

Bangalore University invites Narayana Murthy on board UVCE

VICE-CHANCELLOR PRABHU DEV'S OPEN LETTER SEEKS INFOSYS FOUNDER'S GUIDANCE FOR THE INSTITUTION

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Comments on IITians lacking quality has got NR Narayana Murthy an invitation from Bangalore University vice-chancellor N Prabhu Dev to head University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering and "rebuild the college into an institute of technological excellence".

In an open letter, Dev read, "I request you and invite you to be the chairman of the

board of governors of Vishveswaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore University, and guide and transform it into a technological institute of excellence."

The letter said that Dev, currently the chairman of the board of governors, would "voluntarily" relinquish the post for the "overall development of UVCE".

Considering that Karnataka does not have an IIT, it is only apt that UVCE, one of the most sought after engineering col-

leges, enhances to be on par with the global standards.

The letter also said, "A major problem that we face in our university and in majority of the universities in India is the quality of higher education that the institutions impart. The issue of quality is not being addressed. The syllabi are not industry-friendly. The issue of reforms needs a visionary. If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of their tomorrow."



Rohini Nilekani, author of *Uncommon Ground*, with Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy and Sudha Murty at the launch of the book in Bangalore on Thursday

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Dev said that in the current scenario, he wants Murthy to help UVCE develop concepts such as text-free education, tech-savvy classrooms, ensured internships and vocational courses that aim to make education more fruitful. The faculty would be encouraged to indulge in fruitful research in collaboration with students.

UVCE should be able to contribute significantly to the

global competitiveness of key sectors of the Indian economy and industry. The students should be enabled to focus on applied research and education in IT in selected domain areas.

Referring to the Infosys founder's comments on Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Dev said that visionaries like Murthy should also come out with concrete plans to raise the standard of IITs.

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-N Prabhu Dev, vice-chancellor, Bangalore University

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