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# SAMPADA

Your Window to UVCE

99<sup>th</sup>  
Edition

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## EDITORIAL - 100 EDITIONS AGO!

8 Years and 99 Editions later, standing just one step away from clinching a century, SAMPADA has experienced a glorious and amazing journey! Just like it said, everything has a history or a reason in particular that fuels the beginning and so did SAMPADA 8 years ago.

UVCE has always been the place that is held strong by its student community. As years passed, the great gap resonated between the current students of a batch and their Alumni. With the necessity of a platform that would hold the two communities of current students and Alumni fastened on a consistent basis to strengthen the UVCEian Group, SAMPADA was started by the members of Team VisionUVCE. The first edition of SAMPADA thus got released in January of 2010. True to its motto, Sampada soon became the reader's "Window to UVCE"! And that's where it all began. Although the celebrations maybe in place for commemorating the 100th Edition soon, but the footprints etched by the last 99 editions being memorable have nevertheless been easy.

So how does SAMPADA get prepared and reach the readers you may question!

With every edition and every month, the whole process begins from doing research and outlining all the news in link with UVCE be it in the world of UVCE Alumni or on the college campus itself. Soon after drafting the contents, kick starts the process to contact all the students and Alumni who can shed some information or share their thoughts in relation to the edition's theme. This part of the process is never smooth sailing as it involves a lot of running around and follow up to gather the information. And once the content is in hand ( although it never starts flowing in till the last minute), the editorial team sets to action to pull in any other content required, proof read, edit, laying the layout, designing and myriad of other tasks before the final SAMPADA edition is prepared to be sent out to the readers. And soon begins the work for the next edition!

Are you of the thought of elevating SAMPADA to its current reputation being simple?

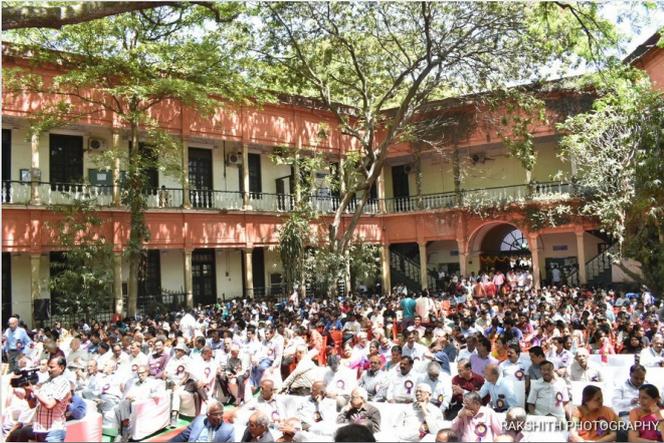
Definitely no! Starting from the 1st Edition, through these years to Edition 99, the SAMPADA team have put in our best efforts against all odds to maintain the consistency of never missing an edition and concurrently bring forth to the readers quality and interesting content about namma UVCE. One other greater challenge has been translating UVCE audience from a small number to huge reader base today that has Alumni spanning from Batch of 1946 to the most recent batch of students for the online publication of SAMPADA whilst maintaining the interest for the wide group of readers.

You may ask what the greater motive other than UVCE Community bridging does SAMPADA serve?

Well, for an institution of such stature and opulent history accounting for 100 Years, melancholy lies in the fact of how little or none about the entire volume of Institution and Alumni Achievements, Glory and History is documented in one place. In our opinion, this holds a vital importance for the fact that history should be collated in a place and especially of such a renowned Institution to convey generations to come about the glory and hard work of their forefathers. The greater motive of SAMPADA since the past 8 years has always been to uphold the resolution of conserving the facts, the history, the achievements and all other amazing things connected to namma UVCE via the 100 editions of SAMPADA. As part of the team, I want to say out loud that the experience we have had, the knowledge we have garnered, the interactions with magnificent UVCEians we have had as part of the process of collating SAMPADA and its 100 editions is priceless and immense.

The entire team of SAMPADA is elated and this 99 edition is not just a moment of Celebrations for us but more importantly for the readers who have been Instrumental in bringing the Newsletter so far and a THANK YOU is always small to showcase our gratitude!

## FOUNDATION STONE FOR RENOVATION WORK



The occasion of Centenary Year realized what every UVCEian eagerly awaited for when the Foundation Stone for Renovation work of the Heritage building was laid by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Sri Siddaramaiah amidst the gathering of a huge crowd that included a few senior & eminent alumni, faculty and students. It was a moment of great joy and pride to have been a part of the event that paved a way for the better future of our college. The event geared up with the arrival of the Chief Minister to the campus and further progressed with laying the foundation stone by the CM who was honored by the college. The CM later addressed the gathering and also greeted the alumni and faculty of the college.

The alumni who had come down to witness this occasion were nostalgic with their memories along with their batch mates and vowed to join hands in helping and supporting us in possible ways. Some of the students had a wonderful opportunity to interact with them. I even got an opportunity to share a few of our ideas regarding PAYANA and other initiatives with them in a brief manner. I requested their guidance and support for the coming days.

**- Satish, Batch of 2009**

I was overjoyed in seeing the government allocating funds for development of UVCE during its 100th year of establishment and Chief Minister of Karnataka Sri Siddaramaiah himself put an end to the year long wait on 7th of March after which the renovation and reconstruction works are happening at a better pace. I see this as the major breakthrough for UVCE to overcome its limits and extend its hospitality by educating the future generation. I wish more funds flow in this direction so that the entire institution can be benefited and the tag of poor infrastructure is eliminated forever.

