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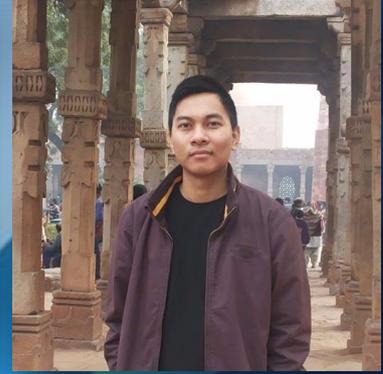
Two of our UVCE alumni have cleared this year's UPSC Civil Services Examinations (that is the update we have so far)

Ajay Bidari (2009 ISE) - 768 Rank

Dulnangha Reang (2013 ECE) - 988

Rank

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF THEM
ON THE ACHIEVEMENT !!**



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EDITORIAL

It's June! And Sampada is at your inbox ready to provide your insights and news about UVCE! Every Month Sampada is designed to pave an effective bridge between our Alma Mater and the Alumni. Hence it becomes necessary to start this editorial with something that requires critical priority!

Yes! The buzz word from the past 10 months has been "CENTENARY" or "CELEBRATIONS" every time we talk about UVCE! Well Yes again! We have been cognizant of the fact of namma UVCE turning a 100 and how this Institution has shaped us into engineers and produced many achievers that have made the nation proud! Yes again! We have had many join us in those momentous celebrations and have said "We must do this. We must do that!" and joyous did we become every single time we heard of that, but unfortunately in most of the cases it has just stayed words and the dismaying fact remains that amidst all this "Celebration Talks" we have stayed unaware of the silent cries namma current UVCE has made. Being torn apart between administration and university decisions and with minimal help on external, the college stands in dilapidated situations as the roofs still leak, the benches remain broken, the lab equipments unusable and many other woes. Apart from this are the occasional cries of being pushed in the tug of war of the decision to be moved to JB Campus between students, administration and University or Government. What state has our majestic UVCE reached? There have been witnesses of some alumni trying to do their best in helping the students in this situation and run around to resolve this issues but their efforts have become frail due to insufficient support. We have been trying to our best and writing about this ever single editorial but nonetheless we aren't receiving any support!

LET UVCE SUCCUMB TO THESE WOES AND SIT BACK? NO! NEVER! UVCE has given us a lot and its is definitely our duty to stand up for it now when it is required. Its time we all take this seriously and step as ONE Empowered TEAM of Alumni and question the officials, work to make UVCE better. This will aide the future generations to join UVCE and what much better way to acknowledge UVCE's Centennial Mark than STAND to bring a revelation for a BETTER UVCE!

OUR plead is that don't let this go as a 10 Minute Read, but instead please make this as a priority. Team VisionUVCE is ever ready to render support completely! Help us in the mission to resolve UVCE issues and instil back its majestic glory! In view of this there is an meeting being held on 9th June 2017 to discuss and share views about UVCE. It is a humble request to all of you to attend this discussion.

With that this edition of Sampada also brings to you the news of namma UVCEians making us Proud again with their performance in the UPSC Exams. Congratulations!

- SAMPADA Editorial Team



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING

UVCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

INVITES YOU

on
Second Saturday
@ 11 AM



at
Alumni Association
Hall, K R Circle



TO DISCUSS ABOUT UVCE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

We are glad to inform you that UVCE Alumni Association is organizing a meeting this Saturday, 10th June 2017 to discuss about "Centenary Celebrations". We will be publishing the official letter by tomorrow over Social Media. Meanwhile, the Agenda is as follows:

- Discussion about Centenary Committee and its little action so far
- Centenary Event - from alumni fraternity
- Making UVCE autonomous - course of action

On behalf of Team VisionUVCE, we will be actively involved in it and hope to see many of you join the meeting as well to share your thoughts and take initiatives.

Requesting everyone to share this with their batchmates and other alumni and join the meeting. We always say we do not have a platform to share our opinion or a stage to voice our thoughts.. Guess this a golden opportunity !! Make it count... The more people turn up, we will be able to get more views and support. It is our duty as alumni to stand up and come together when needed. Please spread the word to other alumni whom you know.

ALL ARE INVITED !

