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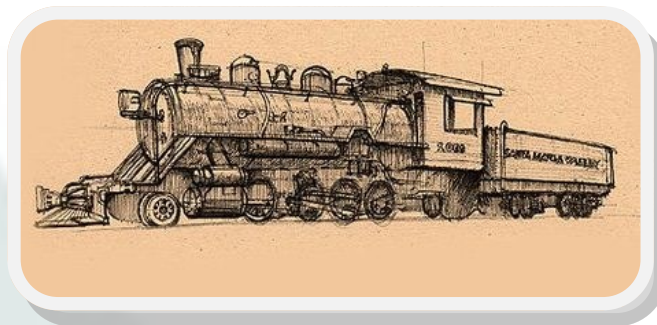
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EDITORIAL



The SAMPADA train is back to deliver the 44th of its edition. We, from the Team VisionUVCE, always thought that SAMPADA was just like a newspaper delivering the news around UVCE. But just as newspapers have editorials, opinions etc that aim at bringing out the thinking caps on, raising questions, eventually building a personality, we want to be sending that kind of magazine which is about UVCE as well as motivational.

One of our team member was part of an online free course aimed at creating designs by being empathetic. One of the tasks was to identify an individual who is in the transition state from being a student to one who is moving into a new zone of starting a career with the industry. We had to empathize with him, understand his problems and come out with a solution that in a way solves his problems but also is generalistic in nature and helps thousands of other students who are facing the dilemma of transition. As we started to understand the problems, we saw two main issues:

1. The Research acumen amongst the students is dipping to a new low and not many students are pursuing higher education in the research arena.
2. The industry has been constantly complaining about the lack of basic engineering skills amongst the students, essentially giving a hint that it is difficult for them to hire.

Let us analyze, what both these issues could mean to us.



Dipping research acumen amongst students means, lesser enrolment to the universities of higher learning or they will be staffed with incompetent and disinterested students and they come out with new ideas or solutions that doesn't garner wider acceptations. With no much headway in the research arena, no more funding from the government or the private industry. The research, always has a end point where in it provides a solution to the sufferings of a common man. So the general populace continues to suffer. With not much innovative ideas, companies coming to a region will dip, so no more jobs directly for the campus recruits and no jobs for the thousands indirectly dependent on it. So the next generation won't have much options but to resort to hooliganism and the levels of education continues to spiral down over the years. So all in all, its a loss all the way.

We see that the general trend today is to join the industry as soon as one completes his UG. With engineering being promoted as 4 years of golden days, the idea of golden days has been subjected to lot of misinterpretations and the ones that are accepted are those enjoy, go out and have fun. No doubt you need all that, but if that is taken too seriously and as it happens in UVCE, many students study for the sake of getting marks in the final exams of the semesters and face the interviews from the likes of big corporate firms. They usually expect good know-how of the basics and many who sit through for the interviews face the ire of questions that hit like a huge rock on their face. So the industry complains about the lack of basic engineering skills. So the hiring reduces over time, many companies stop visiting campuses and you all know the repercussions of the same.

Investing time in research is a good thing as it aides in development of analytical skills and also a greater understanding the systems. One emerges a good decision maker and solution-oriented persona. They sure are liked much more than a usual final year pass-out from the campus because companies want to do big business and that won't happen much with the same products or services. So those who provide new things take precedence. Also, as in most cases, they end up being the entrepreneurs themselves.

And as with the misconception that being in research doesn't pay much. It is as nonsensical as it could be. As a student you will be paid handsomely for being the research assistant. As soon as you immerse yourself in the deeper knowledge gain of the subject, grants follow you promising a good life.



So with a country of 1.2 billion people, we have no university or institution which has broken into top 200 institutes of the world. This kind of is the first amongst the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South-Africa). It takes collective effort and some motivation from all directions to get the rankings higher. Higher rankings mean higher influence and more solutions and people love solutions. So think about it.!!

As with this edition of SAMPADA, we have an article about one of our own, Arvind Bhat - an acclaimed badminton player who has been picked up by Indian Badminton League. Also we have news around the campus, few old articles and announcement about BULSH Reunion.

Team VisionUVCE

Achievers Club

Last time we had published an article about a group of students who had won award at Anveshan contest (reports from TOI). Adding one more feather to the cap is the below article in Bangalore Mirror, which speaks about the UVCE student who has won 9 Gold Medals during the Bangalore University Convocation this year. Congratulations Niranjan !!!

