SAMPADA

EDITORIAL

"SAMPADA" - It has been a pretty long journey with this twentieth edition coming out for you to enjoy !!! Though we have a personal attachment to it, we tend to make sure that every UVCE Alumni feels the same way and share his/her experiences with fellow Alumni. So, we are planning to make it more 'personal' by dedicating a column wherein you can share your experiences, which can guide the younger generations. This edition contains couple of such articles, along with a wonderful **Black and White photograph**, which makes SAMPADA a priceless possession !!!

Two years, a pretty long journey, as we said earlier, so we are thinking of getting new hands to join us in this venture. Pretty soon, you will experience the freshness and regular updates in various phases of VISIONUVCE , as it has already reflecting in SAMPADA !! We hope the trend will continue, to take this small initiative further. More details in coming days…

One of the small initiatives from VISIONUVCE , was to arrange the books in Library with the **help of students**, which has been kicked off couple of weeks ago. More details inside the edition. Please send in your thoughts on the same. Also, another bud which has started blooming in the college is, **ART FORUM** . We hope that it will develop into a colorful flower soon and will have a very long life spreading the fragrance around…

"**FIND YOUR PAL**" - A new column is started from this edition of SAMPADA. Need more details ?? Dive inside …..

September - a month where we get a chance to express our gratitude explicitly to those souls, because of whom, we are at this position - " OUR TEACHERS". We, on behalf of all the UVCE Alumni and everyone wish all the Teachers, including the Professors and lecturers in UVCE who guided us,

"HAPPY TEACHERS DAY ".

It is not only the month, where a great teacher , **Dr Radhakrishnan** was born, but also a great visionary, statesman **Sir M Visvesvaraya** was born. The founder of University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, has a special place in our hearts, as we are all indebted to him. We, the Engineers, from the college which was started by Sir M V, shall vow to come together to build a better society and make the world a much better place to live for the future !!!!

TEAM SAMPADA

Special points of interest:

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FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Finally, the people have woken up !!! We, as citizens of India, should be thankful to Anna Hazare for leading the movement against Corruption in such a peaceful manner. From Team SAMPADA, we are making a small attempt to create awareness about the Lokpal Bill that will be proposed in due course. We hope that everyone will join hands in this Fight Against Corruption and say "No to Bribe" !!!

Existing System	System Proposed by civil society
No politician or senior officer ever goes to jail despite huge evidence because Anti Corruption Branch (ACB) and CBI directly come under the government. Before starting investigation or prosecution in any case, they have to take permission from the same bosses, against whom the case has to be investigated.	Lokpal at centre and Lokayukta at state level will be independent bodies. ACB and CBI will be merged into these bodies. They will have power to initiate investigations and prosecution against any officer or politician without needing anyone's permission. Investigation should be completed within 1 year and trial to get over in next 1 year. **Within two years, the corrupt should go to jail.**
No corrupt officer is dismissed from the job because Central Vigilance Commission, which is supposed to dismiss corrupt officers, is only an advisory body. Whenever it advises government to dismiss any senior corrupt officer, its advice is never implemented.	Lokpal and Lokayukta will have **complete powers to order dismissal of a corrupt officer.** CVC and all departmental vigilance will be merged into Lokpal and state vigilance will be merged into Lokayukta.
No action is taken against corrupt judges because permission is required from the Chief Justice of India to even register an FIR against corrupt judges.	Lokpal & Lokayukta shall have **powers to investigate and prosecute any judge** without needing anyone's permission.
Nowhere to go - People expose corruption but no action is taken on their complaints.	Lokpal & Lokayukta will have to **enquire into and hear every complaint.**
There is so much corruption within CBI and vigilance departments. Their functioning is so secret that it encourages corruption within these agencies.	**All investigations in Lokpal & Lokayukta shall be transparent.** After completion of investigation, all case records shall be open to public. Complaint against any staff of Lokpal & Lokayukta shall be enquired and punishment announced within two months.

