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UVCE's current quandary has made its way through students and alumni discussions. An alumni meeting was held on 1st August 2015 in order to discuss the pros and cons of the present proposal of BU over shifting of few departments.

IEEE UVCE-Striding Ahead

Some excerpts from an interview with Mahesh R B , IEEE UVCE Chairperson about IEEE UVCE, it's new Execom and its goals for UVCEians for the year 2015-2016.

Pride of UVCE

This is a story of hard work and success. Prithvish M Gowda, a proud alum of the UVCE Department of Mechanical Engineering did us proud by being a part of the Penn State Electric Racing Team that won the first place in FSAE 2015 in Nebraska. He has played an instrumental role in setting up SAE UVCE and our preparations for Supra early in the days.

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EDITORIAL

Alumni and Students launch #hashtag discussion for the #roadahead for 98 year old Institution

UVCE Alumni group have embraced social media to build and strengthen the community from the early days of web applications and this month we launched #hashtag discussion on Twitter to discuss the status of #UVCE with the ongoing trifurcation of Bangalore University. The Initial announcement of the Twitter #UVCE Hashtag discussion was made to the UVCE linkedin group whose total number has grown to over 2,400. The UVCE Alumni group was one of the first groups on Linkedin and was created as soon as the group feature was released back in 2007.

The #UVCE Hashtag discussion was scheduled for an hour on Sunday at 8.30pm on the 2nd August IST to facilitate UK and US alumni participation during the day time. The Linkedin announcement created the initial momentum for the discussion with comments from various alumni including B V Jagadeesh, Avinash Godkhindi, Subramanyam N V, Rajesh Srinivas and Satish A G. Consensus on the Linkedin discussion was to strive for an autonomous status for UVCE.

Just before the #UVCE discussion started on twitter, tweets about #UVCE stressed the importance of the heritage of the 98 year old institution and memorable images were posted connecting the past and present. Both students and Alumni started discussing the imminent threat of the Mechanical Department being moved to Jnana Bharathi Campus and its implications. I had spoken to the VC of Bangalore University just before the discussion started and he had confirmed that Bangalore University favoured the autonomous status of UVCE and had forwarded the relevant application to UGC. Alumni and students also raised other important issues including Hostel facilities, funding and management of the autonomous college and the steps needed to move forward. An article written by Satish on the VisionUVCE website contains the selected tweets.

It was a pleasant surprise to notice that the #UVCE hashtag discussion spurred award winning Radio DJ Pradeepa to discuss the college on his Bangalore Radio show for two continuous days. He also tweeted some interesting facts about #UVCE past including:

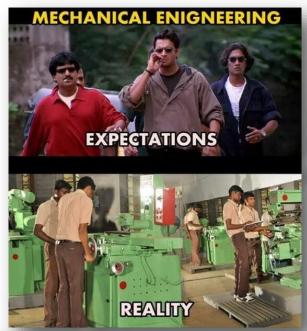
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- 1966 HN Uma & MaliniSrinivas 1st women engs to pass out from <u>#UVCE</u> '1st ENG Clg in <u>#karnataka</u> <u>@VisionUVCE@myradiocity</u> <u>@WeAreBangalore</u>
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- kachae panchae, white shirt, coat and topi 1960's uniform in Karnataka's first engineering college #UVCE @VisionUVCE

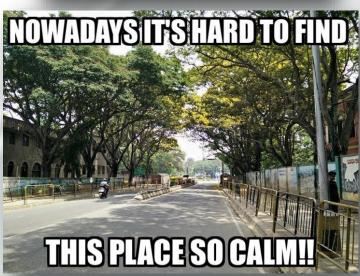
This made the #UVCE discussion continue with others tweeting interesting comments and images. An image of students wearing traditional Mysore Karnataka dress in the mechanical Lab in 1921 posted by @visionuvce and an image with a tweet "100+ yrs old trees at quadrangle of #UVCE campus which stood as legacy of the college. Lot of memories cherished here." By @GiriShikhara became two of the most retweeted and favorited tweets. Dell Careers used the #UVCE hashtag this week to inform that they are visiting UVCE for placements which led to interaction and a tweet saying they are #soproud as #UVCE alumnus Prasad Thrikutam is President and Global Head of Applications at Dell Services. #UVCE discussion has led to the #UVCEPlacement discussions.

