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UVCE SPEAKS

A century is a long time and I have seen it all, growing and changing over the years, spirited through all the seasons standing tall with my head high. This year I turn 100 but being surrounded by newer young and bright minds, it seems I grow younger with every year.

I have served as a shelter for thousands of students who have graduated from here and they all have made me proud with their contributions to the world. Some of them are working at various capacities serving the society. And all these great men and woman across various parts of the globe have carried with them the tag of an UVCian with high esteem and in turn make the younger generations look up to them.

Students graduating from here have spread across diverse lands with some of them opting to serve in the army, other graduates in science and research have opted to teach newer students, few joined administrative service and of late, many are joining MNCs. Each one of them have been unique in their own way upholding the torch of UVCE with pride. Back then, I was overjoyed and thrilled to see women joining engineering in 1960 and now, they contribute to 50% of the strength striving as a leading example of women empowerment in our society. It always helps to know what they are doing after college and it is delight to see the alumni returning to me and reminiscing their golden days here.



In recent times, a few alumni and students have released a souvenir Avalokana, which talks about my journey over the years and has some wonderful memories documented with important milestones covered and is tagged with photos of younger me and students of various batches. One of the pupils from 1946 batch, Brigadier H R Gopal is interviewed in this edition of Samapda. Alongside the alumni and faculty of UVCE, even he witnessed the launch of Avalokana and I am very pleased that he recalled his memories as a student at UVCE even after so many years. Furthermore in this newsletter you can catch up with my current trends and updates through a couple of articles from the present batch students.



Over the years, I was decorated and made to look younger camouflaging my century old stance. There has been some reports in newspapers and media about my permanent uplifting and making me even more beautiful in the future and articles regarding them are laid out in detail in the inside pages.

Even though I have faced many ups and downs in this journey it has been quite exciting. Yes, there are a lot of things that can be recuperated here and I am sure of it happening down the line. I may be old but I am not obsolete. With all your support, we will make sure that graduates are modeled towards excellence at UVCE who will continue to make and be the change the world deserves. I will live forever in the smile of every UVCEian who carry me with them but I wish to shelter more students to help mold them into proficient engineers that will help build a better future for humankind and all of us.

Alumni Day - From University Visvesvaraya Alumni Association

On Nov 26th, University Visvesvaraya Alumni Association organized "Alumni Day". There was Sports organized in the morning for the alumni and their family members. In the evening, the event was organized in the college quadrangle.

I could not go to Sports in the morning. But supposedly the Central College Grounds (As mentioned in the invite) was occupied by a political rally and around 20-25 people were asked to move near Govt Arts college grounds. We will try to get more information from alumni who attended the event in the next editions of Sampada.

In the evening, myself and Lomesh attended the event. A total of around 150 people were present, out of which around few were student volunteers who welcomed us near the entrance and asked us to register. The college quadrangle was filled with chat and laughter by the senior alumni. We were glad to be part of the occasion.

After invocation, President speech by Vasudev Murthy, the Chief Guest—Dr C P Ravikumar, Technical Director of Texas Instruments and Dr Venugopal K R, Principal of UVCE addressed the gathering. Then, a senior alumni, Dr G AswathNarayana from 1958-59 Civil batch raised toast and current students gave response to the toast. Then the following alumni were honoured, including the Incharge VC of Bangalore University- Dr HN Ramesh:

- Brig N G Ramaswamy - Mech-1955
- Prof A Veerabhadrapa - Electrical - 1957
- B L Subramanya - Mech - 1957
- Dr G AswathNarayana - Civil - 1958
- V Krishnamurthy - Civil - 1957
- Gyanamurthy - Mech - 1959
- B Krishnappa - Electrical - 1960
- Vasantha Kumar - Electrical - 1961
- Prof Ranga - Civil - 1961
- Maj Gen Neelakantappa - Electrical - 1962
- H R Balakrishna - Mech - 1964
- R M S Gowda - Civil - 1964
- M R Patel - Electrical - 1965
- Dr M N Shivashankar - Electrical - 1965
- Venkata Subbarao - Electrical - 1965
- K S Shenoy - Electrical - 1965
- N H Venkatesh - Electrical - 1965
- Chenna Narasimhaiah - Civil - 1965



After the felicitation, there was Cultural and Entertainment programme by popular Troop Gana Vinodini - Dance and Standup comedy acts. It was followed by Dinner to all the participants at Alumni Association. We could not stay back completely for the event as we had some personal work to be taken care. We were happy to see the Alumni Association building refurbished to certain extent - painted, gate installed, tiles put in front etc. We were kind of disappointed since no major announcements were made about Centenary Celebrations of the college. Being a historic milestone, more effort to bring alumni together and a proposal to get the commitment to make it better could have been planned. We also felt that the event could have been widely publicized—using Social media atleast few days before. That would have helped to reach more alumni and many more would have joined the event.

