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EDITORIAL

Examination in UVCE is one among most of the things that are unpredictable. Going back to the first week of June, all of us students were waiting to get done with exams and then relax for like a month. But then, unlike last year, our exams began towards the end of June and we had to keep our minds occupied with studies for almost a month which left us only with 12 to 15 days of holidays.

After a short break of two weeks, when I entered the gates of UVCE on the 8th of August, I witnessed all new faces, faces which I had never seen around in UVCE before. Some of them were filled with enthusiasm while most of them were anxious and some disappointed too. Yes! It was the day to welcome the 100th batch of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering. As I strolled around in college, my memories moved back to 7th of August 2014 when I had first stepped into this great institution with more or less the similar kind of feeling with a little more of disappointment added to it because of the infrastructure which is thankfully non-existent now. So as the orientation for the 100th batch was on, I was amazed by the keenness displayed by the students. As we seniors addressed them, varied questions were shot at us which made me realise that a very fun filled enthusiastic and determined bunch of students with high expectations have stepped into the centenary year. Let us hope that this cheerfulness remains consistent up till their day of graduation.



Coming to the centenary year celebration of UVCE, each of us in college have one common question as to how this year will be celebrated. The students in college are all anxious and eager with various anticipations. So we thought that it would be best to ask the students itself as to how they would want the celebration of this glorious year of UVCE to go on. In the 'Campus Says' section of this edition you will find some of the creative minds of UVCE who have put in their thoughts and expectations from the centenary year.



One major aspect that still mesmerizes me very single day is the unique bond that is cherished between the juniors and seniors of the college. It is very pleasing to see all the students be it of any year, mingle around with all the students without any sense of hesitation or discrimination. From making the freshers comfortable with a warm welcome on the first day to bidding an appreciative farewell to the final year students, all packed with content and sentiments is one such thing that will always be treasured within UVCE. And I feel that this is a major aspect which still brings the alumni back to college even though it's been years since they have been graduated. The alumni though working in different firms, make time to visit the college, take part in the activities and discussions organised and interact with the students around, surely does inspire us to keep this trend going and instils in us the desire to give back to the college and serve it, showing our sense of gratitude for having been moulding us each and every day into someone better.

In this edition, we have tried to kick-start the discussion about Centenary Celebration, by showcasing the opinions of students and alumni. Meanwhile, we have also shared the details about Mysore University Centenary Celebration which can guide us. A Trip down the Memory Lane from a Newspaper article about 66 batch students meeting "Indira Gandhi", then Prime Minister of India. We hope you enjoy reading this issue of SAMPADA and encourage us as always!

Shaina R Noronha, 5th sem ISE

A TREASURE CHEST OF MEMORIES

This picture was taken when I was a final-year student of mechanical engineering at UCE (presently, University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering). It was May 1966 and the location was Karnataka Bhavan in Delhi. We, the final-year students of mechanical engineering, were thrilled to have late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Members of Parliament — Basappa of Tumkur and Sarojini Mahishi, in our midst.



It was indeed a proud moment for us to be with Mrs Gandhi. It's worth mentioning that she readily accepted the invitation extended by Basappa to meet us at Karnataka Bhavan and it was a casual meeting free of all protocols. She mingled freely with us all. I can recollect at least one question asked by one of us about her opinion on Karnataka. She replied, "Like all other states, a lot has been done and a lot remains to be done". Can anyone, ever imagine meeting the country's Prime Minister so easily now, especially in the backdrop of strict protocol and VVIP security?

We did not have any dress code then unlike today. Everybody was casually dressed. Many of us were from lower and middle-income families who couldn't even afford a pair of shoes. Some of us were wearing 'Hawai chappals' when meeting Mrs Gandhi. We were around 60 students & had a great time in college.

Soon after college, some of my batchmates went abroad for higher studies, some others obtained doctorate degrees and served in several prestigious universities/institutions. Some have settled in the US after retirement. Many are in their seventies now.

I vividly recall the contributions of some of my classmates. R Srinivas worked with NASA on several important projects. He retired as a chief scientist. He was responsible for training several astronauts for flight on both space shuttle and space station. RN Kumar bagged the first rank from Bangalore University in 1966. He is currently serving as professor of aerospace engineering, University of Arizona, USA. MS Varadarajan was working for GE Aviation in Mumbai. He also helped Indian Airlines and Air India to set up the GE Engine maintenance facility. He retired as GE Aviation Sales Support Director.

