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# EDITORIAL

Welcome Aboard!

Yes Yes! And it's that time of the year again when UVCEian family extends the room to share space with its newest members, the Freshers! We have the college bustling with excitement as our freshers find their way to classes and labs, while the UVCEian seniors are extending a helping hand to make them feel at home rather than doing any ragging.

UVCE has now seen a 100 batches of students, every year it extends the hand with a huge smile to help one onboard while it bids farewell to one of its own with a heavy heart!

The whole phase of entering a college life and leaving it, for us is like a wave hitting the sea shore and returning. When we enter the college we are as clueless as a wave about which shore we'll reach, if we'll hit the rocks or nothing, the rises and the falls, and once we reach we survive somehow, enrich ourselves and as the current pulls us back, this time we are no more clueless having learnt the way of life to go with the flow!

With talks about namma UVCE family, one thing surely hit your head. Asking me what it is? Well, 2017 is almost here and that means the countdown to UVCE Centenary Celebrations is almost here! All though we toiled for four years mugging pages of notes, praying God for proper results in labs and much more to get an engineering degree, let's agree that the most proud moment for any UVCEian would be that "WE" are part of such a historic institution and made memories that last a lifetime with it! So what better way to show this pride than being a part of the celebrations and make it happen in a manner that the batches for the next 100 years will talk about! All this are only possible when we all join hands and come forward rather than sitting back and relaxing till someone steps forward to take the initiative. And to make sure a platform is built for everyone to come together Team VisionUVCE is toiling in all means to make it happen. With many alumni showing interest, the pre planning is under process but more of us have to come forward to strength the celebrations!



To set the fire and spirit strong about centenary celebrations, we have reminiscences from the golden jubilee celebrations for our readers. This edition, we have our alumni sharing their views in our interview with him, catch up on our Whats next UVCE series and hear our freshers talk as they get candid and share their experiences in the first month of UVCE in Campus Says.

They say education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world for the better! And any hurdles in this process of educating the minds should be cleared. With this motto to help our students learn without worrying about any financial barriers, like every year VU Scholarship Program has begun and we hope to help as many students as possible. Any contribution from your side is immeasurable and will be a helping hand for someone. More

excerpts and details inside!

-TEAM SAMPADA

# VISIONUVCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2016



Team VisionUVCE is happy that we are able to continue the “VisionUVCE Scholarships” initiative for the sixth consecutive year, which is aimed at supporting the students in need and also to motivate them to reach higher and press themselves to achieve their dreams. For our alumni supporters, we thank you for the constant support and encouragement. Its only because you backed us, we were able to continue this wonderful initiative from past 5 years. It is not the point of just financial support, but also the kind of moral support you have shown by writing to us or interacting with the students during interviews.

We are confident that you will show the same kind of support this year as well. We request you to spread the word to other UVCE alumni whom you know about this initiative and get them on board too. We can get in touch with you if you need to know more details. Please do let us know by writing a mail to [samvaada@visionuvce.in](mailto:samvaada@visionuvce.in).

For students, to apply for VisionUVCE Scholarships, click here – <http://www.visionuvce.in/visionuvce-scholarship-application/>. Last date for application is 20th September. Please provide all the details which are in the application form diligently and truthfully.

If you are interested to contribute to “VisionUVCE Trust”, the details of the Bank Account is here - <http://www.visionuvce.in/visionuvce>. If you want to give a “Special Scholarship” on your own (individual or batch), do let us know, we can share the details of deserving candidates.

## CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform that one of our senior alumni G Purushotham, (1957-61 El) class mate of S Ramegowda, V. K Atre and others passed away on 8th September at Bangalore. He was a faculty member in MCE Hassan, BIT Bangalore and Principal SDM Engineering college, Dharwar.

Purushotham G was one good quality teaching fraternity who was responsible in establishing Electrical labs in MCE, and BIT and a good administrator as the Principal SDM Engineering College.

Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. Team VisionUVCE is deeply saddened by loss of our dear Alumni. We offer our condolences to the family and friends of G Purushotham, may he live forever in your hearts!

