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INVITATION

Following the tradition, this year too, we are going to distribute the cheques for VU Scholarships in a very simple manner through the Principal, Heads of the Department, Placement Officer and other lecturers…
Venue: UVCE, K R Circle
Date: 11th, Saturday, 2014
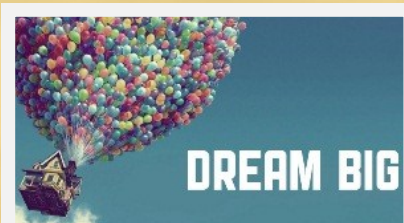**Time:** Tentatively around 2 PM (we will post the exact timings in our website or FB page)
We would want you to join the event while distributing the cheques and interact with the students. You can ask your friends to join as well, so that even they will be aware of the overall process.

EDITORIAL

"Wake me up when September ends"…If you had gone by this popular song, you probably missed out on a lot of things this September. It has been an eventful month for the country with the success of Mars Orbiter Mission and Mr. Narendra Modi's Madison Square speech reverberating in the ears of not just the Indians and Americans, but people from across the globe. Such was the message that Mr. Narendra Modi passed to the world at the UN convention, not just as the Prime Minister of India but as a well-wisher wanting to establish peace in the world. It is something that every Indian has to be proud of to see an Indian leader taking such a key step.

Commemorating the birthday of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, 5th September is celebrated as Teacher's day to honor the teachers who have molded us and continue to play pivotal role in shaping the lives of each one of us.

It is an overwhelming sense of nostalgia that one experiences recalling childhood memories, when we walked into the gates of our very first institution of learning decked up in new, crisp uniforms, with bag packs full of books with funny design that we later learnt were alphabets...Who would have thought that what we cheerfully learnt then was going to be the foundation of our colossal dreams? And the mentors who drilled it into our heads were going to be the engineers of our future?

Today, as young men and women, we stand with our heads high, with raging spirits and blazing confidence to face the world. What we have overlooked is the effort that went into the making of the individuals we are today. It is high time we pick ourselves up, thank all those who have molded our lives and thank God for having had their hands working on us.

It is rightly said *"Better than thousand days of diligent study is a day with a great teacher"*
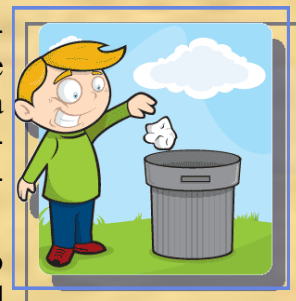

One other greatest moment that was etched in the history of India was the success of Mangalyan. It was a moment of pride for Indians when the clock struck 7:13AM on the 24th of September and the news of ISRO's success of Mars Orbiter Mission hit headlines. The whole country celebrated, the success that no country could achieve in the first go. We became member of elite group.

With every speech of Modi's stressing on a cleaner India, the Swachch Bharath Campaign took shape with the Prime Minister himself setting out to a clean act on the streets. Folks from different walks of life set out in groups to clean the streets in different parts of the country. With thousands of tons of garbage produced each day, a cleaner India seems like an impossible dream. But we could make it a defined reality if each one starts from home. We should all pledge to contribute to not just a cleaner India but also a healthier one.

Today, as we delve into the world of internet and technology, where text messages are more familiar than letters and greeting cards, social networking sites are more familiar than family get-togethers, even without realizing we have walked to a dead end. Like Modi emphasized, we have only forgotten our strengths. Once we rediscover our inner strengths and use them constructively for the betterment of country, there is no second thought about India becoming a self-satisfied, supreme power.

We take this opportunity to thank the Alumni for giving away scholarships to the students for this academic year. It is amazing to see them take their time out and come back to college to share their experiences and knowledge and give back to their alma mater. Each one of us should promise to contribute something to our college and continue the legacy. The most gratifying experience is to come back to our institution and ensure that it continues to prepare young brigades to take on the challenges.