UVCE IN MEDIA

BUILT WITH LOVE, RAVAGED BY TIME

The iconic engineering institution founded by Sir M Visvesvaraya is a 100 years old, and has too much to show for it. Its buildings are in a bad shape. A task force is now looking to restore it to its old glory

While stakeholders are fighting to retain the century-old University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) building in KR Circle, a recent report by the State Task Force (STF) for Quality Assurance in Public Constructions has a different story. The report says the building is in a dilapidated condition and needs immediate repairs.

The task force has asked the Chief Architect of the State to prepare a masterplan on top priority so as to construct a modern engineering institute in the current location. But the TFC believes that if repairs are done, the college can function smoothly.

The Chairman of the task force, in his letter dated October 26, told the Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, that the UVCE buildings were inspected multiple times.

The TFC in its recommendation stated that since the government had allotted Rs 25 crore for improving existing infrastructure and putting up of new buildings, works have to be implemented in such a way that they reflect the glory of the iconic institution, which was founded by Sir M Visvesvaraya. The Principal of UVCE has been asked to furnish a plan of action for the utilisation of this money.



Task Force Observations

- * A lot of debris have been dumped on the campus.
- * Many classrooms have leaking roofs, with floor tiles, window panels and doors also broken.
- * The roots of a peepal tree and banyan tree have ploughed through a parapet and has gone through the top floor. This has resulted in leakages.
- * The Chemistry block is also in the same condition
- * The hostel block behind the City Civil Courts are unsafe for students

Recommendations

- * All the buildings in bad condition need to be demolished and debris cleared.
- * A masterplan needs to be prepared for construction of a consolidated wing for Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics and communication departments, as well as infrastructure for the proposed Space technology and Aeronautics, and Civil Engineering departments
- * The rooms need immediate repair
- * Buildings identified as dilapidated to undergo major repairs

What to expect

- * Phase-wise construction and demolition of existing Mechanical Engineering block
- * Provision for modern facilities such as Wi-Fi centre, E-digital library, good kitchen, dining hall, gym, indoor/outdoor sports facility with parking infrastructure
- * Construction should allow for natural lighting and ventilation in addition to rain water harvesting
- * A masterplan for Electronics & Communications block, Aeronautical, Space Technology Departments
- * A museum wherein iconic and old machinery can be stored and displayed to signify the history of Sir MV and UVCE
- * Amphitheatre, space for cultural activities, inter-block connecting infrastructure
- * Separate Girls Hostel

ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ 25 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: 128 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿವಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜನ್ನು (ಯುವಿಸಿಇ) 25 ಕೋಟಿ ರೂ. ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಾಡಲು ವಿವಿ ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ದೊರೆತಿದೆ.

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ಪದವಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ನೀಡಲು

ಪದವಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ತಂಡ ಮಂಗಳವಾರ ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ ಸಭೆ ನಂತರ ಕುಲಪತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಲಸಚಿವರನ್ನು ಅಡ್ಡಗಟ್ಟಿ ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿತು. ನ.30ರಿಂದ ಪದವಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳು ಆರಂಭವಾಗಲಿದ್ದು, ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು 3 ಬಾರಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಉತ್ತರ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಕ್ಕೂ, ಯಾರೇ ಒತ್ತಡ ತಂದರೂ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಬೆಂ.ವಿವಿ ಹಂಗಾಮಿ ಕುಲಪತಿ ಎಚ್.ಎನ್.ರಮೇಶ್ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

Century-old UVCE may soon get a makeover

The past six years saw at least 50 complaints from the management about the crumbling infrastructure of 100-year-old University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE). The college may finally get a facelift if the report submitted by a government-appointed special task force is approved.

The task force, which conducted inspections in October, has reported that all departments in the college need immediate attention. In this year's budget, the government had granted UVCE Rs 25 crore for infrastructure development. According to the report, almost every corner of the building is in need of urgent repair. The authorities have been asked to start the groundwork, while retaining the main structure's heritage.

The report recommended preparation of a masterplan to construct a consolidated wing for mechanical, electrical, electronics and communication departments. Two new departments — space technology & aeronautics and civil engineering — have also been proposed. Besides academic blocks, it has recommended new hostel facilities. At present, the university has 4,000 students pursuing various streams of engineering.