**Harsha, Student - 3rd Year Mechanical**

## RENDEZVOUS WITH CHANNA REDDY SIR!

**Team Sampada had a wonderful opportunity to interact with the First Ever Placement Officer of UVCE, Dr. Channa Reddy Sir (1989-2001). He was key in transforming the Placement Process for Students of namma UVCE. Namma team learnt a lot from the experiences shared by Channa Reddy Sir and here are some excerpts from the interview:**

**Team SAMPADA: How did your journey with UVCE start? How was UVCE in those days?**

**Reddy Sir:** I completed BE from B.D.T, Davanagere in 67 and MTech from PSG, Coimbatore in 69. I wanted to teach and I knew UVCE was the best institution to work at so I approached the authorities but later, then Principal, Parameswarappa asked me on temporary position.

In 73, I saw an advertisement in Newspaper about vacancies in Electrical Department at UVCE and I applied for the same and got appointed. It was a great experience to be in the company of the most elite and bright people. The students were also very focused and studious. They were mostly from middle class or lower-middle class and this was the reason they were very humble and polite. The teaching faculty and lab staff were very well-versed with the technical aspects making UVCE a benchmark for standard education that many colleges looked up to.



There was a very high level of integrity among the faculty and as well as students that made UVCE the first choice of any bright student in the state. Sir MV's name had an additional impact for students to join UVCE.

**Team SAMPADA: How did students get jobs in those days?**

**Reddy Sir:** The major recruitment happened at Government Offices/ Departments and as college faculty. There was lot of requirement for man power with technical knowledge. Every now and then, there would be advertisements in the Newspapers about the positions at various capacities in Government Departments. They would apply and since they were from UVCE, many of them got the jobs because of their merit.

1980s was troublesome. Getting jobs was not that easy. Competition increased since many other colleges came up. Apart from academics, other skill sets such as communication and other aspects also got the importance. As a result the rural students in our college needed additional assistance with it.

**Team SAMPADA: How did the whole idea of “Placement Office” come up? How were the initial days of PO which was just being setup?**

**Reddy Sir:** I went to IIT Bombay to pursue my PhD Research work in 1984 and came back in 1988. During this time, my guide, Dr Banerjee from EEE Department asked me to be part of Selection committee. (An internal member of IIT would be a member of the committee along with the company officials to assess the students). It was a great learning experience for me. I felt that our students back at UVCE were no inferior to these students but lack the platform. With my 10 years of experience, I could see that even the IIT students struggled with tough technical questions. I made a quick comparison with our students and felt, if they were provided an opportunity, even they can compete with these students in this platform.

Once I got back in April 1988, I immediately spoke to then Principal MKLN Shastry and gave a proposal to the idea of setting up a Placement Office and he readily agreed. It initially started in a very small way in my own room (No. 207). The only phone available was in Co-Operative Society. Since, I was also the Director at Society, I got permission to use it. Principal used to reimburse the expenses spent on Company officials visiting the campus. I guess TCS was the first company to visit our campus and recruit 12 people in June 1988.

At the end of 1988, Dr N R Shetty, who was Vice-Chancellor at Bangalore University (and also Placement Officer at KREC earlier) visited the campus and appointed me officially as Placement Officer. He also permitted to collect nominal amount as fee from student beneficiaries who got jobs.

**Team SAMPADA: Sir, please tell us how the current placement office was established at its current location.**

**Reddy Sir:** That's very adventurous story. The current location of Placement Office behind Society looks very great. But in those days, it was under the Co-Operative Society and the place was basically a dump-yard. There were ant hills and waste dumped and no one used to enter those rooms. I wanted to clean it and utilize the space. Many people cautioned me and advised me against it. But I was adamant and went ahead got it cleaned by mid 1990, as far as I recall.

A student (whose name I can't recall) had a relative working in Siemens. He took me and couple of his batch mates to their office and we requested them to help us. They agreed to our request and gave Rs.15,000/- to use it to develop Placement Office. It was huge amount in those days. Even now you can see the "Courtesy: Siemens Company" in Placement Office. We are indebted to the generosity shown by them. We opened a Bank Account and installed 2 phones and a Fax machine. We also purchased a computer couple of years later to keep us updated.

Meanwhile, the VC also gave the permission to use the space (which is now the Board Room) but I had to face lot of hurdles to get it. If I recall it right, a student by name Nagaraj from EEE of 1993-94 batch convinced his father (who had a Granite Factory at Attibele) and donated the entire granite for flooring of the space. I think he had just graduated and it was his way of "Giving Back" to UVCE.

**Team SAMPADA: This story is so inspirational and motivational to all of us... Tell us how did take it forward? Especially the furnishings in Placement Office and Board Room "U-Shaped" Table is something we always wonder about.**

**Reddy Sir:** Glad that you like it. We wanted a place for group discussion or meeting point when company officials come down. We wanted to have a Round table, but the carpenter suggested to have U-Shaped Table which could accommodate more people in the available space. You might have seen a TV stand there in the Board Room. It was thrown away along with the junk items. I brought it back and cleaned it up to use it.

As we lacked funds for all our initiatives (there was little support from University). In 1998, Dr S Ramegowda (Chairman, AICTE) sent a proposal to modernize Placement Office and sanctioned 5 Lakh from MHRD which we used as seed money. We got the Seminar Hall renovated. Few



students from 94, 95, 96 batches - Mukesh, Ganapathi, Gayathri also joined hands in this work. But we still struggled to manage the expenses. So, I came up with a simple solution. I was the Examination Co-Ordinator for around 4 years (96-99). There was lot of issues with Marks Cards - Name, Marks, and Student Details etc. I promised to get them rectified and in turn they had to pay a nominal fee to Placement Office. With the help of student volunteers, I cleared around 10,000 issues pertaining to marks cards and substantial amount was accumulated. In parallel, I also approached many alumni, who were in good positions to help with the funds. Few of the names that I can recall are Chitra, Mohan, Vidya, Anitha from various batches and many others too. I thank them for all their support. We purchased Fridges, few cabinets, chairs, sofa etc to make Placement Office more professional. I was able to hand over a strong financial platform to Prof Makam when he took over as the Placement Officer.

