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- Bay Area Meeting Update.
- MILAGRO Report
- Story of Beginning of our College, College of Engineering
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EDITORIAL

And the journey continues, as we bring to you the new, revamped, remodeled, revived Sampada 6 to you all. We have learnt the lesson that it is boring to feed the same thing over and over again. But it does work, when we spruce it up with add-ons. Let's say, we are releasing a service pack to the base product..! And it is with this hope that with we are sending this issue across. This issue will cover everything from UVCE you need to know off and also pump you with Gyan about extracurricular activities of UVCEians that they dabble in and much more to cater/suffice the needs that you expect from a magazine. So expect more peppy sections to be featured in this Sampada.

The best in town fest was back in UVCE this month, which was MILAGRO, one of the most happening college fests in town. It shows the red hot energy, vigor and enthusiasm with which students come together to organize, participate and enjoy the lively crowd presence to the maximum. It is a perfect send-off

to the final year students who take up the mantle of looking into the every nook and corner of organizing this fest. There has never been a dull moment in the course where the Milagro unfolds. This year too, it lived up to the expectations and has been a huge hit. It was on 5th and 6th that this mega event entertained students of various colleges across the state. And the presence of Ramesh Aravind as the chief guest was the real crowd-puller and he's an alumnus of UVCE was like icing on the cake.

And there was a meeting of all the Bay Area UVCEians at the Bay Area Meet at SF on 25th to discuss various things related to UVCE. It was about all those nostalgic moments that every UVCEian reminisce about, it was about the real engineering that they learnt and that took them around the globe, it was about their image of UVCE and the UVCE present, it was about the MegaReunion and mostly about UVCEians and UVCE. We cover about the updates of this meet in the coming

pages.

And we had our monthly meeting to discuss about the activities, updates and plans for MegaReunion2010. As always, we urge you to spread the word about MR to every UVCEian you know off and we guarantee you that, you will have a memorable event to look forward to. We are recruiting, come join in as a volunteer; help us out, gain organizational experience and live the best moments of your life meeting your old friends.



For updates, reach out to us at megareunion@visionuvce.in and you can browse our website, www.visionuvce.in for details. Do register yourself in this website and it helps us get a count of the number of people we have gathered for this mega event.

Team VisionUVCE

“ Draw a straight line of conduct and strictly walk on it irrespective of other people's crooked curves”
SIR M VISVESVARAYA
(1860 - 1962)



BAY AREA MEETING UPDATES

An event was organized by the UVCE Foundation at Chaat Paradise, 165 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View, Bay Area, California USA on the evening of May 25, 2010 to raise awareness about the Mega Reunion event and seek support for reunion activities. The event mixed with typical Indian Thali dinner, saw spirited discussions among the participants on how best to support the Mega Reunion to be held on the 29th and 30th December, 2010 in Bengaluru, India. The participants took a pledge to continually engage in the betterment of our alma mater. As an immediate follow up action, a subgroup: '**Bayarea and USA**' under UVCE Alumni Students group in LinkedIn (http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=3084412&trk=anet_ug_hm) has been created to facilitate conversations for creating a structure for UVCEians of the Bay area and USA to meaningfully involve in the upcoming Mega Reunion and beyond.

Message from the Organisers in the LinkedIn Subgroup:

Thank you all for all those who participated and spirited discussions. We are highly encouraged by enthusiasm and support. As we discussed, we are creating this subgroup to facilitate conversations for creating a structure for UVCEians of the Bay area and USA to meaningfully involve in the upcoming Mega Reunion and beyond. To kick start discussions, We are listing here some of the ideas we touched upon in the last meeting:

- Multiple tracks of discussion panels: e.g. Entrepreneurship, Academic Research, ...
- Mentor ship opportunities
- Opportunities for experts to give talks etc. at college

We encourage you all to actively engage and contribute your ideas. As we talked, we will setup a follow-up meeting towards end of June (tentatively June 29th Tuesday) to coalesce the list and come-up with a concrete structure and actionable items for our active participation in Mega Reunion and beyond.