Weak and corrupt people are appointed as heads of anti-corruption agencies.	**Politicians will have absolutely no say in selections** of Chairperson and members of Lokpal & Lokayukta. Selections will take place through a transparent and public participatory process.
Citizens face harassment in government offices. Sometimes they are forced to pay bribes. One can only complaint to senior officers. No action is taken on complaints because senior officers also get their cut.	Lokpal & Lokayukta will get **public grievances resolved in time bound manner**, impose a penalty of Rs 250 per day of delay to be deducted from the salary of guilty officer and award that amount as compensation to the aggrieved citizen.
Nothing in law to recover ill gotten wealth. A corrupt person can come out of jail and enjoy that money.	**Loss** caused to the government due to corruption **will be recovered** from all accused.
Small punishment for corruption- Punishment for corruption is minimum 6 months and maximum 7 years.	**Enhanced punishment -** The punishment would be minimum 5 years and maximum of life imprisonment.

ಒಂದಿಷ್ಟು ಹೊಸಬರ ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರಗಳ ನಡುವೆ, ಯುಸಿಸಿಯ ಹಳೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಯೊಬ್ಬರು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ "ಪರಿ" ಚಿತ್ರದ ಕಿರು ಪರಿಚಯ :

ಇದು ಸಂಪನ್ನ ಮುತಾಲಿಕ್ ಅವರ ⎸ಭಾರದ್ವಾಜ⎸ ಕಾದಂಬರಿ ಆಧಾರಿತ ಚಿತ್ರ. ಸುಧೀರ್ ಅತ್ತಾವರ್ ಅವರು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು; ರಾಕೇಶ್, ಸ್ಮಿತಾ, ಹರ್ಷಿಕಾ ಪೂಣಚ್ಚ, ನಾಗಕಿರಣ್, ಸತ್ಯ, ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಪ್ರಭು, ಶರತ್ ಲೋಹಿತಾಶ್ವ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ರಮೇಶ್ ಮುಂತಾದವರು ನಟಿಸಿರುವ ಈ ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ವೀರ ಸಮರ್ಥ ಸಂಗೀತ, ಅನಂತ್ ಅರಸ್ ಸಂಗೀತ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವೆಲ್ಲಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮಿಗಿಲಾಗಿ ಚಿತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಮೂವರು ಪದ್ಮಶ್ರೀ ಪುರಸ್ಕೃತರ ಸ್ಪರ್ಶವಿದೆ- ಖ್ಯಾತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್.ಸತ್ಯು, ಹಿರಿಯ ಛಾಯಾಗ್ರಾಹಕ ನಿಮಾಯ್ ಘೋಷ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆ ಗಾಯಕಿ ಉಷಾ ಉತ್ತುಪ್- ಆ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆಕರ್ಷಣೆ. ಯುಸಿಸಿಯವರಾದ ತ್ರಿವಿಕ್ರಮ್ ಬೆಳ್ತಂಗಡಿಯವರು, ಚಂದ್ರ ಸಿಂಧೋಗಿ, ಅರುಣ್ ತಮಟೆ, ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಭಟ್, ದಿವಿಜ, ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಗೌಡ, ಮೊಗನ್, ನಿತ್ಯಾ - ಇವರೊಡನೆ ಕೂಡಿ ಈ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಹೊತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಭಾರತ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಅಮೆರಿಕ, ದುಬೈ, ಸಿಂಗಾಪುರ ಮತ್ತು ನೆದರ್ ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಧ್ವನಿಸುರಳಿ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಯಾಗಲಿದೆ.

VISION UVCE INITIATIVE

HAPPY ENGINEERS DAY

We had plans to revive the library by arranging the books in proper order according to the branches, which will help the students to get the books easily. When we put this idea in front of the students, it was well received. They were keen to start the task as early as possible. After getting the permission from the Principal and the Librarian, the arranging of books started and is moving ahead in good speed. We have got brilliant support from the students, who have volunteered to arrange the books during their free time. We, however, can help them only on Saturdays. So, we are very happy to see the initiative turned into reality by the future Alumni. We hope that many more students join the hands and make sure that it is maintained for a long time to come !!