## UVCEIAN IN MEDIA

Although Udupi's climate is not the most conducive for the cultivation of lemons, a 39-year-old engineer-turned farmer, who took to growing lemons out of curiosity five years ago, has managed to reap a handsome profit from growing the citrus fruit.

Sudeesh Shetty, a BE graduate from the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bengaluru, has worked with software giants such as Infosys and Wipro, but finds the agrarian life more interesting.

"I have been working in the fields for the past five years. Initially, I worked at the farm part-time but I now dedicate most of my time to agriculture. My parents were into small scale agriculture. I have grown lemons on two acres of land. Each plant yielded 50 lemons in the first year, but the quantity increased to 350-400 lemons by the third year. I love the lifestyle here and intend to continue it," he said.

Explaining how he came to undertake cultivation of lemons, Sudeesh said, "My parents - Sham Shetty and Vasanthi - did not try growing paddy since getting labourers was difficult. Lemon is one the best cash crops and it generates revenue every week, which makes managing money easy. The season lasts for three months, from May till July. Vegetables and dairy products give crop continuously while coconut, arecanut and rubber do not."



The profit generated by each plant rises to Rs 3000 to Rs 5000, per week during season months, against Rs 500 per, in the other months. "Lemons are in demand across seasons. While the price increases to Rs 3 in the summer, it is Rs 1 during others," he added.

Of the 22 acres of land that we have, oil palm is being grown on nine, four acres each for coconut and arecanut, while lemon is being cultivated on two acres, he said, "Lemon plant contracts very few diseases and needs only unskilled labour. Family members undertake harvest and other work. The plants too have a stress period, like summer after which, they start flowering. In Udupi, the climate of from March to October. Yield will be six months late because November is a stress month. If the yield is proper, we can make a profit of Rs 1-1.5 lakh and the income is continuous," Sudeesh added.

The quality is sustained genetically. Many people visit the farm and I suggest buying plants from reliable nurseries. Specialised nurseries will give you the best plants, along with technical advice, Sudeesh pointed out.

- Source: Times Of India

(Check [here](#) for the original article)

## GROUP PHOTOS



We are gathering group photos of all the batches which can be a great collection to showcase during the Centenary Celebrations. We request everyone to share their batch photos with us. You can send it to [sampada@visionuvce.in](mailto:sampada@visionuvce.in)

# STRIKING A CHORD OF CELEBRATIONS!

100! That's just not Sachin's signature batting score but the age of our very own UVCE! Yes! With 2017 UVCE completes a 100 years of successfully nurturing the greatest engineering minds in the country. As the season of Centenary Celebrations has caught upon UVCE and the wheels have started rolling for its planning, here is an excerpt from the Golden Jubilee Celebrations Souvenir to pump our spirits high! UVCE's Golden Jubilee Celebrations that happened in the year 1967 which was a true spectacle to the eye and a memory to be never forgotten says the excerpt! So why wait more? Read on!

It is a pleasure to contemplate that our College, the University College of Engineering, Bangalore, has completed its 50 years and that we will be presently celebrating its Golden Jubilee. This souvenir is intended to mark the happy occasion. We have endeavored to present in these pages some idea of its history over the years.

As in the case of all good schemes that Mysore state had the privilege to possess or enjoy, the University and the associated Engineering College owe their origin to that farsighted statesman ruler, Sri Sri Krishnaraja Wadeyar, and his able Dewan, Sir M. Visvesvaraya, both of revered memory. At that time, it was the first Engineering College to be established in any native State and the first in the whole of India.

From small beginnings in 1917, it has grown steadily over the years into its present stature. There has been no looking back at any time and its has always held quite a respectable place among the technical colleges in the country.

The College owes its progress to the bold and enlightened policy of the successive administrations; and to the ability and devoted efforts of its successive Principals. The Professors and other staff have also ungrudgingly given of their best to the College. To all of them our grateful thanks are due.