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ಯುವಿಸಿಇ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ₹25 ಕೋಟಿ

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Mechanical engineering dept is the worst: Report

Among all sections, the mechanical engineering department is the worst affected. Classes for mechanical engineering students are being held at the old physics department of Bengaluru Central University, instead of the main college building.

In September, some of the walls and roofs in the mechanical engineering lab collapsed. Many structures which have been constructed using lime mortar and temporary zinc sheets, are in a dilapidated state. Non-functional electrical fittings and damp and leaking roofs are major concerns. The foundry shop, fitting shop, lathe and smithshop in the mechanical engineering department must be demolished, the report suggested.

Civic agencies littering campus with waste?

The task force found BBMP and other agencies have been dumping garbage in and around the building. The heap has reached the level of the classroom window, and has been attracting snakes and rats. All toilets on campus are defunct and have insufficient or no water supply.

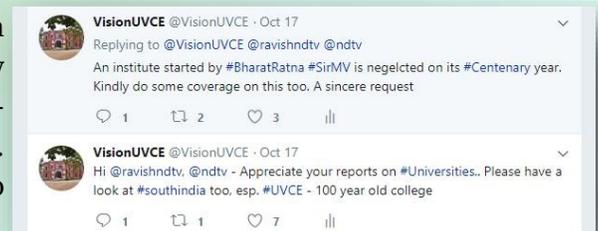
After the makeover, the campus is expected to have digital libraries, WiFi centre, gym, sports facilities, museum of old iconic machinery, cafeteria, amphitheatre and a separate hostel for girls.

- [Times Of India article, 25th Nov](#)

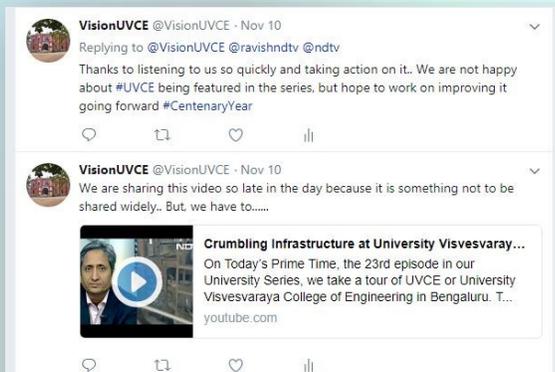
UVCE in NDTV PimeTime News –Crumbling Infrastructure at UVCE

We are not happy sharing this video because it is something not to be proud about. Well , most of the times it is a great thing to be featured in Prime Time News at National level. But, not this time, not for UVCE.

Infact, we are not proud about the fact that we requested RavishKumar from NDTV India over Twitter to talk about UVCE in his University Series. This series is doing a great job in reporting the conditions of various colleges/universities across India. You can watch them in YouTube. We will understand the apathy of the Govt (both Central and State) towards the institutions of their own. Nobody is interested in developing them, but only take limelight in the media by announcing false promises. It shook us and hence we tweeted RavishKumar to check the condition of UVCE as well. Here are the tweets (Click to view online) which might also have played a part :



And on Nov 10th, our alma-mater which is celebrating it's Centenary year was presented to the national audience about it's present status. It is with deep sadness and sense of shame, we shared it over social media. We are grateful to Ravish Kumar for listening to us and talking about the legacy of Sir MV in his PrimeTime News. We hope atleast now the authorities will give some attention towards this historical institution and bring back its glory.



[WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)

INSPIRON 17.0

University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering in its Centenary year organized the Techno-Managerial fest INSPIRON 17.0. Dhanasekaran R, the director of Faurecia Tech Centre inaugurated the inter college tech fest at UVCE.

Speaking on the occasion Dhanasekaran R said, “ Marks are not the only things that matters, the attitude and the student’s capacity to think outside the box are the main skills that are required for campus placements. ”

Dr. Venugopal K R , the principal of UVCE said, “ Persistence and handwork are the important steps to success. The students have become self sufficient now. Opportunities are always abundant but one should convert every challenge into an opportunity and be able to face failures to be successful in life. UVCE in its centenary year stands tall compared to other college with respect to placements despite infrastructural woes.”

INSPIRON 17.0 is a technical platform hosted by Training and Placement Office, UVCE for students to showcase their skills. Inspiron had a rich mix of events like

- Bull Market and GenQuiz Khan - to test the general awareness and cognitive skills of the students.
- WhoDunnit, Unlock 2.0 and Recess - to test the deductive skills of students.
- Botnia, Automania, Go-kart, Laser Hawk - to test the problem solving skills and team work of students.
- Gadget-Guru and Verve - assess the observational skills of students.
- JobVenture - to provide an insight on how students should prepare for placements.