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A HACKING EXPERIENCE

30th and 31st of July, usually a normal weekend for the rest of Bangalore, was quite different and spirited one for many enthusiastic hackers in and around Bangalore. Of course no shopping or movies, it was the Yahoo! Open Hack day. Enthusiasm was in the air at the Lalith Ashok where all the show was happening. Up at 8 o' clock, the bunch of hack enthusiast were seen wearing the purple "hacker" badges and were ready to give an ear to the various tech talks planned for the day along with the 24 hour long Hackathon.

For the uninitiated , a hack in the good sense is about enhancing an existing application's capability in order to make it better and usable, or build a small and neat application that can help someone do something, which of course is not yet done. In the Y! Open hack Day 2011, three themes ruled - applications for mobility, geo-location and entertainment. Of course, other ideas were welcome too!, these themes were just a high-level vertical-slice of the current trend.

UVCE alumni who showed up on that day are Bharath C, Madhu V, Praveen Kumar, Rajath R and Spoorthy A Raman from the 2009 batch of Computer Science and Rajesh Kumar S A from the 2007 batch of Computer Science. The traditional flow of the hack-day usually starts with a series of tech-talks followed by 24 hours of non-stop hacking. This year, the tech talks focused on leveraging Yahoo! APIs and services for developing applications ranging from location based search, photos from Flickr, Google, Microsoft and Yahoo! Search engine APIs, etc. There were also sessions about open data available from the government websites, World bank database and developer APIs, Hardware hacking, Y! cricket, etc. Overall, it was a geeky forenoon where a lot of brainstorming about innovative hacks was being discussed among groups of 4 hackers or less.

At 1:00 PM, the hackathon started. All that was visible was people wired into their laptops and iPods, stretching themselves on the Y! Bean bag, drowsy eyes trying to stay awake, toes tapping for few good songs played at the back, amazing performance by a dance troop and not to miss, the tasty food and non-stop snacks. On a serious note, there was a lot of learning that went through in these two days. Learning from the Yahoo!s, from your peers, teammates and from Doug Crockford himself, who graced the event (He is the developer of JSON! and a JavaScript guru). That apart, there was the challenge of being awake and working non-stop for 24 hours, which of course was the first time for many…

The judging of the hacks (A total of around 150) that were submitted at 2:00 PM on 31st were in two rounds, first round consisting of a one-one hack demonstration to one of the judges and 50 teams shortlisted in that process were given the chance to demonstrate it before the audience and the panel of judges. At around 6:00 PM, the judges had the list of prize winners among the categories of entertainment, mobility and geo-location based apps along with one for the most famous app. And kudos to the UVCE alumni, three of them (Rajesh Kumar, Bharath C and Spoorthy Raman) figured in the winners list for the apps that they had built along with their respective teams. On the bottom line, all the hackers were definitely winners for the enthusiasm that they had… and that was the Open hack Day, our day J. The official blog on the Open Hack Day India is available on the Yahoo! Developer Network's blog, the link to which is http://yhoo.it/ hackdayindia2011.

Spoorthy A Raman (CSE Batch of 2009)

Do you know the details of UVCE Alumni who have their own success story ? Do you think they can motivate the future generations? Do send us the details, which will be featured in SAMPADA as well as our website, www.visionUVCE.in

PARICHAYA

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT UVCE?

HAPPY ENGINEERS DAY

We from SAMPADA Team, would like to thank Kaushik Dutt and Shruthy, who sent us these articles to be shared with the Alumni. We would also request the present students to share their experiences with us, which will help us in getting a better overview of the college. Please send your articles to **sampada@visionuvce.in**

Why UVCE is the best option for aspiring engineers ??

UVCE is among the best colleges in the country and among the oldest too. There are many many reasons to join UVCE, and I in this article will try to outline a few.

One of the very first things that stand out is the amazing amount of free time one gets at UVCE, in other colleges however, the students are regularly bombarded with exams and tests and surprise quizzes. The students at UVCE can utilize this extra time in developing soft skills and pursuing other interests. Some of the students at UVCE are involved in research activities in as early as 2nd year which is a result of them not being bogged down by hectic classes all the time.