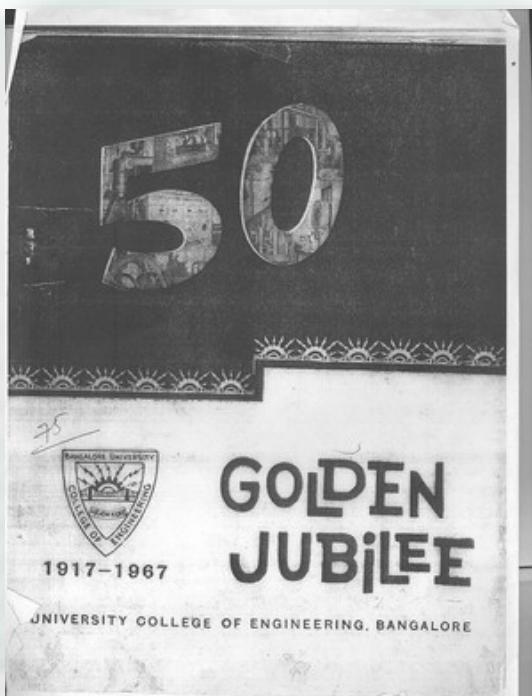
Since its inception the Engineers coming out of its portals have acquitted themselves creditably in the professions. Many have held senior responsible positions in several undertakings, projects, Government departments & educational institutions all over the country. They have brought name and fame not only to themselves but also to the College which ushered them into the profession. To all of them our best wishes.

To get up the saga of an institution of this kind and to chronicle even the main events which have gone into the making of half a century of its history is a big task. Indeed, the present editors have at times felt whether it could not have been placed on worthier shoulders. However, we have attempted to present the same in as acceptable a form as possible. There are shortcomings, no doubt, but our kind readers will pardon us.

Even the little we could do we owe largely to the encouragement, guidance and co-operation of many friends. It is a pleasant duty to record our grateful thanks to all of them. To those personages, who have been kind enough to honour us with their messages, we are deeply beholden.

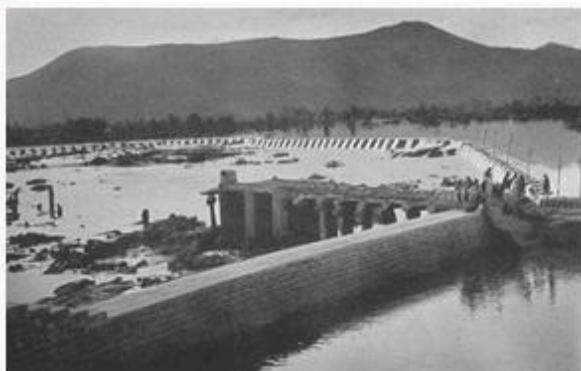
We thank Principal B. P. Gopal Krishna and Heads of other Departments of the College for help received in various ways; the several authors and advertisers who have kindly responded to our request, the College Office staff; and the members of the Souvenir Committee for their suggestions.

We express our gratitude to the Director of Printing and Stationery for executing the work so nicely and at short notice. Our special thanks are due to Sri B. N. Ramamurthy, the Senior Deputy Director of the Press, who being himself an alumnus of this College, has taken personal interest throughout in bringing out this journal.



## BACKDROP

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 the 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 and 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 K. Seshadri Iyer put up the Hydro-electric station at Sivasamudram against opposition to meet the needs of the mills at Bangalore and Gold Mining companies at Kolar Gold Fields for cheap power he established the Electrical Department. This was the first of its kind in the whole of India. To meet the requirements for higher posts, graduates were selected and sent out to USA and other countries on Damodaradas scholarships. Later when a committee to establish a research Institute with the munificence of the Tatas were on the look out for a suitable site, Sir Seshadri Iyer offered liberal grants of land and money as he also realized that for the development of Industries research was necessary. To this Indian Institute of Science graduates were sent for qualifying themselves in Electrical Engineering.