All of this has encouraged the college placement division to create a twitter account @uvceplacements and start tweeting interesting updates & images. The first #hashtag Twitter discussion has been productive allowing alumni and students from different parts of the world to connect, share, discuss and take input to decide on further steps. This has also encouraged us to organise regular #hashtag discussion and future discussions will include #UVCEScholarship, #UVCEAlumniProjects for the college and #UVCEPlacement. We request that you contribute further topics and participate in our future #hashtag discussions and make #UVCE recover its glory.

-Sridhar Gowda, 1987 Mechanical

HUMOR @ UVCE















CAMPUS SAYS

It is too tiring to shuttle between the two campuses for labs and classes. Since the building was tailor-made for mechanical branch, shifting us to another building will simply cause lot of problems. The mechanical block itself is nearly a 100 years old, built by Sir M Visvesvaraya himself and stands as an image of his legacy. Demolishing it would mean erasing a monument from the map which is not very appealing to the people. For students who aspire to write exams like GRE,GATE etc will not have enough time to study everyday as all their time is used up in travel and the fatigue caused by it. As the infrastructure indeed needs some renovation, we suggest shifting of classes to rooms in the central college or rooms in UVCE itself as it would be beneficial to all.



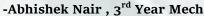
-Rajesha Poojary, 3rd Year Mech



We object the shifting of the mechanical block to JB campus firstly because the traveling time is more, the hostel facilities provided have no proper accommodation for everyone, coming to the mechanical labs are problematic and mainly because we will lose the historical charm of our college.

Sai Naveen, 3rd Year Mech

Us shifting to the JB campus is not a practical decision, because even though we have better classrooms there, we will still have to travel back to K R circle for our labs, and this is hectic for us. Also for any process like revaluation, office work, fests and placement, we have to travel to the K.R. circle campus and it is unfair for us to have to suffer. It would be better if they could accommodate us here itself, perhaps in the main building or Central college campus.







There have been talks regarding shifting of Mechanical Department to Jnana Bharathi Campus and I stand against it. The campus in K.R. Circle was started by Sir M. Visvesvaraya himself and we cannot afford to lose its heritage. Yes, there are few shortcomings in this campus but we can always look forward to improving it. The JB campus has its own deficiencies. Traveling becomes an issue as the campus is too far inside and it is really dangerous to walk inside once it gets dark. There are hardly any shops nearby and very poor mobile network. Besides all this, there is the general sentiments of students towards UVCE in K.R. Circle. None of them, including other branch students, want the Mechanical Department to be shifted.

-Nishad Rajmalwar, 3rd Year Mech

I was shocked when I got to know that our branch is being shifted to Jnana Bharathi. We love everything about UVCE K R Circle campus. It's in the centre of the city and has better access. It's very hard for some of us to travel to JB; myself residing in HAL may not be able to reach college in time. And few of my friends who stay in hostels and PGs find it difficult to get adjusted to a new campus. JB campus seems isolated from the city, and we might lose our contact with our friends in UVCE and the activities taking place here. We cannot be a part of the cultural and the technical events which take place in UVCE. For many of us, particularly me, cultural and technical events are very important along with the academics. We have chosen UVCE taking all these into consideration. And we don't want to lose it.



-Karthik M L, 2nd Year Mech

Shifting to the JB campus is actually a nice idea. The surroundings there are peaceful and good for the students. But on the other hand travelling is too difficult as we have people coming from nelamangala and hoskote. And safety is not ensured there as the campus is mostly a forest area. Hence therefore I wish to stay in the K R Circle campus.

