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EDITORIAL

Hello readers!

This edition is a special one. March 2026 was an active month with IEEE's Impetus, the UVCEGA scholarship distribution event, MARVEL's shift and new space inauguration, events from different clubs, and much more. For students, with the first Internal Assessment done and a long gap before the second, this month brought with it time to explore co-curriculars.

The UVCEGA Scholarship and Certification Support Distribution 2026 took place on the 28th of March. A total of 8 students received laptops, 25 received full scholarships, 29 half scholarships, and 10 certification support. After applying, students underwent a screening process based on their Google form responses, followed by interviews conducted by alumni associated with the UVCEGA. The distribution event was a successful one, with distinguished alumni as chief guests - Anuradha T K (Retd. Program Director at ISRO), Viji Ranganna (Director at Google), and Uma Reddy (Director at FKCCI). The event was followed by the inauguration of MARVEL's new space in the canteen building. The scholarship and certification support have helped deserving students move a step closer to achieving their dreams. You can find more about the event in the following article

UVCE, with its incredible legacy of over a hundred and nine years, has produced alumni who have distinguished themselves across fields, with many receiving honours such as the Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, and Padma Shri. As students or alumni, there is a deep sense of pride in being part of this institution, one that has shaped innovators,



leaders, and trailblazers for generations. Yet, this pride is tempered by the reality of ongoing challenges that affect daily life on campus. Basic amenities like reliable drinking water facilities remain limited in many areas, forcing students to rely on external sources or bottled water. Practices such as open garbage burning persist, contributing to poor air quality and an unhealthy environment. These issues remind us that even storied institutions need care to thrive. Improving them would foster a healthier, more focused space for learning and growth.

The true brand ambassadors of an institution are its alumni. Without alumni coming forward, an institution cannot receive the recognition it truly deserves. Students will always do what they can within their means, but alumni are in a position to do what is often beyond students' reach - to advocate, to support, and to uplift. I urge all alumni reading this to come forward and contribute in whatever way possible, helping ensure that students can experience the same sense of growth and belonging that defines UVCE.

Inside this edition, we have covered the perspectives of students - past and present beneficiaries of UVCEGA Scholarship or Certification support in order to give a comprehensive picture of the initiative through the students' lens. We have the photo gallery of Impetus 26.0 in order to paint a picture of the various events conducted and participants during this flagship event from IEEE UVCE. We continue the Interview Series of Entrepreneurs in collaboration with ECell UVCE. We hope you are enjoying reading this and knowing the various startups from our own alumni. On behalf of the UVCE student community, I thank all the donors (listed in the edition and who are anonymous) who have generously donated funds and made sure these initiatives are being executed without any issues. We would like to hear from you about your thoughts about this edition and you can write to us - sampada@uvcega.org

- Varsha Rao, 3rd year AIML

UVCEGA SCHOLARSHIPS AWARD CEREMONY

The weeks leading up to March 28th, 2026 and the efforts invested in preparing for the day were truly exhilarating for us. Once the date for the scholarship event was decided, we used it as a catalyst to accelerate the work around setting up the new space for Marvel and relocate the current lab so that we can inaugurate the space along with the Scholarship distribution event together.

In the journey toward the celebration, our team faced many challenges such as securing permissions, allocating the new space for Marvel, setting up partitions, electrical fittings and carefully moving equipment to make room. Each step demanded patience and coordination. Together, we visited the college regularly, ensuring every detail was in place from arranging refreshments to keeping our chief guests informed, working closely with scholarship awardees, and sending invitations to our Director, Registrar, and UVCE faculty along with the alumni. And perhaps most importantly, we carried forward the ongoing task of raising funds, a testament to our collective commitment. What we witnessed on the day was not just an event, but the result of shared effort, resilience, and unity.

March being Women's Day month, we were determined to honour it meaningfully. We invited an all women panel of chief guests, each a trailblazer in their own right. Mrs. Anuradha T.K., Retired Program Director at ISRO and alumna of the Class of 1982; Mrs. Viji Ranganna, Director at Google, Class of 1992; and Mrs. Uma Reddy, President of FKCCI and BoG member of UVCE, Class of 1984, graciously confirmed, giving us a diverse and inspiring panel.

On March 28th, 2026, we marked not one but two milestones. The inauguration of the new Marvel Lab space and the celebration of our Scholarship program at the Senate Hall, UVCE, K.R. Circle. This year marks the 15th anniversary of our Scholarship Program since its inception and in these **15 years**, we have collectively awarded scholarships amounting to **₹ 1 Crore**, benefitting more than **750 students**.

On the morning of the event, our Execom members were present early, greeting alumni and ensuring that every last detail was in place. The President arrived with the Director and soon after, our distinguished chief guests, Mrs. Anuradha T.K. and Mrs. Viji Ranganna joined us. UVCEGA Vice President Lt. Sukumar played a pivotal role in coordinating with our guests, the UVCE faculty, and the Director, while our students completed their final preparations to showcase Marvel in its fully functional capacity. This collaboration between UVCE faculty, alumni, and students reflected the true spirit of UVCE.