AC Bhaskar Naidu served as the principal of BMS College of Engineering before his retirement while MA Alahan obtained his Master's degree with first rank. After a short stint at UVCE as lecturer, he joined the defence sector and was Deputy Director General of Ordnance factories (DDGOF), Kolkata and executive director, Vadodara before retiring.

Another of my batchmate, ST Radhakrishna, served at NIDC in Delhi during which he set up a tool room at Zanzibar as a part of India's aid to that country. He later served with the Government of Karnataka and retired as director-technical cell, Department of Industries and Commerce. B Vivekananda Rao was a brilliant design engineer who worked with BHEL throughout and retired as general manager of Bengaluru unit. He passed away in 2013. He was a thorough gentleman.

As for me, I worked both in the private and public undertaking for over four decades in India and abroad. I currently working with a private steam turbine manufacturer in Bengaluru. I am also the founder trustee of Sri Purandara Dasa Memorial Trust, Kalyaninagara.

Even now, some of us meet regularly at Basavanagudi Club and recall our student days. We can never forget our lecturers, the times we spent together including those at restaurants and cinema halls. We also talk about how we made fun of our classmates and sometimes lecturers too, all in a lighter vein, of course. Those were the days!

- From Deccan Herald, 2015 Nov 12 - S Varadarajan, 1966

ALUMNI SAY

1) Since UVCE has completed 100 years, what changes would you like to see in the college in the upcoming years?

2) What is that one thing that still draws you back to UVCE even though it's been so many years since you have been graduated?

1. I would want to see the structure get its original glory back. The labs should be improved. I would want the Civil & Architecture Department to be brought back to the main campus.

2. Pride of being a student in the top college of Karnataka during the time when only 5 colleges existed in the state & only 2 in Bangalore still draw me to college.

- Commodore BC Jayaprakash, 1966 EEE

1. The heritage & tradition that the college had should be reinstated. I Would love to see some interaction happen between alumni & students in the upcoming years.

2. UVCE was a great place & circle where Sir M Visvesvaraya has left legacy & land marks. It has produced many illustrious people to serve the country. It has given opportunity to all sections of the society based on merit and this still brings me back to the college.

- G Srinivas, 1987 Mechanical

1. Sir MV started UVCE since he did not want future generations of Mysoreans (Kannadigas) struggle to get an Engineering degree like he had to, having to go to another State(Mumbai) . I would want the college to be made Autonomous since this heritage cannot be taken forward unless it is made Autonomous.

2. Everyone cherishes the time spent by him/her in institution where he/she graduated from, Since those are the Golden Years in their life, and also because it is where we have learnt the valuable lessons of life, academics being only a small percentage and therefore I still cherish coming back to UVCE.

- Ashok M L, 1976 batch

1. I would love to see an open library. It should have books from comics to autobiography from religion to Politics .Books of ideologies from Capitalism to Communism. To top it all I would love to have a see students who can discuss on those books - Discussion to arguments. An Open library near Canteen would make a better place to hang out .Adda with musicians of books that's what I would love to be a part of .

2. What draws me to UVCE ..Hope I won't sound exaggerating : Almost everything of namma UVCE. The parking place , placement office , Minchu ,lawn (which is unfortunately invisible now) the kidney Adda in front of LC , the canteen , Ground everything . More than anything else, UVCE gives me a feeling that it has given me 4 years just to grow with itself; it has moulded me to a better person. It has given me friends whom I am going to cherish my entire life and memories it is just continuum. It refreshes (just like Windows System) and creates new memories every time.

-Pramod, 2008 ISE

1) I would want to see the lecture complex without leakage, the gardens (the plants, grass slopes etc) to have proper maintenance without the broken bricks and garbage dumps. Better Canteen with better and cleaner food choices. The best labs for all branches and more practical and activity oriented syllabus changes. A Wi-Fi enabled campus, fully connected and enabled is a necessity. Digitized library, better college website with updated student details, syllabus details, time tables, online result publishing, upcoming events details, achievements, and making it a portal for all students to know publishing and technical opportunities is also another important facility I would want the college to have.