And many more interesting events were organized where around 600 engineering students from more than 30 engineering colleges across the state attended. Total worth of Rs 85000 were given as prizes to winners of the various events over the 2 days.

Major Sponsors were: Faurecia, Cognizant, SBI, MicroFocus, Krispy Papad, Radio Mirchi (Radio Partners)



CAMPUS Says



ಫಿಯೆಸ್ಟಾ ಎಂದರೆ ಉತ್ಸವ.. ಫಿಯೆಸ್ಟಾ 2k17 ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಹಬ್ಬ. ಇದು ಒಂದು ವಾರ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ ,ವಾರವಿಡಿ ಅನೇಕ ಕ್ರೀಡೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಹಿರಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದರು ಮತ್ತು ವಾರದ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಆಚರಿಸಲಾಯಿತು ಆದರಲ್ಲೂ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆಯನ್ನು ನಾವೆಲ್ಲ ಮುಗ್ಧ ಮಕ್ಕಳಾಗಿ ಮೋಜಿನಿಂದ ದಿನ ಕಳೆದವು.

ವಾರದ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನ 'ಫಿಯೆಸ್ಟಾ ಡೇ' ಅಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜು ವಿಜೃಂಭಿಸುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಮೊದಲಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡಾಂಬೆಯನ್ನು ಪೂಜಿಸಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದವು, ನಮ್ಮ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಯಾಗಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಪರ ಹೋರಾಟಗಾರರಾದ ಕೀರ್ತಿ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರು ಬಂದಿದ್ದರು, ದಿನವಿಡೀ ರಾತ್ರಿಯವರೆಗೂ ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ಮನೋರಂಜನೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಿದ್ದವು. ಈ ಹಬ್ಬವು ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಬೇರೆಯ ವಿಧ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳೊಡನೆ ಬೆರೆಯುವ ಹಾಗು ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯನ್ನು ತೋರುವ ಅವಕಾಶವಾಗಿತ್ತು .

- ಸಂಧ್ಯಾಶ್ರೀ, ೧ನೆ ಸೆಮ್ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕಲ್

We got the result in second week of November. Due to the delay of results I missed the scholarship as it needed admission receipt.

And now, Study Holidays given to us are not even sufficient to cover half of the syllabus. Timetable should have been given atleast 15 days prior. But we received the timetable when there was just 10 days left for externals. There's just 8 days of Study holiday. And now lab internals are going on. There isn't sufficient time to prepare for externals. This has put all the students in utter stress and pressure.

- Kruthi Shankar Hegde, 3rd semd CSE



Fiesta was our first cultural fest . We had a lot of fun . The best part was the TED talk and the Dj night . Even UVCE got talent was good as we got to know some unique talents of our seniors . Totally we had hell lots of fun.

- Varsha Girish, 1st year civil



To kick start with the first cultural fest of my UVCE diaries, FIESTA 2k17 made it happen to me..!! The FIESTA Crew gave a wonderful platform to all the UVCEians to showcase their talents. Despite what people tell, participating in an event however spectacular or ridiculous, gives everyone something to boast about.

Nonetheless, it did instill cultural sensitivity in all of us. One word...THANK YOU!!! to all that incredible time and fun I had. See you again FIESTA 2k18!!!

- Niveditha G, EEE 1st sem

The 3rd week of November was one of the most exciting weeks of the year in UVCE. Fiesta week kicked off with Rose day, where Love and Friendship were promoted through symbolic roses. Then came Children's day where the child in every person was awakened at the sight of food and toys and through games. Next up was Year Day, where students came dressed up in different styles but, orderly following the color codes allotted to them. The week was spiced up with sports activities. The week culminated with Fiesta day which was a Cultural Dhamaka. Loads of cultural competitions took place throughout the day and it all perfectly ended with some motivation from the social worker, Keerthi Kumar and with a perfect blend of music at the DJ night.



-Kenneth O Koshy, 1st sem, EEE



Time Flies... We all agree on this fact, though there may be some who chose to disagree. Though VisionUVCE was started as a concept in 2009, the Trust was formed officially in 2012 and subsequently the official bank account was opened. It has been “Five” years now and we are proud of all the small yet impactful things we have been able to achieve. We are grateful to everyone who have guided us, supported us and encouraged us.