Rajiv, Jagadeesh, KC Shekar, Sangam

MEGA REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MegaReunion is gaining the required momentum with the tasks keeping everyone busy. The registration should be starting in a while, we hope to garner as much support as possible and this defines the attending numbers and other statistics that will help in the run up to the final D Day. We expect every UVCE Alumni to register and book their participation.
- This is keenly followed up with the sponsorship agenda for the event. Some of us, in our firms, have approached the alumni and have formed a group and have loaded them with info about MR and we are expecting to push forward the sponsorship queries to the company management. This will lead to association of the company management with UVCE in various ways. With regards to this, we request you to form such a group in your companies too so that the effort towards generating sponsorships is maximized. Reach back to us all the materials, help required regarding this.
- And as every time, we are scouting for volunteers. Please do lend voluntary support for this cause and this will surely you in the long run enriching your organizing, 'thinking on a large scale' skills and acquaintances that you will make will prove fruitful to your future.

MAY MONTHLY MEETING

This monthly meeting was totally different from our usual official meetings. A meeting with **Dr M P Chowdiah, Director of Agile Manufacturing Research and Development** was held, from whom we got many valuable inputs. He promised about spreading the word among various technical institutes he is contact with and assured us of any help required for the MegaReunion.

Later we had a gathering near the gallery of Lecture Complex. Around

10 people were present, which included Ashok M L, P Deepa Shenoy, Sridhar Gowda, Alice Abraham, Vishnu Govind, Shivraj and others. Also some present batch students were present for some time. The discussions were based on the following points:

- The Registration Form to be sent asap to all the Alumni, to confirm the number of attendees.
- The Event Management companies to be approached, to organize the

mega event.

- The participation of the present batch of students during the Mega Reunion, through which they may be benefitted.
- The Alumni- Alma mater relationship to be improved in various fields, one of them is which, Campus Placements, involving as many Alumni as possible.

UVCE

TEACHING FACULTY OF EEE DEPARTMENT

Dr. V Satyanagakumar	B.E., M.Tech, Ph.D.
Ms. M N Suneetha	B.E., M.E. (Power Systems)
Mr. Y. R. Manjunatha	B.E., M.Tech (Power Electronics)
Dr. E G Shivakumar	B.E., M.Tech, Ph.D.
Dr. B P Harish	B.E., M.Tech, Ph.D.
Mr. D Venkatesh	B.E. (Electrical)
Mr. M V Kashinath	B.E., M.E (Power Systems)
Ms. B C Sujatha	B.E., M.E. (Power Systems)
Mr. T S Prasanna	B.E., M.E. (Power Systems)
Ms. H S Veena	B.E., M.E. (Power Systems)
Ms. R Hemavathi	B.E., M.E. (Power Electronics)
Mr. H R Ramesh	B.E., M.E (Power Systems & Electronics)
Mr. K P Guruswamy	B.E., M.E. (Power Electronics)
Mr. J Madhusudhana	B.E., M.E. (Power Electronics)
Ms. K P Shobha	B.E., M.E. (Power Electronics)
Mr. T N Raghavandra	B.E., M.E. (Power Electronics)
Mr. N Manjappa	B.E., M.Tech (Power Systems & Power Electronics)
Mr. H Prasanna Kumar	B.E., M.E (Bio-Medical Instrumentation)
Mr. C M Maheshan	B.E., M.E (Power & Energy Systems)



Standing (from left) – N Manjappa, T N Raghavendra, H Prasanna Kumar, C M Maheshan, K P Guruswamy, J Madhusudhana, H R Ramesh, B C Sujatha, H S Veena
Sitting (from left) – Dr. E G Shivakumar, D Venkatesha, Dr. Venugopal K R, Dr V Satyanagakumar, M V Kashinath, Dr. B P Harish, M N Suneetha

If you have any photos with the Principals of the college or your lecturers, do send it to us. We would like to publish more such photos in the coming editions of SAMPADA

PRINCIPALS OF COLLEGE



SRI. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN
1951-53



SRI. K. CHANNABASAVAIH
1953-57 AND 1960-63

UVCE NEWS

- And its exam time again in UVCE..! Normally exams bring jitters to the minds of students. However we see about 510 students, feeling sad about the exams. Because, they're graduating as engineers after the exams as we all await to welcome the bright batch of 2010 to the professional world. We all know, that our students don't like to cross their golden period and want to remain in the warm comfort of UVCE, but it is the time UVCE reminds them to go explore the world with the skills that they've developed in UVCE. Well done guys..!!! Cling on to the professional world standing right in front of you.