The inauguration of the Marvel Lab was marked with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Director, UVCE, Prof. Subasish Tripathy alongside the chief guests, and together we stepped into this new chapter for Marvel. Mr. Adrian, UVCEGA Execom member, extended a warm welcome to everyone, introducing the gathering and sharing this milestone with joy, while expressing gratitude for the presence of our alumni, faculty, and students. The lamp was then lit by our chief guests and students, signifying the beginning of a new journey filled with innovation and collaboration.



Following this, alumni and chief guests interacted with the students, who proudly showcased their projects. This exchange of ideas, accompanied by a simple cup of hot beverage, created a warm and memorable close to the inauguration. The day then seamlessly transitioned to the Scholarship Distribution program at the Senate Hall, where students, alumni, UVCE faculty, the Director, Execom committee members, and our distinguished chief guests gathered together.

Mr. Adrian once again welcomed the gathering and invited our dignitaries onto the stage. I had the honour of introducing our chief guests, and it was with immense pride that I spoke about these remarkable women and their incredible journeys. We then heard from the Director of UVCE who emphasized the importance of supporting students and expressed gratitude to UVCEGA for its continued commitment to the college and its community. This was followed by a stirring address from the UVCEGA President, Mr. Srikanth, who encouraged our students to embrace learning as the pathway to a better tomorrow.

For me, the most cherished part of the day was listening to the three inspiring speeches delivered by our chief guests. Mrs. Anuradha spoke with grace about her journey at ISRO, reminding us of the importance of following our passion and never giving up. This was followed by the dynamic address of Mrs. Uma Reddy, who guided us on the significance of entrepreneurship and the power of finding solutions to challenges. Adding yet another perspective, Mrs. Viji Ranganna shared her passionate journey at Google. She encouraged our students to remain steadfast in their careers, to value meaningful work over positions, and to never lose sight of our goals.

Together, these three voices resonated deeply with everyone present. Their brilliance illuminated the hall, leaving us inspired and motivated. I am grateful to Mr. Adrian for creating the opportunity for all of us to witness such wisdom and encouragement at UVCE.

We then moved into the Scholarship Distribution ceremony, where 72 students received their awards from the dignitaries on the dais, joined by alumni, faculty, and Execom members. Along with this, couple of alumni gave the cheques to UVCEGA while several other alumni pledged further support for scholarship donations, a gesture that deeply strengthens our mission. We remain ever grateful for the trust and generosity the alumni of UVCE continue to place in us.

The event concluded with Mr. Adrian delivering a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging every hand that contributed to the success of the day. Finally, we gathered at the quadrangle for a commemorative photo of unity, achievement, and shared purpose that will remain a cherished memory for UVCEGA.



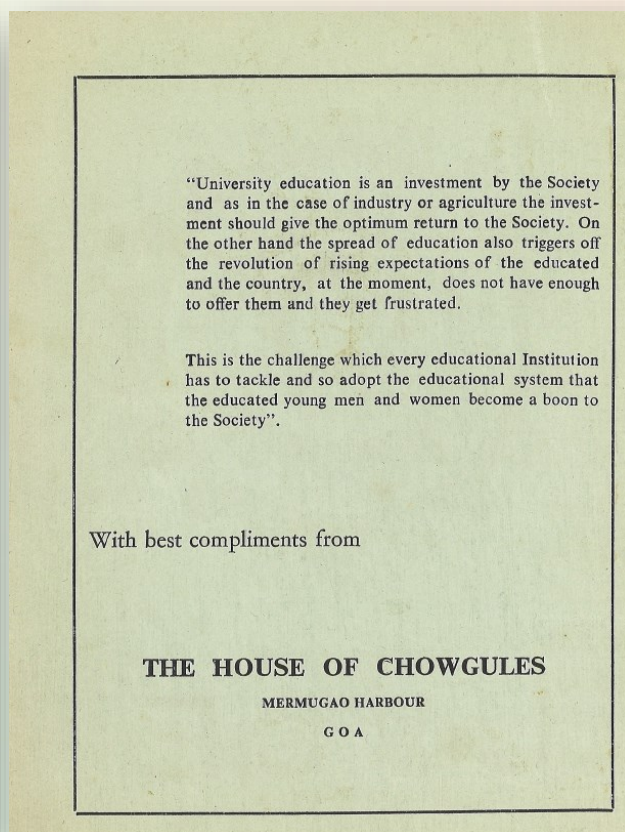
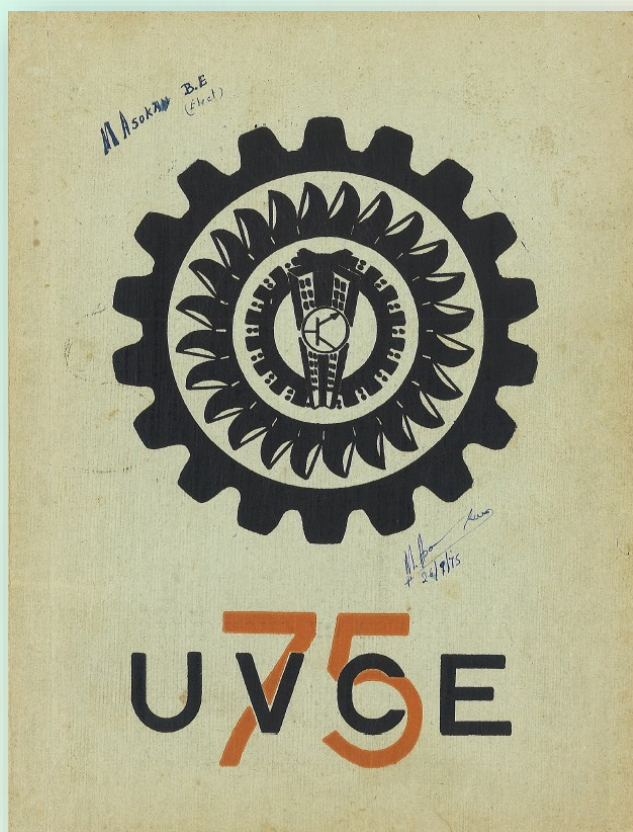