When Sir M. Visvesvaraya, who succeeded late Capt. Dawes-who met his end under tragic circumstances –as Chief Engineer, was appointed as Dewan, with his characteristic zeal he submitted proposals for the rapid development of irrigation and power resources of the State and for starting of Industries and enlarging of the communication systems. The single railway line between Mysore and Bangalore was earlier forced to be handed over to the Southern Mahratta Railway for purposes of running, by late Lord Curzon. Due to change of political climate however, the same was handed back to the Mysore Government about 50 years back. 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 & power project. This is the first multipurpose project in India & perhaps in the world. With the construction of KRS Works, the power generation at Sivasamudram was augmented as it was no longer a ‘run of the river’ system but one with a large storage to back it.

## THE BEGINNINGS

The Mechanical Engineering School was started in 1913. The required buildings were put up between the Cenotaph Road and the Post office Road. This is the beginning of the present main building of the College facing the Sri Krishnarajendra Circle. Only the frontage and a short length of the wings on either side were constructed.

The Central portion now housing the library was also put up at that time. Some structures and sheds were put up to house the shops, smithy, carpentry and so on.

When the College was started all these came in handy and served as a nucleus around which one could build to secure the necessary accommodation. It was also convenient in a way, since at that time the Engineering school and the College had to work in co-operation the shops and equipment of one being used by the other.

On the western side of the Post Office Road, at its junction with Seshadri Road in the same K. R. Circle, the then Electrical Department had put up some buildings, car barn as in those days the Department had planned to run a tram way service in the City. It is of historic interest to note that the necessary equipment had actually been ordered and even shipped from the U. S. A. The famous German raider Emden torpedoed the ship, It was the period of the first World War. The equipment and the ship and along with them the plan to have tramway in Bangalore all went to the bottom of the sea forever.

Anyway these buildings were acquired for the use of college.

From these small beginnings the present complex of buildings on either side of the Post Office Road has grown up.

There is now a proposal to have a separate University campus. A description of the new campus site is also included herein. In due course the College will find its new habitation amidst sylvan, verdant surroundings far removed from the hustle and bustle of the City.



#### **MAIN COMMITTEE OF GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

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There were sub-committees for Finance, Reception and Assembly, Seminar, Souvenir, Sports, Exhibition, Refreshment, Co-ordination - the details of each Committee members listed in detail in the Souvenir.

## CAMPUS SAYS

My experience in UVCE? Huh, where do I begin?



Let's start by saying that I wasn't into engineering a few months back, like most of the people in our class so I didn't know what to expect. Although, I did have a family alumni tell me not to make a fuss about the infrastructure, but honestly? It isn't THAT bad. It's actually pretty awesome, just needs a bit of care. The library is definitely going to be a second home to me. The days are mostly eventful. The seniors are encouraging and friendly. But, the only thing that disappointed me was the frequency of classes. When we DO have them, they're great! Lecturers give us examples to make it simple, we try to understand but we get this satisfaction, like, okay so coming to college today was productive. But, most of the times, we come in the morning assuming we have classes but waste a few hours waiting, think of going home early but Lo Behold now we have classes. So other than that, the experience has been AWESOME!

- Chaitanya , 1st sem ECE

I joined UVCE because of the remarkable placement history and its excellent teaching faculty. Honestly, I wasn't really looking forward to join this college because the infrastructure isn't that great. Our principal Dr. Venugopal sir told us that we had accidentally joined the best college. Maybe he was right. It's been a month since I joined this college and I feel really comfortable. We get to have a lot of free time, which is good as we can spend the time wisely joining sig's we are interested in and gain more knowledge. Thanks to our seniors for organising bhaag UVCE bhaag. Through this event I got to know a lot of people and places in our college. I have had a great time in UVCE till now and hopefully, there a lot of events coming up to spice up our college life.



- Mahith, 1st sem CSE



I consider that my time in UVCE for a month made my most beautiful experience. My experience in college has given me a chance to sharpen my skills in my own field of choice. There have been, and there will continue to be many opportunities to learn. There are lots of reasons to come to this conclusion that every college has its own strengths and weaknesses. So is UVCE!! The seniors here are very friendly and supportive. Moreover our college faculties are simply adorable. They answer all our queries. I feel I'm on the right peak of the mountain. Proud to be UVCEian.