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1.	Dr. M. CHANNAREDDY	1989 - 2001
2.	Prof. SATHYANARAYANA MAKAM	2001 - 2004
3.	Dr. S PAUL VIZHIAN	2004 - 2008
4.	Dr. P. DEEPA SHENOY	2008 - 2013
5.	Dr. K.B. RAJA	2013 - 2016
6.	Dr. THRIVENI.J	2016 -

**Team SAMPADA: Infrastructure is one thing and quality or performance of students during campus interviews is a totally different thing. Please tell us about the efforts to improve it.**

**Reddy Sir:** Of course, that is the highlight of UVCE - quality and attitude of students. Because of their humble background and bright minds, our students were able to make a mark in any companies they got placed. But I agree that some of the students needed additional training. Since the training programs used to be very costly and our students were not able to afford it, we tried to give the training but there was very less turn out. Thus we resorted to these methods:

I would approach 1 or 2 students from each class and motivate them to form groups within their classes and conduct Quizzes; Organize Seminars on Basic Fundamental concepts etc. I would get the Xerox copies of the topics discussed and distribute among students. To further help students, I would collect Question papers of different companies and conduct mock test for a nominal fee (10-15 Rs). Apart from printing and other costs, I used to give the balance amount to senior students, who had to come on stage and guide the juniors on how to solve the problems and prepare well for next tests. This was an incentive for them to come repeatedly to teach their juniors.

I used to regularly collect feedback from HRs who visited the campus and asked them how we could improve our students. I would get some hints as to why the students were selected or not selected and this helped me to guide more students to prepare better.

In 2000, around 120 companies visited for campus placements including TCS, Infosys, L&T, Siemens and others who were top recruiters back then. This was a very proud moment for UVCE and its students.

**Team SAMPADA: Sir, we are filled with immense joy and pleasure learning more about the history of our college and all the greatness passed down by wonderful people like you. This goes to show how blessed we are to have been a part of this magnanimous institution and ending this interview with Sir on UVCE. "A great institution which branched out profusely over the years starting just as on seed but with the roots of our college reaching further, finding nourishment for young budding leaves to grow and flourish shows the greatness and kindness of human beings who constantly fought to make this world a better place through the essence of Sir M Visvesvaraya's legacy, UVCE", we thank you with our heart.**

## IMPETUS - 2018

It gives us immense pleasure to announce the success of Impetus 18.0. The Chief Guest of the fest, Mr. Bhaktha Keshavachar, founder and CTO of Ezetap, was a source of inspiration for all of us. The event was graced by the Guest of Honour, Dr. Kumudhini Ravindra from Innomantra consulting Pvt. Ltd., IEEE Bangalore Section Chairperson Sudeendra Koushik & the Principal of UVCE, Dr. Venugopal K R.

We are proud to associate with BESCO, IEEE Bangalore Section, Tyntix, Chumpay.com, Techser, Dell EMC, Silverline Electronics, Ezetap, IORA Technologies, LIC, Leafree Softwares, The Gate Academy, KPTCL, KPCL, Talk to the Hand, UVCE Centenary Foundations, TheCollegeFever.com, Funfactory, IEEE UVCE alumni and Signalchip.

We witnessed students from various colleges across Bangalore participate in various events. The events were Robo Soccer, Sumo Wars, Appathon, Steal Jobs, Codestorm, Summit, Ucypher, It Wiz, AutoMania, Spektrom, Tech Charades, Marvel Mania, So you think its over, Cyborg, Techmark, Vaksamara, Electrophilia, Mech or Break, Enigma, Laser Tag, Neutral Oxide and VR play arena. Events like Electrophilia, Lazer Tag and VR Play arena attracted maximum crowd.

The fest witnessed participants from various colleges such as NHCE, DSCE, BMSCE, CMRIT, JSS, MVIT, Josephs, East-West College, Sambharam, Saphthagiri, SKSJIT, SVCE, Vemana, BMSIT etc. The spirit and enthusiasm lasted throughout the fest. The winners were awarded for their magnificent performances. The day ended with presenting mementos to IEEE UVCE Alumni.



**-TEAM IEEE UVCE**

# IMPETUS - A JOURNEY OF 18 YEARS

Impetus is a technical fest organized by IEEE UVCE which endeavors to understand and adapt new technological advancements along with encouraging students to organize, volunteer and take part in various technological events helping them model them into the engineers of today. Since being started in 2000, IMPETUS has seen an array of glorious editions. Today, we have Dr. P Deepa Shenoy Ma'am and the alumni who were an integral core of IEEE UVCE over these 18 years sharing their experiences of organizing IMPETUS.

## **IMPETUS- "Moving Ahead with Focus" - With Dr P Deepa Shenoy**

"IMPETUS", the biggest technical fest of UVCE has a history of about 18 years. Before the 2000's there were no technical fests done in UVCE, to get students involved in technical events and activities related to it, the technical fest "IMPETUS" was initiated by Dr Venugopal K R, who was the branch counsellor of IEEE UVCE at that time. I still remember during second impetus that is in 2002 we witnessed the presence of a renowned quiz master Giribala Subramanyam.