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FROM THE ARCHIVES



This is the cover page of the College Magazine from 1975. The inside page caught our eye. It is an ad by the “The House of Chowgules” from Mermugao Harbour, Goa. This is what it reads:

“University education is an investment by the Society and as in the case of industry or agriculture, the investment should give the optimum return to the Society. On the other hand, the spread of education also triggers off the revolution of rising expectations of the educated and the country, at the moment, does not have enough to offer them and they get frustrated.

This is the challenge which every educational Institution has to tackle and so adopt the educational system that the educated young men and women become a boon to the Society.”

What an amazing thought in the form of the Compliments!! The vision and perspective itself is so generous and placing it in an Engineering college magazine from Karnataka made us really appreciate it even more !!

OBITUARY

We are deeply saddened to inform the UVCE alumni community of the passing of our dear friends Mr. A. Devaraj of the 1971 batch, who passed away on 9th April and Mr. Kuppuswamy of the 1975 batch, who passed away at his residence on 12th April. Their passing is a great loss to the alumni fraternity, and they will be remembered fondly for their association with UVCE and the bonds they shared with their batchmates and friends.



On behalf of UVCE Graduates Association, we extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and loved ones. May their souls rest in peace.

ECELL UVCE INTERVIEWS

In a world racing toward electrification and sustainable technology, Dr.-Ing. Sri Krishna Bhogaraju stands where deep science meets disciplined entrepreneurship. The UVCE alumnus (B.E. Mechanical Engineering, 2010 Gold Medallist) has spent years building CuNex GmbH, a R&D company revolutionizing power electronics packaging for electric vehicles through copper based interconnects that are easily recyclable, have a substantially low carbon footprint, and deliver a reduced total cost of ownership.



What sets Krishna apart is his partnership with Schlenk SE, a 150 year old, 5th general family owned-German manufacturing company that believed strongly in the vision to found the company together and today are the single largest shareholder in CuNex.

His philosophy is captured in two principles, “dream, work, and achieve” and that “compromise can be a part of life but not a way of life”.

What was your experience at UVCE, any special memories?

A whole lot of them. The memories are countless. The most interesting one is sitting in the drawing hall where we used to write most of our exams. You get this feeling of all the great people who studied in that university and passed out. That’s a feeling that hits you actually only after you leave, when you enter the outside world and it cannot be described in words. It is overwhelming. You get a sense of the immense history that place carries. That’s a memory I always carry with me. On a lighter note, there were those long exam fee queues and hours spent hunting for textbooks on Avenue Road. We didn’t have one textbook per subject like the VTU students. We needed at least three different books just to cover the syllabus of one subject.

From UVCE to Germany, how did you make that leap?

I always wanted to come to Germany to study. So while I was at UVCE, I was already learning German at Goethe Institute, Bangalore. I was also teaching in the evening college at UVCE. Dr. K V Sharma used to teach finite element modeling for us, and I used to take a few of his classes for the evening college students. As part of the placement interviews I got an offer as a GET at L&T. One day before I had to officially report to L&T after graduation, I got my admission letter from Germany. So I declined my job offer and left for Germany to study.

During my master’s, I did an internship at Continental and completed my Master Thesis there. I received a job offer at ContiTech AG as part of the International Management Program and started working there. My work mainly was international assignments and took me to China, South Korea, India and eventually back to Germany. After 6 years of working in a multi-cultural and international work environments, I decided to quit to pursue my PhD.

Did entrepreneurship come naturally or did the research lead you there?

I didn’t have any ideas of founding a company when I started my PhD. I actually wanted to get into teaching. But during all the conferences where I presented our work, a lot of people came to me asking, “Why don’t you commercialize this? This is exciting!” That’s when the journey of founding a company started. The research itself pointed toward a real market need, and that’s what drew me toward entrepreneurship.

Can you tell us more about CuNex and what it does?

CuNex is industrializing copper based interconnects for power electronics packaging. Inverters for EVs, space exploration and renewable energy systems are a major customer base for us. What we’re trying to do is bring in an easily recyclable material with a substantial low carbon footprint compared to state of the art materials, at a significant cost advantage. We work towards reduced total cost of ownership. We are a R&D company focusing on material development and offering technical support to customers worldwide.



