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Your Window to UVCE

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CIVISTA-14

The Department of Civil Engineering, University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), Jnanabharathi campus, Bangalore University, recently celebrated its techno-cultural event “Civista-14”. The chief guest was K.K. Seethamma, Registrar (Administration), Bangalore University, while Venugopal K.R., Principal, UVCE and B.S. Nagendra Prakash, Chairman of Civil Engineering Department, were present.

The programme started with tree planting on the Department premises. Prof. Seethamma observed that the Department has 50 per cent girl students.

Prof. Venugopal said the Civil Engineering Department has produced more than 1,500 projects. Prof. Prakash signed an MoU with CADD Centre to ensure all students get value addition training.



Source– The Hindu

MARITIME FIRM MAKES HOT PICKS AT UVCE

For the first time in its campus placement process, a Nagpur-based company has selected 22 students of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) with a pay package each of a whopping Rs 18 lakh per year! A first-time recruiter at UVCE, Phoenix Maritime Sea Services, a ship management company providing services to shipping firms and merchant navy academies, has picked 11 mechanical, three electronics and communication and eight electrical and electronics students for jobs based out of Karnataka. “A single company making so many offers with such impressive packages has not happened before,” said UVCE Principal K R Venugopal. However, there is a catch, he says. “The company requires students to pay `3-4 lakh towards training as a means to ensure students don’t take it up and leave.”

Vinay P, a mechanical engineering student, who has received the offer, said Phoenix works like a consultancy company to provide further training. “After we are trained, we can join merchant navy companies where our CTC may even increase,” he said.

Thumping Into UVCE

E-commerce giant Amazon selected two computer science students offering `11 lakh per year, investment banker Goldman Sachs selected one mechanical student for `10 lakh, Adobe offered two computer science students `8.3 lakh and Oracle offered seven students `7.5 lakh per year. But it is not the big payers that got students excited this time.

According to Varun K, a third year electrical and electronics student and placement coordinator, the maker of the legendary Bullet motorcycle, Royal Enfield, came to UVCE for the first time offering three mechanical students Rs 3.60 lakh per year. “More than Phoenix, we were excited with RE coming here, which is the first time they are recruiting outside Chennai,” he said. In the fag-end of its 2013-14 placement process, the 97-year-old UVCE had 87 companies visiting its campus making 539 offers to 301 students. With results from six companies awaited, another 20 students could be placed. In 2012-13, there were 699 offers to 362 UVCE students.

Other Maiden Recruiters

First-time recruiters Godrej & Boyce made offers of `3.60 lakh each to seven students and Dell Research and Development also offered `5.50 lakh each to seven computer and information science students. Other maiden big payers this year were Google, which came with an offer of Rs 13 lakh per annum and Tokyo-based Work Applications, which came with `30 lakh per annum. However, they did not select any student. “We have done better than R V College of Engineering, PES Institute of Technology and even M S RIT. But BMS College of Engineering is competing neck-and-neck with us,” Varun added.

Source– NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

IEEEUVCE EXECOM 2014-15

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Congratulations !!!



CAMPUS SAYS



UVCE has made me an independent individual from all the experiences I have had in past 4 years. It has not only given me a chance to learn technical aspects but also personality development to be a strong individual.

UVCE has taught us the importance of time and also values which will be most essential in our entire lifetime. We have seen extremely dedicated teachers and will follow their path to become successful individuals by working selflessly and sharing the knowledge. It's given us the stepping stones of failures to achieve success when we go out of the college and start our practice... Thank you UVCE !!!

- Krithika S, Final Year Civil

"DIVERSITY+TIME+FRIENDS+ALUMNI=UVCE" Diversity of UVCE is huge. It has got students from all corners of the state and all sections of the society. It gives you a chance to experience the whole of Karnataka under one roof. Time is what you get most from UVCE. This TIME teaches you self dependency, gives an opportunity to nurture yourself and lead you where you want to be. Friends of UVCE, you were awesome. You corrected me every time I made a mistake. Today what I am is because of your constant efforts in improving me. If I can speak English today, it is because of you. If I have cleared interview means it's just because of all the lessons you taught me. Last but the best of part of UVCE is its Alumni. UVCE has down to earth alumni who are consistently putting their efforts to make UVCE and its students better. Thank you UVCE for all that you have given me over last four years. Thank you.

- Vereesh B K, Final Year Mechanical



From mechanical engineering science to compiler design, from electrical lab to internet lab, last minute preparation exams, we did it all!

The mini projects, the min project, organizing department farewell, send-off parties, organising fests and taking part in them, all these will be the cherished memories of my journey in UVCE, a journey of fun, friends, learning and everything! Studying in UVCE has made all the difference in my life and graduating from UVCE, one of the BEST MOMENTS of my life. UVCE is not just any engineering college but its GOD'S OWN ENGINEERING COLLEGE!

- Suraj Prasad, Final Year Computer Science



Milagro was my first intercollege cultural fest. It was total fun. It was a two days fest organised on 9th and 10th of May by the final year students. I had volunteered for the fest because of which I got to know so many things about organising a fest. All the events were amazing especially the dance events because everyone was on their feet. Students of UVCE, CMRIT, MSRIT and some of the other colleges took part in the events.