Niranjan C, an engineering graduate from University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), is a 'noted personality', for his notes are the most sought-after in the college. It has become a ritual among students to photocopy his meticulously prepared notes and give them to anyone who needs them.

Niranjan, who completed M Tech from UVCE two years ago, has been offered a job by a top infrastructure firm in Chennai. He is set to hog the limelight on Thursday when he would be presented with nine gold medals at the Bangalore University's 48th annual convocation.



Bharat Raj H S, an M Tech student, said: "I secured a distinction in BE and studying Niranjan's notes helped me a lot. Generally, engineering students rely on a reputed lecturer's notes. In our class, we trusted Niranjan's notes. All we would do was go through it thoroughly."

Raj says Niranjan's notes were so specific and articulate that they helped him get good scores. "Around 20-30 students from my batch used to ask Niranjan for his notes. During exams, the demand was higher."

So, what was special about Niranjan's notes? His friends say he would read as many textbooks as possible, get a lot of information about a subject and write it down in simple sentences. "May be this is why we gave Niranjan's notes as a gift to our juniors," said Raj.

Nagesh S, a site engineer in an MNC, said: "I was lucky to have Niranjan as my partner during my project. His drawings helped me a lot. In all the eight semesters, I greatly depended on Niranjan's notes. While we see many studious students refusing to help their peers, Niranjan belonged to a rare breed. He has never refused to lend his notes."

When questioned, Niranjan said: "The secret is to attend classes regularly. During the four years of engineering, I had almost 99 per cent attendance. I was lucky to have great lecturers. I would just concentrate on their lectures, write down in simple words and refer some more books. Though I completed M Tech two years ago, I found some juniors referring to my notes. I felt happy."

Niranjan says he wants budding engineers to be attentive in class and also do a lot of other things. "I used to play and read comics even during exams and still managed to score good marks."

Source : Bangalore Mirror, July 18th

VisionUVCE - Under Graduate now !!!

VisionUVCE is about to complete its Under Graduation course within UVCE. Team VisionUVCE will be 4 years this August. Four eventful years, filled with activities, initiatives and programs for the benefit of UVCE. We are not writing the final examination though. We are here for the long haul. All these wouldn't have happened without the continuous support, encouragement and feedback given by all of you. Over these 4 years we have reached students of the campus and the alumni alike with various initiatives. Some of those are listed out below:



1. Scholarship - The novel idea of scholarship was introduced 3 years and we have given away scholarship to 22 needy students of the campus. Come September this year and we will be awarding the scholarships for the third consecutive year. Alumni from the various batches have contributed to the fund and helped reduce the hardships of the students. In a similar way, we request all of you to support the initiative this year as well as in the future too and let us hope there is a steady increase in the numbers over the years.

2. Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell) - This program was started with an idea of inculcating the sense of ownership amongst the students and has had a decent momentum gain since its inception. However we do request all the alumni to share their experiences, introduce an UVCE alumni who is an entrepreneur, conduct workshops which aims at building the self-confidence needed to join in the race.

3. Sports - This is one area within UVCE which never has gained limelight except for some small-time events during the fests. We are chalking out a plan to rejuvenate the basic sporting facilities within campus with an idea of having sporting arena in its bubbling best in the campus.

4. VINIMAYA & Magazine Subscriptions - VINIMAYA is an parallel library being run under the aegis of VisionUVCE where non-curricular books are lent out for reading and old books from seniors are given away to junior students. As part of this program, we have purchased and donated books for the sharing purpose. We have subscribed few magazines to the BU Ladies Student Hostel that are aimed at improving the all-round knowledge of the students.

5. Project Vishisht - An initiative where ideas within the minds of students was to be presented and implemented with a larger goal of establishing product development teams within UVCE. Students have come up brilliant and innovative ideas. They need technical guidance and financial support to get their ideas implemented. So a chance to venture in where everything is being done in association with students.

Meanwhile SAMPADA is being sent for 42 consecutive editions and there's more to come in that area. We request you all to contribute experiences, articles, pictures etc for the magazine. It is always good to return to college, if not physically, over a magazine to college and relive those moments.