And the story continues for the

remaining 3 batches. Suddenly labs become crowded, LC is full of students with books in their hands, downstairs leading to the MESA room, is a discussion hub to clear the doubts about the dreaded subjects..!! All the best to you all, We know, you will do well.

- The students of 2011, smelled the first scent of placements and with a bang as they witnessed IBM ISL recruit 29 interns for their projects. It's a dream opening to the placements that any batch can look for. All is not done for 2010 batch as Wipro came late, but better late than never, and it has hired a healthy 55 engineers and has brought cheer to the campus. We will give a complete picture

of placements in UVCE for 2010 batch in the next edition.

- And there was a seminar organized on Ham radio or Amateur radio for the budding engineers of UVCE. The presentation was given by **Mr. Subramani**, Secretary and Station in charge, Ham Radio in ISRO and Mr. Balaji, Scientist at ISRO. The initiative was taken by Rama Murali G K, engineer at ISRO and an UVCE alumni, with an intention to start a Ham Radio club in UVCE. We appreciate such efforts and welcome such initiatives. Students have shown interest in this and we hope it will do well.

MILAGRO

The extravagant entertaining cultural treat was back on the UVCE amphitheatre on 5th and 6th of May, 2010. All the students & faculty welcomed it with huge roar, clapping hands and by pumping their fists up in the air. Everybody was grinning, from ear to ear, about the expectations that they had from this gala event, with casual talks undermining the capabilities. But, but, but...!! Two days of fun and frolic, changed the course of the conversation. The two days of high intensity, cultural fest potboiler had done its job. The legacy lived on. The cheer heard from a strong crowd of 2000, summed it up. The intensity was so high and intoxicating that, everyone wanted more out of it, and the organizers turned the show on as a mega event for all those audience who waited with bated breath. Ramesh Aravind, the veteran actor of Kannada film Industry, who is also an UVCE Alumni graced the occasion with his presence. On the eventful evening of 6th, all the audience, mix of students from various colleges, had only one thing to say, "MILAGRO ROCKS "...!

There was it, yet another episode in the book of MILAGRO, a true entertainer. All cheers and kudos to the organizers, the outgoing students, who gave everything so that they could remember this experience for a long time in the midst of future endeavours that they will embark upon. The events that had energy, liveliness brought the best of fun to everyone and they have surpassed the anticipated enjoyment levels. The rock show was worth banging my head on with the heavy metal blitzkrieg numbing the rock enthusiasts, I have laughed my belly out during the mad ads show, have crooned to the tunes of the Indian bands, danced along with the amazing dance performances and what not, my eyes were filled colors of the fest and I am sure, I will be here next year too.

We hope that you enjoyed this article as well and hope that you will come back next year to get your dose of rejuvenation.



Ramesh Aravind, the chief guest of MILAGRO'10 sharing the dais with the Principal, Dr.Venugopal K R

(Article written by Sri Harsha D V, 2009 batch, who witnessed the event)

STORY OF THE BEGINNING OF OUR COLLEGE, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Long, long ago.....

To give relief to the public affected by the great famine of 1882, rural irrigation and other projects including the laying of railway line between Bangalore and Mysore were undertaken. Mysore State was well known for irrigation works. In the early days, Public Works Department was manned by importing some engineers from outside the state. The posts of the Chief Engineer and the Deputy Chief Engineer were held by European officers, some of whom were from the Corps of Royal Engineers of the British Army and amongst these Col. Bewan distinguished himself with his organizing capacity.