- Pratik Y R, 2nd Sem ISE

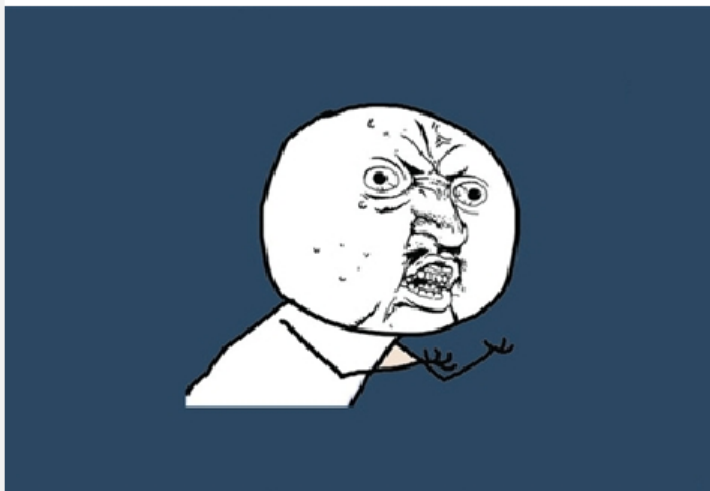


MILAGRO- One word for amazing performances and endless entertainment. Those two days of the mega cultural fest of UVCE were memorable in many ways. Dance performances were a visual treat and the music created waves of happiness among the audience. Had a great time with my friends and am eagerly waiting for its next edition!!

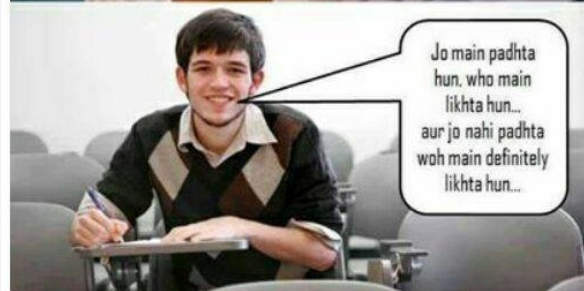
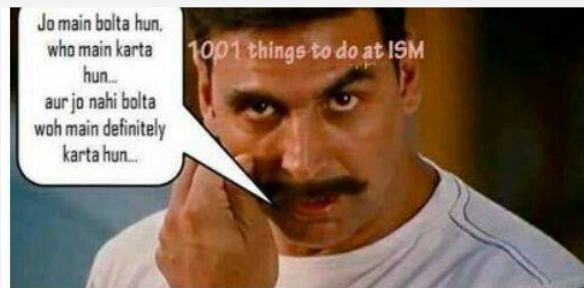
-Varun Kumar, 4th Sem ECE



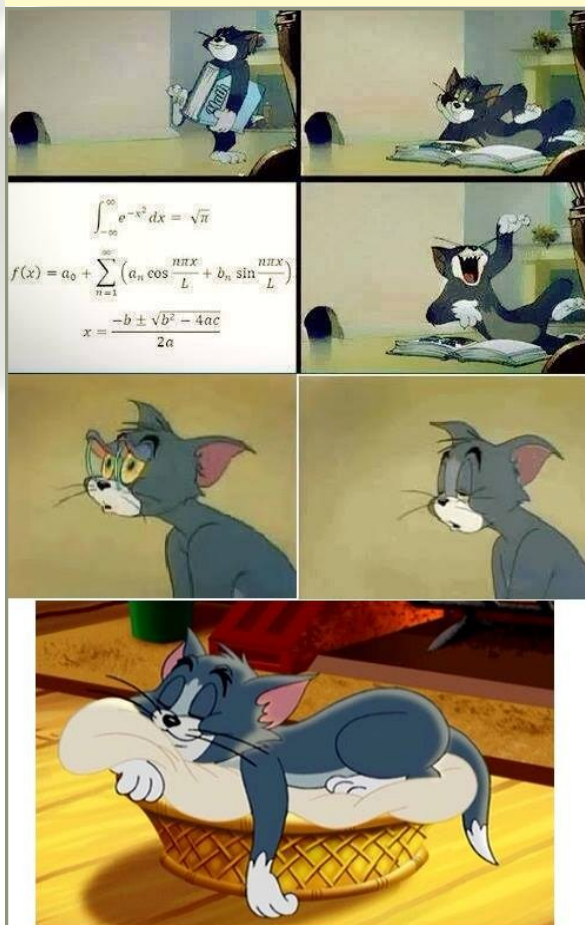
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ROUTINE DURING EXAM STUDY HOLIDAYS



WHAT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES THINK THEY ARE...



HOW OTHERS SEE THEM....



VISIONUVCE SAMMILANA

We came up with the idea of skipping the Editorial for this edition completely and publish a detailed write-up about the event - “VU SAMMILANA” from Team SAMAPDA. We wanted to reach out to the alumni about how and why we came up with the whole concept, in order to make sure they understand how important it was for us.