After all *"Happiness results from not what we get but what we give."*

- SAMPADA TEAM

PLACEMENTS 2014-15 SO FAR…

Company	Offers	Company	Offers
Dell R & D	12	Unisys	4
Mu - Sigma	18	General Motors	4
Work Applications	0	Accenture	201
Oracle Systems	2	Infosys	127
Commvault	1	CTS	142
Netcracker	6	Rakuten	NA
Cybage	6	Hindustan Unilever Ltd	0
Avaya	2	Wipro	112
Rare Mile	0	SAP	4
Commvault QA	0	iGate	5
Air Watch	4	IBM-GBS	34
Microsoft	0	Sony India	5

"We have started the Placements for this year in a very positive manner. Around more than 300 students from Undergraduate are already placed at least in one of the companies. In total, around 650 offers are provided to the students from various prestigious companies that visited the campus this year. Through this platform of SAMPADA, I would like to invite the UVCE alumni, who are in good positions at different companies to visit the college for campus recruitments, provide the students an opportunity and test their abilities. We will be more than glad to host the "Campus Drive" in the college premises. Send out a mail to campusuvce@gmail.com and we will get back to you at the earliest."

- Dr K B, Raja
Placement Officer, UVCE

PLACEMENT BOOT CAMP

Team VisionUVCE organized Placement Boot Camp on September 20th - as a part of SAMVAADA initiative focusing on 3rd year students. A day long session which was divided in to multiple sessions was planned and publicized accordingly. Morning sessions was about Introduction to Boot Camp, Resume Building, Communication and an activity where students were asked to read couple of articles from SAMPADA to their friends from the stage and later ask/ answer questions to the audience. Morning, the strength was around 180+ and were actively involved in the event. After the lunch break, the total reduced to around 120+ (which was high according to many folks) which guaranteed us that the sessions were useful and interesting !!! The second session was all about Campus written round tests, Group Discussions, Interviews and Presentation skills. There was also an activity - "Story Telling" which not only helped in improving the communication but also made the whole environment lively !!! Everyone travelled back to their childhood days to recollect the stories they had heard. As a whole, the event was helpful and triggered a lot of queries which we plan to answer in the successive sessions. "Selfie" being the current trend, motivated me to take a selfie with the audience !!

- Satish A G, 2009 ISE
(for VisionUVCE Team)

THE BANG BANG DAY !!!

The day every college student dreams about is either placements or fresher's party. But because we are freshers we dreamt about this one day, which was our Fresher's day.

Located far away from the city as well as the college, was our venue for the day, Vande Mataram Hall, next to ISKCON temple. Every ISE fresher had the shock of their life when they heard that it was a place near ISKCON!!! We were awestruck thinking that our fresher's party would be more spiritual than fun. But Lord saved the kids, and we were welcomed into a beautifully organized hall and we started with our introduction session. Events that followed included, a dance by seniors, 2 songs and another dance performance by our classmates. This is when the best part happened, the songs that raised everyone's nerves were played and in a second the dance floor was filled. This was followed by yummy lunch which was all vegetarian keeping in mind the health conscious and vegan kids (Especially me).

Now was the time of events that would decide Miss and Mr. Fresher!! All of us were divided into 7 group consisting of 6 member's each and followed by a sequence of amazing and yet unknown events taking place.
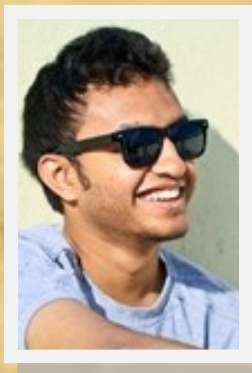
Number 1 was 'dumb charades' which included 3 members, 1 enacts, the other guesses and the 3rd one.. surprise surprise.. he had to dance or enact in a funny manner. The next event included 'pick the lost gems'. Anyone would do that until we came to know the twist that our hands would be tied and we have to pick the gems from the flour plate using our mouth; the only event strong enough to convert humans to monkeys. Next was 'the saree tying competition', sounds easy for the girls but for the guys...nah!! All of us expected tat girls would have to tie the saree to the guys, but fresher's party is never predictable, so here was the twist, the girl in the pair had to just instruct the guy and not actually touch the saree. This was followed by ramp walk and saree advertisement. And finally it was 'selection of Miss and Mr. Fresher'. 2 members from each group were selected, given a theme and asked to perform an act based on it. Based on this final performance, Miss and Mr fresher were selected!!

Now finally the credit goes to the seniors for planning the events and making us believe that an event like Fresher's party can be expected in UVCE.

- Aarsi, 1st sem ISE

CAMPUS SAYS –1

The placement boot camp held was really helpful even though it was just a basic session on placement related topics. Mr. Satish took us through some of the important things involved in placement procedures like Resume building, Communication skills, Personal interviews, Group discussions, etc. Keeping them as simple as possible and entertaining as well. The sessions were timed precisely with sufficient time for students to take breaks too. Overall, a very good and helpful camp, especially for pre-final and final year students and hoping to attend more in the future.