Theme-based Impetus was started from 2010 and a flagship event called Summit was tagged along with the theme where famous keynote speakers from global industries have been a part of this interactive session. IEEE-UVCE strives to bring in new things every year, this year on the account of international Women's day, the whole week was celebrated as Women's week and numerous events along with technical talk were conducted to emphasise the role of women in technical world.

"Impetus" is known for its creativity, the constant effort and hard work of the IEEE team members is the main reason for Impetus being the finest technical fest of UVCE. Through Impetus students grow personally and professionally by inculcating organising and technical skills, along with the students I personally have improved my skills and abilities by being a part of Impetus for 17 years.



Impetus 2001 - Greeting the gathering



Impetus 2003 - Hands on experience

" I fondly remember Impetus 2004 as one of the biggest technical festival we conducted in UVCE that saw record participants from across the country. For the first time, we had prize money that was one of the highest in Bangalore college festivals and participants from colleges both in and out of Karnataka. And all of this was not going to be possible without the support of the entire IEEE student branch volunteers, an amazing executive team (Bhargav, Sriram, Deepak, Sharath to name a few) and unwavering support of PDS madam. We had literally taken over PDS ma'am office room (including her table and chair), and not once did she complain or chase us out. There were some big hurdles that we had to cross to ensure success of the event - be it the sponsors backing out, or the uncollected garbage in college that had to be cleaned by us. I remember clearly the relief we all had once the festival was completed and received great feedback from Sponsors and participants alike. Those countless hours preparing for the festival seemed all worth it!! I am glad that Impetus has grown stronger and bigger since then. I wish the IEEE team great success ahead. I also would like to thank the Sampada team for doing such a great job at recording the memories that makes UVCE such a great college that has lasted a century!! "

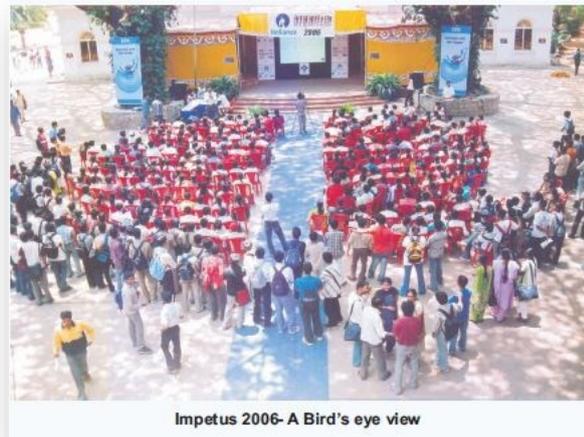
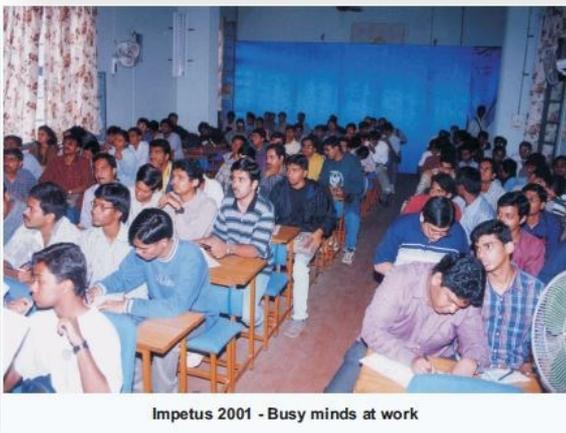
- Nachiket Karjagi, Batch of 2004

“ Throughout the course of my engineering, I spent most time in IEEE office / PDS madam's office. It always provided me with opportunities to ask the most important question about anything - "WHY". And it was one place where I could get a satisfactory answer from my fellow seniors. This was the spirit I wanted inscribe in young minds through IMPETUS. Impetus always had events built around a theme and ours was no different. Nikola Tesla's favorite - "Engineering for society" was decided by the execom members and events were planned accordingly.

Great many night outs were witnessed and exhausted faces of all volunteers could be seen a week before the fest. Organizing a technical fest involves a lot of challenges and our batch wasn't spared either. Hunting for sponsorship (The cyber treasure hunt Epsilon seemed easier in comparison), preparing questions for events, crowded volunteer meetings where we had to shout at the full capacity of our lungs to convey something, co-ordinating design for posters, T Shirt etc, making sure the infrastructure and time is allocated for all events and finally, ensuring the crown jewel of a fest - participation is good.

I went home at 5AM in the morning only to return at 8AM on the day of fest. The most important lesson was learnt in the process of organizing Impetus. Having a group of like minded friends who can share the burden becomes the most important thing to make any event successful. I was glad to have Harsha, Thejas, Bharath, Aditya and Akhila by my side. Many souls graduate engineering without going through these hassles. But only upon encountering these incidents, one can graduate in life. ”

- Tejas J, Batch of 2012



“ I was fortunate to participate in four iterations of Impetus (Impetus '10, '11, '12, '13), first for campaigning in different colleges and participating in various contests, then as a volunteer and participant in my second year and then as an organizer in my junior and senior years. Organizing events and managing the fest taught me the mechanics of conducting a large scale event, from finding sponsors, to emceeing, to motivating volunteers and finding participants.