2) The thing that still draws me back is Nostalgia. Under Graduation College days are the best time with wonderful memories in anybody's life. I still consider choosing UVCE as one of my best decisions. The thought that the campus and those same class rooms have resulted in shifting so many students into their dream lives, and uplifted every student through wonderful placements, humbles me. The best part about being a UVCEian is that I have stumbled upon a UVCE alumni or alumni's proud friend or relative in such unexpected places, it feels like being part of a start league.

- Anugeetha, 2008 ISE

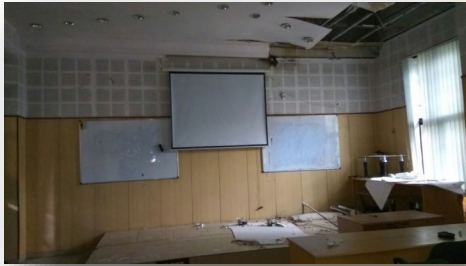
UVCE - WHAT NEXT? - PART 3

How many of you guessed the location that was shown in the image with the previous article? For your reference, here it is again -

Would you believe, if we told you that it is the terrace portion of the "Lecture Complex"? The classrooms in this building have a tough time during the rains. Almost all the classrooms become mini-ponds during this time. The students had to write the exams in the very same rooms, praying that it should not rain during that time, else their answer sheets would become drenched.



Want to see the condition of the compound wall around the college building? OR the parking space in front? Should we talk about the Seminar Hall? OR shall we let the pictures talk...



Many of you have visited the Labs & workshops and know the condition already. And we cannot even talk about the restroom conditions. We do agree that the college is a 100-year old building and that should be the reason for its proper maintenance not the reason when something collapses there. We can list the structures that are in shambles and due to which the senior alumni may feel the sad state the college is in or we may be blamed of demeaning the college. No, it is not.. We are trying to keep the real scenario in front of the readers and nothing more. The plan for Centenary Celebration in the existing condition reminds me of the famous saying - "When the foundation itself is not stable, how good will the building be?"

Now, we know the question will be what is the University doing? What are the actions taken by the Govt? This was the precise reason we are/were trying to gather the info via RTI. We do understand that many felt that it is a futile exercise which would not give any results. To be precise, it is more than 90 days now that we are still trying to gather the data about - Total Fees collected by students in last 3 years and what has been spent on UVCE in these 3 years.

We have been told to collect the data from the college, though the entire transaction happens with "Finance Officer, Bangalore University" which itself was strange. In college, there is no single central place to get the details. We get UG admission details alone in the Office. Everything else needs to be collected in the individual Departments. Few Departments did have the data ready on demand. While in couple of other departments, it has been almost next to impossible task to get this data. There is no proper data or structure. We have been behind the authorities and the HODs from past few months. If we have bothered them, we apologise whole-heartedly. We had to sit through many weeks, to get into a proper format.

At this moment, we have received the below data formatted:

*** Total fees collected (by both UG & PG students) over the period of 2012-15 : Rs.23 crores**

*** Total expenditure from BU on UVCE (as per the Budget Book) in the same duration : Rs.3 crores**

Please note: 1. The expenditure does not include the salaries of the staff. This is as per the request made in our RTI. We are informed that there is exclusive Govt Funds allocated only to pay salaries.

2. The expenditure mentioned approximately 90 Lakhs being spent on "Introduction of New Course in Electronics Engineering" which no one has heard about.

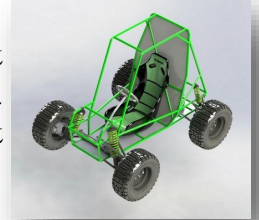
3. We are not sure about the Electricity / Telephone / Internet expenses, since they were not mentioned explicitly in the budget. However, it includes running expenses of labs, lab equipment, vehicle maintenance, Office Purchases & Expenses etc.

We will be uploading the documents on our website shortly once we have the complete data. The numbers may not be exact, but needs to be considered as an approximate because of the nature of the details collected. Hope we all agree about it.

We always like to end on a positive note. That will give us the inspiration to move forward, right?