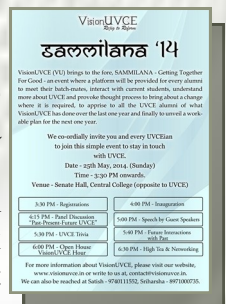


Not very long ago, but in January, we were invited as volunteers for Golden Jubilee Celebrations of 1963-64 batch Reunion. We willingly accepted it and still grateful to them for offering us this opportunity. During the event, we were discussing how to involve more alumni for the betterment of college. Then, Lomesh came up with the idea of organizing an event exclusively for discussion between students, faculty and alumni. Harsha, added that we can also announce few initiatives during the occasion which should be realistic and practical to be completed within a timeframe. This is how we started with the idea of “SAMMILANA”.. We spoke with few of older alumni, our batch-mates and other well-wishers and gave shape to the idea and decided few things to be done, like -

- to start a dialog between alumni and faculty/students who are both equally responsible stakeholders;
- to discuss, mainly the road-map for VisionUVCE and plans for Centenary Celebrations;
- to have a group of alumni as Advisors so that we can plan for the next initiatives in a better way.

We started the preparations for the event by identifying the location, publicity in social media, sending mails, talking to the alumni who were in our closer circles, planning the whole event & logistics. We got the invitations printed and handed over them to the faculty personally from all branches. We are thankful to K P Guruswamy sir from EEE Department who accompanied us and spoke to the other faculty. He motivated us a lot by both action and words.

We spoke to the students and took a buy in from them for volunteering on the day. But, events don't happen smoothly when we are involved !!! Be it in college or outside college, whenever we have planned for an event, we have faced lot many hindrances. For example, we came to know 2 days before INSPIRON 2008 that one of the days in a All-India level College Bandh by ABVP... For this event, we received a call from Bangalore University that the venue we had booked - Senate Hall is being taken for the Evaluation from some Department. We had to rush and request for an alternative since we were just a week away. We somehow managed to get the JnanaJyothi Auditorium Seminar Hall through a lot of persuasion.



And finally the day arrived. Banner was put up, Registration Desks set up, microphones tested and we started eagerly waiting for the guests - Faculty, alumni and students. We expected a crowd of around 170 -180, as it was a Sunday evening in Bangalore. Harsha had planned for snacks & coffee/tea accordingly. Slowly, but steadily people started coming in. Volunteers started entering the details of the audience and made sure they felt comfortable. Guests whom we had invited for Speech and Panel Discussion arrived.



Sharply at 4:10, we requested our Event-Host Aishwarya from Electrical 2009 batch to start the proceedings. She spoke about the intention behind the event and invited Principal Dr Venugopal K R on stage to deliver the Inauguration Speech. He spoke about the various initiatives taken up by the college and what are the needs; future vision, how can alumni support them. Though he mentioned saying the event organizers had given him just 15mins to talk, he spoke for around 30mins. But, his insightful words definitely kick-started the event in the manner we wanted it to be. After the inauguration speech, Satish was invited to start the Panel Discussion - “Past, Present and Future of UVCE” with Prof Sarala Upadhyya (Ex-Chairperson, Mech Department), Dr. P Deepa Shenoy (Chair-person, CSE Department), Prof Sudheendra Haldodderi (Director, College of Engineering & Design, Alliance University,1984 Mech), Manjunath Prasad (IAS Officer, 1987 Mech). The panel spoke about their College Days, College heritage. Prof Sarala Upadhyya wanted to talk about Present & Future rather than past. Dr Deepa Shenoy spoke about various good things happening in college and various initiatives started by the students on their own.

Both the faculty spoke about the need to improve in various aspects and suggested alumni should come forward to take up such initiatives. Manjunath Prasad said he will try to gather support from Govt side and back all the good initiatives taken by the alumni in order to make sure college gets a major face-lift. Sudheendra told he feels the need of a radical change to bring back the glory of the college...Both the alumni on stage insisted that the entire alumni fraternity need to rethink on what needs to be done and how to get things done.



After the panel discussion, B S Rangaswamy, alumni from 1955 Mechanical spoke about his thoughts and shared his views about college with the audience. Also, the other senior alumni – Prof. S G Chandra(1959 EEE), R K Hegde (1970 ECE), Varadaraj (1977 ECE) shared their memories and experiences with the audience. Later, Prof G Narendra Kumar, Chairperson of ECE Department, addressed the audience and expressed his complete support for any initiative the alumni takes up for the betterment of the college.

Ret Wg Cmdr H G Dattatreya (known as “Dattanna“ from 1964 EEE) had graced the occasion as well on our repeated request. We were happy that he raised few concerns about the current condition of the college and the reputation being on the downslide. He also suggested few points to make sure we can do the damage control. He also came up with “One roof” concept for the alumni who are scattered across various groups, also adding which may be a tedious job but will be worth if accomplished. All his concerns and queries were genuine and valid which we, from VisionUVCE Team have made a note and will try to address in the future.



At the end, Satish, Harsha and Lomesh– the Trustees of VisionUVCE Trust came up on the stage, once they were invited by Supreeth, our other Event Host from 2009 ECE to discuss the plans of VisionUVCE for the next year. The key-points that was presented is as below:

- 1) Maintenance of one of the college labs for a year** - We need monetary support for this initiative. We will get the permission from the concerned HOD and make sure one faculty will be part of it. Also, we will recognize the contributors accordingly.
- 2) Campus Cleanliness** - We will try to get some NGO involved along with BBMP. We will need some contacts to get it started as well as monetary support for the same.
- 3) Project VISHISHT** - Technical practical competition for current students. It will be announced at the start of next semester. We will need your time, guidance & suggestions with students
- 4) Placement Boot camp** - Two-day long training to students to help them with aptitude and soft-skills.

