

# SAMPADA

*Your Window to UVCE*

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We are happy to announce that the VisionUVCE Website is back with new colors and design. Hope you like it. There are many features and details we are still working on them. We will be updating the website regularly with all the details.



## 8 GB RAM Team



We have uploaded [a video](#) to our YouTube channel. Enjoy this mashup video from 8GBRAM -UVCE Music Band performances in various colleges and events. We wish the team "All The Best" and hope to view more such performances in the future.

## eMpower UVCE Team



Members of eMpower UVCE Team is on its way to Coimbatore in order to participate in GKDC - 2105. Team VisionUVCE wishes them "Good Luck" and hope that they give it their best.

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Well, most of the students, nope actually all of them are rejoicing about finally finishing the never ending concepts, gazillion pages of notes, the heavy textbooks and the nerve wrecking exam papers. But this also reminds the final year students that their final semester has finally arrived, in another few months they would be graduating.

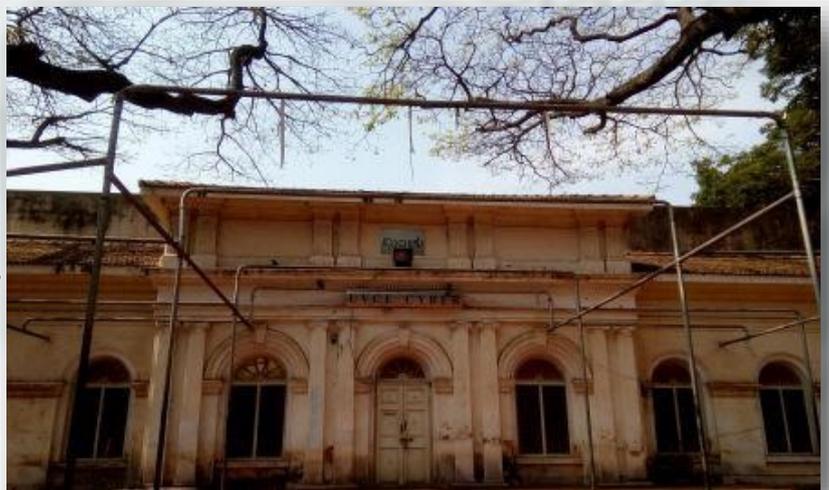
For most of us, it is like we joined just yesterday and here we are already preparing to leave with heavy hearts. As the final semester leaps to begin, we await to make our last memories of UVCE with the fests and all the celebrations to come (and not to forget unending project work!)



UVCE, Then and now! 99 years and still going strong! How much has UVCE changed through these 99 years? From empty K R Circle streets to swarming traffic that does not end, buildings have risen all around UVCE but UVCE in itself has not changed much in both good and bad terms. Dogs to welcome you when you enter the college, a soothing rock garden to spend time with your friends, 100 year old building that makes you feel

at home and a slow moving administration that sometimes gets on your nerves. My treasure at UVCE would be the life lessons I have learnt the hard way, that will surely lead me a long way and the friends we make who stay with you through every up and down. What will stay the same forever is the spirit of UVCEians!

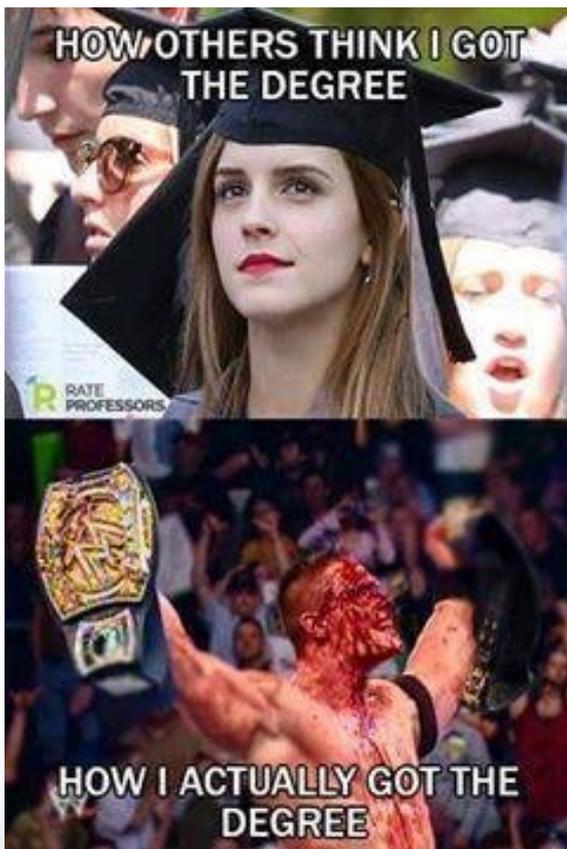
Talking about changes, New Year has arrived. At this time, a common routine through everyone's life is making resolutions that we follow only on January 1st and don't stick to for the rest of the year; receiving brand new diaries that we start off with enthusiasm but desert after 2 pages; only to realize making too much of detailed plans don't work. Let yourself free with the flow of the life and raise to face the obstacles when you encounter them. If you succeed to handle them then it's good but if you fail to, then it's a lesson for the next time. Well I let myself free and UVCE happened and I am happy!