A major announcement we wish to make on this occasion is about “VU Endowment Fund”. But, before that it is with great honour to inform that we have been successful in collecting a total fund of Thirty Lakhs (approximately) in past 5 years and spent it towards supporting UVCE students and improving UVCE in every way possible inspite of being faced with some constraints and hurdles. We wanted to give an overview about the accounts to all the stake-holders and you can find [complete details here](#) As a Centenary initiative, some of the alumni suggested us to start Endowment for Scholarships and other initiatives for next year. Here are the details:

- Alumni (individuals or groups) can specify the amount they are interested to deposit as Endowment in the current year.
- They can decide which initiative should the returns from the Endowment used for.
- We will have a MoU signed with the stake-holders detailing their criteria on how the returns from the Endowment should be used going forward.
- We can be only the platform on need basis, if they want to have the amount in their own accounts.

Nokia Innovation Contest Winners—UVCE

According to us academics and competitions are not mutually exclusive events. Our participation in Nokia innovation was not planned. We got to know about Innovation challenge from IEEE and thought of a humanitarian application of our algorithm that we had implemented for academic project.

Our project targeted physically disabled who could control their wheel chairs with the help of their voice without much assistance and this is done with the help of machine learning which uses the features of trained data to classify the word uttered and this was used as an input to embedded systems to controls the wheel chair

The selection process started off with initial 3 screenings and then to 4 finalists were to exhibit their innovative ideas on the Innovation day. The other teams were from RVCE,PES and New Horizon . There were nearly 50+ stalls from various reputed companies and start ups.



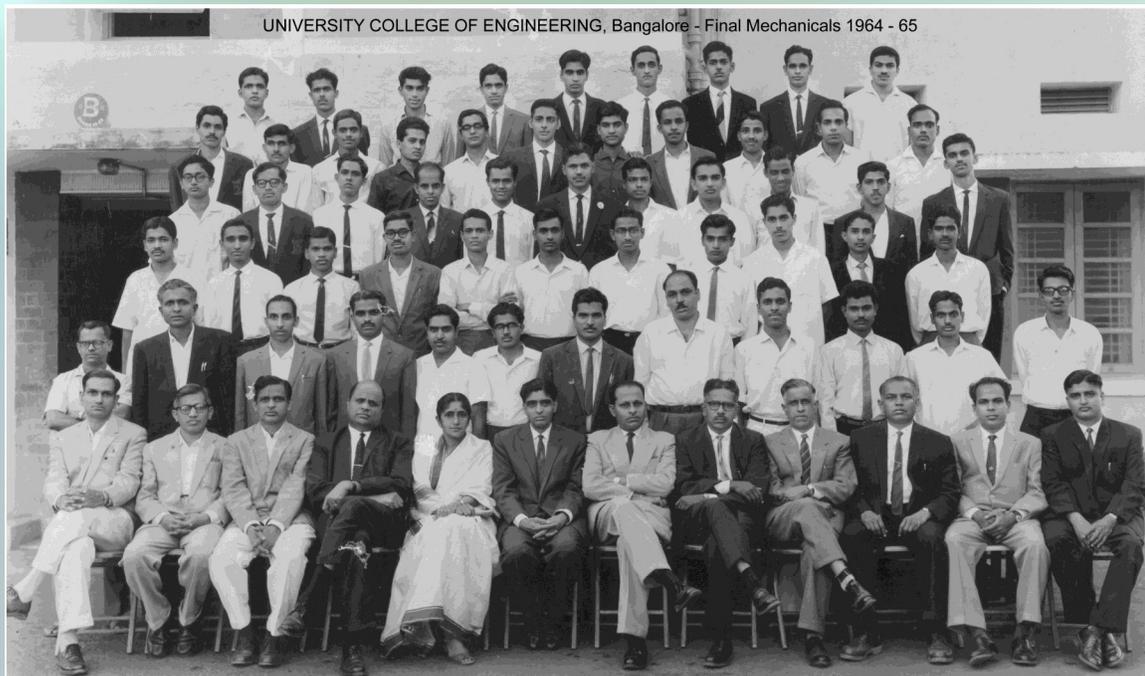
We had a very good experience explaining and demonstrating our working model to the enthusiasts at our stall. Our proudest moment was when they announced UVCE as the winners amongst all the dignitaries present there.

We would like to thank Nokia and our guide Prof A.Srinivasa Murthy (ECE Dept) for their constant support. Also We want to thank all the UVCE alumni in Nokia for encouraging us throughout the day. It was one moment to cherish !!!!