MILAGRO 2017

First phase of Milagro was held from 8th to 13th of May, a week dedicated entirely to sports where games like football, chess, volleyball, lagori were organised as a part of Milagro events. This grabbed the attention of several sports enthusiasts and people participated in large numbers. Milagro 2k17 was a two day long event that took place on 19th and 20th of May filled with ecstasy, zeal, passion and bonding. There were around 30 competitions each unique in its own way. This year's Milagro marked the beginning of "Chetana" The Kannada Sangha of UVCE. "Voice of Milagro 2k17", was filled with enthusiasm where crowd joined their voice along with participants making that afternoon a musical noon. On the first day of inauguration we had with us the best actor award winner in the 62nd National Film Awards, Mr. Sanchaari Vijay. He entertained the gathering by enacting a small scene of his award-winning movie "Nanu Avanalla Avalu". 'Sangeetha Sanje' that happened after that, was a Kannada medley singing performance by Chethana members. The first day of Milagro came to an end after the energetic dance performances of participants.

On day two a number of competitions were held throughout the day. Battle of Bands the star event of day two entertained our crowd with their music. "Tatva", the drama club presented a funny short skit with a moral that received a standing applaud by audience. Movie crew of 'Days of Bhoraapura' were present who promote this promising movie and entertained uvceians. The rain that was drizzling lightly started pouring down heavily all through the DJ. Drenched in rain spirits of students flared high, fun and sportsmanship prevailed.

On a whole Milagro 2k17 was huge, fulfilled event and all the more special as UVCE Royal and majestic maiden, is celebrating her centenary year..

- Tejaswini Beliraya K, 4th sem EEE

ಮಿಲಾಗ್ರೋ ಎಂಬ ಮಹಾಪರ್ವ - ೨

ನನ್ನ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಕಂತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಮಿಲಾಗ್ರೋ UVCEಯ ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಕೂಡಿ ಆಚರಿಸುವ ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯ ಹಬ್ಬ. ಈ ಹಬ್ಬದ ಸುಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಟುಂಬಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊಸ ಸದ್ಯಸರಂತೆ ನಾವು ಸೇರಿದೆವು, ಕಲೆ ಇಂದ ಇಡೀಯ ಹಬ್ಬಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿದೆವು.

ತಿಂಗಳ ಮೊದಲೇ ಪೂರ್ವ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆಯನ್ನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಿದ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು ಅಂದಿನಿಂದಲೇ ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಶುರುಹಚ್ಚಿಕೊಂಡರು, ದಿನಗಳು ಕಳೆದವು ಹೊಸ ಗೆಳೆಯರು ಪರಿಚಿತರಾದರು. ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಿಂಗರಿಸುವ ಹೊಣೆ ಹೊತ್ತ ನಾವು ಸುಂದರ ಬರಹಗೊಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಥಗರ್ಭಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಬರೆದು ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲ ಜೋತುಹಾಕಿದೆವು, ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದ ಪ್ರಶಂಸೆ ಅಪಾರ.

ವಿನೂತನ ಹೆಸರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕಂಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತ ನಮ್ಮ ಹುರುಪುಭರಿತ ಹಾಗೂ ಚೈತನ್ಯಧಾರಿಣಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಕರ್ಷಿಸಿತು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ, ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಅಥವಾ ಪತ್ರಕರ್ತ ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ತುಮಕೂರು, ಹೊಸೂರು, ಕೋಲಾರ ಹೀಗೆ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಿಂದ ಆಗಮಿಸಿದ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾಳುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡದ್ದೇ ತಿಚ್ಚು. ಈ ತಿಚ್ಚು ಹಚ್ಚಿದ ಹುಚ್ಚು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದವರಿಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತು. ಗತ್ತು ಗಮ್ಮತಿನಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ಈ ಹಬ್ಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಧುರ ಸಂಗೀತದ ಸುಧೆಯನ್ನು ಹರಿಸಿತು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಘ.

ಎಂದೂ ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ಅಪೂರ್ವ ಗೀತೆಯನ್ನು ಸುಮಾರು ಅರ್ಧ ಘಂಟೆಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಹಾಡಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷಕರನ್ನು ರಂಜಿಸಿದರು. ಸ್ವಯಂ ಪ್ರೇರಿತರಾಗಿ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನು ರಂಜಿಸಿದರು. ಎಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿದರು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದವರು ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಿದ್ದರು.

ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರು ನಾವು,

ಹಿಟ್ಟಿನ ಗುಟ್ಟನ್ನು ಅರಿತವರು, ಜಗತ್ ಜಟ್ಟಿಗಳು.

ಹಂಪೆಯ ಬೀದಿ ಬೀದಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಜ್ರ ವೈಡೂರ್ಯ ಮಾರಿದವರು.