- Janani, 1st sem EEE

As we all know that, UVCE is one of the oldest colleges in India and is well known for its excellent placements. But as we come towards the infrastructure, it is not satisfactory as compared to other colleges. UVCE provides a great platform for overall personality development of an individual. UVCE has technical bodies like NCode, Vidyuth etc under IEEE UVCE, where all students are given opportunities to showcase their skills. Many activities like workshops, seminars, lectures, Industrial field trips etc. are conducted throughout the year. We can get exposure to different fields such as academics, management, leadership and so on. Overall I think that it is the best college which I have chosen and I will make the best of it.



- Netra S H, 1st sem ISE



My experience in UVCE is great. It was beyond expectations. After seeing the infrastructure, I was disappointed. As I got to know seniors and faculty members, I was bit relieved that it's the same as other colleges. Thanks to the seniors for being so friendly with us. College freedom is the one which I must appreciate. Now I am proud to be an UVCEian!

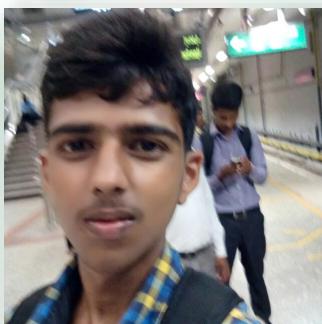
-M K Mrinalini, 1st sem CSE

My 1st month in UVCE..

"Just go for it, its indeed a window for creativity...!!" my cousin insisted. But yes! There were indeed a lot many private colleges which had the best infrastructure. It's been a month and I am sure my Cousin had ample solid reasons to insist the college now I admire as mine.

The infinite enthusiasm of seniors here, to urge us, the new freshers to take part in a lot more activities along with academics is the most lucky part, which most of us won't find in other institutions. They made us realize that the college had a lot more to offer us and to be admired along with the best placement offers for which it is recognised as popular and probably the only sole reason many are here. There are variety of clubs available, various fests and vast opportunities to explore ourselves. I strongly believe, this month was a lot more exciting than the thoughts I had & definitely I enjoy every bit of being a part of this vast community.

- A Nisarga Ashok, 1st sem EEE



Being part of UVCE, at first the heritage building & reputation of the college made me proud to be a part of it. In UVCE I haven't felt any shortage of time. We get lot of time for us which provides us a great time for creativity. On the other hand, the cons are that the connectivity between the departments is poor. Library doesn't have sufficient amount of new and required books. The college administration is not upto the expected level. The college has a mix of faculty from excellent to average. But above all the most attractive thing is the seniors' cooperation with us, they lead & guide us, I forgot the word ragging here.

- Rohith, 1st sem Mechanical

Unlike many others , for me UVCE was as I expected it to be , perhaps even better . Before joining I had asked a lot of people about UVCE , I was expecting something even worse than what I have experienced. I think the most beautiful thing about our college is the priceless atmosphere and environment we have , it feels blissful. After attending few events organised by seniors I feel this college has a lot to offer and I cant wait to win my first goodie :P

- Yash Kothari, 1st sem CSE



## **UVCE: A Hidden Heaven**

Like most of the others, on the first day of the college I was disappointed. I least expected that I would join UVCE. All I heard about this college till that day was that about its bad infrastructure, 'government' college, no proper facilities etc.

But little did I know that by mistake I have joined one of the best and fun colleges in the state. Within a week I realised that this college has ample of opportunity to grow. I realised that why UVCE has such a good placements because this college helps us to develop ourselves. With friendly seniors, huge opportunity, lots of free time to utilize, I came to know that this college is actually a heaven. I believe that if we have interest and have some will, this college is one of the best college to achieve great heights. The history of this college proves that as well. So a new hope is rising in me and I am proud to be a UVCEian.



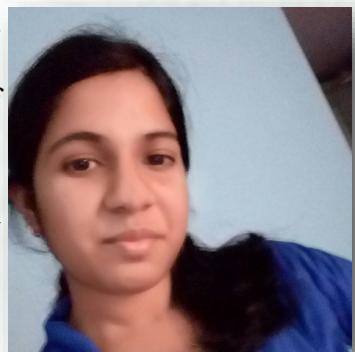
**-Venkatesh Belavadi R, 1st sem CSE**



Our college fulfills the requirements of students very well, it may not have blooming buildings but UVCE provides the right environment for students to be nurtured and study well. It has been an awesome experience to be in such a heritage building. The only thing that let me down was the old apparatus in the labs, which don't give accurate values. Other than this the new journey has been great so far!