A number of projects were taken up. To meet the increased demand for Engineers and to give an opportunity to the boys of Mysore, a College of science was started and Engineering was taught there. It was wound up after training a batch or two. Later, to meet the needs of personnel for replacement due to retirement etc., selected science graduates were sent to the Engineering colleges at Madras and Poona. They were awarded stipends or scholarships.

When Sir M. Visvesvaraya who succeeded late Capt. Dawes- who met his end under tragic circumstances- as Chief Engineer, was appointed as Diwan, with his charac-

teristic zeal he submitted proposals for the rapid development of irrigation and power resources of the State and for starting Industries and enlarging of the communication systems. Several meter gauge and narrow gauge lines were constructed and a separate department was opened. In the field of irrigation, the Vanivilas Sagar Works which was the biggest one at the time was taken up as an irrigation cum power project. This is the first multi-purpose project in India and perhaps in the world.



These activities in the new field of industry gave rise to a great demand for skilled workers and supervisors. To meet this demand, the Government in 1913 or so, started the Mechanical Engineering School at Bangalore with the late S. V. Shetty, as its Superintendent. He was a member of the PWD and was deputed for training as an Electrical Engineer to Faraday House, London. On his return, he was deputed to the Electrical Department and hence lent to the Educational Department.

To give a fillip to higher education and to enable Mysore boys to play their part in the Engineering field, the Mysore University was started in 1916 as a uni-

tary type. Along with the birth of the University, the College of Engineering was also established at Bangalore in 1917, as some facilities regarding accommodation and works had already existed at the School of Engineering. According to Govt. order, the College was only temporarily located at Bangalore. To start with tuition and training were given only in two branches of Engineering, namely, Civil and Mechanical Engineering.

It is not to be expected that such far reaching proposals as to establish a University and an Engineering College would run a smooth course. Many influential quarters did not react favorably to the idea. There were also quite a few who would thwart the attempt, if they could. But the proposals had been made by Sir M. Visvesvaraya, our Diwan at that time, who the public and posterity of Mysore have more reasons than one to be grateful for. They had also the approval and the powerful backing of Sir Sri Krishna Raja Wodeyar, our beloved Maharaja who had implicit confidence on his Diwan.



No wonder all oppositions and obstacles could easily melt away. The institutions were established as per proposals.

EDITOR'S NOTE (From Vinyasa 1998-99)

Sudeep R Prasad is an alumni of UVCE, having graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Engineering in 1995 while securing the 8th Rank from the University. After joining Siemens Communication Systems (where he was placed in from the college) and he has risen to become a Project Manager in just 4 years. His hobbies include doing crazy things, trekking, bird watching and bungee jumping. He has also co-authored a book on C titled Programming in C with Professor Venugopal K R

ARTICLES

The Fortuitous Fifties

Eighty five years is a respectable age for an individual; it is no less so, for an institution. Our college has nourished young talented persons for this long and has been a springboard for launching them into professional life. As I write these words, my mind leaps back by nearly half a century to the time when I entered the college as a fresh student.

It was the year 1955; India was still in the first decade after independence. There was enthusiasm all around with the expectation that we would become an advanced nation in a short time. Some demand for engineers had been created because of several national projects and admission to the college was tough. There were only two engineering colleges in Bangalore by then, the other one being B.M.S College. In fact, only two more colleges existed in the whole state of old Mysore, one at Mysore city and the other at Davangere.

The number of branches available in the B.E programme was only three; Civil, Mechanical and Electrical. Maximum employment opportunity existed for civil engineers particularly because many irrigation projects and the next in order of importance were mechanical engineers needed in industries which were coming up in second five year plan. Electrical engineers had limited scope, the Electricity Board being the only major employer. I remember one well wisher who came running to me on seeing my name in the electrical branch, strongly urging me to change my branch to civil or mechanical; as otherwise my professional future would be bleak! The great advances in electrical engineering and electronics were to come much later.

There were no computers or hand-held computers at that time! Electronics was itself was a young discipline, studied mostly by radio engineers. The digital computer was a fledgling device confined to laboratories in universities such as Harvard and Princeton. The only calculators better known were heavy mechanical equipment used mostly in census offices and the like. However engineering relies much on numerical calculations and the only way one could do extensive calculations was by using the slide rule. I remember the excitement I had while buying an Aristo Studio slide rule which was among the best and was made in Germany. The once all-powerful slide rule is now probably confined to museums and collections of senior engineers!