ಶ್ರೀಘಂದಧ ಪರಿಮಳವನ್ನು ಜಗತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪಸರಿಸಿದವರು.

ರನ್ನ ಜನ್ನ ಪಂಪರಿಂದಾಡಿ ಹೊಗಳಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ಬೀಡು,

ಭವ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಬೇರೂರಿದ ಬಾಹುಬಲಿ, ಕೊಮಲವಾಗಿ ಹರಿಯುವ ಕಾವೇರಿ.

ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಾಗ ಕಳೆಗಟ್ಟಿತು ಜನಸಾಗರ ಅಂದು UVCEಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಸಡಗರಿಸಿ ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿಸಿದೆವು ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಕೂಡಿ. ಮರೆಯಬೇಡಿ, ಮರುಗಬೇಡಿ ಜೊತೆಗೂಡಿ ಮೈ ನವಿರೇಳುವಂತೆ ಕೂಗಿ ನಾನು ಓರ್ವ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗನೆಂದು ಗಟ್ಟಿಯಾಗಿ ಘರ್ಜಿಸಿ.

ನಿಮ್ಮ ಸಲಹೆ-ಸೂಚನೆ, ವಿಷಯ ವಿಡಂಬನೆಗಳನ್ನು uvcekannadasangha.chetana@gmail.com ಮೂಲಕ ನಮಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿ.

ಚಾಣಾಕ್ಯ

ಚೇತನ - ಯು.ವಿ.ಸಿ.ಇ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘ



UVCE IN MEDIA - 1

ON THE RAZER'S EDGE

Conservation architects believe it may not be a good idea to demolish the UVCE's mechanical engineering department building as the stone structure is about 80 years old and adds character to the institution

Back when the city's engineers were predominantly civil or mechanical, the best ones came from the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering. Bagging civil or mechanical seats in UVCE was all an aspirant sought for. If you are an alumnus, here is a disappointing piece of news – the structure housing mechanical department of UVCE, which is also one of the oldest buildings in K R Circle, will see its end soon. It will make way for a new, fancy building for which government has sanctioned Rs 25 crore. This remodelling project also includes renovation of the main portion which turned 100 this year. The maroon colour building which has not seen renovation/repair since ages will see a facelift with a fresh coat of Pompeian red paint.

Over a year ago, the college administration had sent a proposal to the government for the overall development of its building, requesting funds.

Following that, Rs 25 crore fund was allocated in this year's budget. K R Venugopal, UVCE principal, said, "We have to preserve the main building. Hence, we are renovating it. The building has become weak and the roof is leaking. The building will be repainted and it will look like High Court, Central College and Mayo Hall. The mechanical engineering department block will be demolished and the blueprint of the new one is ready."

The very idea of the demolition of the mechanical block is hard to swallow for many. The stone building, that must have completed at least 80 years, is adored by many conservationists. One of them is city's leading conservation architects, Sathya Prakash Varanashi. "The stone building has a character that narrates the history of the institution. Hence, it should not be razed. The stone building is designed to take the load and it can be remodelled instead of getting demolished," he said.

Talking about the importance of building in the area, he said, "K R Circle should ideally be declared as a heritage precinct as it houses several heritage buildings including UVCE. It may be recalled that just a few buildings away from UVCE, the government press which was also a heritage structure was brought down to build Vikas Soudha.

UVCE also falls under the Palace-to-Palace Corridor or Swarna Maarga which was conceptualised by architect Naresh Narasimhan of Venkataramanan Associates and has 40 heritage buildings on one stretch. The corridor begins from Bangalore City Institute to Makkala Koota, Tipu's Palace, Victoria Hospital, Bangalore Fort, Avenue Road, Rice Memorial Church, Mysore Bank Circle, Palace road, UVCE, Maharani College and the likes, and ends at Bangalore Palace.

- Bangalore Mirror, May 23rd

OBITUARY



We deeply grieve the sad demise of Prof. M K L N Shastry, Former Principal (1989 - 1992) of UVCE on 6th May 2017. He was the President of Mythic Society, Bengaluru. He was 85. An alumnus of IISc., Dr. Shastry had also served as professor at IIT-Kharagpur.

We deeply mourn the sad demise of our beloved Former Principal Dr. K Lingaiah on 22nd May 2017. He was the Principal of UVCE during 1977 - 1980 and 1981 - 89. He was the author of a well known and popular Hand Book Titled "Machine Design Hand Book" published by McGraw Hill, Michigan, USA. May his soul rest in peace.