**-Bharath, 1st sem Civil**

It's been a month since I became a part of UVCE, but it just passed like a week. I stepped into this college with a nasty feeling looking at the corroded building, dust and pigeon droppings. However the college is free of litters.



There are many greeneries and one can enjoy fresh cool air which is refreshing. Our beloved seniors welcomed us cheerfully and I'm impressed by the support provided by them. The event Bhaag UVCE organised by seniors was helpful in knowing better about the college. The most fantabulous is the college timings and freedom which we possess which in turn develops one's self dependency. I was a bit worried as the classes were not regular in the first two weeks. I hope this institute would provide me what I deserve. Now I'm in a mental position to proudly reply to those who underestimate the value of UVCE as "Anything essential is invisible to the eyes".

**- Anupriya C, 1st sem CSE**

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**More Updates in the coming days !!**

## APPEAL FROM PLACEMENT OFFICE

UVCE for years has been playing a vital role in nurturing the minds of students to become capable engineers. Our students have also been performing to excellence in all spheres of academics and extra-curricular activities. Placements play a huge role in the lives of these students to enrich their theoretical engineering experiencing with practical work and following their engineering passion. Many companies have already visited the campus since the start of Campus Recruitments for the Batch of 2017 for recruiting students. Many more companies are scheduled to visit the campus in the coming months.

Placement Office UVCE, Batch of 2017 through this platform of SAMPADA, would like to request the UVCE alumni, who are in good positions at different companies to visit the college for campus recruitments, provide the students an opportunity and test their abilities. The students of UVCE shall be greatly benefitted if the Alumni come forward and recruit them for internships in their companies. If you need any further details, clarifications or support from our end, reach out to us at campusuvce@gmail.com and we will get back to you at the earliest.

**Placement Office  
(2017 Batch)**

*We from VisionUVCE have always believed that the alumni are the best “Brand Ambassadors” in the respective companies. If you can check with your HR contact person for the campus recruitment and pass the details to the Placement Office, they can take it forward the discussion. If you are in the decision making position, we request you to urge them to visit the campus and give the students a chance to showcase their skills.*



**IEEE UVCE was presented with Region 10 Exemplary Student Branch award by the IEEE MGA (Member and Geographic Activities), on 25th August, during the Region 10 SYWL congress held in Hotel Lalit Ashok, Bangalore. Proud Moment for UVCE!**

## MEET & GREET OUR ALUMNI

**Team Sampada had the privilege to meet yet another great UVCEian. Abhaya Kumar Sir, Batch of 1954, Electrical served as an Air Vice Marshall.** His enthusiasm at this age is so motivating to all youngsters like us. Team Sampada had a great time getting candid with him and talking so many different things and listening to his incredible views. We thank him for taking his precious time and sending us this interview via email. Here are the excerpts from our interview with Abhaya Kumar Sir:

### TS : Can you please recollect your college days during 54?

**AK:** As we began our four year course of study in the year 1950, our batch consisted of about 105 students in the First year of Engineering and comprised of students opting for all the three branches of Engineering: Civil, Electrical and Mechanical. The studies in the First Year were common to all branches. The Second year saw some separation of students of the Civil Engineering Branch from those of the other two branches who continued to have many subjects in common. Third year saw pretty clear separation from the Civil Branch while the Electrical and Mechanical continued to have some common subjects. Fourth year witnessed clear cut separation of all three branches with the Electrical Branch having the smallest class strength. We were about 42 or so. However, we all maintained some common touch with each other. Educational Tours were specifically planned for each branch separately both in the Third Year and the Final Year. They were of great interest since we visited big projects spread all over South India and North India respectively.