Co-organizing the event “Summit” in Impetus '12 (a section level event) gave me an opportunity to interact with members of IEEE GOLD, hub leaders of IEEE, Bangalore GINI and student leaders from other colleges. Nothing beats the feeling of fulfilment at the end of a successful Impetus where all the hard work pays off. ”

- Bijil, Batch of 2013

“IMPETUS – as the name suggests, has always been a force that gives life to ideas, brings people together and make leaders of students. Let me stop speaking in the abstract. Impetus always presented me with tangible opportunities and benefits. My interactions with my peers helped me to articulate my ideas clearly. The last minute hustle with looming exams taught me to multitask and manage my time. My discussions, arguments, and even disagreements with the organizers taught me the virtue of tolerance and working with a diverse team.

Impetus is the flagship event of IEEE UVCE, but foremost this event is matter of pride for all UVCE students -- both present and past. There are a few simple things to continue this proud tradition: step up, take initiative; participate, volunteer and then lead. Most of all, have fun! ”

- Krishna, Batch of 2011

“ Recalling a few memories of Impetus during my time.

Impetus 2012 - As an active volunteer during my first year, Impetus was just another platform I found to meet new people, seniors and build some life-long friendships. As enthusiastic first years, we were proud to walk with our volunteer badges and help out in any way we could! A few of the seniors I met then are still great friends to me and are always there should I need them for advice!

Impetus 2013 - This was the fest that I finally got an opportunity to design and organize an event. From the Women in Engineering (WIE) group of IEEE UVCE, I organized the event BUSY-NESS along with three of my seniors. The whole process of planning the event, coming up with interesting ideas, meeting up and working with volunteers to implement those ideas, and then the day of the fest when we saw about 28 teams (of four) participate in the event, it made it worth all the effort!

Impetus 2014 - As the General Secretary during my 3rd year, I was exposed to the various aspects of organizing the fest. This time I wasn't just organizing an event but was a part of the team responsible for organizing the entire fest! From deciding on a theme for the fest and looking for sponsorships to finalizing events, managing finances and inviting chief guests, the entire Executive Committee put in months and months of hard work to make Impetus 2014 a huge success! I will never forget the team that I worked with during this year - they helped make me a better person, a better team player, and a better team leader. ”

**- Madhuri Madan, Batch of 2015**

“ I helped organize Impetus in the years 2010-2013. The months surrounding Impetus were always a high energy time amongst the IEEE members. In my experience, running around for sponsorships, contacting vendors and putting the word out there i.e. campaigning in other colleges was just as fun as the events that were slated to happen during the 2 days of the fest. The challenge every year was to come up with a relevant theme and have most of our events tailored to the theme. The Summit each year had to be hand crafted to the theme and Bangalore Section’s involvement in it made it even more special. Each time, Impetus brought with it a different set of challenges, anxieties, uncertainties but it brings out the best example of team work and selflessness in everyone that is involved in putting it together.”

**-Shreyas Joshi, Batch of 2013**

“ Some of the main highlights of Impetus 2010 that I cherish is the fact that Impetus 2010 was the 10th edition of Impetus. As far as I can remember, it was sponsored by IBM and the main event was IBM Blue Battle and the winner went away with IBM Laptops. Along with this, WIE Summit was held as a part of the fest seeing participation from about 10 different IEEE Student Chapters across the state. It was a great turn out and for the first time we had IEEE Alumni Meet as part of the fest which witnessed many alumni visit college and interact with us. With this Impetus, 2 new events were added Decathlon and Robo-wars as a part of the fest. One of the best moments was that we saw a footfall of about 700 students. ”

**- Suhas N, Batch of 2010**



Inauguration of Impetus 2009



Participants of 'Mock Stock'

# UVCE PAYANA—100 AND BEYOND



“UVCE Payana - 100 and Beyond”, a mega event to commemorate the Glorious Centennial Journey of UVCE whilst bringing forward the fervor and memories of the zealous UVCEians. We have had celebrations in honor of the Centenary Year with events like UVCE Centenary Marathon followed with the launch of UVCE’s Centenary Souvenir, “Avalokana” and now adding to the delight with Payana only to carry forward UVCE’s prestigious legacy for years to come.

UVCE Payana will be a two day event bringing together alumni and students to celebrate this historic moment. Building the stage for Alumni of myriad batches from across the world to congregate, Payana will provide the opportunity to beam on the footprints left behind by namma UVCEians. The two day celebrations will be encompassed by main agendas as Alumni Tech talks, Cultural programmes, Welfare Initiatives by Alumni to make UVCE better and many more interesting sessions.

The event is scheduled to be held during the last weekend of June, on **30th June and 1st July**. With a helping hand from every alumnus, we intend to make ‘UVCE Payana - 100 and beyond’ an accolade to the marvellous journey of this prestigious and prodigious institution for which we all hold a great amount of respect and gratitude in our hearts.

## Objectives

- Celebrate the 100 years Journey of a Magnificent Institution, UVCE, our alma-mater
- Showcase the contribution of UVCE and UVCEians to society in 100 years
- Bring together various batches of alumni, within various companies, from various backgrounds and help in strengthening the alumni platform
- Creating the "Brand UVCE" we have always been talking about in all possible ways - pushing for autonomous stature, MoUs with industries and other educational institutions to plan for "UVCE: Next 100 Years"
- Develop a channel to give back to UVCE and society in turn
- Come up with some engineering solutions during the event as well for present problems

The wheels of preparation of the event have rolled and is in full swing. The pre-requisites and structural work in matters like Budgeting, various volunteering/ working committee Planning, Event Planning, Venue Finalization and Finance related matters is ongoing. The excitement and enthusiasm will gain momentum with more hands on deck to aide, guidance and support in event preparations. Some areas where we necessitate help from the alumni are as follows



**REGISTRATIONS**



**SPONSORSHIPS**



**PUT IN TOUCH**

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UVCE Alumni Association is the parent body which provides a platform for networking of all UVCEians to work towards making UVCE a more nourishing place. But the current Alumni Association for our UVCE is in dilapidated state and in light of this, we started a petition to “Revive the Alumni Association”. To get a glimpse of the whole story here, we have tried to capture a timeline of events taking place over the past few months and with everything going on, it’s time we all take a stand and ensure that right measures are taken in this matter.