Well, the placements of 2016-17 batch has started on a high note! Dell R&D, Avaya , Nutanix have already visited the campus and selected the students. JP Morgan had a competition and 2 of the Final Year students have bagged “Job Offers” which offer a very good package.

One other good news is SAE UVCE Team has been qualified for SAE Baja 2017 & they will be building an All-Terrain vehicle. They have secured 50th rank out of 400. We, from VisionUVCE Team, are glad to have supported their previous attempts & assure to continue to do so going forward. Do well, Team!!



CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS MEETING SUMMARY

Summary of the Online Discussion (which happened on 30th July) was:

- The one hour discussion was divided into 6 topics - Ideas, Initiatives, Official Approach, Batch Coordinators, Media Publicity, Way Ahead. The whole crux of the discussion was to invite ideas, thoughts about how to go ahead for #UVCECentenary without waiting further. Movers & Shakers are needed at this hour, since there is not much buzz created.
- Students got actively involved in the discussion. Rovin D'souza, Suhas C, Harish T brought up some concerns regarding the facilities available, which needs to be raised during the Centenary Celebrations. One suggestion from Iltifath was to bring students & faculty together on a single platform.
- One of the major thoughts was to make the Celebrations more meaningful, so that it is not restricted to a day or two but such that it helps UVCE to continue the heritage for more years to come
- Dwarakanath from 66 batch mentioned about placing a hoarding about "Centenary Celebrations" asap in the college premises. Also, a proposal about collecting the data about the college and its journey from past 100 years.
- Rathanbabu from 64 batch spoke about involving the Govt officials to get support at the Govt level.
- We, from Visionuvce, have already shared the draft idea with all and look forward for more people to take initiative/support the initiatives, hence opened up "Batch Coordinators" platform for everyone to be part of it. Chitra rightly said "This is something really important. Because we can put out a lot of ideas but in the end implementing them effectively depends on good team and its we UVCEians who have to step forward to take up this responsibility, Waiting that they'll be another to do, let me sit back, shouldn't cross everyone's mind cause then nothing will be possible to happen!"
- Points about funds, approaching bureaucrats were also raised. Ghanashyam suggested that it would be better to chalk out the immediate plans and meet on regular basis which would help in long term plan.

The meeting that happened in college on Aug 6th had very poor attendance. Few of us who gathered, met the Principal and received the facts from him. He had sent a Centenary Celebration Proposal (with a request of 100 crore to be sanctioned) long back to the Bangalore University, but has not got any response. There is also some confusion about status of UVCE with the Bangalore University trifurcation happening now. With these updates, we thought of the following action-plan:

- Next meeting to be conducted on September 17th , for which we will invite all the stake holders - HODs of all the Departments, Faculty & student representatives along with alumni.
- Before that, we will have more discussion & chalk some action plan which will help in organizing the event in more meaningful way.

MYSORE UNIVERSITY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

We need to take cue or two from Mysore University which celebrated its Centenary Year 2015-16. There were lot of things planned & organized. The details of the Valedictory function (which was conducted on 22nd July) was covered by “The Hindu” Newspaper (dated 18th July) as below:

The valedictory of the centenary celebrations of the University of Mysore will be held on July 22. Vice-President M. Hamid Ansari will be the chief guest and deliver the valedictory address at the amphitheatre in the sprawling Manasagangotri campus at 5 p.m. on July 22.

President Pranab Mukherjee had inaugurated the centenary celebrations almost a year ago on July 27. The valedictory has been scheduled on July 22 as it on this day a century ago (in 1916) that Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the then Maharaja of Mysore, gave his assent for the formation of the university. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the flagship programme of the centenary fete — The 103rd Indian Science Congress — in the Manasagangotri campus in January.



Vice-Chancellor K.S. Rangappa told presspersons here on Monday that Governor Vajubhai Vala will preside over the valedictory. The former Prime Minister, H.D. Deve Gowda, and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will be the special guests of honour. Mysuru District in-charge Minister H.C. Mahadevappa, Minister for Higher Education Basavaraj Rayaraddi and UGC chairman Ved Prakash will be the guests of honour.

Meanwhile, the university has instituted three centenary awards — innovation in technology, social sciences and science— in the name of three Bharat Ratnas – Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and C.N.R. Rao.