Once a student enters UVCE the student automatically learns to learn on his own. Learning on one's own is always a good thing. Unlike some other colleges, UVCE does not spoon feed the syllabus to its students. Also the syllabus of Bangalore University cannot be found in just one book and hence the students end up referring to more than one author while studying the subject, which is very good in the long run.

One of the common complaints I hear from my friends from other institutions is how little they communicate with their seniors. I can safely say that in UVCE the seniors are everything. They are the guides, the mentors and sometimes even teachers. They advice on everything from which book to buy for a certain subject through which classes I can safely bunk to which graphics card I need to buy for my computer. Ultimately this relationship leads to the creation of a wide network of people in my field who I can approach at anytime for anything.

UVCE has a massive alumni base spread out around the country and the world, some of whom occupy important positions in big organisations. Some alumni visit the campus to interact with the current batch of students and offer them an insight into the industry and much more. Some of the younger and more recent pass-outs also involve themselves in the activities and fests that happen in the campus.

UVCE organises four fests in its campus. These fests comprise of various technical and cultural activities designed to test the varied skills the students posses.

One of the best events that I participated in during my first semester was the mock placement event. The event was a simulation of the actual process of campus recruitment that the companies undertake. Even though I did not win, I found out exactly why I did not and what areas I needed to work on to be more recruitable .The event was a fantastic learning experience. I also had the opportunity to talk with some of the best placement trainers there are. One takes a lot back from such activities.

Also, during the many fests, I volunteered for some of the events. I have realized that Volunteering is a fun job, where not only i learned about the many things that go into the making of a fest but also I learned to make sure the event proceeds smoothly without hindrances. This taught me to be a more efficient team player and to individually manage a given responsibility. These are some very important traits that one must develop and I am glad my college played a part in me learning a few.

Contrary to the opinion of some ill informed people the lecturers at UVCE are some of the best. Most of the lecturers at UVCE hold doctorates and are highly reputed in their respective field. As a result UVCE is one of the best engineering colleges in India and is highly regarded in universities abroad.

Also unlike other colleges which admit students on the basis of management and COMED-K,UVCE only admits students through CET, those being some of the highest rank holders in the state. Hence, all the students at UVCE are meritorious. This creates a great learning atmosphere.

For most people the engineering course is a gateway to the world of high paying jobs and UVCE does a fantastic job of delivering it to them. Through the efforts of the placement and training center the final year students at UVCE walk away with multiple job offers. Some students at the time of graduation have 4 and even 5 offers to choose from. The placement office at UVCE prides itself in providing the students with "the" job and not just "a" job. To quote some statistics, In the year 2010-2011, 923 job offers were received by a total of 400 to 450 students in the college with Cognizant being the highest recruiter. One of the unique things about the placement office at UVCE is that two students in their final year from each department get to be placement coordinators for one year during their final 2 semesters. The Placement office at UVCE is one of the few where students get to interact with the industry HR and invite them to the campus for placements. The placement records at UVCE are among the best in the state.

Finally, I would like to say that studying at UVCE has been fun for the one year that I have been in it. The bottom line is that UVCE is the best option for students who do well in their CET.

Kaushik Dutt,
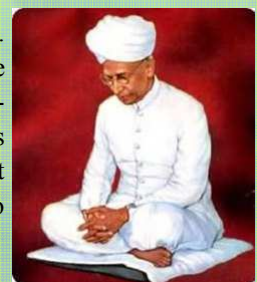**3rd Sem ECE**

TEACHERS DAY

Who is a 'guru'?

'Guru' in Sanskrit, means a master or a teacher who has the power and wisdom to dissolve ignorance in his disciple. A guru shows the right path to success and guides us towards that path which leads to our goal. I still remember, when I was in school everyday we were asked to say few shlokas. One of which was

'guru brahma, guru vishnu, guru devo maheshwaraha,

guru saakshat para brahma tasmai sree gurave namaha'.