I had been working in close collaboration with Schlenk since starting my PhD. So I knew them very well and they knew the work we were doing. When we wanted to commercialize, it was logical to ask if they wanted to found the company together with us. They have a very rich history, close to 150 years old, and now the fifth generation is taking over. It's a family owned company, which changes everything about how they think. They're not chasing quarterly earnings. They're thinking in decades, in generations. When they invest in something, they're in it for the long haul. That partnership has been fundamental to CuNex's growth.



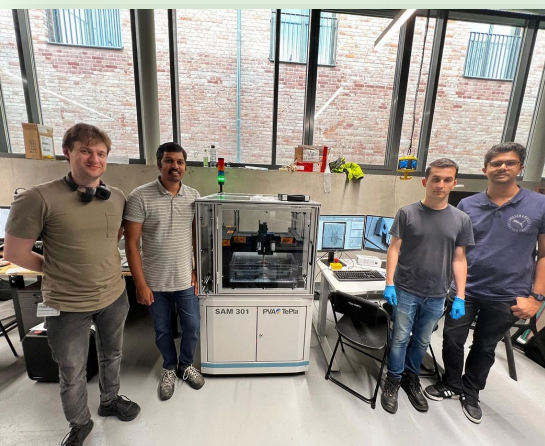
How do you compare startup culture in Germany with India?

One thing I've observed in India is that very few people building actual products, products in the deep tech sense, get social media or media traction. Now it's coming up with people building satellites, EV vehicles, and products in the AI domain. But a lot of the culture I see in India is talking about big valuations and big exits. You don't see that in Germany. Founders here spend time and energy not enriching themselves but trying to build a product and put it out to the market.

When an investor invests in you here, you're not spending that money to fund a lavish lifestyle for yourself, but in building a sustainable product for generations to come. You're not building a company where in three years you make an exciting exit with 10x or 20x or 100x return & not really be concerned about the product sees the light of day. That's the culture here.

The trend is changing in India, and I'm happy about that. The only way you'll build real value is when you're solving real world problems with real products. That's where China did a brilliant job. I'm still amazed by what they do. I'm in China at least four times a year because it's a big market for us. My difficulty when I come to India is that many are still focused on quick ROIs rather than building from the ground up. But it is changing and I am happy for that. However, the involvement, including investment by the big industries and the SMEs in core R&D within the organizations and in active collaboration with Universities is very poor in India and that must change if we want to encourage the future generations to be entrepreneurs.

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



Don't look at valuations. Don't start a company just to have a good exit. Start a company with the goal of building a product that's going to change something for the better, a product that will be sustainable from an environmental point of view and from a long-term business model perspective. The core team with which you start is very important. You should be aligned. And you should find the right investor. Because it happens both ways, founders looking for a quick exit and investors looking for a quick exit.

What's very important is first, don't chase the perfect world. There's nothing called a perfect world. Have a Minimum Viable Product (MVP). Once you have a MVP, carefully look out for the best investors for you, investors who will back you and who will be patient.

Building startups is a marathon, never a sprint. Nobody gets rich overnight. Nobody changes the world overnight. You should have patience. Most startup founders make the mistake of not being patient enough, and they don't embrace failures. You will fail, take it from me. That will teach you very valuable lessons. Find the right team who can contribute.

IEEE UVCE UPDATES | IMPETUS 26.0

IEEE UVCE conducted a range of technical and interactive events, beginning with the Solve-A-Maze Workshop on 4th March, from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the EEE Seminar Hall, UVCE, as a pre-event for Hack-A-Maze. Organized by IEEE UVCE PES in collaboration with IEEE Power Electronics Society and YANTRIK, the session was attended by 44 students. Participants were introduced to obstacle-avoiding robots through demonstrations of ultrasonic sensors, Arduino Uno, DC motors, motor drivers, and basic Arduino programming for autonomous maze navigation.



This was followed by IMPHERION 2026, conducted by IEEE UVCE on 8th March, 2026 at 6:30 AM in the Quadrangle, UVCE, as a pre-event for IMPETUS 26.0. Held under the theme “FutureTech: Engineering Tomorrow,” the marathon saw participation from 213 individuals. The event began with a warm-up session and marathon run. As the day coincided with International Women's Day, special activities were organized for IEEE WIE Execom members from colleges across Bengaluru, including games and a cake-cutting session. The programme also featured cultural performances by UVCE clubs and concluded with breakfast for participants.



As part of the lead-up to IMPETUS 26.0, the Branding Masterclass was conducted on 9th



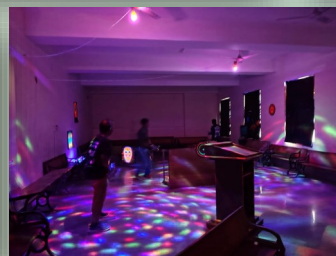
March, 2026 from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the Senate Hall as a pre-event for Brand IT. Organized by the Art and Design SIG of IEEE UVCE, the session was led by S. Gitanjali Reddy from Asymmetri and attended by 37 students. The workshop covered branding fundamentals, brand identity, and personal branding through discussions and examples, helping participants understand how branding influences perception and decision-making. Later that evening, the SUMMIT panel

discussion on “FutureTech: Engineering Tomorrow” was held on 9th March, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Google Meet as part of IMPETUS 26.0. Organized by IEEE UVCE, the session saw participation from 73 students. The panel featured Sangeetha V, J. Kishan, and Kavina Elavarasan, who discussed emerging technologies, ethical innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the skills required to bridge academic learning with industry expectations.