Our first Principal was Prof. J.P. Das, followed by Prof. C.G. Gopalakrishna (Civil) and Prof. K. Chennabasavaiah (Elect). We used to have some classes in Maths, Physics and Chemistry for which we sometimes needed to go to Central College. The campus was always active and enjoyed a very friendly environment. Other well remembered names are: Prof DB Narasimhaiah (Civil), Prof BP Gopalakrishna (Mech) Prof WJ Paul Raj (Elect), Prof BK Ramaiah (Civil), Prof KRS Gowda (Civil), Prof V. Byrappa (Elect), Prof YV Aswathanarayana Rao (Elect) Prof DH Reddy (Elect) .All of us owe a lot to the above teachers who did a good job of teaching various subjects.

A number of students of our batch joined the then Karnataka Electricity Board and some of them rose to the highest positions like the Chairman, KEB. In fact, I too had the privilege of working in the KEB as a Junior Engineer for a few months before joining the IAF on 08 Aug 1955. I worked in the Frequency Conversion Section of the KEB with its office in KR Circle and later in the Electrical Division of the Vidhana Soudha Construction. I cherish good memories of those days. A few others of our batch joined the Indian Telephone Industries and rose to occupy important positions.

### TS : If you compare the college facilities now and then, how would you describe the differences?

**AK:** Since, over a decade, I have not had any opportunity to go around all the departments at length, it is not possible for me to make any meaningful comments on this aspect. I am sure that the various facilities in all the branches must have definitely been improved considerably as compared to our times when computers were totally unheard of.

### TS : How important an event "UVCE Centenary Celebrations" is?

**AK:** Well, it is a historical event and its importance does not need to be emphasised. Being the very first Engineering College in the state, it merits to be proudly remembered by every one of us-its old students. The number of old students as on date must be in lakhs and the same needs to be proudly announced on the special occasion.

### TS : How would you want the Centenary Celebrations to be celebrated in a meaningful way?

**AK:** The celebrations of such an important event needs adequate planning, preparation, publicity etc, starting from the very beginning of the centenary year. We must ensure that as many of the old students as possible, get to know of it and can therefore make a sincere effort to join the celebrations to the extent possible. It is a great opportunity to get in touch with some of our long lost, old-time classmates/ friends and to exchange notes of all the happenings till date. It is also an occasion to get to know the students of the recent batches and to establish a new friendship. We can ill afford to forget the college that made us what we are today.

The events can be spread over a period of about two to four weeks with an inaugural meeting on the first day and a closing ceremony on the last day which can be held in a big auditorium outside the college premises, especially if the expected attendance far exceeds the capacity of the quadrangle space in the college premises itself. It is most important that the heritage building of the College is given an appropriate face-lift befitting the occasion. A tour of the present college, with all its facilities would be a most welcome feature for all the old students and this could be spread over the last TEN DAYS to facilitate all old students to go round in their own time and without crowding up. Sufficient number of volunteers may be enlisted to help the process during those days.

#### **TS : Overall how would you say UVCE has been contributing to society in the past 100 years?**

**AK:** Obviously, the contribution of the UVCE is immense. It is a well known fact that the earliest of the old students were associated with some of the major projects covering irrigation and power sectors besides many other projects all over India. Hence, it is but natural to expect, that the students of the later generation having spread all over the world would have made their names in their own fields of specialty. Hence, by now, the name and fame of our UVCE would be enjoying worldwide reputation. May the glory of the UVCE continue to grow far and wide and even spread to the outer worlds in due time to come.



A group pic with Abhaya Kumar sir & other alumni who had visited college last year during the event - VisionUVCE SAMMILANA'15

## **FROM THE HISTORY PAGES**

### **College of Engineering and Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar, social and educational reformer of British India**



Mysore University, founded in 2016, celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar, Maharaja of the Mysore state, was the first Chancellor of the University. His reign from 1894- 1940 saw various social and educational transformations in the Mysore state.

Educational Institutions started during Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar's reign include the Indian Institute of Science (1909), University of Agricultural Sciences (30 acres of land were given to set up an agricultural research station in 1899 in Hebbal which later became the Agricultural University), Maharani's Science College for Women (1917), Yuvaraja College (1916), Mysore Medical College(1924).