In this shloka we can understand that a guru (teacher) is related as Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshwara. That is, guru is the god of knowledge or in other words a master. A Teacher teaches more by what he is than by what he says. Sharing the knowledge we have with others, will make us understand better what we already know.

Every year September 5th is celebrated as 'Teacher's day', to signify the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishna. He was a reputable teacher, a philosopher and was also elected to be the vice president of India and went on to become the president of India. His contribution towards education, education system and learning is enormous. He is the pride of our nation. His service towards India and Indians during independence is remarkable. He asked his students not to celebrate September 5th as his birthday, but in honor of all the teachers he wanted this day to be celebrated as 'Teacher's day'.

I wish on behalf of every UVCE student, Happy Teacher's day to all the faculties.

Shruthy S

3rd Sem CSE

HAPPY ENGINEERS DAY

PARICHAYA

Dr. Prahlada is a graduate of Mechanical Engineering (1969). He obtained his Masters in Aeronautical Engineering Department from IISc. Bangalore, with specialization in Rockets and Missile Systems and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad. He has served in various ISRO and DRDO Establishments covering VSSC Trivandrum, ADE Bangalore and DRDL Hyderabad. His areas of interest cover aerodynamics, flight controls, guidance, propulsion, system design and system engineering. As the Director of the biggest DRDO laboratory, DRDL, during 1997-2005, he has provided leadership to many missile projects, new technologies and world class test facilities. He served as the Project Director for the surface to air area defense missile system, AKASH. He was Programme Director for the Joint Venture Project (Indo-Russia) BrahMos and contributed to Project formulation, management and conduct of initial flight trials.

As Chief Controller Research & Development at DRDO Headquarters and Distinguished Scientist, he is heading Services Interactions, International Cooperation, Foreign Offices (UK, USA and Russia), Extramural Research, Intellectual Property Rights, Technology Acquisition and Industry Interaction since 2005.

He is also Chief Controller for Aeronautical Cluster of laboratories of DRDO providing leadership and guidance for many important Programmes in Combat Aircrafts, Unmanned Air Vehicles, Gas Turbine Engines, Avionics and Aerostats. He has spearheaded commercialization of DRDO technologies into civilian products through a customized programme with FICCI. He has also been contributing towards various activities in the area of disaster management since 1999

Dr. Prahlada is the recipient of many prestigious awards such as DRDO Scientist of the Year, HMA – Member of the Year, IISc Distinguished Alumnus Award, Eminent Engineers Award for the year 2009 by Institution of Engineers, Delhi State Centre National Aeronautical Prize and so on. He is recipient of Life Time Achievement Award- 2010 by Hyderabad Management Association. He was the Chairman of Steering Committee for organizing the First World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) – 2008 and Chairman of WCDM 2010.

Some Online Details:

One of the interviews can be viewed here: http://www.drdo.gov.in/drdo/English/dpi/prahlada_interview.html

Profile in DRDO website: http://www.drdo.gov.in/drdo/English/index.jsp?pg=chiefcontrollers-prahlad.jsp

FIND YOUR PAL

As suggested by Dwarkanath, from Electrical and Electronics of 1975, here goes the introduction to this section in his own words -

Many of us are trying to search and contact our good friends of UVCE from our own year and branch. Can you start a column for such a thing. So that anybody trying to find his/her classmate, can be accommodated in that column, which will help them to get in touch together after all the years. You can start with our batch only:

Me and my classmates are searching for classmates in Electrical and Electronics of 1975 from UVCE

1. Firoze Minoo Gotla

2. S.Uma

So, if you have any details about the above mentioned people, please do let us know. If you want to search your friends/ batchmates, do mail us the names and your batch details to sampada@visionuvce.in

One Day @ Freedom Park

A Saturday! As usual we were at the college with few of the students. Speaking to them about reorganizing the library infrastructure, the up next initiative from Team VisionUVCE. All the students were briefed about the plan, they were all set and it was a fruitful meet. Winding up from college we headed towards our next agenda for the day.