A major highlight of the month was IMPETUS 26.0, Powered by HAL, held on 13th and 14th March, 2026 at UVCE, K R Circle, under the theme “FutureTech: Engineering Tomorrow.” This national-level technical fest brought together participants across institutions. The inaugural ceremony of IMPETUS 26.0 was graced by esteemed Chief Guests Puneeth Kumar, General Manager - Customer Service at HAL Corporate Office, and VijayaShanthi C G, Program Director - Software Factory at Bosch Global Software Technologies Pvt Ltd. The function was also presided over by Dr. A V Sriram, Registrar of UVCE, and Dr. B P Harish, Controller of Examinations, along with the teaching faculty of UVCE.

Flagship events like AvionX, Civicture, Mechronics, Mock Placement, Hack-a-maze, Silic-o-hack, Summit, Codestorm, Brand-It Laser Tag were conducted. Apart from these, events like Prompt and Pursuit, Ctrl-Z, Tech Tambola, Tantragnyana Tarka, Quiz-o-clock, Project 2049, IPL Auction, Design Disaster and Oh My Tech were conducted. Over two days, the fest hosted competitions across core engineering, coding, design, and innovation domains, enabling participants to apply technical concepts, solve practical challenges, and collaborate with peers from diverse institutions.

There was an industrial visit to Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd., Bidadi, organized by the WIE Bangalore Section of IEEE in collaboration with IEEE UVCE on 18th March, 2026. A total of 24 participants viewed key automobile manufacturing processes such as welding, painting, and final assembly. Participants also observed Toyota’s production principles, including Kaizen, Just-In-Time, and lean manufacturing, along with its safety protocols and quality control practices.



CAMPUS SAYS

The Marvel inauguration event organized by UVCEGA last Saturday was an inspiring and enriching experience. Being surrounded by accomplished professionals from esteemed organizations such as ISRO and Google gave me a deeper understanding of the vast opportunities that lie ahead. The sessions were filled with valuable insights about the industry, and career growth, which motivated me to think bigger and aim higher. Interacting with such experienced individuals created a sense of confidence that students like us can also achieve similar success with the right mindset and consistent effort.



I am extremely grateful to UVCEGA for providing scholarship support towards my AWS Cloud Consultancy certification. With the rapid shift towards cloud computing, this certification is highly relevant and will play a crucial role in building a stable and future-proof career. It not only enhances my technical knowledge but also increases my employability in a competitive job market, especially in an era influenced by AI advancements. This opportunity has significantly strengthened my career path, and I am confident that it will help me stay relevant and adaptable in the evolving tech industry.

Jeethan Shan Tauro , 3rd year CSE

Esteemed alumni network, UVCE Graduates Association (UVCEGA) organized a meaningful and impactful event on 28th March 2026, aimed at supporting students in their academic journey. This program focused on recognizing merit and providing essential resources by distributing scholarships, certifications, and laptops to deserving students. I felt this initiative reflects the strong commitment of the alumni community toward giving back to the institution and empowering the next generation.



I received this scholarship and it has made a meaningful difference in managing my college expenses and it significantly reduced my financial burden and has allowed me to contribute more comfortably towards my education. The highlight of the event for me was the interaction with three women alumni, who revisited their college days and shared valuable insights from their personal and professional journeys. Their words were not just nostalgic but deeply motivating, encouraging students to aim higher and approach their future with confidence and determination.

Prabhas Yadav P R, 2nd year ISE

Being part of Marvel has really helped me explore my interests and discover so much beyond what the classroom offers. The inauguration of the newly expanded lab was a memorable moment, seeing the space and community grow was exciting and I'm looking forward to learning and growing in the new space just as I did in the last. During the scholarships program, accomplished alumni shared their journeys and advice that left a strong impression, giving me a lot to reflect on and aspire towards. I'm truly grateful for the certification support as it motivates me to make the best use of the opportunity I've been given and I know it will lay a strong foundation for my professional journey.



Rithya Jayaram , 2nd year ISE

I am glad that I was part of the Certification Support programme last year (2024-25). I have successfully completed the following four courses:

Introduction to FPGA Design for Embedded Systems; Hardware Description Languages for FPGA Design; FPGA Softcore Processors and IP Acquisition; Introduction to Chip Design with Open-Source EDA Tools

I am currently pursuing couple of other courses, which I began at the start of my 6th semester and plan to complete shortly. I had intentionally planned to pursue these courses in my 6th semester so they align with my placement preparation timeline and strengthen my fundamentals at the right stage. The initiative is extremely thoughtful and impactful, and it genuinely helps students strengthen their technical foundation.

