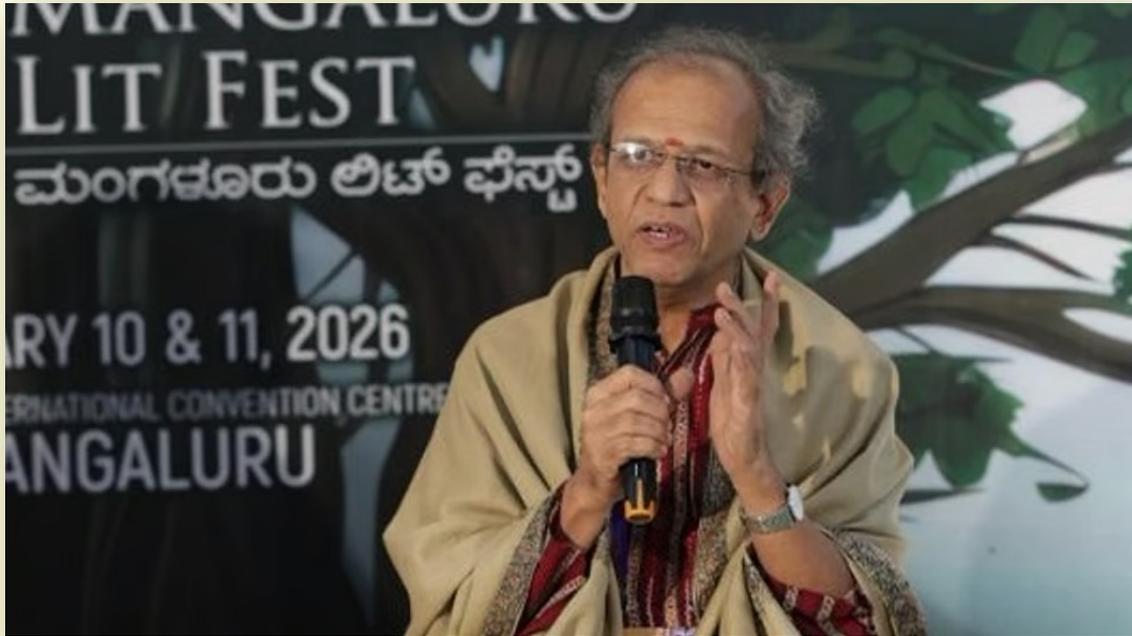
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ಕಿನ್ಫೆ ಸೆಮಿಸ್ಟರ್, ಎಂ.ಟೆಕ್, ಮೆಕ್ಯಾನಿಕಲ್

## PROUD UVCEIAN IN LIMELIGHT

**Shatavadhani Dr R Ganesh awarded Padma Bhushan for outstanding contribution to art, Indian cultural heritage**



New Delhi: Shatavadhani Dr R Ganesh, a renowned practitioner of the ancient art of avadhana, polyglot, and author, has been conferred the Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian honours, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to art and Indian cultural heritage.

The 63-year-old scholar from Karnataka is widely celebrated for reviving and mastering avadhana - an intricate performance art that demands extraordinary mental agility and multitasking skills.

In an avadhana performance, the artist must simultaneously compose extempore poetry in classical metres, solve complex mathematical puzzles, answer questions posed by multiple scholars, and maintain aesthetic grace and literary excellence throughout.

Dr Ganesh has performed over 1,300 avadhanas in four languages: Kannada, Sanskrit, Telugu, and Prakrit. He is renowned for his extempore composition of poetry, including intricate chitrakavya (visual poetry), during these sessions.

He is the only Śatāvadhāni (one who performs with 100 questioners) from Karnataka and is credited with single-handedly reviving the avadhana tradition in Kannada, which had no living practitioners when he began in 1981.

He has also authored numerous books in Kannada, Sanskrit, and English on topics ranging from classical literature and philosophy to cultural criticism.

Born in Kolar in 1962, Dr Ganesh holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bengaluru; a master's degree in metallurgy from the Indian Institute of Science; an MA in Sanskrit; and a DLitt from Hampi University for his thesis on avadhana in Kannada.

His linguistic mastery extends to Kannada, Sanskrit, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Marathi, English, Prakrit, Pali, Greek, Latin, and Italian, making him one of India's foremost polyglots.

Beyond avadhana, Dr Ganesh has enriched Indian performing arts by conceptualizing innovative formats such as a solo Yakshagana performance, Kavya-chitra-gita-nritya (a fusion of poetry, painting, music, and dance), and Raganuraga—a programme that introduced 120 classical ragas to wider audiences.

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