Suhas C, Aman Kumar Rawat, Bhargavi N, Anand M - ECE Dept Students



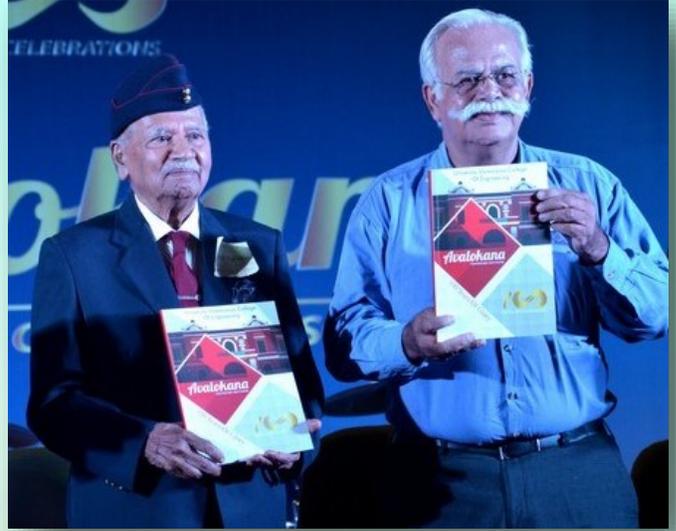
Group Photo of 1965 Mechanical Batch



We thank Dwarkanath Rangaswamy sir for sharing this treasure with us. We are glad to publish such great and historic photos which are sure to bring a smile on your faces and remind of college days

RENDEZVOUS with a GOLDEN UVCEian

We were filled with pride and honour during the Avalokana event when Brigadier H R Gopal from the 1946 batch graced the occasion. It was with great pleasure we invited him on stage and launched the Centenary Souvenir - Avalokana along with other dignitaries on stage. We were thrilled to hear his speech on the day. When he invited me to his home, I could not just let it pass. The icing on the cake was that Major General Neelkantappa sir also wanted to visit him and he asked me to join him. It was a privilege to drive with him to Brigadier's residence. Both Brigadier and his wife are such wonderful people that I could not notice how the time flew. I tried to have an informal interview along with the normal conversation. Here is a summary of all the amazing things that Brigadier Gopal sir shared with me recalling his memories.



When I joined Engineering, the first two years were common and the remaining three years were our specialization areas—Electrical, Mechanical and Civil. This helped a lot to get the understanding of basic fundamentals of Engineering in general. We understood the concepts very well and hence our practical knowledge was exceptional. It helped me a lot throughout my career. There were around 20 students in the hostel back then (1940s). Even the hostel was occupied by Army sometimes and we were shifted to different rooms on a regular basis.

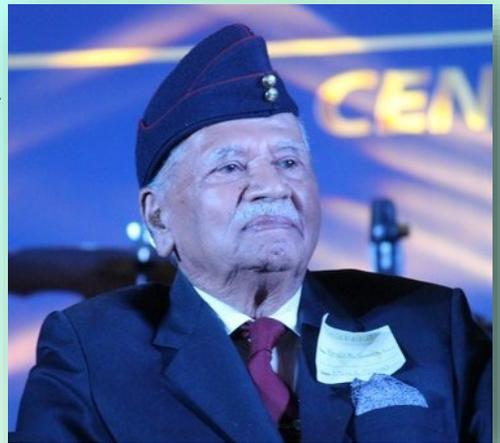
Among the teachers, I recall Sri B R Narayan Iyengar (famously known as BRN) who was very fond of the students and highly-respected by everyone. He was also the Hostel Warden for us. Every evening, he used to have short chit-chat with the students in hostel. Among other faculty were VenkatSubbiah and C Gopalkrishna who had worked in Public Department of the Govt and then returned to teaching. V K Ramaswamy was very strict and we were afraid of him. He used to rarely meet or speak with the students outside the classes.

Canteen was the adda for all the students. But the juniors were afraid to approach the seniors even then. In Hostel, we had Basketball ground where we used to play various games as a daily routine. We used to play hockey at Sampangi Tank (now the Kanteerava Indoor Stadium). I was very active in sports especially athletics. We used to go to Survey every year. In 3rd year, we had gone to Banashankari, which was like a picnic then. We had packed Chapathis from hostel and shared among everyone. In the next year, for College tour, 2 batches were created and I was appointed as Secretary for one of them. We were visiting Vijayawada where Krishna river passes through. Though swimming was prohibited, in an accident, one of the students went missing. It has always been a very unpleasant memory and haunted me since then.

Though this incident is previous to my Engineering days, I would want to mention it here that we had the privilege of interacting with Sir Mirza Ismail. Back then, as kids we were unaware of what a great thing it was—speaking to Diwan of Mysore. He used to ride on a horse and go short rounds across various places and talk to people passing by. He asked about the education in the school and how we were studying. He also encouraged playing games and keeping ourselves healthy. His Kannada dialect was very good. He used to insist on planting fast growing trees which could become big in short duration.