**AAUVCE AGM on 15th July 2017:** The 51st AGM was conducted on 15th July, 2015 where lot of concerns about elections, members list and the by-law copy was raised. A committee was formed to discuss about the By-law but there had been no further update about it. Matters regarding the elections were hushed up. B. N Anand (71 Batch) had written a letter to the President of Alumni Association regarding this matter before the meeting but there was no response given in that regard.

**Petition filed on 14th August 2017:** With the lack of response provided, B N Anand proceeded to file a petition to the Registrar of Societies. In this petition, he mentions that the elections have not been conducted for long time (around 20 years) and we request that an upright direction is given to conduct the same in a transparent manner. The petition enclosed the signatures of a few alumni who shared his concerns.

**Notice by Registrar Office on 26th August 2017:** A Notice is sent to the Association about the above mentioned concerns and the Office Bearers are directed to attend the hearing on 8th September 2017.

Few hearings are deferred by the Deputy Registrar due to the fact the Respondents (AAUVCE representatives) were not present and a due time was given for them to respond in this matter. Measures are taken to ensure at least B N Anand or one of the senior alumni was always present at all the hearings.

**Response by AAUVCE on 17th November 2017:** In this letter handed over by their legal representative, the office bearers respond saying the complaint is false. They claim only 21 out of 44 signatures are of the members and rest is of them are non members. Further, they claim that elections will be held in January 2018 as per By-law. They mention about conducting AGM regularly with many members attending it.

**Letters and emails from VisionUVCE:** Given the lack of updates about the “Alumni Day” organized by AAUVCE on Nov 26th, 2017 (many alumni even now are not aware of it), we requested for details to be published in the Sampada magazine. We also started addressing letters personally at the Association Office requesting them for details of Members and a By-law copy. We initially wrote letters every week and then switched to emails since none of the Office bearers were available at the Office. We sent regular mails for which we received no response from the office bearers. But few alumni supported our questions and said it would be good to conduct a meeting.

**Alumni Hall for Meeting on January 27th, 2018:** We decided a date for the meeting and requested for the Association Hall to discuss about organizing an event for Centenary Celebrations. We got the confirmation to use the hall only at 11 AM on 27th because Maj Gen Neelakantappa called and asked them. Even though many points were raised about AAUVCE on the day of the meeting, we agreed to discuss about it separately as suggested by some of the seniors. After the meeting, we requested Dr Rangaraj, Secretary of Alumni Association to share the details of members and a by-law copy with us again to which he had agreed and asked us to write our email-ids again. He also promised to look into solving the petition issue amicably with all parties included.

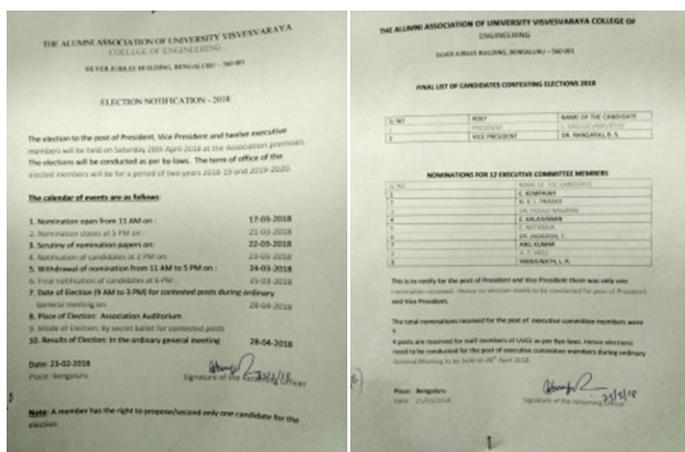
**Continued our Mail conversation:** We continued writing emails consistently asking for updates to Vasudev Murthy, Rangaraj and the others and were supported by few other alumni as well. There was no response from them about it.

**Permission to use Alumni Hall Denied on Feb 13th:** We wanted to proceed with a follow-up meeting for the event to be organized in May/June and requested the Hall for everyone to gather. We were denied the hall and here is the reply from Rangaraj, secretary of AAUVCE- " Based on the discussion I had during the Executive Committee (EC) meeting of AAUVCE, it was reiterated by the EC to get the legal opinion in the prevailing circumstances before moving forward to make sure that there are no issues later in all matters. In view of this, we are awaiting the legal opinion before we can take any decision."

**Signature Campaign to Revive Alumni Association on March 5th:** Along with Govind Lakshman from 71 batch, we started a petition to revive AAUVCE for which Padma Vibhushan Awardees Dr M R Sreenivasan, Prof Rhoddam Narasimha, Dr V K Aatre, Maj Gen Neelakantappa and many other seniors signed. We even started an online petition about the same. You can sign the petition - "Sign the Petition" and check the signatures that were made offline in the comments section.

**March 24th Hearing at Deputy Registrar:** Anand and a few other alumni had continued their appearances before the Deputy Registrar. On a Saturday, March 24th, the lawyer of AAUVCE was denied submitting any further documents (which was about AGM and other details and nothing related to elections) and the Deputy Registrar said to collect the Order copies of the decision on Monday 26th. The proceedings were postponed to April 7th (instead of March 26th) due to various reasons.