This edition of Sampada, embrace yourselves with heartwarming snippets about the Reunion of 1963-64 batch, present UVCEians opening their thoughts up with fun questions about UVCE, an article to commemorate the demise of our beloved alumni Pratap, details about the newly revamped website of VisionUVCE.

- Chitra Reddy, Team SAMPADA

## HUMOR @ UVCE



## REUNION - OLD MEMORIES.REFURNISHED.

**Date:** 23rd January 2016 **Venue:** Wodeyar Hall, Century Club



The Alumni batch of 1963-1964 had invited Satish from VisionUVCE Team and few of us students as volunteers to witness and help out with the Reunion of 1963- 64 Batch. Having volunteered at many events earlier, we had thought that the atmosphere would be of the same nature. But enter the hall at 9.30 am, the ambiance was completely different. We were treated like we were at home. Even though the Alumni of 63-64 batch were senior to us, they talked to us and greeted us warmly and in a friendly manner. I was volunteering at the registration desk, and it was so nice to meet so many alumni, such great achievers enquiring about us and engaging in jovial conversations. After the formal session, during the lunch, we met more alumni and interacted with them, listening their version of UVCE stories that left us astonished to know that version of UVCE. From how classes used to happen, to how teachers were and many other funny other stories. Even if we troubled them amidst their lunch to ask a few questions, they didn't mind it all. A smile fixated on our faces seeing how they interacted with each other after all these years and left us wondering how would it be at our reunions with us graduating in few months.

We were really glad and thankful to the 63-64 batch Alumni for allowing us to attend the meet and be a part of it along with them. It was truly unforgettable event for us and moreover it reminded us the one thing we love UVCE the most for: its humble and friendly ALUMNI! Their down-to-earth nature without the least trace of boastfulness of their great accomplishments and successes, guiding the new and younger generation with the same spirit.

I am proud to be part of such a fraternity and specially proud to be an UVCEian!

**-Chitra S Reddy, 8th Sem ECE**

## SANCTITY OF THY ALMA MATER

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At the age of 16, with the back ground of Good Education along with the 202 privileged young students of Greater Mysore, I entered the Engineering College 'UCE'. I had the privilege of being interviewed by Prof. B.R.N. then the Principal and Prof. D.B. N. Our was the first PPC Batch of Engineering Degree Course, One year study at Government Arts and Science College with Engineering Drawing at Main UCE Building. We had exposures to very good laboratory of Physics and Chemistry. As the UCE College hostel had limited seats for 120 boarders and I could not get the seat for few months. I and my friend Shankar had to stay in a Lodge on monthly rent near KempeGowda Road. We had no ideas of facilities of hostels like Mariappa Hostel, Sri Ramakrishna Student Home available for students in Bangalore. There was great demand for hostel seat and the Warden Prof D B Narasimhaiah was very strict. Later, curtsey Sri K. MALLAPPA then the Honourable Industries Minister , I got the seat in UCE Hostel and my friend Shankar was accommodated in Central College Hostel.



With the back ground of NCC training in PUC, I continued with Engineers Battallion NCC in UCE for TWO years. I had the privilege of passing 'B' Certificate with merit and stood first in weapon training. We could get best military training from experienced Commissioned officers, JCO's & NCO's of Military Engineering Core. Sri K V Gundurao; Reader of Mechanical Engineering department was our NCC Officer [ Captain] I had the privilege of attending two Annual Camps (Ibbaloor& Jalahalli) and two social service Camps, (at Siddaganga, & Gajanoor) for a fortnight each. This gave me an experience to adopt myself to difficult situations and make a large group of secular friends. Many bright students like Sheshgiri Hebbar, G Puttaiah, Vittaldas Prabhu, Sridhar, L K Raichur, T S Prahlad, N Narayan, M K Janardan, S Ramegowda were with us in N C C.