We walked about 200m and reached the spot. We were surprised looking at the well organized parking lot at a public place with hundreds of cars and two wheelers. Young Volunteers were geared up monitoring the parking lot much better than any multi facility paid parking lots of the City Malls. Passing by we were greeted by the Tricolor Flag vendors at the entry Gate. There was a deep sense of patriotism within everyone. Stepping in, we were hearing a huge roar of Thousands of People screaming Vande Mataram, Jai Hind, Anti Corruption and Pro Anna Slogans. Immediately we started getting GooseBumps. As we neared the stage, the sound waves got bigger and bigger. On the stage was a guy dressed up like Gandhiji, who had walked from his hometown covering a distance of 350Km to support a Cause. Immediately we were completely in the place and realized, OK, this is Freedom Park!! where thousands of people visit every day to support Anna Hazare, to support his fight against corruption. While listening to the boy speaking on the dais, we just took a walk amidst the people of all age groups, feeling the vibrant Patriotic atmosphere. Saturday being a holiday more than half of the crowd were IT employees.

As soon as the boy finished his speech, a bunch of IT employees went on the dais. Speaking their dialogue of support, they expressed an idea to protest by forming a Human Chain on the Outer Ring Road, where most of the IT companies operate. They also asked all the IT employees who were present there to gather near the big blue wall at the entrance of the Park, away from the stage.

Being IT employees, we felt very enthusiastic to support them and walked towards the blue wall. The whole Freedom park had huge number of people, we felt quite difficult to find them and so were the others. Finally after 15 minutes of our effort we were able to spot them. By speaking to them we understood that the event was not planned and they needed help. They only had the idea but were yet to decide on the further steps to have it organized. Having organized quite a number of events, we thought to pitch in and help them. The first thing that flashed to us was the way we struggled to spot them. So we ran around quickly picked up two Card boards and borrowed a marker. Though we are not a skilled at drawing pictures, LOL, somehow quickly managed to legibly scribble "IT GUYS, PLEASE GATHER HERE. HUMAN CHAIN AT ORR" on both the card boards. Phew, our placards were ready for action. Holding it up high, two of us stood there while the other was interacting with the organizers. Minute by minute people started noticing it and started walking towards us. We started giving them a gist and made them all sit.

Within no time we were able to gather about 300 - 400 people, and which led to a huge group discussion with the organizers. Date and time for the event was decided. And it was the immediate Wednesday with only 3 days to go. There were volunteers who said they would be the SPOK for their respective companies and get people. Also, the Outer Ring Road was divided into blocks. We had 11 Meeting points namely ITPL, Vaidehi Hospital, SAP Labs, CMR, Kundalahalli, Innovative Multiplex, JP Morgan, Cisco, Eco Space, Sarjapura Junction and Cessanna. Picked up volunteers for all the 11 meeting points. All set and ready to go. But oops, the biggest challenge was to spread the message across the lakhs of IT employees of what we had planned just then. We needed a wide spread media publicity. EUREKA!! Facebook. After all, being IT employees, we were carrying out laptops and Internet data cards along. We created a Facebook event. A Facebook group was formed on the spot and was published. Sent out emails to the email ID's of all of them who were present and forwarded the invites. Within two days mail chains circulated like a wildfire and we had close to 6K confirmed attendees on our Facebook Event. And the invitations were circulated amongst a whopping 30k people. It received a widespread publicity.
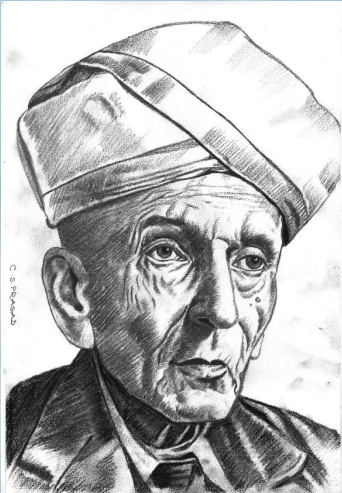

Finally the event was kicked off on Wednesday, resulting in a massive protest of 17KM Human Chain of IT employees on ORR. Justice Santosh Hegde and Capt. Gopinath also took part in the event. The event was highly appreciated and covered by Times Of India. There was an entire page of sensational articles covering the event. Just a visit to the Freedom Park turned out to be a incredible event supporting a great cause. And we were lucky to be an integral part of it. The event paved way to many of them to protest against corruption in a different way.