**Avinash Udupa
5th sem ISE**

TEACHER IN-SERVICE PROGRAM BY IEEE UVCE

The program started on Sunday morning at 11AM on 28 November 2014. Mr. Vishwas Jois, chairman of IEEE Young Professionals, led the event. Along with the teachers of various schools, who were originally supposed to be the only participants, many IEEE members from UVCE joined the event. Mr. Vishwas started with few slides related to Sir Issac Newton and Leonardo Da Vinci. He wanted to show the level of imagination one should have using these famous personalities as an example. He also explained how people fail to understand concepts of basic level and the need of inculcating practical work to overcome this major problem. Schools are focused more on problems than the concepts, where problems are simply the game of numbers. This was continued by a fun activity called Playing with Parachutes after a brief explanation of parachutes. The participants were randomly divided into groups of three and each group was provided with all the necessary materials required to make a parachute. There were three objectives of the activity- Design and construct a parachute, test and refine their designs, and communicate their design process and results. All the groups successfully made a parachute and tested their flights. Wrapping up after few moments of fun and laughter, people went ahead to have lunch.

The next half of the session started with a video about an NGO called Tippy Tap. Tippy Tap had introduced an innovative idea to reduce the deaths caused in rural India due to diarrhoea and improper sanitation. This was to encourage young engineers to bring a change to our society. Then the next activity took place which was regarding Morse Code using a simple circuit of an LED and battery. The teams were supposed to play a game of dumb charades using Morse Code. The team that came up with the most creative idea to reduce the necessity of using the code were declared as winners. The program not only helped the teachers but the students as well to volunteer the same session in different schools.

- Nishad, 3rd sem Mech

TEDX CAMPUS CONNECT WITH UVCE

On the 4th of September, Thursday evening hundreds of us gathered at JnanaJyothi Auditorium, for it was the Tedx Campus Connect Bangalore about to take place. UVCE was one among 50 colleges selected to extract ideas from campuses and drive them to a global stage

A vibrant mixture of online and live in-person talks awaited us, capturing the essence of a Tedx event.

The first speaker Mr Anto Philip an entrepreneur founder of 'The big band theory' and co founder of the U-25 summit set the stage for the evening. Starting off on a central idea of taking risks and doing what one wants to do this idea evangelist shared with his all the challenges he had to face on his road to success. In his very own crowd pulling zealous fashion he inspired everyone to think and invent all whilst passionately explaining his future plans. with this this short yet informative talk had come to an end.

It was then time to welcome a man who quite literally has been programming for more than half his life.Mr Angad Nadkarni, the CTO of AlphaBeta Labs, whilst also pursuing CS engineering from the prestigious BITS Pilani Hyderabad. He successfully shed light on his ideas focused on removing information imbalance and creating a tool and platform for every student to get access to the best intelligence and resource in one click of the button. His motivational address ended with a brief Question &Answer session which turned out very helpful and educational.

This event focused solely on providing a platform to spark conversations, source and celebrate innovation, insight and ideas had come to an end leaving all the attendees enlightened.
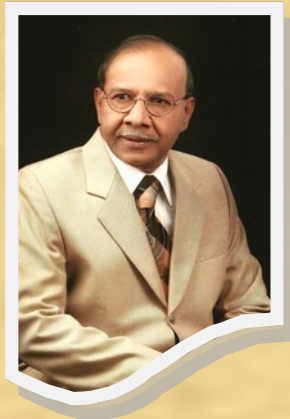
- Chaitanya Rai, 5th sem ECE

Q & A WITH A P KRISHNARAJ (KIKKA)

Mr. A P Krishnaraj is from 1970 Mechanical batch, and we had given our initial interaction with him in earlier edition of SAMPADA (No.54). As promised, here is the first part of the detailed interview with him

Team SAMPADA: Having spent your four most significant years in UVCE, what according to you are the Do's and Don'ts you would suggest to the UVCE aspirants?

APK: A little correction here, I was the last batch of 5 years integrated course of Engineering and happily spent my time on the UVCE campus along with friends and lecturers in the classes. We had the opportunity to study three branches of Engineering, Mechanical, Civil and Electrical which were common for first three years for all the Engineering students and also practical / lab test in these branches. Only from fourth and final fifth year we branch out to the respective chosen branches.