Along with these, if we can get some help over the finance, we would like to look into the Restroom idea as well. We reduced it's priority only due to the financial restrictions. One other aspect would be to get any companies to campus placements wherein our alumni are in good position. We promised the above initiatives to be taken up and completed within next one year. During the next year SAMMILANA we plan to showcase the accomplishments and make sure more alumni join us, only if they are convinced with the progress happened.



After the presentation, snacks were served along with tea/coffee. By now, the total strength was around 80-85, which we honestly felt was a bit lesser than we anticipated. But the brighter side was a platform for effective discussion was initiated and people felt time spent was worth. That according to us was more pleasing and satisfying. We plan to take up the above initiatives asap. So we are all ears to your thoughts/suggestions. Please let us know about it. We look forward for all your support.

THOUGHTS ABOUT VU SAMMILANA

Sammilana of UVCE Alumni (2009 Batch) and Teaching Staff members on 25 May 2014



I was quite looking forward to this meeting of Alumni of 2009 Batch of students as it was mentioned that they had a number of ideas for “doing something good“ for their alma mater. I really appreciate the sentiment of gratitude that these students have for the College.

Although it is good to know about the way our College functioned in ‘those’ days, I feel that we are wallowing too much in the past glory. It is true that the College produced some good administrators, scientists, teachers, industrialists and entrepreneurs etc. in the days of the past. But, there have also been a good lot of students passing out in the recent batches, who have already made their mark in their chosen field of work. It is only that, they are yet to reach that height and they still have time.... (And remember in the olden days there were very few Engineering Colleges and most of them came from UVCE! Now the number of engineering Colleges is more than 200 in Karnataka itself and the competition is hectic!!) In any case, I am personally too tired of talking about this ‘old glory’ business. Let us move on and think about what is to be done next to make it a good Institution, which meets the needs of engineering students of today.

It transpired after lengthy and heated discussions during the meeting that the College needs a large number of teachers, Technical staff members, good infrastructure, laboratory facilities etc. The Principal assured the gathering that enough funds will be available very soon for improving the College through RUSA and other sources. Hence, there is no need to feel concerned about the external development of the College, in terms of buildings and laboratory facilities etc.

In order to make the make the College a good Institution of learning and a good centre for dissemination of knowledge, I feel that a proper attitude of mind towards work is required to be developed among everyone concerned. Encouraging more and more academic activities, skill developments among both staff members and students is necessary. Creating a suitable atmosphere, where good work is recognised (not by the usual way of awards and shawls etc.) but by giving promotions (in time) and other incentives to staff members and merit scholarships to students.

Let us take up this as a challenge and make every effort possible to let the spirit of UVCE blaze on, for there are thousands of engineering colleges in our country, but there is only one UVCE !!

SARALA UPADHYA
Professor , Department of Mechanical Engineering

Interview with K P Guruswamy, Lecturer, EEE Department, UVCE

Q - Sir, your thoughts about the event?

KPG- I felt the event was very good. It lived upto the expectations that all the invitees had. A little more publicity about the event would have drawn a little more alumni but the effort that had been put by Vision UVCE and student volunteers was very quite appreciable!

Q - To sustain this momentum, what do you think needs to be done?

KPG - Inviting alumni to conduct interactive sessions or as dignitaries for events or fests in college will bring the alumni closer to college and give them a more closer approach to help improve the college. Also bridging the gap between alumni and the authorities or the administration will help take this initiative to a greater extent. The positive points that can be taken away from the event was the interactive session and the alumni speaking batch wise.

Q - What should we expect from the college side going forward? KPG - The faculty should be involved more and for this they can involved in the responsibilities of the initiative, hence they will make more serious efforts towards the development of UVCE and help organise many more Sammilanas in future.



VANTAGE POINT - View from an alumni about the D –Day itself

The VisionUVCE Sammilana, held on the 25th of May 2014, was an event that brought together the alumni, teachers and students of the College. The purpose of the event was to connect past and present batches of UVCEians and create better facilities for future ones. This was to ensure that future initiatives get the participation and growth that they deserve.

As an alumnus, who was a frequent participant in college activities, I had been looking forward to meeting old friends I had not seen in a long time. I did wonder about what had changed and what hadn't. Of course, I ran into the usual suspects, the most active people of the lot who continue to remain so.



The evening saw panel discussions, talks, photo sessions and old fashioned banter among friends. The event began with a talk by Dr. Venugopal K.R, the principal of UVCE, who spoke about the needs of the college in terms of infrastructure, especially that of the Mechanical Engineering department and its labs. We listened as some of our successful alumni like Mr.Sudhindra & Mr.Manjunath Prasad spoke about their experiences at college. Our Professors Dr. P Deepa Shenoy, HOD of the Computer Science Dept & Dr. Sarala Upadhay of Mechanical Engineering dept. respectively, spoke fondly about their stay at UVCE and how the college needs to be improved. Dr. G Narendra Kumar, HOD of Electronics and Communication dept. spoke about the state of the existing alumni association attached to the college. We also learned about the existence of other various societies and trusts created by alumni and the complexities involving those.

Mr. Dattatreya, who is known to us as Dattanna, spoke very candidly about his vision for the future of the alumni association and how to build a strong base for alumni. One of the points raised consistently was about the declining interest of students with UVCE as their college of choice after CET. In my opinion, those of us who have passed out, need to highlight the best part of our experiences and the not so great ones, frankly to a student enquiring about our college, and let them make their choice. Dattanna once again pointed out the strong points of the college we could bank on such as the alumni network, centralized location, affordable seats and the absence of a management quota.