-Harish B.S., 3rd Year Mech



ALUMNI SAYS

Now Bangalore university is being trifurcated with only one engineering college left. The options are 1. It should be attached to one of the trifurcated University.

2.It can be treated as an university by itself without attaching to any trifurcated part.

If option 2, above, is acceptable, then it can be renamed as BANGALORE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING and treated as a separate entity with its own syllabus, exams etc.

Funding and finances should come from government and it should be able to offer seats with least fees fixed by govt..In academics it should be able to compete with other private and university colleges Incidentally the existing building in K R Circle can be retained, renovated and used. If need be, even civil engineering and Architecture branches could come back.

As a Policy, the government has granted approval for separate university status to 4 no of institutions. This could be fifth one.

The pros and cons have to be extensively discussed for a better future of the students.

-Bhima Rao, Batch of 1968, Civil

I have read in the recent Sampada edition and through newspapers that there is a plan to shift Mechanical Block from main campus to JB. Few thoughts on this.

First thing is I don't understand the need for such a move in such a hurried fashion. I would dearly love to hear out the arguments set out by the syndicate who took this decision so that we can better understand why this is happening.

Agreed that the Mechanical block is in bit of a bad state since some time now. But I am sure that it is way better than the current state of JB campus. JB campus, while vast, has no infrastructure what so ever (Been there few times to get transcripts and few other documents.) So unless new infrastructure is built in a year or so, it is absolutely foolish to move any department out of the main campus. And mechanical department requires practical tools and instruments to be present near at hand. Unless the plan is to buy new equipment, shifting equipment out of current location will be difficult and quite expensive. Surely, the money spent in such an exercise can better spent in improving the current infrastructure at the main campus.

Other issue I feel is important is the distance of the JB campus from most places in Bengaluru. JB campus is way too remotely located and will greatly inconvenience students. Given that students prefer to skip classes every once in a while for various reasons, shifting campus to JB will add an easy reason to skip classes, which is never a good thing to happen.

But ultimately, the decision to move out of the main campus to JB campus should be taken only after taking all the main stake holders into consideration. In this case, its the current students and teachers. Without taking their opinion into consideration, moving the department just to satisfy few political ambitions (looks that way from the current situation) is quite deplorable.

-Bharath G P, Batch of 2012, ISE

The key is to understand the issue is not the impact but the real motives behind the move. Who then needs to be met in the government - e.g. RV Deshpande, etc with a clear cut plan on why the depart ment should be retained in the central university campus. Senior alumni who have been involved in the government before, close to govt. functioning, capable of influencing needs to be brought into the picture for such negotiations. If you think this is a real concern, the joint consortium must act very fast and now! The area we are talking about – mechanical department is a prime real estate property in the heart of the city and there is much more than a university trifurcation that is the motive here.

-Krishna Rao, Batch of 1998, ECE

IEEE UVCE- STRIDING AHEAD

Here are the excerpts from an interview with *Mahesh R B*, *IEEE UVCE Chairperson* about IEEE UVCE, it's new Execom and its goals for the year 2015-2016:

Team SAMPADA - Congrats on being Chairperson of IEEE UVCE for the 2014-15 year. How are you feeling about it?

Mahesh-Thank You Team Vision UVCE. Being the chairperson of IEEE UVCE - is an honor and a huge responsibility. I look forward to having a successful year.

Team SAMPADA - Tell us about your plans for the next one year as Chairperson of IEEE UVCE. What can the current students expect of IEEE in the next year?

MRB - Plans are pretty simple. We work on the right aspects of IEEE, providing opportunity to all members to explore areas which they are good at, expand their skill pool and later serve society. LEARN - Teach - LEARN.

Team SAMPADA - What is that you would want to be changed in the next one year?