Over the last 4 years, we have created a repository of the profiles of some of our prominent alumni



and we strongly feel that the alumni as well as the students must know about those individuals. So through a program called, "PARICHAYA" we are introducing the individuals with all of you. We request all of you to let us know about such individuals.

Also we have contributed and support various events within campus like MILAGRO, FIESTA, IMPETUS, BACHFun, ArtFair etc and we have stayed close to the grassroots and in direct contact with the campus as well as the students.

In order keep the future programs running, we will need ample support from each one of you. You could help us out by spending some time in participating, coordinating and organizing activities, support financially for the above mentioned programs. It has been a wonderful journey till now and we hope that the alumni will show keen interest in driving this for few more years until it becomes self-sufficient and sustainable.

Newton's 4th Law of Motion

The speed of turning pages is directly proportional to the syllabus to be covered, assuming that knowledge remains constant in the process.

Lecture **marks** dena chahiye...



Ande toh **murgi** ya bhi dete hai...

We are very happy to see that most of you are enjoying the Humour @ UVCE images !!! We get many comments on that.. We would like to thank the Humour @ UVCE FB Page Team again, and congratulate them for such wonderful and creative ideas, which makes other folks laugh. We request our SAMPADA readers to come up with such ideas and post your humorous thoughts about UVCE in [Humour @ UVCE FB page](#). Thanks in advance !!!

Alumni Speak

We are publishing the extracts from 1975 Alumni Association Silver Jubilee Magazine in this section. In the coming editions, we have couple of more such wonderful memories to be shared with you. Meanwhile, it would be great if you can also share your thoughts with us for this section.

It is said that the best years of one's life are those that are spent in the University. I often recall the carefree days between 1941-1946 that I spent in the University College of Engineering. Friendships were then formed which have endured a life time. Teachers become friends, philosophers and guides. All good things in life happen during these years. However, we did not have girls taking to engineering in those days. Who knows, if there had been any, one of them might have been my wife !

The teachers, irrepressible , young, specialized after training abroad, brought about an atmosphere of fraternity all around. The sports field – in all games, dramatics, elocution and music competitions were the monopoly of University College of Engineering. This continued till the end of 1946. The I went over to the Indian Institute of Science for two years and continued to look upon UCE staff as my friends and guides.

One evening, while chatting with the members of staff, a suggestion came up that we form an alumni association so that a firm foundation could be laid for cementing the bond between the old boys and the institution. The idea was promptly endorsed and adhoc committees were setup to draft a constitution and bye-laws for the Association.

The early formative years were momentous. We felt we were out to achieve the impossible. A list of all old boys was drawn-up to the extent possible by memory. We requested known old boys in outstation cities to compile lists and send them. How many names could we remember !

It was a pleasure that persons who graduated in the first batch like Mr. R.D Char, were available for guidance. Mr. Hayath and Mr. Arya filled up the local support. Prof. B.R.Narayana Iyengar and R.A.Rajagopal were there to chase. From the staff we had Mr. S Krishnaswamy, Mr. W.J. Paul Raju, Mr. K.Channabasaiah and many others.

During these days what impressed me most was that in any field of important engineering activity in India we had an old boy of our college. When the college boys went on tour, these old boys played host, took great pride to show round the younger group all the achievements of the alumni in different parts of India. This was how the practice of inviting one of the distinguished alumni to address the students on the alumni day was established. The most outstanding student of the college was chosen to reply the toast of the college.

The mark I had left in the college was more as an entertainer and invariable the entertainment programme fell to my lot. Mr. Y V Ramdas used to help me. Mr. K V Aswathaiah, who was on the staff of the college used to be in charge. He had liking (or weakness) for dance items and our dramas always used to be preceded by dance items. If these items did not satisfy the present students, the actors in the next programme had to make good the expectations.



I recall with pleasure and pride that the college platform was built to save the cost of improvising every year a stage with the tables. The public address system was acquired as a part of the Electrical Laboratory equipment (who connived at this – was it KC?). So was the stage lighting and switch board. The library became the green-room.

I am also guilty in recent years to the practice of making the outgoing committee get re-elected (Was it to avoid getting myself caught!) But I do miss the opportunity to talk to the present boys during the alumni day. The programmes are so arranged that we hardly have the chance to rag them.