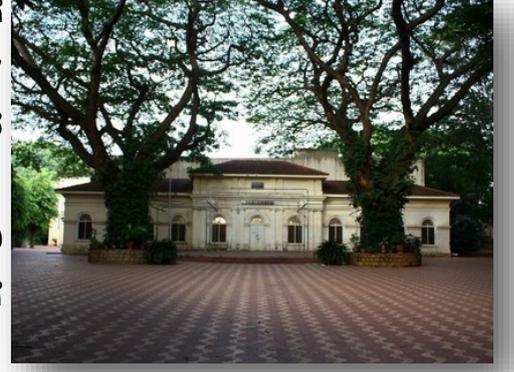


COMING SOON



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೧೯೧೭ ರಿಂದ ೧೯೬೪ ರ ವರೆಗೆ ನಮ್ಮಯ ಈ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ " ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಿತ - ಈಗ ತಾನೇ ಶತ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ ವ ಸಾಧಿಸಿ ದ "ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವ ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ " ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿತ್ತು. ನಾಲ್ವಡಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜ ವಡೆಯರ್ ಅವರಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾದ ವಿಶ್ವ ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಶತ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ ಚಾರಿತ್ರಿಕ ಸಾಧನೆ ತಾ/ ೫-೧೨-೧೯೬೪ ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಾಫೋರ್ಡ್ ಹಾಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ೪೪ನೇ ಪದವಿ ಪ್ರದಾನ ಸಮಾರಂಭ ವು ಕೊನೆಯ ಕೊಂಡಿ ಯಾಯಿತು ಮೈಸೂರುನೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮಯ ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ .



ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಯಿತು ಹೊಸತಾದ "ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ" ದೊಡನೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬೃಹತ್ ನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ/ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ, ಕಲೆ, ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ, ಆಡಳಿತ, ಕಾನೂನು ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಸುಮಾರು ೪೦೦ ಉನ್ನತ ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ(ಕಾಲೇಜು) ಗಳೊಡನೆ , ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಈ ಪ್ರಥಮ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಪೀಠವೂ (ಯು ವಿ ಸಿ ಇ) ಸೇರಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತು . ೧೯೬೫-೨೦೧೬ ನೇ ಅವಧಿಯ ಈ ವಿನೂತನ ಸಂಭಂದ "ಶತ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ" ದ ಹೊಸ ರೂಪ ಪಡೆದು ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಉತ್ತಂಗ ಶಿಖರಕ್ಕೆ ಏರಲಿ ಎಂದು ಹಾರೈಸುವೆವು.

ನಮ್ಮಯ ಈ ೧೦೦ ವರುಷದ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ "ಯು ವಿ ಸಿ ಇ" ಭಾರತ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ದ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಸಂಪತ್ತು . ಬೆನಾರಸ್ ಹಾಗು ಪುಣೆ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಗಳ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಧ್ರುವ ನಕ್ಷತ್ರದಂತೆ ಹೊಳೆಯುತ್ತ ಸರಿಸಾಟಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೊಸತನದ ಅನ್ವೇಷಣೆಗೆ. ಹಳೆ ಬೇರು ಹೊಸ ಚಿಗುರು ಕೂಡಿ ಶತ ಸಾಧನೆಯ ನೆನಪಿನ ರತ್ನಗಂಬಳಿ ಹಾಸಲಿದೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಯ ಮಾದರಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಪತ್ತಿಗೆ.

It is time for the Central Government (H R D Ministry) to kindly initiate action to get the approval of Parliament and include our Heritage Engineering College in the list of Technological Institutions of NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

ಹಳೆ ಬೇರು ಹೊಸ ಚಿಗುರು ಕೂಡಿ ಶತ ಸಾಧನೆಯ ನೆನಪಿನ ರತ್ನಗಂಬಳಿ ಹಾಸಲಿದೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಯ ಮಾದರಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಪತ್ತಿಗೆ.