MRB - My focus the following year will be on making words grow to actions. People talk about ideas. This year I mainly urge people to implement them. Taking up projects concordantly having a positive impact on society.



Team SAMPADA - Tell us about the newly appointed Execom. How do you as a team preparing to tackle the coming year?

MRB - My new team is filled with a lot of newbies and are very energetic. Steps are being taken to channelize their energy towards excellence. We as seniors, monitor the young execom helping them develop into mature leaders.

Team SAMPADA - What are your expectations from the students?

MRB - I expect student members out there to be open to opportunities. Get involved in things and contribute back what they get. 'giving back to society' is a life changer.

Team SAMPADA - Why should students join IEEEUVCE? **MRB -**

There are a million reasons why one should join IEEE:

- Main reason would be to leverage their technical acumen.
- For students interested in taking up research, IEEE provides a million opportunities. There are a lot of paper presentation contests that are held exclusively for IEEE members, be it international conferences like TENCON, TENSYMP or National Conferences like IEEE UVCE's very own Kagada, etc.
- Opportunity to attend career fairs or apply for internships.
- Opportunity to attend various student congresses and a chance to network with various students across the country, an opportunity to meet up various eminent people and attend their amazing talks.

- IEEE UVCE has a variety of Special Interest Groups like Electrical and Electronics club, Ncode and Web Designing, Women In Engineering, Robotics, Astronomy, Aavishkar- Research Club, Art Forum, Literary Club under which a gamut of events will be organized throughout the year on a regular basis.
- Being a member of IEEE UVCE for the past 3 years has taught me a lot of organizational skills, public talking skills, helped me leverage my technical abilities etc. I have attended conferences, student congresses, career fairs, and got chances to volunteer for a lot of IEEE events where I got to meet a lot of people with amazing technical prowess, which I wouldn't have got otherwise. So, being an IEEE member has certainly helped me a lot in becoming what I am today.

Joining IEEE UVCE,

I request people out here,

Who want to chase their dreams, who want something in life that is substantial in the longer run along with studies and job,

who want to contribute to the well being of the society, who want to be themselves To join IEEE UVCE and Mark-set a start for a new journey in life.

Team SAMPADA - We wish you all the success and hope that you enjoy your journey as IEEE UVCE Chairperson and achieve all your ideas. Feel free to reach out to us for any assistance in coming days .





LINKEDIN CONVERSATION



Rajesh Srinivas

I reckon this is the time for various alumni groups to come together and join forces to support a common vision. With just 2 years left for the centenary celebrations, time is running out!

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Sridhar Gowda

I agree Rajesh. UVCE Alumni Association have shown some signs of existence when compared to the time we organised the Mega Reunion. A date for a meeting will be announced next week.

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Subramanyam NV

it would be better if UVCE aspires autonomous stature.

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Avinash Godkhindi

I think seeking autonomy makes perfect sense, the key questions then are: 1. How do we secure funds required by UVCE? 2. How is the quality of education and facilities improved from the current state and things don't get worse 3. How is the UVCE glory of the past restored and the brand further enhanced?

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B.V. Jagadeesh

All are excellent questions. Providing autonomous status is perhaps the most critical decision they have to take and I am sure many people will step-up to support the Univ if it becomes autonomous.

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Kumar Munipalli

Autonomous college is a good idea. But without funding model it will be difficult to sustain itself. It will need special grants as the college cannot be self-propelled by the meager fees alone. Most of the new autonomous colleges are private and are allowed to charge higher fees. The traditional autonomous colleges are funded by yearly grants (sometimes by a parliamentary decree as in the case of IITs). As it is, the college is on a slow slide due to crumbling infrastructure and a staff that is not oriented to careers beyond teaching. A research oriented staff would have helped in getting projects or research grants. So funding must be clear before UVCE seeks autonomy.