The last part of the event was a presentation given to us by Satish, Sriharsha and Lomesh about their future plans for the college, such as campus cleanliness, hands on workshops for improving the students' skills towards campus placement and support for new project initiatives.

I was glad that we got to meet some of the current students of the college. I hope to meet more of them in the future at such events. They can benefit the most from the experience of the rest of us, just as the alumni can make an attempt to find out their needs and aspirations.

On behalf of the alumni, there are certain things that I would like to admit. Many of us are far too removed from what is happening in college for constraints of time, geography, priorities, interests and so on. It felt heartening and hopeful to see the efforts of the vision UVCE team. Pioneers who lead such changes are far and few. More of us could take at least a few hours a month to support them. We can help sustain such initiatives and make a huge impact on the whole.

The event did see a lot of last minute changes in plans due to a lower turnout than expected. It was nice to see some really busy senior alumni take their time out for the event, on the other hand.

Some of the questions that come to my mind are i) Are there people out there who can contribute significantly but do not due to reasons that can be easily dealt with? ii) How do we make people value what the college and its people have given to them? iii) Is there any small but significant contribution one can start making immediately? Lastly iv) Are these relevant questions?

The fact that the college has churned out prolific alumni stands good even today. They lead in important organizations and are found in many fields. Somewhere among the books I have read, I came across a quote that said leaving a legacy behind by helping future generations to prosper is the best way to be remembered well. This might be a great opportunity knocking on the door....

Aparajitha Murali
ECE, 2011

VANTAGE POINT - View from another alumni about wonderful memories

Every citizen of Bangalore who ends up at KR Circle , can hardly ignore 2 things...1.The massive traffic which they have to negotiate to pass the circle.... 2. The Reddish Old block of building on to their right and discuss, how UVCE has endured Time and Tide.. and still stood there.. Rock solid..

For some like me.. its always a pleasure to take a glance at that “Temple of Learning “



Its was a great feeling to get a call from one of my old buddy and get invited for so called “Get together”/” Reunion”... Sipping a hot cup of coffee and looking out from the office..... I was sure.. this was not going to be just another reunion. Sammilana... as he termed it , was conceptualized with an intent to discuss the legacy standing on 3 solid pillars ... The past.. The present ... and the Future . And having it on a weekend was a bliss.

I confirmed my attendance and agreed to make it for the event. But I was not sure... I was not sure about how its going to turn out ... will it be like any other meetings where all speakers will come and discuss ..without any serious out put.. and few more

On the D Day, young volunteers greeted me as I stepped into the JnanaJyothi auditorium. Their spirited talk and loads of enthusiasm reminded me of our college days . Some of the elders had already arrived and were catching up with their friends from college and reliving their golden days. I tried to mingle with them and without hesitation they absorbed me and shared their worldly experiences with me. Soon it was time to start the event..

We had many discussions.. right from what the current principal is doing his bit to build a better mechanical block .. to what the old lecturers felt how time has moved from “Our “ time in college to “ Your” time in college... another gentleman , a senior IAS officer speaking about how to take the Alumni ahead... and with our Beloved Dattana giving his insights about how to negotiate the road blocks/challenges in reforming the UVCE alumni group..

The Agenda was clear.... Elders and Youngsters will come on the dais and speak about how they have contributed or expect the alumni to contribute in upbringing UVCE... But somewhere in the middle .. there was a spark.. a spark that lit in the audience and swept the entire group to contribute in the discussion... Where the discussion was happening one sided earlier.. it suddenly took a dual course and almost everyone present in the hall that day.. started quipping and participating...

This was the spark which I had missed all these days in the earlier Alumni meets or Reunions. Sammilana .. in true sense was visible. Every individual.. right from current students to the Oldest Alumni of our college present there.. were discussing.. I was happy... happy for the fact that we were not just buying for what the post bearers were telling us... I was happy that everyone felt responsible in their own little way and were wanting to contribute... As the discussion meandered around New campus being built, more funds being fused into the system for Mech Blocks/Lecture complex upliftments... Even more funds required for Maintaining the college to “Liveable”/”Studiabale” Standards... to who is Allowed to become the Next head of our Alumni Group....the event came to its fag end...

Amidst all this.. it was great to see the torch bearers of Vision UVCE , who have taken it upon themselves to take UVCE to higher levels of prosperity, talk about their vision and mission. The plan was crisp and scalable. What surprised me was that one of them boldly said that their team will be more than happy to induct anyone who will be able to contribute in whatever little sense they can.. towards the betterment of UVCE... You don’t get to see such transparency and fair-play in positions of authority now a days.. Well done Boys!!!

I must say that the small pep talk with Dattanna and salty chips served with tea towards end of the event was an icing on the cake. Bidding goodbye to most of them whom I knew, I stepped out of that venue with a feeling.. a feeling of realizing that I had not just wasted another Sunday.... A feeling of happiness seeing the spark in the audience for all the right reasons.... A feeling of gratitude for the elders to come down and share their knowledge.. and a feeling of happiness that I got to meet my friends who mean a lot to me in my life.. after all get-togethers are for all this... Well done Vision UVCE!!!!