Here I would like to express my own experience to achieve the success. Basically, UVCE, was a strict and result oriented college with well experienced lecturers who were able to teach the students to understand clearly the subjects. At the same time they were the task masters in assignments of workshops, labs and retrieving the completed records in time. Every alternate day the records to be submitted for the class marks, and if not in time marks will be reduced. For machine drawing, civil drawing classes, there will be two or three four hour sessions. But the lecturers will collect the drawings on each session to control the completion within the prescribed period. If not completed, the marks will be less and also there will be instruction to resubmit after completing at home to enhance one or two marks.

That way UVCE had its standards to discipline the students. If we miss an assignment to submit in time, there will be enormous pressure on us to cope with time. So it is very clear that once we enter engineering, we have to use the time judiciously to complete the exams successfully with good marks.

Now coming to the Do's and Don'ts:

* Regular attendance is a must because lecturers use their vital guidance for us to understand as the subject progresses.

- Never feel that we can study purely from textbooks which will definitely not be sufficient to grasp.

* Always complete the tasks in time and submit the records in time, to have a successful feeling

- Never procrastinate on any small task which will create more troubled feelings and cascading with more problems with depression feelings.

* Be an extravert to move with friends and also clear the doubts if any from the lecturers without any hesitation. It will give a satisfactory mind in day to day affairs.

- Never get trapped like an introvert which hampers the progress of broader sense and creates a self-consciousness giving more negative thoughts.

* Participating in extracurricular activities creates leadership qualities. Basically an engineer is always a leader from the day he joins his work till his retirement. Always put forth your foot to take in more responsibility.

- Never shy away to shoulder responsibility which will restrain one from success.

* Another very important factor for the student is to have apart from the academic studies, the huge general knowledge lying around us. To accomplish this one has to cultivate more readings and more writings; right from the student life to build this trait a part of life. With more wisdom one can easily participate in any situation to lead in discussions.

Ultimately, it is said that pure success is based by 3 rules- first, hard work; second very hard work and third very very hard work. Once the mind decides, it is not very difficult to achieve the success in life.

TEAM SAMPADA: How do you think UVCE has changed ever since you graduated?

APK: Frankly, I should confess that after graduating from UVCE in Mechanical Engineering, I dipped deeply into my career planning, career building serving the organizations with sincere efforts. In the process, my connection with my Alma Mater diminished and I lost touch. But once in a way I would come across UVCE's information through newspapers.

But now after getting connected with Sampada, I could update too much even more on the great evolution of UVCE right from the initial stage from 1917. Though I wrote about Sir. M. Visveswaraya in the Golden Jubilee magazine of 1967-68, even this much information I didn't have at that time.

Engineering education has taken up lot of changes with many many branches of today when I left the college during 1969-70, there was only five branches in UVCE, Mechanical, Civil, Electrical and the two new, Architecture and Computers. If we properly analyze, Engineering involvement is the main factor for human sustenance; whether it is, survival of human race, environment, for human needs of changing phases, Research and development for any field, space exploring, to avoid space calamities, threats to our globe, even in the medical field to support them.

With UVCE's who had established the best system in running an Engineering college right form British era will continue its journey churning out very talented, well performing committed engineers to the World.

TEAM SAMPADA: How different would have your life been if you weren't in UVCE?

APK: Right from young age, I was encouraged / determined to become an Engineer. At the most I would have got admitted in to some other Engineering college. At that time, RV and BMS Engineer colleges were there in Bangalore apart from Ramaiah College which started at the beginning of 1960's. Ramaiah College offered seats to students who can offer Rs.5000/- as donation.

Because of the status of UVCE, evolving itself in to a giant technical Institution, since 1917 and definitely it had its pioneering emblem from British times. Lot of Stalwarts/Eminent personalities, toiled too much in their administration, time and again, in upholding the high standards to bringing out best Engineers. UVCE was rated as number-1 College in Bangalore.

One of the paintings by AP Krishnaraj of parrot carved out of Swarovski crystal

With all these, getting into UVCE was giving a proud and prestigious feeling, because we are sure of coming out as good Engineers. I was very lucky to get selected there. Another important advantage is, Experienced Engineers from PWD and Electricity board were deputed to UVCE for teaching the students. Because of their practical experience, the teachings will have its own effectiveness on the students.