The “Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Centenary Award for Innovation in Technology” will be conferred on ISRO chairman A.S. Kiran Kumar.

The former Governor of West Bengal, Gopalakrishna Gandhi, will receive the “Bharat Ratna Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centenary Award for Social Sciences.”

The “Bharat Ratna C.N.R. Rao Centenary Award for Science” will be conferred on Prof. H. Sharath Chandra, honorary director, Centre for Human Genetics. Each award carries a purse of Rs. 5 lakh, a citation and a gold medal.

Mr. Rangappa said the centenary awards will be presented once in three years. A committee had been constituted to select the awardees. But the fellowships to encourage meritorious students will be given each year, he added.

Mr. Ansari will also inaugurate two new buildings— The School of Planning and Architecture located near the banyan tree in the campus and Maulya Bhavan (evaluation bhavan) on Bogadi Road near Fine Arts College. The School of Planning and Architecture is a 70,000 sq. ft. structure and has been described by many as an architecture marvel. Maulya Bhavan is a 1,00,000 sq. ft. building and has massive conical-shaped pillars matching the pillars of Crawford Hall.

Mr. Rangappa said half a dozen books in Kannada and English will be released on the occasion and the books on Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sir. M. Visvesvaraya are the important ones. “Mysuru Vishwavidyanilaya — Nooraralli Savira Sambrama” authored by journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will also be released on the occasion.

The university has invited the family members of the former President, S. Radhakrishnan; the first V-C of the varsity H.V. Nanjundaiah and builder of the iconic Crawford Hall C. Perumal Chetty.

Members of the public can attend the valedictory event by collecting passes from the Centenary Office on first-come, first-served basis. Entry is restricted to pass holders. Registrar (Evaluation) Rajanna, centenary fete organising secretary Rajashekar and consultant Niranjan Nikam were present.

Honour for Sir M. Visvesvaraya

A bust of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, who was instrumental in the founding of University of Mysore, will also be unveiled during the valedictory of the centenary fete here on July 22. The bust will be installed inside Crawford Hall.

Reading this newspaper article, we feel proud of this kind of grand celebrations taking place. Since UVCE was part of Mysore University until 1964, we have a long relationship (tradition & history) to consider. We can check the websites -

- <http://centenary.uni-mysore.ac.in/>
- <http://www.umaa.in/>

We have heard the senior alumni taking pride in being part of the Celebration. We also understand the efforts required behind organizing such a huge event. We hope that we will do the same to our alma-mater as well.

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE - GROUP PHOTO

We are thankful to Commodore Jayaprakash sir for sharing this treasure - his batch group photo - with us. It makes us feel proud of the history, tradition, culture we are all part of, as alumni of UVCE. We request more people to share their group photos, so that it can be clubbed together to make a Souvenir document



CAMPUS SAYS



I would want all the old lecturers to be felicitated. The top 100 alumni occupying top positions across the world should be introduced to the students. The top 10 oldest living alumni should be honoured. The infrastructure should be upgraded /improved by the time we celebrate. It would be best if the Prime Minister & the President would be invited to grace the occasion thereby giving it a nationwide prominence. Database of all the prominent alumni should be available to all the existing and future students. An active website, social circle and discussion forum should be created to share all the memorable events. The celebration should last for at least one month where alumni should come and interact with present students through presentations and discussions. Advertisements on social media should be done to create awareness about the centenary celebrations well in advance.

-Ajeya Simha, 3rd Sem ECE

A little bit of enthusiasm, A little bit of involvement,
A little bit of lights all over, Imagine how it would all be great.
Bright coloured buildings, that would shine from a distance,
With people walking past it saying-" This is UVCE- The Titan of Existence".
Events of celebration we're gearing up for,
It is the Centenary year After all !
Lights! Camera! Action! Well, now is the time,
& how proud I am to be a part of this UVCE clime!