He was also the founding Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University which was started in 1916 and during the convocation speech for the first batch of graduates in 1919 said of the University: "The institution should be Indian first and Hindu afterwards."

The College of Engineering started in 1917 during the reign of one of the greatest educational and social reformers of British India, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year in 2017. This is our college which came under Bangalore University in 1964 and was renamed as University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering.

By coming together to celebrate the Mega Reunion in 2010 we have managed to make some difference to the students including delivering hundreds of scholarships. Let us come together again to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an aim to achieve better and bigger to bring back the glory of the historic college and continue the social and educational reformation of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar.

- Sridhar Gowda, 1987 Mechanical

## WHAT NEXT UVCE? - PART 4

In the past 3 editions of this series of articles, we have listed many issues seen in college. My guess is this has always kept bothering many people. But, what action has been done in this regard? I am not asking this question in an arrogant manner, but just out of curiosity. Let us take each stakeholder of the college as a different case.

Faculty members - apart from few of the lecturers, not many feel UVCE as a “Sacred Workplace”. The reason for saying so is - “Do we keep our workplace in such a shabby manner?”. If we consider the time-period, the faculty spend more time in college than in their homes on an average. So, should not UVCE be maintained well than houses itself. Even if we consider that these things are out of their power, how about the knowledge/education imparted to students? If we check the current syllabus, its at least a decade behind than the current technological advances. So, as the 100th year is drawing closer, shouldn't these questions be discussed & answered among themselves?

Ok, lets talk about the other major stake-holders, students!! Why are they major stake holders - because they spend most of their time in college, irrespective of whether classes are conducted or not. Being part of such a heritage college is a proud feeling & an opportunity to learn on your own with all the freedom offered (as expressed by every batch of students) should motivate them further. But, why is it not? Why are the students satisfied by very small goals? Why do they not aim at higher laurels? I have seen that people are happy with - A degree with 70% aggregate, a job offer in a MNC company at the end of 4 years. If, I, from VisionUVCE Team, talk about making small changes at the grass-root level, from the students themselves, I see that pointing fingers, giving reasons, escaping the responsibilities are the only responses. It is a pity. Do we do the same kind of behavior at our homes? That's not my responsibility, this task should have been done by mother, why is father not taking care of that etc? Don't we come together & join hands to get the task done at the end?



If this article seems like pointing fingers, sorry.. It is not the intention. Let me talk about alumni too( including myself). How bothered are we about college? Is it just the time when we cross K.R.Circle and see the compound that has fallen? Do we think about the condition of the parking lot only when we want to park our vehicle there and walk to Avenue Road with our friends? We complain about the system, faculty, students etc for the current condition of the college. But, lets be frank, what have we done? Did we even bother about building a strong alumni network? Did we think about “Giving Back” to the college which has made us what we are today? Let me introspect myself through this article - I have been going to college on weekends from past 7 years regularly. But, when someone asks me what have you done in all these days, I have very little to share. Am I also not searching some reasons to give to cover up what I have not been able to do?

One more example to show how we all are collectively failing in our duties- ”UVCE Centenary Celebrations”.. We all are expecting that someone else (WHO??, we don't know) has taken the responsibility of organizing the event and we will just be the attending it. If there is a registration fee for it, let us pay that amount when the announcement is made. We have made the assumption, that's it. But, are we taking that one extra step to know if there is actually anything happening? How can I contribute in a small way and be part of it in a different way?

I always tell the juniors that UVCE is like a mini-India (in many ways). We all want to boast about it's heritage, glory and tradition. We want to brand ourselves with its tag. But, we are least bothered about how it functions. We do not want to take any responsibility. Even on the election day, we do not vote. We just want to point fingers and make someone else responsible for all the problems. Even if someone does some small effort of bringing a change, we find issues in it (example, Swachh Bahrath as an initiative is wonderful and will be only possible when all of us come together and work towards it). Think about this write-up, introspect yourself and let us know if you have different opinion by writing @ [sampada@visionuvce.in](mailto:sampada@visionuvce.in).