We were lucky to have a galaxy of eminent teachers and a benevolent administration. Prof. K. Channabasavaiah, a leading expert in electrical machine design, was the Principal when I entered the college. His talents were soon recognized and he was elevated as the first Director of Technical Education. An unfortunate side effect was that we could not have the benefit of excellent courses given him till then.

Prof. B. R. Narayana Iyengar was our next Principal. He was well known for his courses on machine design both at elementary and advanced levels. We enjoyed his lucid explanations and witty remarks in the classrooms. As the Principal, he could enforce discipline without causing discomfort. It was more appropriate that later he became President of the Institute of Engineers (India).

One teacher who stands out in my recollection is Prof. K. Venkatachaliengar. He was the Professor of Mathematics and well known for his profound scholarship. He could enliven classes by anecdotes of mathematicians and historical evolution of major mathematical problems. He could introduce a flavor of research into the minds of students and added much to the intellectual environment in the college. In fact he was the first to give a talk on satellites when the world has thrilled by the launching of Sputnik by the Russians. He was equally at ease in the history, and gave a talk on the 1857 War of Independence at the time of its centenary. I was very happy to be in the audience when he was given the prestigious Visvesvaraya Award by the Chief Minister a few months ago.

There were several other memorable teachers and for want of space, I am unable to name them all. Most of them came on deputation from PWD or the Electricity board. This background enabled them to give a strong practical bias to their teaching. We had a good glimpse of the engineering problems at the end of our stay in college. The curriculum was broad based. Even though we were in electrical branch, we worked in carpentry, smithy, foundry and the lathe shop. We even did road survey at Ghati Subramanya for a week! There was quite an emphasis on working with hands. Educational tours all over India and project surveys helped us to get a balanced outlook on the profession. A generally cordial relationship existed between students and teachers. Small classes promoted close interactions. The many drawing classes and laboratories increased the frequency of such interactions and led to a healthy environment.

Bangalore City had not developed so much. However, the college was at a crucial location even then, as it was near Central College, Department of Public Instruction Vidhana Soudha. The traffic around the college was sparse and students were mostly using bicycles. Scooter was unknown and very few had motorbikes. There was a long cycle stand opposite Central College to accommodate all the cycles. The college quadrangle was justly famous for its converging sides and was the venue of many lectures and shows. It was used even by outside agencies for their functions. I remember the visiting West Indies Cricket team being felicitated there by the State Cricket Association. Many fond memories of the college are bound with events in the quadrangle.

During the course of nearly fifty years, the engineering profession has greatly improved its importance and stature. The college has contributed much to this Endeavour. I am proud to have been a student of the college and I hope the college will continue its noble task of creating engineers and nurturing talent. With the establishment of so many engineering colleges at present, especially around Bangalore, there exists an intense competition among them. In spite of this situation, I wish the college will maintain its own high position and move on to celebrate its centenary in grand manner.

Prof. M.A.L. Thathachar
Department of Electrical Engineering
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

I joined U.V.C.E, then Govt. Engineering College, in 1955. My course was in Mechanical Engineering. After an initial phase of settling down, I got used to the course conditions and attendance requirements, curriculum and performance criteria. Though the course termed mechanical engineering it was highly comprehensive and it included civil and electrical engineering subjects which enabled a graduate to perform and interact effectively with other professors, engineers and students.

It is important for an engineer to have knowledge and practical experience in areas other than his declared discipline also, some subjects of civil engineering like Design and Construction were taught. We had to perform survey with the modalities in Cubbon Park. Students were also taken for site survey programmed in Ghati Subramanya near Bangalore for a week. All these and a visit to Yelahanka Brick and Tile Factory were very exciting events. Activities in Mechanical Engineering were absorbing work in the foundry and hands on work in forging some steel items, experimental work with water turbines like Pelton Wheel and Francis Turbines are presently deep in memory. We conducted a number of tests on Diesel Engines and Steam Engines which gave me a great deal of useful knowledge and motivation. Hands on work with electrical equipments like Motors, Generators and Convertors etc. were of great interest and used to me in my professional career following my graduation in 1959 with I class and a rank.