The Annual NCC Camp during 1959 October at Jalahalli West was Unique with 90 Boys of No 9 ;Engineer NCC Battalion and 900 Girls of "Karnataka Senior Division NCC". Our Battalion had to manage to guard the Campus by RP and Quarter Guard duties. Being the Corporal, once I was 'Quarter Guard Commander' . Last day of our departure, we had entertainment programme common to boys and girls after the grand feast (Badakana). I was on RP Duty on this night. Cadet friends like Shabeer Ahmed, Gorur .V. Krishan, L. K. Raichur, Vittal D. Prabhu, Praksh Patel, and E. V. Bhaskar were busy taking photographs and autographs, enjoyed the best. After first year Exam, during summer vacation I had the privilege to command one platoon of Engineer NCC for the Social Service Camp at Gajanoor with the rank of Sargent. Our task was to supervise the formation of Road. Our training in College and NCC in survey and drawing helped us.

At the adolescent innocent age with the blessing of ancestors and blessings of local Faith, I left our home village and landed up in the then seven lakh populated 'Bendakalooru of Kempe Gowda' called Bangalore. I had the ritual of 'Mangalya Dharana' on 31-08-1958 - college admission day, when I was virtually wedded to 'Thy Alma Mater-UCE Bangalore'. This Government Engineering College was then affiliated to the Heritage Mysore University founded by Sri Nalvadi Krishanraja Wodeyar Bahaddur and Sir M. Visevsaraya; then Diwan of Mysore in the year 1916. I was lucky to be chosen among the best of greater Mysore State for admission in the only Govt. Engineering College of the State and to stay in college hostel. I have great respect and sentiments for this College - my Alma Mater. Best lot of students from J & K and different regions of Karnataka studied for under this great umbrella. I have the privilege of studying, discussing

and associating with few of my classmates and my seniors closely in college, hostel, NCC, Survey camps & education tours and developed a close bondage. These friends have now occupied important Chair of faculty in reputed Technical institutions of IIT, IISc, and other reputed Engineering Colleges of the States and World over and have occupied top key senior management positions in Public / Private undertakings, Corporate sectors and few of them have out shined as venture capitalists and very good entrepreneurs.

We were taught by great renowned teachers like Profs. Santanam, Srinivasa Raghavan, T.Rameshan, Venkatachala Iyengar, B. R. Narayana Iyengar , V.Byrappa and other noble dedicated teachers. During the holistic Technical Education (Engineering Course) we had to perform many rituals of 'SAPTAPADI' like workshop practice, Engineering Drawing, Survey practice, Educational Tours, Project Tours, Laboratory Practice and Class Room study. We cannot forget Mr. Abdulla Sharif who taught us fundamental of Engineering drawings. We maintained good relations with the Teachers and thy Alma mater. We were student pilgrims in our journey in pursuit of knowledge and the sanctity and sacredness was induced by our GURUS, Mentors and Teachers. Those days, there was no career guidance cell or placement officer. The advice by our dear Principal Prof. B. R. N. was the passport for us in life. Project tour to 'S V P' along with our dear Prof. V. Byrappa in final year (1963-64) was an eye opener. We had the privilege of seeing the dynamic and smart HECP Engineers like ER Mohamad Abid and ER V. Srinivasa Mutthy in Dongree assembling the 'Hitachi Stator' winding and 'French Turbine' of number one & two Generator units of AB site Power House of Sharavathi Valley Hydro Electric Project, the pride project of our State. This is feather in the cap for our Alma Mater as the project from start to finish was designed, supervised and successfully commissioned by our alumni who worked day & night in the Project areas of heavy rain fall areas of SAHYADRI from 1957 till 1965.