In the meanwhile with everything going on, we were in shock to have heard that Election notification had already been put up and the last date to file a nomination is already over. None of us had a clue and no one knew about the Notification that was put up in the First Floor Conference Room. The photos of the notification on the Board are as below:



It says this Notification was made on February 23rd regarding the Elections and the last date for Nominations is already over on March 21st, 2018 and that the Date of Elections

is supposedly on April 28th. There was only one nomination for the President and Vice-President posts with candidates Vasudev Murthy and Dr Rangaraj respectively and no elections are required for these posts. For the 8 positions of Executive Committee, 9 people have filed nominations.

We would like to extend our gratitude and support to Mr. Anand of 1971 batch who single handedly carried forward this fight and also request other alumni to help and support this cause by standing alone side us to ensure the right verdict is given in course to the Alumni Association's negligence to facilitate smooth flow of the organization's on goings.

We have tried to communicate with most of them individually but even they were at loss of information and all of the alumni who were interested were not duly informed of the happenings. Despite of how Alumni Association should operate as a front face of all the alumni groups working hand in hand to bring about a change, there is no transparency in their actions which left no choice but to file a petition against this. We will continue with the petition until due justice is provided and hope the ramification of this will ensure Alumni Association's return to function as a parent body of all the alumni groups bringing everyone together working towards the welfare of our college.

## MECHANICAL BLOCK—IN RENOVATION

Kicking start with a grand ceremony inaugurated by our Honorable Chief Minister for Laying the Foundation Stone for UVCE's Renovations, the work started off and is in full swing. The first phase of the renovation has begun with Mechanical block and the construction work along with other renovation is ongoing. Below are some pictures of the current Construction Work taking place. We hope the facilities will be constructed well to facilitate students with comfortable infrastructure for their academics.



## REMEMBERING UVCE - EPISODE 3

Next day, when we were continuing the previous day's work, saw at a distance, lecturer was coming briskly towards us. Three of my batch mates, one who was holding staff and the other two were chaining the distance, gone out of view. I and another batch mate have no chance of escaping, remained at the spot where dumpy level was fixed on the ground. As the Lecturer's presence approaching near & near, his previous day's instructions 'go thoroughly' had jolted our mind. We have not revised the field book and kept worrying what kind of mistake crept in the survey work. He asked us whether we are continuing the same work. If it so, then we are useless, thoughtless, burning the father's hard earned money, transporting sand to the River bed, etc. Our dead silence annoyed him and revealed the blunder we made in survey work. He explained in details with demonstration with his hands showing the imaginary position of dam & last point of contour channel that we had given upward gradient from the cill level of dam as water cannot move against the gravity ...so on & so forth. Accordingly we had been instructed to plot the readings on graph sheet showing bed of the channel and meet him at 8.00 p m. With hidden fear upper-most in our mind that we do not get good class marks and becoming very bad in the eyes of lecturer, we all batch mates sat together with utmost concentration, sacrificing all daily needs, completed the given task. We all met him in his chamber, shown our home work. He did some minor corrections and also gave encouraging words as how to behave & discharge our duties after we left the college. At the same time, he felt very happy and satisfaction for having shown the obedience towards him by us.

One more incidence had happened in the store section of Civil Engg.Dept. that etched in my memory even after decades and never dies till my last breath. Store-keeper whose name was 'Gupta' as I have forgotten his particular name at the prefix. He was complete in charge of store section and hand over the required survey material to the students for conducting survey work as practice, outside our college. While receiving back the material. He checks with utmost care about the damages, missing items, soiled if any, etc. During



such exercise, one day we forgotten the thread which ties the foldable measuring chain, might have left it in the field in a hurry to go to canteen for break-fast with friends after 10.30 am as there was a break up to 11.00 am. He never allowed me to go out as I have affixed my signature for the acknowledging the receipt of materials. My batch mates left me without my notice soon after dumping the material. He demanding Rs.5=00 as fine or bring back the thread he had given. With a challenging voice, I retorted him that cost of thread was only 25 paisa and not Rs.5=00. This amount appears to be, in those times, rich enough to manage 2 to 3 days expense and also worth of getting 3 to 4 Masala dosai at unreputed hotels. He told me finally that levying penalty not for the cost of thread but for carelessness, lack of duties & responsibilities. This piece of good advice entered into my mind and resided strongly in my memory as it was saved me from clutches of financial responsibility to an extent of one lakh, relates to in charge of storage of materials (Asphalts) at Kushtagi in Raichur Dist. during 1974 when I was a Junior Engineer in K P W D. Thereafter, I told my batch mate that I will not come to the store section so as to avoid fine and facing the music of store-keeper whenever we draw survey materials for survey practice.

My fond memories and reverence goes to teaching staff of civil engg.dept. that they had taken utmost care and interest to shape a future of the students as how to face the world under all circumstances. They were very cautious in giving class marks to the students. There is no doubt that their given class marks indicate the quality of the students.

Coming to Hostel episode, few of my class mates were having a mind as how to become rich in those days.

They had a rural background- and stayed in the hostels. Earlier, hostel meant for only Engg. Students. When they acclimatized the weather of Bangalore city and mingling with its people, they started gradually dominating their presence in all possible fronts. Hitherto, their appearances were shabby and withdrawn when compared to the local students. One day, their appearances were so changed and outclassed the city students in all respects like sporting costly dresses, wrist watch, etc. Later, we learnt that these boys are so called 'Sons of the soil' elected in the hostel as prefect ship. This means, the management of finance for procuring raw material for preparation- on of food for the inmate's. In the process, they found some excess money after final audit and become extravagant.