Sandeep Hanchanale

2009, CSE

It was immense pleasure to be the part of SAMMILANA .Being a volunteer, I got an opportunity to meet old alumni from our college who are successful in their career and hear their words of wisdom!! Thanks to VisionUVCE Team for letting me volunteer and be a part of it.

-Nishitha Lima , 4th Sem ISE

Had great time volunteering SAMMILANA!! Sat in the registration desk, had an opportunity to meet all the alumni of our college. Though there were less people, the event gained it's glory with great people around! During the discussion round, many issues were debated on by many and saw a peaceful conclusion for the betterment of college! After the event we had the photo session and then the tea break! I got an opportunity to meet some of the alumni's and ask their past experience at UVCE and also the fun they had in their college days! And this was how we ended our day on 25th of May! Waiting for next SAMMILANA!

-Deepika T P, 4th Sem ISE

VisionUVCE had organized Sammilana on 25th May, an Alumni meet bringing together all the alumni of UVCE, present students and faculty of the college.

About 60-70 people of various batches and streams were present with the oldest batch meeting up being from 1950 Civil Batch passout. The program went for over 3 hours during the course of which many dignitaries spoke on what could be done to develop UVCE. There were suggestions and support extended from the alumni too. I thank VU for giving me an opportunity to be a volunteer for this event.

- Kaushik Kaniyar, 4th Sem ISE

Working for sammilana was a very good experience. I was really excited for working in registration desk and volunteering and collecting the data of people from 1980's batch to 2013. Listening to the panel discussion and on the whole, the event boosted me to work on many such events in college.

- Poojitha Sivaram, 4th Sem ISE



Interview with Kiran Kumar, Lecturer, CSE Department, UVCE

Q - Sir, your thoughts about the event?

K- Sammilana was very well organized. The response that the event received also was very good. The event was attended by many alumni especially senior alumni and in all I personally felt this event very promising!

Q - What were the positive points that can be taken away from the event?

K - The positive points of the event was the participation of the senior alumni in the event. They gave away suggestions, feedback, support, their contribution and their experience which thoroughly helped the event and was a take away to all the participants i feel!

Q - How do you think we can take this ahead?

K - To successfully take this initiative ahead, we need to show some outcome, a result from the meet that took place. We need to apprise about what the initiative has been and what result it shows, which will help this initiative reach more people and get more helping hands on board. Also involving more senior alumni and reaching out to them more efficiently would also help taking Sammilana ahead.

Q - How do you think faculty can get involved in this initiative?

K - The support of faculty is also very important factor for making the initiative a success and hence I feel this will be happen if small goals are set from the initiative and they are fulfilled efficiently. This will bring more faculty to the forefront and motivate them to help us out.



Interview with Dr P Deepa Shenoy, Chairperson CSE Department, UVCE

Q - Madam, how do you think the event went?

PDS- Sammilana, as an event was very well conducted with some very useful decisions being taken for the betterment of UVCE. It was really good to see many group of people from batches all the way from 1950's to 2013.

Q - At the end of the event, what were the key take-aways?

PDS - The projects that they have decided upon about like continue giving scholarships, maintenance of labs and other projects, also the interaction with the students were definitely positive take away from the event.

Q - What are the further steps you think are most essential?

PDS - We have to take up more bigger projects like improving the infrastructure, cleaning the campus and so on. But all said and done, everything starts with small steps hence presently its a good start!

Q - What role do you think the faculty should play?

PDS - Faculty have to participate with more enthusiasm in such events more often. And their suggestions have to be seriously considered. By maybe conducting the event on weekdays probably more faculty may be able to participate. And also conducting the event in college would do good as the alumni also would get a better feel going around college and personally finding the problems in college at the same time, also the more teachers would be able to take part with this.

The efforts put in by Vision UVCE with this initiative is truly appreciable and I wish them a very good luck for all the future plans and would be very happy to work with them.

Down the Memory Lane - Group Photos of various batches uploaded in our website. Check them here -

<http://visionuvce.in/content/down-memory-lane-group-photos>

Do you have your batch group-photos? You can share them with us via mail - sampada@visionuvce.in



UVCE BIDS FAREWELL TO 2014 BATCH

University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering bid farewell to yet another batch of Engineers ready to make a difference to the world! Over 1000 students from the seven UG and twenty four PG courses were felicitated by Shri Pronab Mohanty, IPS, Addl. Commissioner of Police, Bangalore, and Shri Badri Setlur, Senior Director, Cognizant Business Consulting, at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium.

Shri Pronab Mohanty stressed on the importance of innovation, objective thinking and being abreast of the latest technological advancements. Quoting Steve Jobs's famous "Stay hungry. Stay foolish", he urged the students to never cease the process of learning. He said, "Ambition must be harnessed and tethered in order to succeed. Your attitude should be that of serving the people around you."

Shri Badri Setlur spoke about various cutting edge technologies, the advent of mobile technology and cloud computing. He urged the students, "Pursue your dreams, fame and fortune will follow". He advised the students to keep their minds open for gaining more knowledge.