Our principals Prof. Channabasavaiah and Prof. B.K.N Iyenger were simply and highly interactive with students. All the professors and staff members were very co-operative, strict but friendly leaving very pleasant memories in my mind of my days in college. The need to be present in the college by 7:30 am prompted me to be punctual and leave my home at 7 am and ride on my bicycle all the way to the college.

I coaxed my son also to join this college and take up Mechanical engineering in 1988, in spite of the fact that he had obtained admission in a college like VJTI, Bombay. His student career was also excellent and passed out with very high marks in 1992. An engineer's successful career depends largely on his formative years. The engineering course is a major step in this direction. Students should take the course with dedication and love. Multidisciplinary education and exposure is absolutely essential for a broad and practical understanding and effective performance over a long-lasting professional career. This is particularly of great importance today's environment of higher professionalism with a tendency to remain as an island.

My memories of my Alma mater are highly valuable and I cherish them greatly and I wish that UVCE will remain as a source of excellence in future too.

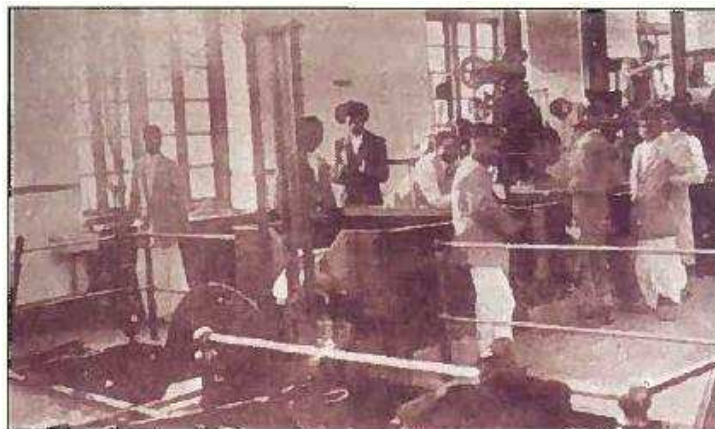
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COLLEGE MAGAZINE SECTION

Examination

Oh! Examination
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The First Year Examination
Which causes Frustration
From which few get Promotion
And the Rest get Detention !
What a Bothereation
For we enjoy Vacation
Why not write an Application
To the Director of Technical Board of Education
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of the Student Population
So leave your Education
and go for Cultivation

Subramani
B Arch (2000)



First Batch of Students In Our Mechanical Lab (1921)

All the above articles and photos are taken from previous college magazines (CHIRANTANA, VINAYASA).
Please do share with us any photos, articles you have, of your or your batch mates during your college days.

BLURB DA UVCE

8th November 2009 The Hindu

Scientist speaks of satellite launch from moon +

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientist and Project Director of Chandrayaan-1 M Annadurai said the moon could emerge as a possible launchpad for satellites to carry out deep-space exploration in future.

Fielding queries from students after inaugurating the sixth national student conference at University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) here on Saturday, Dr. Annadurai said gravitational force on moon was far less than earth's. Moon's gravitational force was six times less than earth, he pointed out.

Instead of launching satellites from earth, space scientists could consider launching them from the moon to explore other satellite like mars, said Dr. Annadurai, who was the project director for India's maiden moon mission.

To another question on the doomsday predictions, the ISRO scientist said there was little scientific basis for such forecasts.

"If such a thing has to happen, the earth has to be hit by an asteroid. Even in that case, we will know about it years in advance," Dr. Annadurai said.

Dr. Annadurai denied that Chandrayaan-1 had failed. "Chandrayaan-1 had not failed. The mission had met its objectives. Everybody wants to live for 100 years. If one has met the objectives in



INTERACTION: M. Annadurai, Project Director, Chandrayaan, (second from right), and Venugopal K.R., Principal, UVCE (right), with students at 'Kagada 2009', sixth national students' conference, at the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering in Bangalore on Saturday. - PHOTO: K. GOPINATHAN

50 years, then the life is not a failure," he said.