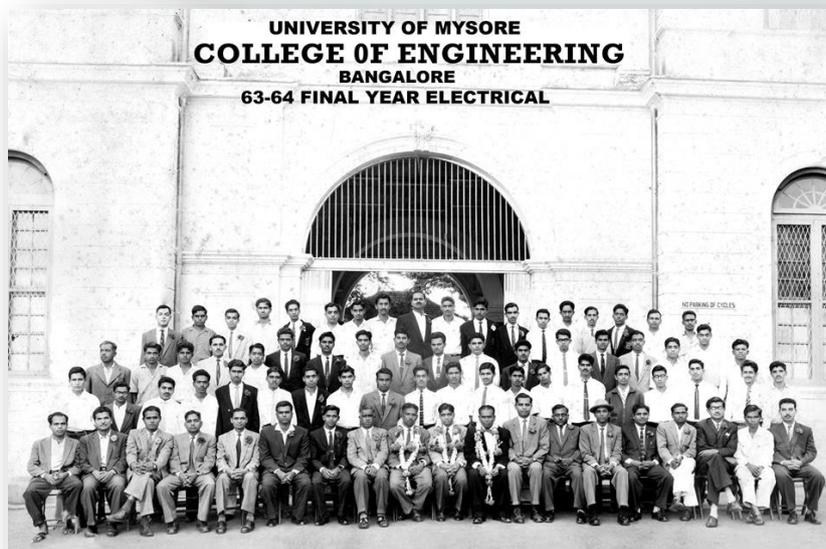
I am proud of my Alma mater. The syllabus prescribed for 5 years of Engineering by the Mysore University was very practical oriented, concentrating on all the 3 branches of Engineering. (Civil, Mechanical & Electrical) and gave us the confidence to work 35 years in Karnataka State Electricity Board and get exposures to many fields of expertise. In this fast moving age and technological developments around us going the information technology way , Our Almamater need to be renovated for keeping in pace and bridging the generation gap and meet the aspirations of younger generation.

Jai Ho - Long live my dear Alma mater.

[ This article is dedicated to my humble parents, elders who blessed me, the founders of the alma mater and my beloved teachers who taught from kindergarten to Engineering Degree]

- RathanBabu K B, 1963-64 EEE

*(This article is borrowed from Suvarna Sammilana Souvenir of 1963-64 Batch)*



## CAMPUS SAYS

Students this edition share their thoughts and give answers to range of fun questions about UVCE.

**Q1.What is your most preferred hangout spot in UVCE?**

Sometimes I wonder why this place beside the lecture complex is called the "Rock Garden" as it neither has so many rocks nor looks like a garden. But now this has become my favourite hangout spot, I am sure that this is one of your favourite spots too. First thing that catches our eye is the way it is designed with the sit outs out on either side and a pathway in between. The big trees with creepers and bushes around invite us with open arms. There is a small water outlet at the base of the tree where we wash our hands and play with the fountain water after enjoying our food. We play with squirrels while feeding them. One can hear the birds chirping and the insects making weird sounds. This is the place where heated debates, friendly talks, birthday celebrations take place. It is also the study place during exam time. Although the tree branches keep falling often, and during the rainy season the place becomes muddy and dingy we still enjoy being there. This is one of the most relaxing spots in the entire campus. This is the place where I have learnt to mingle with people and nature. I have started loving the Rock Garden of UVCE exactly the way it is.



**-Ajeya R Simha, 2nd Sem ECE**

UVCE flaunts a beautiful green campus and it also has a plethora of hang-out spots! Be it the Rock Garden or the red sandstoned Quandrangle, UVCEians love spending time outside the class and the flexible timetables makes it that much easier!



My personal favourite being the UVCE Canteen fondly called by the students as "Thata's Canteen". Benches, cricket, football, gossips, birthday parties, parotas, cool drinks, dodgeball, lunch is what makes the canteen the best rejuvenation spot for most UVCEians! The undulated spot beside the canteen serves as a multipurpose area and provides a bird view of all the happenings around the open air theatre! Having relaxing conversations at the canteen and networking amongst students from various branches under the trees after a hectic schedule makes our day! You can see people hanging out just talking or working on ideas for projects, completing their assignments at the canteen during most time of the day.

The canteen is indeed a beautiful place to hangout and we are all pretty sure that we would be spending most of our time under the shady green trees of 'Thata's canteen' rather than sitting and listening to lectures in physics or electronics for that matter!

**-Kishore Kumar, 2nd Sem CSE**

## Q2. What different is UVCE from other Engineering colleges in UVCE?

Standing tall for almost a hundred years now, UVCE has created a legacy of its own. Staggering amount of leisure time, kith and kin type senior-junior relationship, zero pressure from faculty is what makes us stand out from other colleges. Flexible timetable of ours give us a lot of free time which is most important for us to pursue our interests. Our seniors are more like our guides or mentors, who suggest us on reference books, lend notes and crammers. The syllabus is vast and hence it is necessary for us to refer various books and in the process we end up learning more. The system here makes us self dependent which is one of the hallmarks of UVCE's success. Unlike other colleges, the strength of UVCE is very small therefore each of us get numerous opportunities to showcase our skills and we are to compete with a very small group of people which makes our lives easier. Its unusual, but we've got good relationship with the alumni who help us in our projects and other research activities.



Things that are different are the ones that stand out, thus I believe UVCE stands out among other institutions.