UVCE also allowed me to take part in some extracurricular activities like; I was selected as Tour-Secretary for two projects, to lead the students out of Bangalore, one was South-India Education tour and the other was the Project tour to many Dam sites; I was allowed to write about Sir M. Visvesvaraya, in the Golden Jubilee Special Magazine in 1967-68; to draw the sketches of the technical write ups in the Magazine; finally honored me by displaying my photograph and a miniature art of mine in the same Magazine. Also, Principal allowed me to display the tour programs in the sketch form, on the notice board along with the photographs of the tour, after returning. So, by chance, if I were to join some other college other than UVCE, I don't think, I would have had such an encouragement and rich quality education.

Ultimately, in a nutshell, my best gain that UVCE imbibed in me is the most important trait, the Leadership quality which always, lingered in me throughout my service in different organizations to give sincere service, following the organizations Goals/Values and to guide/develop young Engineers in right directions. Even today, wherever I am, I feel I am the leader.   *(… To be continued)*

A NEW START

It had been two weeks since the college had started and there were rumours flying around that our seniors have a fresher's party planned for us. We were all excited because a fresher's party would mean us being the official undergrad students. When our seniors came to our class for official announcement, they said and I quote," We won't promise that you'll have a lot of fun like our seniors did. All we have to say is, wait and watch. Because even we don't know how it is going to turn out" and they were right. None of us had any idea that we would have so much fun.

Like every year, electronics fresher's party was held in the alumni hall. Our mood was put down when we experienced the sound system. All these technical unavailability did not stop our seniors from giving us a wondrous time. One of the most intriguing parts of the day was the regular background sounds played to perfection in every context by the tech group. After the formal inauguration, seniors had various interactions planned. We had no choice but to volunteer for ludicrous events like push ups, tongue twister and what not. Next was the cultural merriment where we could feel the kick of the spicy bollywood performances by our seniors as well as classmates alike. The mad ads performed by some of my buddies and me did justice to the flow of boisterous events. It was so whimsical that we had to give lengthy intervals between each between lines before the laughs could die down. The MCs filled the void between each event by their droll comments. Even though our hearts wanted more fun tonic, our stomachs growled for its fulfilment.

After an appetizing and satisfying lunch, we were again sucked into the vortex of fun. We were divided into 9 teams comprising seniors and juniors and the arena was set for various competitions. I can't even think of any names of those weird games but I am sure as hell that everyone had the time of their life. Everything from blowing thermocol balls from one bowl to another to bursting the balloons using a pen in the mouth was satisfying for fun seeking eyes of ours. The sari draping competition and ramp walk after was hilarious to the core. In between the seniors played a video comprising of pictures of their early days with soothing songs as background. This has inspired us to capture every moment in the college. Next came the highlight of the day. A junior from each group were supposed to propose a senior in the most innovative way possible. It was fun to watch my nervous friends standing up to the task. We all had episodes of funny proposals as well as some inspiring and romantic proposals. I myself proposed one of my seniors where I went rogue trying to make it funny as well as touching. I sang and danced and unfortunately I ended up being the brother.

Then it was time decide upon who is going to be the Mr and Ms Fresher. A short list was announced and the candidates were expected to compete among themselves in the famous game, air crash. It was fun to watch the candidates being different characters and them answering a few inappropriate as well as relevant questions.

Then we had a small photo session with our seniors where we introduced ourselves to those whom we didn't know. Their gift, a pen with an inscription saying "E.C.E 2014-2018" was a perfect conclusion for a very thoughtful and amazing day.

- Revanth Malige, 1sem ECE

A ROPE WITH FULL OF HOPE

What do you think when you see someone climbing a rope? i would see that in a different perspective. I compared the rope with our Life as a Student. I know that it is very difficult to climb a rope on our own effort .However tough and pricking the rope may be but the rope climbers never bother about it. Their main notion is to reach the heights in given time limit. This time limit is our Student lifetime. In the course of climbing this rope, many things try to pull down our legs. Those may be the obstacles coming on our way, the distractions due to our age and may be due to people around us. Whenever we come across this type of situations, it is our responsibility to hold the rope tightly, at the same time keep on climbing it; otherwise we would slide down instead of reaching the heights. Getting the rope which leads to the great heights are nothing but the opportunities that we would find in our life. Not everyone has the will to take a lengthy, tough rope on which you need to travel a long way to reach your goal. This type of goal would be something that is made possible after a lot of impossibilities. As Einstein, a man who was denied the teaching post made the syllabus to be taught, as Abraham Lincoln, a man who was defeated 8 times in Elections became the greatest President ever, as Michael Jackson, who was born as 7th child of a poor African-American couple became the superstar of the millennium. I would never say, be like these people but I would rather say learn from these people's life.