Thank you so much for this opportunity, because of which I could access multiple courses from Coursera (due to special plan available last year). It has significantly contributed to my learning and growth. I acknowledge that I have not strictly adhered to the intended certification timeline, and I also could have been more consistent in communicating updates through email. However, I assure you that the courses I have completed have provided me with substantial knowledge and strengthened my core fundamentals.

Priyamvada K C, 3rd year ECE



I have completed the IBM Data Science Specialization available in Coursera and it had 6 courses within this Specialization track. I have also undertaken the IBM Cybersecurity Fundamentals course, which is still in progress. I am thankful to UVCEGA for providing me this opportunity last year & I have tried to make the best use of it.

As it was mentioned at the beginning of enrollment for certification that - "if a taken course is not completed before the given timeline, then the whole amount or atleast a part of it should be collected back" or pay half of the amount during enrollment of the course and pay the remaining amount only if the student completes the course within deadline. This actually motivates or pushes students to maintain their streaks and complete the course, at least it did for me. Thank you !!

Anagha Shastry, 3rd year AIML

I had enrolled in the FPGA Design for Embedded Systems Specialization and have completed three out of the four courses. The final course is project-based and requires a DE10-Lite MAX 10 FPGA. I have completed the programming assignments and now I am continuing to work in order to show results on the board as required to receive the certificate. Additionally, I have completed the Nand2Tetris course. Before my subscription ends in April, I plan to complete the Introduction to Chip Design with Open-Source EDA Tools and Embedded C courses.

I think that this initiative is designed very well. The support I received made me feel responsible and motivated to utilize the opportunity properly. I am extremely grateful to have received this incredible support. It has been very helpful to improve my technical skills. Thank you very much!

Rishti Kulkarni, 3rd year ECE



MY JOURNEY IN MARVEL AS A STUDENT

This is my attempt to put into words what three years in the MARVEL lab at UVCE has meant to me.

When I joined UVCE, the first day of college I was set on exploring every corner, and when I stepped inside MINCHU, I saw a small dimly lit room on one side, which had the logo of MARVEL Studios. Being a long time fan of MCU movies, I was very excited and stepped in and was greeted by two amazing final year students who still help me; Abhilash and Bhavid from ECE 2024. They explained to me about MARVEL, where I was initially let down because it was not related to MARVEL Studios, but later excited at the prospect of working in an R&D Lab. During that time, I was doing my REAP studies at the planetarium, and by complete coincidence, there was a UVCE Meet 'n' Greet in the planetarium planned with alumni and students, and that is when I met Adrian and Satish Anna, and I guess these two moments has shaped my entire life in the past 3 years, because that was when I decided I wanted to be part of MARVEL, and well, here I am now.



About a month (I think) of entering college, MARVEL Open Day happened, and needless to say, that one day changed my entire perspective on engineering. Initially I was interested in physics research and chose engineering as was suggested by my mentor, because it was needed for research nowadays, but after Open Day, I reconsidered my decision and then eventually decided to pursue engineering only. And then, Batch 4 forms came out, I applied, and ended up in AIML (long story). My Coordinators were Greeshma Sharma and Aryan Aithal, very amazing people who guided me quite a lot, and, being their successor now, I hope I do nearly as good a job as they did. But, something important that I think everyone should know – it is natural to assume, that as an AIML student, I only learnt about AIML. But, in MARVEL, I learnt everything, and by that, I mean EVERYTHING. I learnt electronics stuff, how to use sensors and microcontrollers and how to use simulation software, and I also learnt a lot about materials and 3D printing and gears, which is mechanical engineering. The nearly 2 years I spent as a student, I went from being a clueless nerd, to someone who could comprehend and work on any idea/project in ANY domain of engineering, and honestly, I think that is a very powerful ability to have, and I have MARVEL to thank for that.

I think it is important to highlight here, that I did not put any special efforts to learn all these stuff, all I did was spend time in the lab interacting with students who were from other electronic and mechanical domains, and that alone ignited my curiosity and that's how I ended up learning all these.



Apart from the Batch programme, I was also a student of VFX Batch 1, and was the best performer for both levels. That was pretty fun too, I enjoyed the coursework. Also, there was a project of building a CPU on an FPGA, guided by Anish Krishnakumar, which genuinely was very eye opening for me. I learnt a lot from doing this project than studying Verilog in the syllabus, and Mr. Srikanth Sir has been conducting a systems engineering course, which has broadened my vision exponentially. More than the coursework, the knowledge I gained from

alumni who worked in industry has proven to be far more substantial and has given me an edge in thinking and design which I would not have otherwise.

And then, after completing my Level 2, I started my Level 3 coursework, and again, that was another awakening for me. Due to Adrian's constant guidance and constructive criticism of my project, I understood a lot of the nuance and thinking that goes into building an actual product, and knowing the difference between a product and a project, which again, I think is a very useful perspective to have.

That is about it, I basically summed a very rocky (and fun!) journey of 3 years in a few paragraphs. And now here I am, as a MARVEL Coordinator, trying my best to pass on the knowledge, experience and skills that my Coordinators instilled in me.