**-Bharath Krishna, 4th Sem ECE**

## Q3. If you had a chance to do Engineering all over again, would do it ?

I have to do Engineering all over again? No ways.  
But in UVCE? Hell Yeah!!



UVCE was my first choice while joining Engineering, and I definitely don't regret it. UVCE doesn't just teach engineering, it teaches life. We get a lot of free time to involve ourselves in whatever we love to do along with studies. It actually feels like being in a college and not a school, unlike most other colleges. Most importantly we aren't spoon fed, instead we learn to learn by ourselves. We simply don't get a degree, we earn it. UVCE isn't called "The Titan of Engineering Colleges" without any reason!!

**-Raghavendra Hegdekatte, 6th Sem CSE**

## Q4. What is your most fond and funny memory of UVCE ?

One incident that is still fresh in my memory is the day we celebrated 100 days in UVCE. I know it sounds childish now! But we were a bunch of over excited kids way too optimistic about our engineering life ahead! We made a class video with all the photos of our fun times. It was a cute event that got us much more closer to our classmates.



**-Diya B S, 8th Sem ECE**

# OBITUARY - PRATAP

It is with a heavy heart that I write this . Our dear friend Pratap is no more. Just cannot believe this statement myself, since as Satyanarayana Kini has mentioned, our association goes back a long way; 1964 to be exact, when I joined, the two of them upon joining St. Joseph's Indian High School, SJIHS, 7 std. in the building opposite Sri Kanteerava Stadium. Of course, there was no stadium then. It was a big Tank, "Sampangi kere" . We used to walk from Shivajinagar Bus Stand those days, as there were no buses in that direction.

It makes us think that we are all mortal, have to go some day. But at 62 ! God has his reasons. Who are we to question why. Studying together in 7th Std. together is no big deal, but that wasn't the beginning of our association. He insisted that we were together in Nursery" Bala Mandira" in Gandhinagar, where both of us lived in 1958, but frankly I can't remember !

All 3 of us, Kini, Pratap and myself moved to SJIHS, in what is now the Junior College at Prof. Asirvatham Circle, till 1968, but again we met for PU IN St. Joseph's College, 1968-69 (used to be 1 year PU those days).

But wonder of wonders, found ourselves in UVCE, all three of us in the same class in Electrical Engineering. It's another story that he joined MSEB(Mysore State Electricity Board), Satyanarayana joined IAF and I joined Mysore Power Corporation Limited after graduation.

We used to keep meeting each other till 1987, when I was posted to Raichur Thermal Power Station, but used to meet whenever I came to Bangalore, on leave.

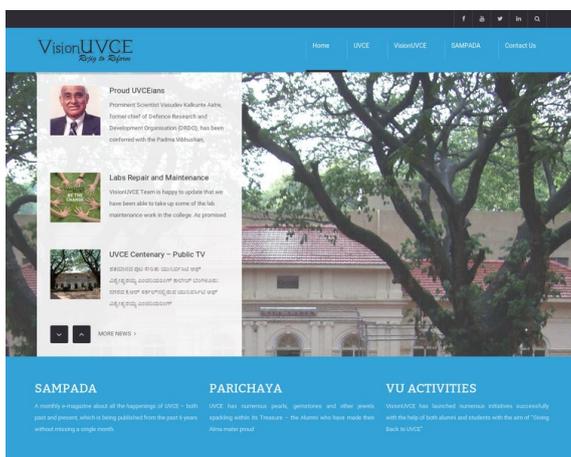
Again in 1997, when I was in charge of the Munirabad Power House, he was the MD, Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company. I was in Bangalore in 2009,for good, when we started meeting regularly. Other friends, in KPTCL, told me, that though strict, he treated everybody with due respect and love, which is not seen nowadays.

The last I saw him was about 6 months ago, happily playing with his grand-daughter. I shall forever miss him. 51 years is by no means a small span of time. May his soul Rest in Peace. I pray God to give his family the strength to bear his irreparable loss.

**M.L.Ashok**  
**Batch of 1975-76**

***Team VisionUVCE prays for the departed soul and hopes that his family can come out of this tragedy. May his soul Rest in Peace***

# VISIONUVCE WEBSITE- REVAMPED



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Meanwhile, if you think of some feature or details that need to be present in our website, please do let us know about it. All your feedback and comments will be noted and considered to be implemented in the near future.

As we approach the Centenary Celebrations, VisionUVCE Team wants to involve more of alumni to interact and setup a platform to discuss about what can

be done to the college during this occasion. We believe that it would be good if some work happens at the ground and those kind of initiatives be given more importance. We are working on some of the ideas and we will keep them in front of you and request for the support soon.