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Satish AG

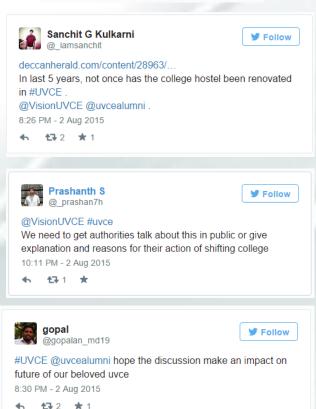
Good thoughts. We will share it the alumni who will come to college tomorrow to the meeting. Here is the FB event link- https://www.facebook.com/events/460251074176755/
Agreed that UVCE needs autonomous status and better infrastructure. But, should not we, alumni, also put our efforts together for this cause? There are many senior alumni who have vast experience and influence at higher levels. We should also try to see what can be done apart from waiting for the College Mgmt (though I am not sure what can be done at this stage:() This is the precise reason we are inviting the alumni to come to the meeting

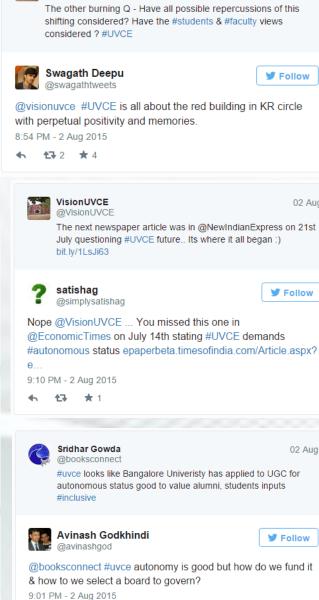
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TWITTER CONVERSATION







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Twitter has been taken on a whirlwind by the tweets from UVCEians and Alumni on the present issue of shifting of Mechanical block. We request everyone to use the hashtag #UVCE for a tweet about UVCE.

A detailed article about the meeting held and the online discussion that happened, is published in our website. It also has the links to relevant newspaper articles, the excerpt of the letter sent by Principal to the Vice-Chancellor and major Social media interactions. Click here to check the website



PRIDE OF UVCE

This is a story of hard work and success.

Prithvish M Gowda, a proud alum of the UVCE Department of Mechanical Engineering did us proud by being a part of the Penn State Electric Racing Team that won the first place in FSAE 2015 in Nebraska. He has played an instrumental role in setting up SAE UVCE and our preparations for Supra early in the days.

REV1 is an all electric vehicle that was declared the overall winner of the 2015 Formula SAE held in Nebraska. The vehicle thumped 20 other EVs from different universities and other gasoline engine vehicles. After failing to pass the initial prerequisites the previous year, the team aimed to reduce the car by around 68 kgs (150 lbs) and build an efficient battery pack.

After initially working for the chassis and battery pack structural analysis, Prithivish ventured into suspension optimizing for the vehicle. He gives credit to Adam farabough and Parth Patel for their efforts in starting this venture. The faculty and University were extremely helpful in providing him the right advice at the right time with optimization of analysis and helping with facilities.

Although there were a lot of difficulties in the analysis of smaller details of the car, Prithvish recounts the continual situations which required strong basics in Engineering subjects learnt during his UG. Implementing ideas on a practical level required a lot of such basics.

Finally, his words for every student aspiring for such projects are "You need a lot of dedication and commitment to do something of this magnitude. It am amazing experience if anyone even got a chance to be a part of it. Be consistent towards what you aim for and no matter what the hurdle and difficulties you come across, always face them with a positive attitude".

Thank you Prithvish on behalf of SAE UVCE and all the students from UVCE for making us proud. All the best to our teams preparing for the next rounds in SAEINDIA Baja and GKDC competitions respectively.





GLIMPSE OF CSE & ISE FRESHERS' ORIENTATION





UVCE FAMILY'S NEW MEMBERS!

On August 3rd, 2015 UVCE welcomed yet another batch of enthusiastic students to it's family, by their department faculty and seniors. Here's their words about their experience at UVCE on the first day-

First day at the college!