Having said that we had organized many numbers of events, taking part as volunteers in most of them and also being the Placement Coordinators we owe it to UVCE. We got exposed to many practical situations at very early stages in our student life which has provided us a chance to prove ourselves in many such challenging situations in our day to day routines. We look forward for many such challenges which may result in wonderful outcome.

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Sir M VISVESVARAYA - A Legend Himself

Here is an extract from Sir M Visveraya's speech at the College Of Enginneeing, Bangalore, 27th January 1955, in which he describes an "ENGINEER"

In the literature of scientific associations in the West, engineering is defined "as the art of directing men and controlling the forces and materials of nature for the benefit of the human race". In other words, engineering is the science and the art of planning, constructing and arranging structures of various kinds. When a person is educated as an engineer, he will be qualified to do some work of any of these classes. The work may help him to obtain employment and income for himself. It may help the country in increasing products of value of various kinds.

An engineer is trained to design and carry out works, generally of public utility or business enterprise, with the maximum of efficiency and economy.

The economic aspect is emphasized in the American colloquial definition of an engineer as "a person who does for a dollar what any darned fool can do for two".

We would like to share couple of instances, which depicts Sir M Visvesvaraya's greatness -

Once, Sir M Visvesvaraya's mother Akkachamma returned from their village Muddenahalli with him in the government car. She was not keeping good health and was not able to get down from the car.

Visvesvaraya directed the driver to drop her at her house in Chamarajapet.

Aware of the rectitude of her son she said, 'No', got out of the car with some effort, rested for a while and left for her house in her son's personal car.

He exclaimed, "Mother, You are proud of your son being a Dewan, but I am much more happy and proud at your refusing to use the government car for personal use."

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For sometime, when the Bhadravati Factory was in trouble, he worked as the Chairman. At that time, the Government had not decided the salary. It took some years to do so; the Government owed him more than a hundred thousand rupees. But he did not touch a rupee even. He told the Government, "Start an institute where boys can learn some profession." The Institute was about to start work. The Government wanted to name it after Visvesvaraya. But he said, "Name it after the Maharaja of Mysore." This is the Sri Jayachamaraja Polytechnic Institute of Bangalore.

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Quite often he had to make speeches. Because of his genius, experience and mellow wisdom people wanted to hear him. But whenever he had to make a speech he would think about what he was going to say, write, the speech, get it typed and weigh every word and revise it. He would revise it four or five times and give it final shape. Then he would remember important points. Once he visited the Primary School in his native village, Muddenahalli; he gave the teacher ten rupees and asked him to distribute sweets to the children. The teacher said, "Please say a few words to the children, sir," MV spoke for five minutes and went away. But later he was unhappy because he had spoken without preparation. Some days later he prepared a speech and went to the school again; once again he distributed sweets to the children. Then he made his speech. In 1947 he was the President of the All India Manufacturers' Association. He had to make a speech at a function. Some of his friends were staying with him. On the day of the function they woke up at half past four in the morning. What they saw astonished them; Sir MV, who was 87, was already up and faultlessly dressed; he was walking up and down; he had in his hands a copy of the speech he was to make and was carefully reading it!

FEEDBACK/ SUGGESTIONS

Have we lost the zing..??? Are we not meeting the expectations ??? This is in response to the very few feedback we received for the last edition. It is not possible that we are doing everything right because we are still very young and trying to learn how to sustain the attention of our readers. Then it is you, who is not doing your job by not criticizing us or sending your expectations . It is a magazine for you and it requires your full fledged participation. Please do write in to us at sampada@visionuvce.in with your valuable comments so that we could give you the best.

Thanks,
Team Sampada.