At this point, I think I said a lot already, but I want to say a few more things. It isn't very common to have a place, anywhere in the world, not just in college, where you are surrounded by people, who have put in the sweat and tears, to build, completely on their own apart from funding from alumni, a full fledged lab in our college, where not only projects are done, but students are taught, all while managing their own work and personal life. And even more importantly, it is even more rare that the stars aligned for me to end up in a college where the alumni are so supportive, and are willing to give so much of their own hard earned money so that the students here can learn and build something. I am eternally grateful to all my previous and fellow Coordinators, Adrian, Satish Anna, and all the alumni who drop in every once in a while and listen to us students, support us in every way and guide us and provide us with so many facilities. I only hope I would contribute back the amount of help I have received over the years. Thank you MARVEL.

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STRATEGY SPRINT FROM ECELL UVCE

Strategy Sprint 3.0, organized by E-Cell UVCE, was a case study based competition focused on strategic analysis and business problem solving. Participants worked in teams to analyze a given case, identify key challenges, develop feasible solutions, and present their ideas to a panel of judges. The event involved applying concepts related to decision-making, market understanding, and structured thinking, with teams demonstrating clarity in approach and effective collaboration.

Mr. Shesh Vasudeva Murthy, our own alumnus from 1996 batch, an industry professional with experience in business strategy and management, served as a judge for the event. He is serving as adjunct faculty at multiple institutes since he has over 30 years of experience in Strategy Consulting, Product Management & Product Marketing and Engineering. It provided participants with practical exposure to real-world business scenarios, helping them strengthen their analytical abilities, teamwork, and presentation skills.



UVCEGA INITIATIVES & UPDATES

At UVCE Graduates Association, we have been actively driving several initiatives to strengthen student welfare and alumni engagement. We want to update you about a few:

* **Hostel Upkeep and Renovation:** Our initial plan was to renovate 50 hostel rooms, but as the work progressed, we realized the need to address additional repairs and improvements (exterior walls as well). We chose not to halt the momentum and continued with renewed commitment. To support this, UVCEGA pledged 8 lakhs, and so far, 12 lakhs have been spent on hostel room renovation. Alongside this, with help of an alumni donor, we installed a water filter worth 50,000 at the old block, ensuring students have access to clean drinking water, a basic necessity long overdue. We will ensure to complete work at the earliest.



* **Fundraising and Alumni Support:** We intensified our fundraising efforts, and the overwhelming response from alumni reaffirmed the strong bond nurtured by our college. Contributions were directed not only toward scholarships but also toward hostel-related work, reflecting the collective spirit of giving back.

* **UVCEGA Scholarship Program** On 28th March 2026, we announced the final list of 72 deserving students and distributed scholarships worth 14 lakhs. The breakup of the details are: Laptops: 8 | Full Scholarships: 25 | Half Scholarships: 29 | Certification Support: 10

Apart from this, we added 2 more candidates for Full Scholarship category, based on various factors, raising the total to 14.5Lakhs.

As mentioned multiple times, during the span of **15 years**, we have been able to support more than **750 students** by providing Scholarships worth **1 Crore**. This program continues to be a cornerstone of our mission to empower students and support their academic journey.

* **Marvel Lab Expansion:** On the same day, we inaugurated the new space for Marvel Lab, marking a significant milestone. The move into a larger facility opens up fresh opportunities for students. UVCEGA facilitated this transition by setting up partitions, completing electrical work, and relocating existing cooking equipment. A total of 2.5 lakhs was invested to make the space ready for the students to learn, innovate and build.

All these efforts whether in hostel upkeep, scholarships, or infrastructure support have been possible only because of the unwavering trust and contributions of our alumni and the dedicated involvement of UVCEGA Execom members. Their faith in us has been the driving force behind every achievement.

* **Meet N Greet :** We are glad to inform that we are planning for next iteration of "UVCE Meet N Greet" at HMT Museum on 18th April. If you interested at a nostalgic look at India's industrial history, this is a must visit place. Located in Jalahalli, it offers a curated experience detailing HMT's rise as "Desh Ki Dhadkan," with over 1,500 watch models (vintage, mechanical, hand-wound), a 20-minute audio-visual documentary and more. Join us !!

* **Mentorship Initiative:** Furthermore, we request support from the alumni as we gear up for the mentorship program to guide scholarship students for the year 2026-2027. Over the years, this program has positively impacted students, helping them in academics and personal growth. As a mentor, we request you to dedicate about 2-3 hours a month to interact with your assigned mentee, either online or offline. To confirm your participation as a mentor for 2026-27, please fill out the form below: <https://forms.gle/ANxtz97QqiqBrpz67>

We invite the alumni to come visit the new space where Marvel Lab is now set up and also encourage more alumni-student-led initiatives where students benefit greatly from guidance and collaboration. We warmly welcome any form of support from our alumni community be it time, expertise, or resources and remain deeply grateful for every contribution and gesture of involvement. Together, we are building a stronger, more supportive environment for UVCE students and a platform for the alumni to engage with their alma-mater.