At last the D-day! It's a strange feeling really. New campus, strange faces and a feeling of awkwardness all around. But UVCE removes that straight away. The sight of dogs sleeping inside (yes! INSIDE) the gate makes you worry about other things entirely and when the crow drops it's waste, missing you just by an inch, you wonder why you choose this college.

But as we (EC Branch) were introduced to the college by four of our seniors brimming with enthusiasm, it was enough to lift our spirits. A few ice breaking sessions followed with enthusiastic participation from all of the students



and of course, "The Prank" by our immediate seniors erupted smiles from everyone. With no teacher showing up, we packed put bags and left for our homes. Wondering at the warmth showered all around.

-Prateek Parashar, 1st Sem ECE



As common as pollution is in Bangalore, so was the criticism about me joining the college. But when I took my 1st step into the college, the two trees standing in front of the UVCE cyber, seemed to bow to welcome me in! I felt great! The environment was soothing. The old college building reminded me the architecture of Tippu palace. The orientation program made me feel at home. Principal's talk, seniors' care, teachers' expertise and all-smart friends made me feel like the boons being bestowed upon me! The day passed with a swoosh. The next day was a no-class day! But I learnt a lot. My immediate seniors stole the show with their care and love for us! My feeling about the college being the best grew stronger with their talks!

In no time a week passed.! Now I've stepped into the second and slightly more functional week of my uvce life- the Unforgettable fortnight of my life.!

-Ganesh Sharma, 1st Sem ISE

From the moment I entered this college, I couldn't help but feel thrilled. I entered it with a mixture of emotions, a little bit of doubt, anxiety and curiosity about what's to come, but nothing had me prepared for what actually transpired!!

We were pranked hardcore (in a good way), and we never saw it coming well at least I never did...all in all the seniors made our first day very memorable! UVCE is definitely more than what meets the eye and I am very proud to be a little part of its rich heritage.

-Varsha Venugopal, 1st Sem ECE

GLIMPSE OF ECE FRESHERS' ORIENTATION





CLASS OF 1960-50th REUNION

In May of 2010 the class of 1960 graduates who studied and worked in North America came together for the 50th Reunion in Chicago. During the breakfast they reintroduced themselves (many of them have changed in 50 years) and exchanged the stories about their families and work. The group moved for lunch to a good Indian Restaurant and the conversations continued over dosa, idli and other tasty Indian food. In the evening all met in the hotel reception room. Each grad filled in the information about their accomplishments and family life. After a sumptuous Indian Curry buffet food the group stayed until very late hours and retired. It was a reunion that we will all remember for ever.



Sitting(L to R): N.Narayana Reddy(M), H.V. Krishna Murthy(C), Swami Atmananda Saraswati(C), M.Narayana Swamy(E), K.Parthsarathy(M), R.J.Srinivasan

Standing(L to R): C.V.Yogananda(C), Anantha Kumar Konanur(M), Krishna Prasad(M), S.Kasturi (M), S.V.Gopalakrishna(M), J.S.Prasad(M), H.N.Jagadeesh(C), V.Bayanna©

We thank Dear AK Kumar sir for not just sending this memorable pic but also reminding us to publish it, as we had missed it in the previous edition. Our apologies for the same.

VISION UVCE TRUST

We are glad to announce that the VisionUVCE Scholarships will be awarded to the deserving candidates 5th consecutive year. We will be opening the registrations shortly. Meanwhile, we request the alumni to continue the support this year too. You can transfer the amount to our Bank account -

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Please spread the word among your friends too. This year, we are planning to have one more initiative as well. If possible, we want to get the college building painted from outside to make sure we send the message that Centenary is approaching very soon. We wish to get the permissions required in parallel with gathering the required amount.

We have couple of ideas, but ,we would like to hear from everyone about their thoughts. So, we shall have the next Social Media interaction based on the topic - "How would you like to #GiveBack to UVCE?"