When he was asked whether ISRO was planning a manned mission to moon, Dr Annadurai said sending a man to moon was the "logical progression" of the India's moon mission.

"But right now, ISRO was

concentrating on Chandrayaan-2", he said.

He said Chandrayaan-2, which is scheduled to be completed by 2012-13, will help in analysis of mineral composition and carrying out terrain mapping.

"The difference between the two moon missions is that

Chandrayaan-2 will actually land on the surface of the moon while Chandrayaan-1 was merely orbiting the moon", he said.

The Rs. 425-crore Chandrayaan-2 would consist of payloads from India as well as Russia.

Chandrayaan-2 would

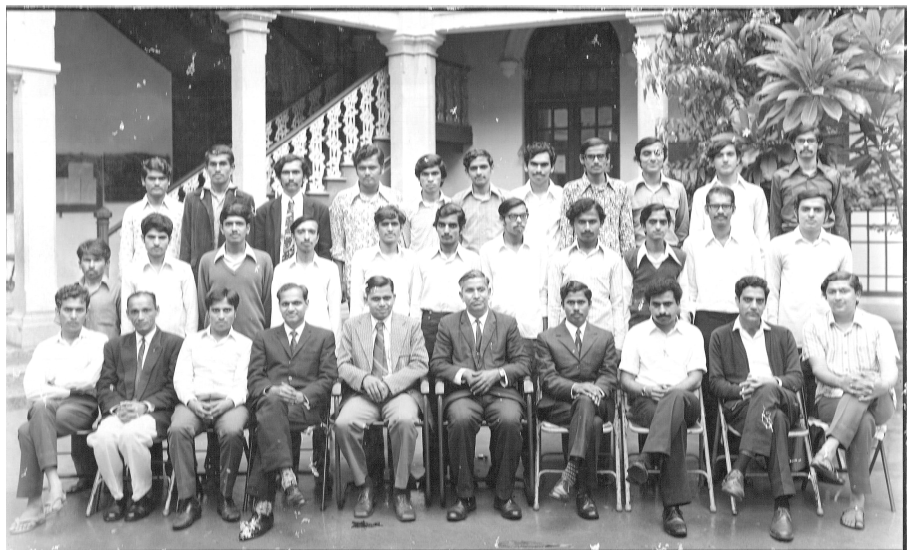
comprise a spacecraft and a landing platform with two moon rovers - one each from India and Russia.

The moon rovers would move on the lunar surface, map the terrain and send the data to the spacecraft that would orbit the moon, he said.

(SOURCE: THE HINDU)

1974 ELECTRONICS BATCH

Do you want to share your batch photos with others?
Do you want to recall your golden memories of your college days?
Mail us the photos of your batch in the campus or may be some trip....
We are waiting...
(SAMPADA Team)



AROUND THE WORLD- ALUMNI SPEAK

***** Two friends reminisce their UVCE fun days. They are grateful for the broad educational opportunity they received that paved the way for their diverse and rich career paths. *****

In spite of five years of intensive studies (1970-1975) at UVCE, our student days at this college remains the best days of our student lives. It is a testimony to all the professors, staff, facilities, the environment, and most of all the classmates! Compared to the undergraduate curriculum in the USA, our UVCE curriculum gave us a broad understanding of various engineering areas: electronics, electrical, mechanical and civil. We had a rigorous mathematics curriculum. The semesters were laden with generous amount of various lab activities and hands on projects at various workshops. This well-rounded exposure to engineering topics paved the way for successes in our careers, no matter what career paths we chose!

We both ended up in USA through different routes. No matter which route we took, the solid educational foundation we received at UVCE has helped us to excel. KP is a professor at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama and has excelled in Academics. His path can be traced back to UVCE, IISC (ME), BEL, SMU (PhD), Tuskegee University and Auburn University. Sangam is a veteran of Silicon Valley. He ended there via UVCE, LRDE, KREC (M. Tech), ITI, Univ. of Illinois (MScS), Intel, Apple and a few startups. No matter how and where we ended up, UVCE education was instrumental to our success along the way. Although we took different paths, the bond we developed at UVCE has helped us remain close friends forever.