You should be very careful in selecting between the ropes to climb. Even when you think that you had taken an incorrect path, there is nothing wrong in switching to another rope which will take you to the desired destiny. Remember there are many ways to lead your life, many opportunities hanging around you like the rope, catch hold of one.

Some people's effort would be enough only to hold on to the rope firmly without falling down. Those are the normal people who don't want to create revolution in their life. They feel contented with what they get, neither trying out to achieve something great nor failing in their life. And some people's effort would be in climbing the rope at their own possible speed , those are the real achievers irrespective of their speeds.

I would like seeing the similarities between sliding down a rope and the failures that we face in our life. Even when you slide down the rope never hesitate to climb up once again and learn from it on how to climb the rope without sliding. This is how you learn from your experiences. Never ever feel that you are done with your life, thinking like that would be a time when your life gets restricted from exploring invisible things , your life rope gets shortened. Instead tirelessly work towards doing incredible things.

- Anees Fathima, 5th sem CSE

CAMPUS SAYS –2

First day of our college I was filled with mixed feelings.I suddenly felt that I was grown up and will become an engineer when I walk out after 4 years. When we entered the college there was a lot of chaos and we didn't know where to go and what to do. After sometime we where guided to lecture complex by our seniors. And we had our orientation program done there..Later many competitions and sessions where organized by various organizations of our college. And now I actually understand what is a student driven college. Going to the career options I guess uvce is one of the best college because people get the opportunity to be placed into the companies related to their branch but also in companies which can be entirely different from the student's branch. Moreover, because of the events like 'kagada', i.e. paper presentation competition we get a chance to present our ideas and innovations. This provides us a forum where we can view ourselves as researchers in Indian institute iouf sciences. Therefore the career options are really vast in UVCE.

Madhumitha, 1st sem ISE

ROADMAP TO GRADUATE STUDIES ABROAD

Travelling abroad for graduate studies has become a popular choice among Indian students. The process is drawn out and heavily time consuming. In this short piece I will attempt to demystify the process.

Step 1 – Passport

The passport is probably the single most important Identification document and the only acceptable proof of identification for exams like GRE, TOEFL and IELTS (more on this in a minute). Apply for your passport and get all the required documents ready in time for the tests.

Step 2 – Tests

Most graduate programs require the Graduate records examination (GRE) to be taken .TOEFL (Test Of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) are also prerequisites to most universities. The GRE contains two sections – Verbal and Quant. The quantitative section encompasses questions from general aptitude, analytical ability and data interpretation, while the verbal section focusses on English language and logical reasoning. Both the TOEFL and the IELTS test the candidate on written and verbal communication skills.

Step 3 – Researching universities and programs

Depending on the GRE scores and the overall profile of the applicant, typically 8 – 10 universities are shortlisted. This shortlist is a result of extensive research into the universities, their programs on offer and the research being undertaken. The shortlisted universities usually should have a mix of universities that one would consider 'safe' 'moderate' and 'ambitious' categorized on the basis of one's chance of getting an admit. This is laborious process and would require one to visit the websites of at least 15 – 20 universities.

Step 4 – Preparing the application

This step involves filling out an online application and mailing supplemental forms and documents. All graduate programs require a 'Statement of Purpose' which is an essay describing the applicant's goals, motivations for graduate study and provide a path towards achieving that goal. The statement should be simple and succinct. Another important aspect of the application is the 'Letter of Recommendation'. This is a letter from a faculty who has known and interacted with the applicant and perhaps even mentored on a project. The recommender must know the application enough to judge his/her potentials adequately. Some universities ask the applicant to mail them the official transcripts. Official Transcripts can be obtained from the 'Pareeksha Bhavan' at the Jnana Bharathi Campus. Although, universities do not explicitly say so, applying well before the deadline significantly increases the chances for an admit.

Step 5 – Admits and Financial documents

Upon receiving an admit, the university mails something called the 'I-20' which is a document declaring the amount of money that the university would like to see in the applicant's account. Most students fund their education through student loans. In such cases, a solvency certificate is required from the bank which simply says that the applicant has enough money to pay for the tuition.

This is a very basic outline of the application process. More Information can be obtained from websites such as Stupisid and MSinUS. Also online groups such as Edulix and those on Facebook can be extremely helpful. Hopefully this article has enough information to get you started.