ಜನ ಮೆಚ್ಚಿದ ಜಗವ ಮೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿದ ಯುವ ಚಿತ್ರ ನಟ ರಮೇಶ್ ಅರವಿಂದ್, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ವಿಜೇತ ಹೆಚ್ ಜಿ ದತ್ತಾತ್ರೇಯ, ಶತಾವಧಾನಿ ಗಣೇಶ್, ಬಾಲಕೃಷ್ಣ ಗುರೂಜಿ, ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಆಶ್ರಮ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಹರ್ಷಾನಂದ್ ಮಹಾರಾಜ್, ಪದ್ಮ ವಿಭೂಷಣ ರೊಡ್ಡಂ ನರಸಿಂಹ , ವಾಸುದೇವ ಅತ್ರೇ, ಎಂ ಆರ್ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸನ್, ಬಿ ಆರ್ ನಾರಾಯಣ ಅಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ , ವಿ ಬೈರಪ್ಪ, ಎ ಐ ಟಿ ಇ ಸಿ [All India Technical Education Council] .ನ ಭೂತ ಪೂರ್ವ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್ ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ , ಎಂ ಆರ್ ನಟರಾಜನ್ , IEEE(ಐ ಇ ಇ.ಇ) ನ ಸದಸ್ಯ ರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಡಾ ಬಿ ವಿ ದಾಸರತಿ , ಎಸ್ ಎಸ್ ಅಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್, ಗೋವಿಂದ್ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣ್, ಗೋವಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ .. ಇನ್ನೂ ಅನೇಕ ಪ್ರತಿಭಾವಂತ ರನು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡಿದ ಯೂನಿವರ್ಸಿಟಿ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ (U V C E) ಗೆ ನೂರನೇ ವರುಷ. ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರೀ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್.

ಇಂದಿನ ಸಮಾಜ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯಿಂದ ಎತ್ತಿ ಹಿಡಿದು ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿಸ ಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ . ಇದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸೊತ್ತು.

- ರತನ್ ಬಾಬು ಕೆ ಆರ್, ೧೯೬೩ ಬ್ಯಾಚ್

UVCE IN MEDIA - 2

State's first engineering campus cries for help

Take a stroll along the premises here. A leaking roof, partly damaged walls and broken window panes welcome you. This is the condition of Karnataka's first engineering campus. The department of mechanical engineering, University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), has been in a dilapidated condition for over a decade now. Come monsoon and students can use only one part of their classrooms and labs. In other parts, dripping roofs create puddles of water.

The carpentry section of the department is a structure with just three walls. The fourth one has given way. As a stop gap arrangement, the staff of the college have erected asbestos sheets and other planks. A part of the labs is also used to dump old furniture and debris of what has worn off the structure.

"This is an ancient structure that has not been maintained well. Even though sheets have been kept ready to redo the roof, there is nobody to do the work," a staffer at the college said. After every rain, puddles of water accumulate on electric devices in these labs, posing threat to lives of both students and staffers. "We cannot even operate PSG Lathe (a device) without cleaning it. There is a high risk of short circuit as water enters the devices through," the lab attendant said. The college structure is at least a century old and cries for attention. With the state government sanctioning `25 crore in this year's budget, there is a proposal to demolish the structure and construct a multi-storeyed building instead.

Constructed as the 'The Mechanical Engineering School' of this college, it began functioning as early as 1917. Dr K R Venugopal, principal, UVCE, said they will soon demolish the existing structure and construct a multi-storeyed building with advanced state-of-the-art infrastructure. According to college sources, the plan for the new building is ready, a copy of which is with Express. It now needs to be approved by the Department of Higher Education.

"At present, students are studying in structures which were once used as horse stables. They will be able to reach leaps and bounds if better infrastructure is provided," Dr Venugopal added.

ABOUT UVCE

Initially named government engineering college by Sir M Visvesvaraya, it was affiliated to the University of Mysore.

This is the first engineering college in Karnataka and the fifth in the country. UVCE later became one of the constituent colleges of Bangalore University.

PROBLEMS GALORE

- ◆ Leaking roof
- ◆ Damaged walls
- ◆ Broken window panes
- ◆ No wall in carpentry section
- ◆ Old furniture dumped in lab



'It should be renovated, not demolished'

The college is best known for its association with Sir M Visvesvaraya. Alumni and architects say the building can be renovated instead of being demolished. Satyaprakash Varanasi, architect and college alumni, criticized the plan to demolish the heritage structure.

“It is a landmark building. There is lack of proper rules to protect these structures. When the college can get it renovated by spending just D25 lakh, what is the need to invest D25 crore for a new structure?” he asked.

“Bengaluru has only a hundred such buildings left. Our focus must be on protecting these, not demolishing them,” Varanasi said.

Meera Iyer, co-convenor, INTACH, an NGO that conserves heritage structures, said, “Though it is not classified as a heritage structure, the fact that it is century old makes it important.”



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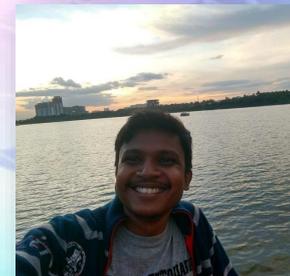
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