We cherish the supportive and fun environment of the college as well as friendship we developed over the

five years at the college. As soon as we meet any of our classmates, even after thirty five years after our graduation, an instant bond gets created. It is truly a testament to the fun environment of the college.

While academic activities are hectic, college and surroundings provided some unusual outlets for amusement and fun. Some memorable events and pastimes and great moments include:

Bisi "Ili" Bele Bath incident at the college canteen that unfortunately happened during our college days, that too, to one of our own classmates, Vaidyanathan! While enjoying a plate of warm Bisi Bele Bath at the canteen he suddenly noticed parts of an "Ili" in it!! After some student protests the canteen was closed for several months. Although it was an unfortunate incident at that time, this incident has provided a "classic moment" and whenever and wherever we meet any of our classmates, a mere mention of this moment, takes us back to our fun college days!

Another place we frequented is Ramanjaneya canteen adjacent to UVCE at SJP. In spite of its awful ambience, this was a favorite eating place just to sit, talk, and relax for hours. The canteen staff must have been great mathematicians: they could easily give us "one by three" or "two by five" or "three by five" coffees!!

A regular ritual many of us enjoyed was sipping a cup (or two) of coffee from the India Coffee House roadside van ("a mobile starbucks"). Also, who can forget the Theodolite Surveys at Cubbon park!

Another proud moment we cherish is that when all our classmates walked out of a class in protest when one of the lecturers unfairly targeted one of our classmates.

About Srinivasarao Krishnaprasad ("KP")



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About S.G. Sangameswara ("Sangam")



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Think-piece by UVCEians

Here comes our new additions to the Sampada from now on. This will have sections that will cover various interests of UVCEians and involve as many UVCEians as possible. We wish to cover the general contents which forms the hobbies of UVCEians and have a following too. You can write to us about your hobbies, interests, blogs, books, places and more. We used to call, Sampada - Your Window to UVCE. Now we wish to call it, Sampada - Your window to UVCE and UVCEians..!

Do write in to us with the contents that you wish to share with the UVCEians and we are sure our readers will be happy to acknowledge your talent.

Gourmand's Guide

GUJRATI KHAMANN DHOKLA

INGREDIENTS:-

1/4 kg besan (channa ka atta), 2 tsp sugar, salt, neembu sat or lemon juice, 1 tsp ENO, few pudina leaves, curry leaves and coriander.

Take besan in a vessel, add salt to taste, neembu sat, little haldi powder for colour, ENO and make a batter to idly batter's consistency..

In a dhokla cooker's plate (if you don't have dhokla cooker then take a normal plate) and grease the plate with ghee.

Now pour the batter into the plate and spread it all over.

Pour water into the dhokla cooker (In the absence of a cooker use a deep vessel).

Heat the vessel or cooker containing water on gas till water boils; now place the plate into the cooker or vessel and cover it with a lid so that the steam should not escape till done or for 10 minutes.

Remove the plate from the cooker, take 2 tsp of oil in a pan and heat and add few mustard seeds,

jeera. After they crackle, put the curry leaves, chopped green chillies.

Spread the tadka mixture on the cooked pancake and garnish with coriander.

Now cut the pancake with knife into dhoklas, in any desired shape.

To prepare chutney with dhokla, take few pudina leaves, coriander, green chillies, tamarind juice (optional), jeera and salt to taste and grind it.

Serve hot dhoklas with chutney and pieces of lemon.



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FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS

Have we lost the zing..??? No idea whatsoever. This is in response to the meagre feedback we received for the last edition. It is not possible that we are doing everything right because we are still at the roots. Then it is you, who is not doing your job by not criticizing us. It is a magazine for you and it requires your full fledged participation. Please do write in to us at megareunion@visionuvce.in with your valuable comments so that we could give you the best.

Thanks,
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