As age advances, we think we are wise and experienced. But how can we maintain that exuberant attitude to life, to design, to innovate, which only an unprejudiced mind can maintain. We therefore look forward to the alumni day for an exposure to get inspiration from youth, to get to know their aspirations and ideals. While the old fades away, the young always remain.

Twenty-five years –not a long time, except when you feel that some of my classmates are grandfathers. Let the Alumni Association celebrate the Golden Jubilee even as the college did. Let it produce men of eminence as it did in the past. Let it be worthy of the name of the greatest of engineers, Sir M. Visvesvaraya.

Sri S G Ramachandra (E 1946)
Chief Engineer, M/s Kirloskar Electric Co.

PARICHAYA

Arvind Bhat is one of the best badminton players in India, and also the reigning National Badminton champion. How many of you knew he is an UVCE Alumni ??? He was from 2000 Civil batch. He had already made a mark in the Badminton arena, even before he joined UVCE.

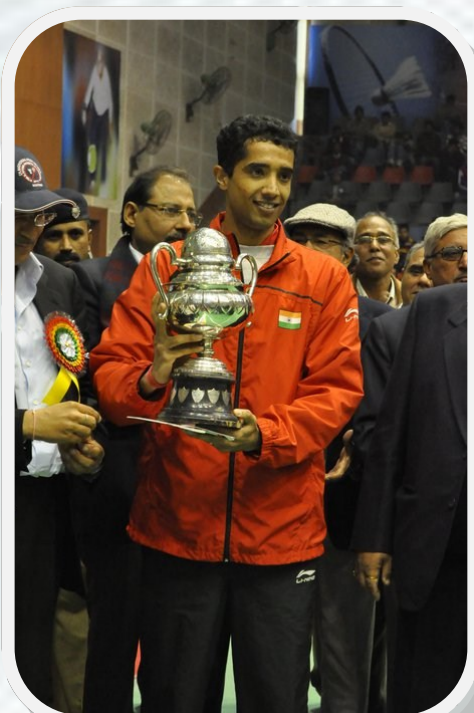
Bangalore has produced a slew of badminton stars in addition to Padukone and a hub for nurturing talent at the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy which is based at the Karnataka Badminton Association, also where Arvind honed his badminton skills

Arvind Bhat won the men's singles title at the Scottish Open badminton tournament in November 2004. In 2005, Arvind won the All-India senior ranking tournament. 2007 was a wonderful year for Arvind Bhat, during which he won the New Caledonia Open badminton tournament, Czech Open International tournament, Syrian Satellite series badminton tournament at Damascus, Jordan Open badminton tournament at Amman.

In Feb-2009, Arvind Bhat won the National badminton title for the first time in Indore in Feb-2009, when he had defeated P Kashyap 21-19, 21-14 in the finals.

Again, in Jan-2011, he defeated P Kashyap in the finals of the Mens singles National Badminton title match to be crowned the National Badminton Champion for the second time in his badminton career.

He has represented India in more than 100 International events out of which he has won 6 International titles. Now he is representing “Banga Beats”- Bangalore Team in Indian Badminton League-2013. We hope that he does well and make all of us proud !!! Keep cheering and supporting the Banga Beats along with Aravind Bhat !!!



BULSH RECALL



25th August, Sunday !!! VisionUVCE Team is planning for a Reunion at around 3 PM @ your own BULSH !!!

All the Ladies from BULSH both passed out and currently studying are invited to cherish their wonderful memories and build an interaction among themselves. We think it is our responsibility to create a platform for such a dialogue to happen. And here we are, making it happen... We hope you will make the best use of it !!!

Let all your friends know and make sure you get them along... Because without them your memories will be incomplete... If you have any particular suggestions/ comments let us know @ samvaada@visionuvce.in

Feedback/Suggestions



Are we providing what you want to know about UVCE in SAMPADA? Well, you have to tell us if we are or not. We all know, its not easy to keep it going on a regular basis (this is 43rd edition) without hearing voice from your end. We would like to know what you think about SAMPADA and its contents. After all SAMPADA belongs to all of us and as a UVCE alumni family, we need to make it big and keep the ball rolling. You can be the editor for SAMPADA and give that package to every UVCEian who needs some kind of oxygen to breathe about UVCE.

Waiting for your suggestions, feedback and involvement

Team SAMPADA