My elder brother participated in Freedom Fight at Chikmagalur. He was part of the “Prabhat Pheri” on a regular basis and was arrested in 1940. My sister who was studying Medical course during

that time was also arrested for being part of the freedom movement. My another brother, Varadaraj, who was 2 years senior to me was studying Engineering along with me. He was a Rank student and also the Student Secretary in College was also arrested, Supposedly he got standing ovation in Central Jail. In 2nd year, I joined the Satyagraha movement at Central College along with around 200 students and we were arrested. The funny part was that even in jail we got the Hostel Food. This was because B T Ramiah, the person who ran the Hostel Canteen was given the contract for Jail too. And the same hostel cooks were working as part-time in jail. So, we did not find it difficult at all. From Bangalore were shifted to Mysore Jail. On consideration, Technical/ Medical students were released earlier and we went back to college but had to study with our junior batch because we had lost a year.



One other particular point to mention here was that H Narasimhaiah (of National College fame) was with us when we were in jail. Because of his inspiration only, we discontinued our education for year and participated in Satyagraha. We had seen and experienced the police brutality first hand. So I hated Police and Army very much back then. One of my friend's father was in army. He had known me personally and also aware that I was a fitness freak. I used to run 6 miles everyday without any sweat. He was the main reason for me to apply for army after Engineering. Out of 5 years of Engineering, last year was Practicals. I had to go to Nagpur Thermal Station. It was very hot there and I had a very difficult time. But I had a great experience of meeting students from various places and different backgrounds. This is where I tried to improve my Hindi too. I still recall purchasing one basket of Nagpur oranges for 50 paise and sharing among 10-15 of our friends.



Though I had applied for Army, I visited my brother in Delhi who was teaching at Sriram college. There was a vacant position for Civil Engineer in one of the Departments and my brother insisted that I work there. It was during the Partition days and I experienced horrific days then. I had to cycle for around 12 miles daily and was stopped couple of times by fringe groups. Since my Hindi was very bad, it would be a challenge to convince them to let me go. Once my brother had to come searching for me along with his friend since it was very late and I had not returned home. They convinced the group that had held me as captive. I cannot forget those nightmarish memories.

Meanwhile, I got call from the Army in Meerut. I was to take various Exams—Endurance Tests, Psychology Test, Mathematics apart from Physical Test. After 3-4 days of assessment, 4 out of 120 applicants were shortlisted and I was one among them. I was very happy and dreamt of a bright future. In January 1947, I received the call for joining and I was part of 100 cadets. I used to play hockey well and since I was good runner, it helped me during the hard training days. My fitness and stamina was good due to which around 8-10 of us were only left out of the 100 cadets and I was the only one from Mysore. I was among the Top 10 in the batch. I joined “Bengal Thapars”. Even now I recall the Band playing when I was received at Roorkee Train Station. In 1975 I retired from service.

Brigadier Gopal shared some of his army memories too with me and it was so inspiring to listen to him. He also gave a cheque of Twenty Thousand for VisionUVCE and asked me to keep him posted about the updates in college and Centenary related events. Major General Neelkantappa sir and myself thanked both the Brigadier and his wife and took their leave, promising to visit them again shortly. I consider this to be one of the most memorable and inspiring moments of my life. Thank you Sir !

Architecture Alumni Meet - 50th Anniversary

UVAA-University Visvesvaraya Architects Alumni Association presents 50 years Anniversary Celebration

It was 18th November 2017, there was excitement filled in the hearts of students and the alumni of Dept. of Architecture as it was “The 50 year Anniversary Celebration”. It was like a reunion of 50 batches of architecture.

For us, it was an eye opening event with a great exposure to many architects, who were once students like us. We were astonished by their works, which defines their reputation in the society “You don’t have to be great to get started, but get started to be great!” -was what we learnt from them. Works of our reputed alumni architects like Ar. Srinivas, Ar. Shankar Narayan, Ar. Pankaj Vernekar, Ar. Rohit Marol and many more has increased the standards of our thinking and execution of Designs. It was a great opportunity rather a good platform for us to have an interaction with the most successful architects and professors, like Pushpa David, who also felicitated 1st batch of architecture 1967, Prof Santana Krishna and many more whom we could only dream of meeting. The Chief Guest for the day was Ar. Brian Robert Peter Rich (Principal, Peter Rich Architects. Johannesburg, South Africa). There was also souvenir book release.