- Kaushik Dutt, 2014 ECE

(We request the alumni to write to us articles that can guide students about Higher Studies or help them in preparing for Campus Placements.. Send your write-ups to sampada@visionuvce.in)

FIRST STEP FOR CIVIL SERVICES PREPARATION

UPSC is a Constitutional body which appoints Officers to various Group A/B posts in the Union government. Civil services is one of the examination conducted by them to All India Services like IAS, IPS and Central services posts like Indian Foreign Service, Indian Revenue Service, Indian Defence Accounts Service, Indian Information Service etc.
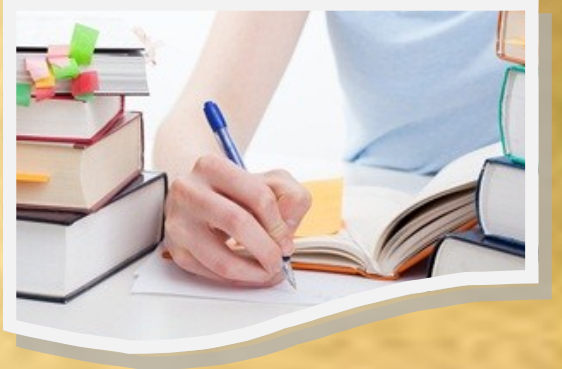
One shouldn't be a topper to clear this exam but One should be dedicated and perseverant. If the Idea of becoming an officer is emanated from within themselves then the chances of keeping one's motivation level is higher than the ones who are forced into it. You got it! A very Strong Motivation is necessary to sustain one's preparation over a long time.

The very idea of this examination is to look for those candidates who have fair knowledge of wide range of topics. It doesn't mean he should be a master of all topics but it means one should have basic knowledge of variety of subjects to understand what is happening in the world.

This Exam has 3 phases,

Phase 1. Preliminary Examination : Preliminary is common to both Civil services and Forest services as of now. Preliminary Test has 2 Papers, Paper 1 contains topics like History, Geography, Polity, Economics, Environment and Science & Technology which is called General studies paper 1. paper 2 contains Comprehension, Logical Reasoning and Aptitude. This pattern may change soon as there was a demand by Rural Aspirants.

Phase 2. Mains Examination: Mains Examination has 4 General Studies papers, 1 Essay paper, 2 Papers from one Optional paper and A Qualifying paper each on English and One Indian Language. Exemption will be there on Indian language for some people from Northeast. One can chose an optional based on one's Interest on the subject. It is better if one can go through all basic NCERT books as a part of General studies Preparation, then one can chose their optional. Please go through the syllabus and Previous year papers and check for availability of resources and then take a final call on the optional subject. It is advisable that one should prepare for Mains alone to crack this examination, however you can dedicate some time for paper 2 of Phase 1. 13 students will be allowed to write mains examination for every available post.

Phase 3. Personality Test: After clearing Mains, A personality Test will be conducted by a UPSC board. 1 out of 3 students in the interview will be recommended finally.

What I can do from now on....????

Get ready to spend at least 30 minutes on a News paper. Read Newspapers regularly, Never ever miss out Editorials of any news paper that you follow. You can choose anyone of The Hindu/Indian Express/National standard/Time of India. Develop a curiosity over a news by being eager to know the next episodes of the same. For Kannada 'Prajavani' is the best(International news is the most ignored area in kannada papers).

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Develop your vocabulary skills to fare better in the exam. Your vocabulary skills will fetch you better marks in essay. If you are able to communicate your ideas clearly through writing, that should be good enough. So even when you read a novel or a news paper or anything make sure you understand it completely. whenever you come accross a new word(sometimes even a known word) use a dictionary as your friend to know their Etymology and Meaning. you can install dictionary in your smart phones otherwise you should keep a pocket dictionary. While reading a owned book make use of the border to writedown new words you come accross and the gist of the page in few words.

Everyone starts with NCERT books, If you have lot of time then you can read Social science and Science books from 8th standard to 12th standard. If you have a time crunch then you can read All social science books(Polity, Geography and Economics) of 11th and 12th standard. You can download soft copies from http://ncert.nic.in/NCERTS/textbook/textbook.htm. If you want a hard-copy, you can reach out to Bangalore NCERT Regional office which will be kept open on 5 days a week from 10AM to 4PM. For History, Older versions of NCERT books are preferred.

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