Dr. Venugopal K.R., Principal, UVCE in his presidential remarks, inspired the students through success stories from the lives of three alumni of Bangalore University- C.V. Raman, Sir M. Visvesvaraya and C.N. Rao who have been bestowed with the highest civilian award- Bharat Ratna for their dedication, hard work, determination and humility. He said, "Acquiring a degree is not the end of the road. You should be humble enough to give back and share whatever you have achieved. You should not only dream big for yourself but also for your family, your country and the world. You should earn not only for yourself but for others. And it is important to remember your roots. You should not fly away like a bird from the nest, after you graduate. Instead, you should come back again and again to strengthen your Alma Mater". He also mentioned the fact that UVCE educates the highest number of students belonging to rural backgrounds, with a minimal fee of Rupees 15,000- 18,000 per annum. It also supports them by providing yearly scholarships .

"The college witnessed another year of excellent placement activity. Over 100 companies visited our campus to recruit the best of talents, with an average student to job offer ratio of 1:2. Twenty Two of our students across all branches were recruited by Phoenix Maritime Sea Services, who offered the highest package this year, Rupees 18 Lakh per annum. I also take pride in stating that UVCE is a center for most pool campus drives in Bangalore", quoted the Placement Officer Dr. K.B. Raja. Chairpersons of all branches were also present to grace the occasion.

The programme concluded with the students symbolically throwing up their Graduation hats, and posing for class photographs as cameras flashed everywhere capturing the moments of ecstasy and last few memories, marking the end of four years College life.



HASTA LA VISTA!

The Information Science of Engineering, UVCE, Batch 2014 were given a warm farewell by their immediate juniors ISE, UVCE, Batch 2015. The farewell party was given on 31st May, 2014. The venue was Roti Ghar, Gandhi Bazaar. The farewell was named as "Hasta La Vista" which means 'Good Bye, See you soon.' in Spanish language. It was organized well with collective effort of the class.

The farewell had some fun filled events for seniors. With that, there were some dance and song performances by juniors. The events for the seniors included 'Enter with a Selfie', 'Balloon game', and 'Mr. and Mrs. Pass out'. The events also included imitations of teachers and Mad ads done by juniors. The farewell ended on a good note with every senior given a farewell greeting which had their individual photo with class group photo and with that a token of memento. Upon accepting the memento, few seniors shared their experience. There was also a video done by one of juniors of ISE batch 2015 which was also dedicated to seniors later uploaded to YouTube.

- Vidya Pai, 6th Sem ISE



BIDDING ADIEU !!!

Four years of togetherness, memories of their fresher's party, of the various fests, of bunking classes and going to movies, of the various class trips, of the fresher's party they threw their juniors, of the farewell party they organized for their seniors, finally it all came to an end...

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering held its Graduation Day for the outgoing batch of 2014 on the 30th of December 2014 at Jnana Jyoti Auditorium, Central College. It was an overwhelming sight to see the entire department, faculty and the students actively participate in the day's proceedings.



The event was presided over by Dr. G Narendra Kumar, the Chairperson of the department. The proceedings involved students and teachers sharing their experience in the college and reliving the past four years. Each student was presented with a memento and the toppers - Bindhya Reddy (Day College) and Yogeesha C (Evening College) were felicitated with certificates, medals and Cash prize. It was a very proud moment for all students.

The post-lunch session involved a series of fun events and games organized by the juniors of the department as a thank you for all the wonderful memories they've given us.

This journey of four years may be over, these days will never come back, memories will be the only thing they can all look back to, but as they graduated, it was evident that they were ready to step into their new roles in the corporate world. The department will definitely miss them, their ever-ready attitude to help the juniors in every way possible and their dedication which saw some of the best fests in the college.

The entire department wishes them the very best of luck and hopes to see them as active alumni of the college. Once a UVCEian, always a UVCEian!

- Madhuri K Madan, 6th sem ECE

MILAGRO 2014

The most awaited inter-college cultural extravaganza of the year, MILAGRO was on the 9th and 10th of May, 2014. Two exciting days filled with more than 25 events was organized by the 4th year students. The din of fest had reached every nook and corner of the college way before the arrival of the day. It was indeed a festive season for UVCEians. To mark the beginning of this festive season, the pre-Milagro week witnessed mask day, chocolate day, ethnic day and green day which only left the students waiting eagerly for the grand day that was going to top it all. Flash mob practice was in full swing and students from all branches had gathered to celebrate the beginning.

The fest began with an inaugural ceremony invoking the blessings of the Almighty. Milagro was inaugurated by Actress and Bharathanaytam Dancer, Ms. Bhavana Ramanna and Actor and Director, Mr. Pavan Wadeyar. The first event was the FLOWER ARRANGEMENT competition where each team was to design a bouquet with all the materials given. It was a delight to watch the participants' creativity and imagination crystallize into beautiful bouquets. This was followed by the RANGOLI competition. This only added extra beauty to the college as the participants let their creativity and precision get the better of them. They came up with some splendid rangolis which left the judges struggling to choose the winner. One of the intriguing events was the TREASURE HUNT in which the participants had great fun searching for hidden clues that was to lead them to the hidden treasure. It was a treat to see the students running haywire looking for the clues. There was DUMB CHARADES for all those who wanted to test their miming and mocking abilities; ANTAKSHARI for the music lovers; FACE PAINTING, SKETCHING competitions for those who loved to play with colors; BATTLE OF WORDS was a wonderful platform for those with the gift of the gab. The first day ended with the BATTLE OF THE BANDS. The enthusiasm and excitement of the crowd was a sight to behold. With each band teaming up on stage, the crowd went crazy. They head banged, screamed and cheered harder each time.