Avantika Misra.,Third Sem, EEE

100 YEARS OF GLORY AT ITS GRAVE!



Having the motto "For quality and excellence", the college started in the year 1917 is reaching its hundredth year with the remarkable name UNIVERSITY VISVESVARAYA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING. It is the fifth engineering college to be established in our country. The college is approved by AICTE and the government of Karnataka and receives financial aid under the TEQIP program from the World Bank. As everyone knows, UVCE is in its hundredth year and so are all the classrooms, laboratories, equipment. Everything's old doesn't mean nothing's work. The placements of the college are at its best. Since years together UVCE is recording 100% placements. The average salary is a notch above other engineering colleges. The alumni of UVCE, from every corner of the world are expecting some improvement in the infrastructure as a part of centenary celebrations. The future seems bright, as it gets fame and some improvement. There will be more chances of arriving companies and admission of students.

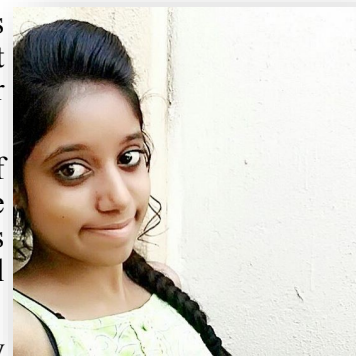
Infrastructure needs an urgent makeover, it will be a great glory to our college and heritage of the college moves on successfully. The most common expectations under Infrastructure are proper classrooms, canteen and hostels. If we try to collect fund by ourselves to start student banks to approach alumni at good positions we can do something! Otherwise UVCEians start walking to streets one day for proper facilities. It's for sure.

Shruthi G, Third Sem, CSE

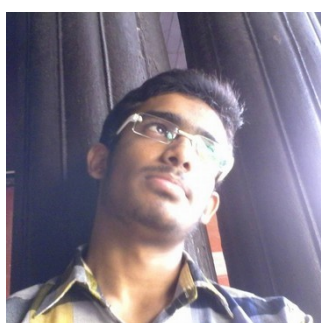
The main hall can be decorated with displays of how our college was then and has changed . Display can be done in an artistic way to make it look more fashioned. A week of events can be started with an open day for past pupils , teachers and parents.

There can be a birthday assembly with a brilliant cake in the shape of our college. It would be very nice if we can invite chief guests to address the students , several other VIPs or fundraising business icons . Each class which is century old can be made to look more elegant with murals and wall hangings !

A centenary newsletter or periodicals can be published by literary club and can be sold . Each student of the college who are a part of centenary should be given with a kind of a memento with our college logo as a memory of 100th year celebration as it's a proud factor for every UVCEin.



Shreya, Third Sem, ISE



Yes UVCE is celebrating its 100th year in the row, instead of just an event why not make it a memorable festival year. A few things I can think for the fest is that creating a promo from the notable alumni from college, sharing their experience and life in UVCE, their excitement for the fest and publishing over social media. Second in the line is, instead of one day fest why not have 3 fests apart from usual fest in the complete year for 1 day each , which are 4 months apart hosted by two departments mutually. Events such as run mara-thon, photo exhibition of college heritage, cricket matches for alumni and for the present students in between the year would be awesome.

- Varun Patel, 3rd Sem, ECE

As a part of centenary celebrations, we students have to try and contribute something to our college. May it be cleaning the premises of college or improving our laboratory conditions. Apart from that cultural and technical competitions for inter and intra colleges should be conducted. Sports meet should be conducted too. Useful workshops for young engineers would be beneficial. Talks from esteemed dignitaries should be arranged. Opportunities should be provided for every individual to voice their thoughts in the form of various speech and debates regarding the improvement they expect to see in their college. In addition to all these, entertainment programmes should be arranged. It would even be nice to have a street play conveying a message of public awareness . Totally the Centenary celebrations should be both educative and entertaining.



-Tejaswini, 3rd sem EEE

We, from VisionUVCE Team, are trying to be a platform for the “UVCE Centenary” discussion to happen. We want everyone - all alumni, students, faculty- to come on board & express their views. We truly believe that institution like our alma-mater, UVCE, deserves a grand celebration, because it's no small achievement. Since no one was talking about it or raising this as an issue, we are trying to get some momentum, and nothing more. We are more than happy if everyone joins the cause, and comes together to make the 100th year Celebration a memorable and meaningful one. We invite all your thoughts/suggestions, which we will feature going forward in SAMPADA. We appeal to all the stake holders to join hands for this cause

- Team VisionUVCE