Whenever I visit the hostel to meet my friends, most of the students were thronging in the corridor of first floor and riveted their eyes towards the hospital. They had a clear view of the hospital where beautiful Nurses moving here and there while discharging their duties. Most of the Nurses were of foreign origin and their color complexion was so attractive, even if one stands & stares for 24 hrs, not a trace of tiredness visible in their faces. In such environments, most of the student's mind was so oppressive for studies and given more attention to their growing desires of sex in the body. Moreover, climate of romantic stories spilled into the class rooms as droplets like falling snow flakes which cools off the student's mind for a while, when the mind was burdened with all three branch of engineering subjects. Gradually, with the passage of time when buds matured into full grown flower as one of my class mate kept friendship with German Nurse, turned into marriage, went to Germany without informing to anyone. This was a gossip for many days.

One more incidence, I would like to narrate is the action of high moral character displayed by my class mate whose name was 'Ashok Kumar' when we were studying third year (IC). He was obedient to the core and showing obeisance to God. Whenever he sees a temple in the road, he stands in the middle of the road, leaving the sandal aside, eyes closed with folded hands, mutters some prayer as this was his habit. I looked somewhere else while he was praying in the Majestic area as the traffic was very thin and hardly passes four wheelers. Even if one sleeps or playing cricket in the middle of the road, there were no disturbances from any quarters. Whenever we feel bore for attending the periods of drawing class and workshop, we take a stroll in the Majestic area to freshen our mind and savoring bread toast & coffee in 'Vishnu Bhavan', looking at Hindi film posters, observing rushes in the theatre, street vendors displaying their wares of old and new items, etc.

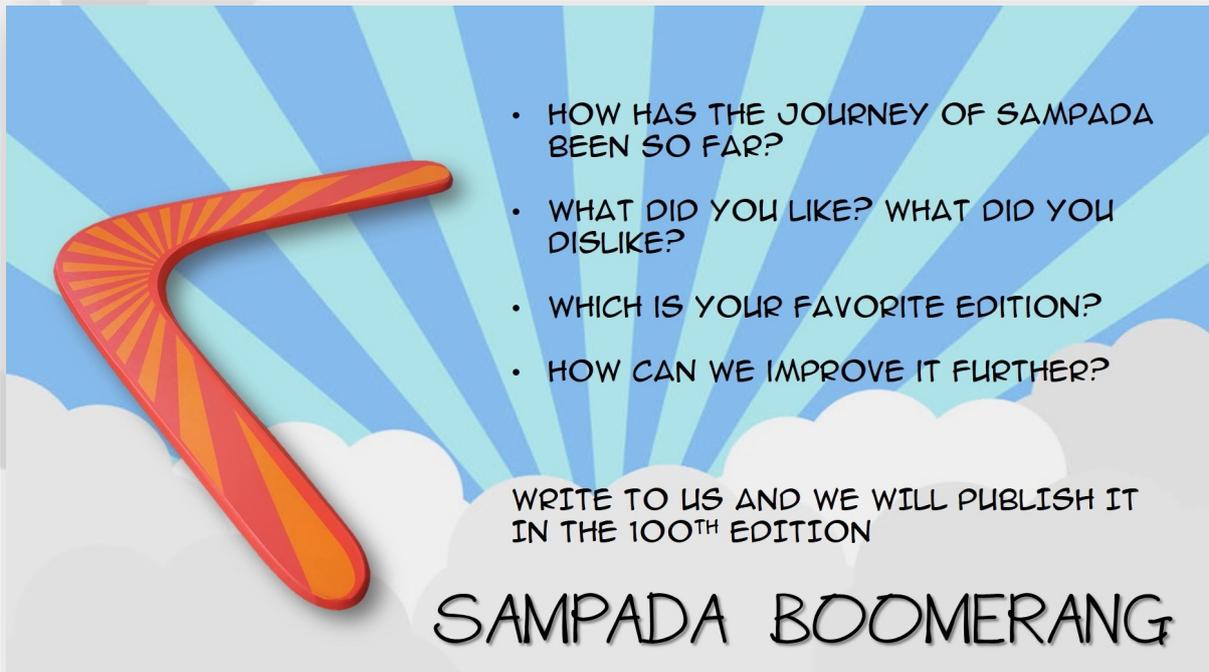


One morning, when the weather was very pleasant, Students were scattered outside the class room and exchanging their pleasantries over their favorites film stars like Dilip Kumar, Dev Anand and Raj Kapoor with their activities and gossips in Hindi film land. As the political activities then, were very clear, clean and unpolluted, most of the politicians were truthful to their consciousness & walked freely on the road as one among public. Most of the people as I knew, had no reasons to talk idly about politics, but talked happily about these three great actors. No students has noticed while mathematic lecturer walked silently and entered into the class room. He cannot be called as lecturer because of his simple dress and down to earth attitude. While marking attendance, he called the student name, immediately remembered the previous day news in leading news paper and congratulated about his good deeds while shaking hands after the period was over.

**(TO BE CONTINUED)**

**- Gurunath B H, Batch of 1970 EEE**

## SAMPADA BOOMERANG



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## FELICITATION TO DR VENUGOPAL K R

“With great power comes great responsibility.” And with this we take the opportunity for a special mention of Dr. Venugopal K R who was felicitated and honored on March 31st, 2018 as he signed off as the Principal of UVCE. He selflessly served and contributed towards the growth of our college as Principal from 2007 to 2018. We thank him with all our hearts for his philanthropic and virtuous ways that have inspired us throughout. Thank you Sir!