MARVEL UPDATE CORNER

The past month at MARVEL has been marked by remarkable progress, active participation, and significant milestones that continue to strengthen its innovation-driven ecosystem.

One of the notable achievements was the shortlisting of students for the e-Yantra program by IIT Bombay e-Yantra, reflecting the growing technical competence and enthusiasm within the student community. Adding to this momentum, a MARVEL student was part of a team that secured a position among the Top 10 at ThingQbator, along with a funding support of ₹5 lakh for their product. This achievement reflects the individual excellence and entrepreneurial mindset being cultivated within the MARVEL community.

The month also celebrated academic progression through the successful graduation of multiple batches: Batch 4 and 5 (Level 3), Batch 6 (Level 2), and Batch 7 (Level 1). This milestone highlights the structured learning pathway and consistent skill development that MARVEL continues to offer its members.

A major highlight was the well-coordinated visit to the Indian Institute of Science Open Day, where over many students participated. The visit was meticulously organized, with students grouped based on their domains of interest such as Mechanical, Aerospace, Robotics, and Electronics. This initiative provided participants with valuable exposure to cutting-edge research, laboratories, and innovations, making it an enriching and inspiring experience.



MARVEL also made a strong presence at Impetus, the annual national-level technical fest conducted by IEEE UVCE, by successfully setting up and managing a stall across both days. This platform enabled members to showcase their projects and engage with a broader technical audience. We are glad that the students from MARVEL (co-ordinators and batch students) participated in many events of Impetus and won a numerous prizes. Here is a list of the names of the students :

1. Vismay V Chandra (Mock Placements 1st, Mechronins 1st)
2. Priyamvada (Tech Tambola 1st, Hack a Maze 2nd)
3. Shreedhar (Hack a Maze 2nd)
4. Varsha Shubhashri, Varsha Rao, Monika R (Summit 1st)
5. Uditha Reddy (Mock Placements)
6. Souparna Baidya (Hack a Maze 2nd)
7. Vishnu (Tantragnana Tarka 2nd)
8. Monika R (Mock Placements IT)
9. Rishti Kulkarni (Brandit Winner)
10. Jeethan (Prompt & Pursuit winner)
11. Yasmeeen Taj (Design Disaster)
12. Jeethan and Sumanth (Project 2049)



We may have missed few more names, but congratulations to all the students who participated and also won in these events. Special appreciation to entire IEEE UVCE team on organizing the fest in a successful manner.



The 5th edition of Pulse Talks session was organized with Deepak Rajanna, Chief Product Officer, SatSure and our alumni from 2000 batch. In this session about “Eyes in the Sky: Satellite Data for Societal Impact”, he shared information about how satellite technology is driving real-world impact across sectors. We thank the alumni from 2000 batch for consistently organizing these amazing sessions and at the same time urge the students to make the best use of the opportunity.

Also, In the domain of skill development, a cybersecurity workshop was successfully conducted, equipping students with practical knowledge in a highly relevant and evolving field. It was organized by Deekshith from 4th sem CSE and we appreciate his enthusiasm in upskilling his friends and batchmates.

Strengthening its organizational structure, MARVEL completed the shortlisting process for Probationary Student Coordinators in the Internet of Things (IoT) domain. The selection process witnessed enthusiastic participation, reflecting the growing interest in research and development activities within the club.

Inauguration of MARVEL's new Lab Facility

Five years ago, MARVEL was just an empty room near the Minchu block. No equipment. No infrastructure. Just a few students who stayed back after college hours because they believed UVCE students deserved a space where ideas could be built, not just discussed.



MARVEL - a four walled room in MINCHU, with a few monitors, a few tables and chairs, and enough components to sustain the crowd it brings.

MARVEL hasn't just been that; it has been a channel to nurture the fresh enthusiasm of inspired freshers, a playground for second years to experiment, and a teaching and learning hub for third and fourth years.

This lab doesn't just provide equipment, courses, and syllabi. It brings people together. It has sprouted friendships

and brotherhood just as much as it has generated knowledge. It has instilled in students not just a passion for engineering, but a sense of ownership of it.

For some, MARVEL might pass by like a soft breeze, as an "I could have been here" but for those who CHOOSE MARVEL, it engulfs them, and there is no refuge, no holding back. And today, MARVEL has moved from the Minchu block to its new home at the Rock Garden Building (Ground Floor).

This milestone was formally inaugurated by an inspiring panel of guests: Ms. Anuradha T K (Former Program Director, ISRO), Ms. Viji Ranganna (Director, Google), and Prof. Subhasish Tripathy (Director, UVCE). They were given a walkthrough of the lab by Adrian, showcasing the vision, infrastructure, and the work built by students over the years.



The inauguration was followed by a lamp lighting ceremony and a project exhibition, highlighting the innovation and effort that defines MARVEL.

We would also like to sincerely thank the UVCE Graduates Association (UVCEGA) and our alumni for their constant support. From initiating conversations with the college administration to financially backing MARVEL since its inception, from the including the new lab space. Their belief in this vision has been instrumental.

More than just support, they have continuously encouraged students to take initiative, build, and push boundaries, making MARVEL what it is today.

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