The 2nd day of MILAGRO had more in store for them than they had expected. HOG-A-THON and BOLLYWOOD QUIZ drew a lot of participants. The afternoon witnessed the KARAOKE SINGING competition. The participants left the crowd wonderstruck by their enriching performances. This was followed by MAD-ADS. It was that one event that tickled each one's funny bone. All the teams put up very creative and hilarious mad-ads. It was evident that a lot of effort had gone into the making. The short movies that were shot for the SHORT MOVIE MAKING competition were being played after each event. The crowd clapped and hooted all the while.

The much anticipated DANCE competition rejuvenated the exhausted souls. The crowd went wild. Besides the peppy numbers, they throbbed to the tune of their hearts. Tired as they were, the crowd waited patiently for the FASHION SHOW. It was worth the wait as the models set the ramp on fire. "LIGHTS! CAMERA! GLAMOUR!" it was! It had marked the end of the day. Around 2000 participated in different events from various colleges in and around Bangalore. CMRIT, RGIT, Jain College, MVIT and UVCE bagged winners trophies worth 2.5 Lakhs. The two day cultural extravaganza was sending out waves of excitement a week before it arrived. When the MILAGRO day had arrived, even the rains couldn't do much to dampen our indomitable spirits. With all the creativity and talent unleashed through a dozen competitions, Milagro was a delicious piece of cake well served!

-Hamsalekha P, 4th Sem ECE

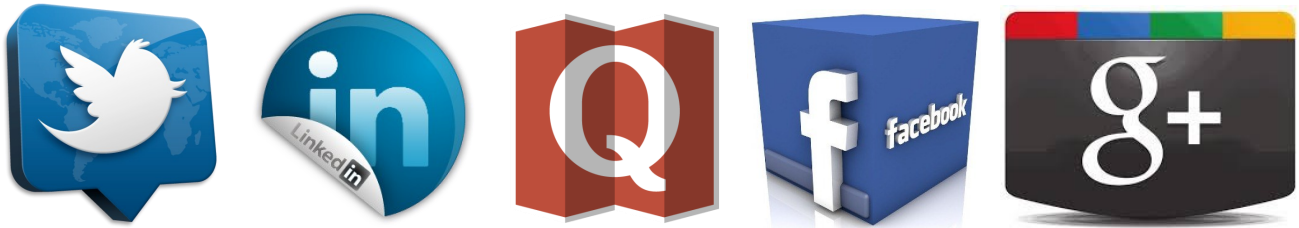


UVCE IN SOCIAL MEDIA

We, in the current internet age, have so many forums in various groups across various applications, that it has become difficult to keep track of it. Also, there are lot many websites to provide information about UVCE, few which are not up-to-date and few which are very helpful. We were being repeatedly asked by various alumni to shed light on this and gather information from across these groups.

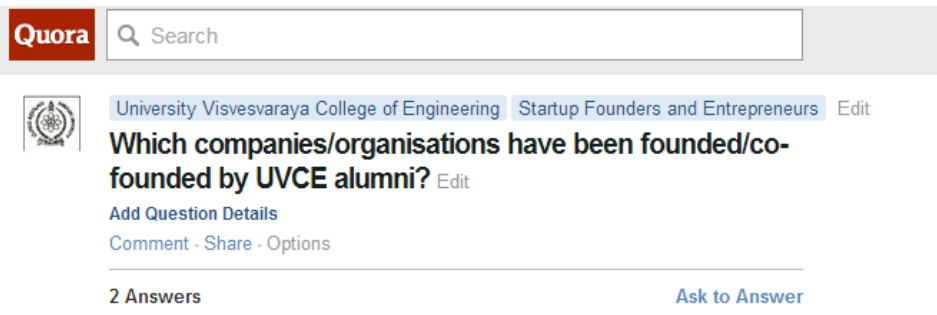
Here we are with this new section - "UVCE in Social Media" in which we will make sure that we hand-pick few Facebook Pages, Facebook Groups, Twitter accounts, LinkedIn Groups, Quora Questions, Google+ Pages, websites etc and post it here for other alumni to participate in the discussions of interested topics. We intend to make sure there is more participation in these forums by creating awareness among alumni. Also, this will help us to reach out to huge audience by building the network of alumni across various forums who are spread along various communities.

One of the points discussed during "VisionUVCE SAMMILANA" was to bring all alumni under one roof... Our aim here is to achieve this initially atleast online as a first step. Through this section we plan to provide spotlight to various initiatives, queries and discussions which will be benefited by more alumni participation. Hope everyone will make use the best of this section to post their views, discuss and interact across various platforms.



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Do you know an UVCE alumni who is an entrepreneur?? Why don't you answer the question on Quora.. This is our pick for the week.. Request everyone to answer with relevant details !!!



FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS



This edition has been all about VisionUVCE SAMMILANA, since we thought it is intricate part of UVCE right now. We also have tried to give glimpses of thoughts of final year students , and also a new section "UVCE in SocialMedia". Through this column we ask all of you to interact and discuss with other alumni, so that we can try to bring all the relevant interactions under one roof.

We hope you like this edition and we have tried to make this edition as grand as possible. As earlier, we request all of you to kindly send across your feedback, words of appreciation and critical analysis to us at [sampa-da@visionuvce.in](mailto:sampada@visionuvce.in) . They are very important to us.

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