The most awaited event of the day was the felicitation of our beloved professor S.V. Ravindra which was an emotional moment for everyone present. His purpose was not to create students in his own image, but to develop students to create their own image. He shared his thoughts with us, and appreciated we didn’t sleep for his speech which was humorous and ended with him singing a song. We wish him a happy retirement. Then the event ended with fellowship and dinner.

It was an event filled with fun, knowledge, inspiration and saudade. And we all are glad to be part of such a successful event and we look upon to have many more. “We have great challenges and great opportunities, and inspiration, we will meet them and make the coming years the best year in our history!”

Anusha (Architecture, 4th year)



The poster features a blue geometric background with the UVAA logo at the top. It includes the following text:

UNIVERSITY VISHVESHWARAYA ARCHITECT'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Department of Architecture, Jnana Bharathi Campus, Bangalore University.
presents

50
YEARS

UVAAA wishes to commemorate the 50 eventful & glorious years of Dept of Architecture, UVCE, Bangalore with a series of Interactive & Live wire sessions as envisaged:

Date: 18th Nov 2017, Saturday

Day Session: Department of Architecture, Jnana Bharathi Campus.

- Walk down the memory lane re-living the nostalgia with Alumni memories / presentation of all 50 Batches from 1967 batch
- Workshop, Interaction & Presentation of Global works in Architecture by Mr. Peter Rich of Peter Rich Architects, South Africa (www.peterricharchitects.co.za)
- Felicitation to the 1st Batch of D.O.A. UVCE - 1967 Batch, Alumni.

The Above programmes shall be including Lunch session & Tea session respectively at D.O.A.

Evening Sessions: Hotel Lalit Ashok, Kumara Krupa Main Road, Bangalore.

- Panel Discussion on Global Architectural Trends with Mr. Peter Rich & distinguished Architects from UVCE Alumni
- Entertainment Programme.
- Felicitations & Send-off to Prof. Ravindra of Dept. of Architecture, UVCE.
- The above programmes shall be followed by cock-tail & Dinner.

Note: Entry by Pre-registration @ Rs 2000/person
Pls Contact: Prof. Haroon Salim - 9448562636, Ar. Bharath Gowda - 9845662490, Ar. Radhika Bhat - 9880710432, Ar. Shyam Sunder - 9900037350



FIESTA 2k17- From Organizer's Perspective

FIESTA'17 remains to be memorable event that brings lots of happiness and joy to all students of UVCE. As one of the fiesta co-ordinators, I remember the planning, struggles and efforts that led to this wonderful event.

As usual from every department two students are selected as Fiesta co-ordinators.



At first, the date for Fiesta was fixed on 25 November. The planning and discussion started one month prior i.e October. The planning was complete but the execution was delayed a little due to internals. As soon as internals were done, we rushed to start the work of fiesta. We wanted to do something different from what usually happens every year. Therefore, we selected a new team of volunteers comprising mostly of fresher's. They were a huge support that helped us a lot for the entire program by giving their best staying late in the night during Fiesta week.

We had a great start with ROSE DAY as the first event of Fiesta week, which was to symbolize our love to friends, seniors, or special ones.

Then we all planned to have a unique CHILDREN'S DAY and all Fiesta co-ordinators and students were very much excited about the event. Two of co-ordinators dressed up like cartoon characters were all set to entertain the students. Volunteers and co-ordinators set up photo booth as a children's day special in dark night using flashlights. We bought in all our favourite childhood eatables and organised many fun games. That day is very memorable as all the seniors and juniors who participated with great enthusiasm.

This followed the YEAR DAY where every batch had a co-ordinated dress colour to follow. Parallel with the fiesta week events we had sports events going on as well.

Apart from the arrangements, we had a major task of getting money from the University. Co-ordinators went to BU regularly to ensure we receive the funds. At last the money was sanctioned on the evening of 24 November after which we started with the decorations which went on till late in the night. Volunteers and co-ordinators stayed and finished the decorations.

The final morning came and we were busy arranging the stage, re-scheduling events. The college was jam-packed with participants, volunteers and co-ordinators roaming around looking after that everything to ensure nothing went wrong. We had more than 30 events being organized that day. We had a team for compering which consisted of six students who did fabulous job in entertaining the crowd assembled.



Even though the Chief Guest of the day, Mr. Kirik Keerthi arrived later in the evening, the celebrations never dimmed. We continued with all the festivities with great zeal and everyone enjoyed the DJ a lot. This FIESTA'17 was all of new as we started with a different theme for Fiesta week and the whole program on the day of fiesta was in Kannada. I am happy to have been a part of this festival.

Harini T S, 5th SEM CSE