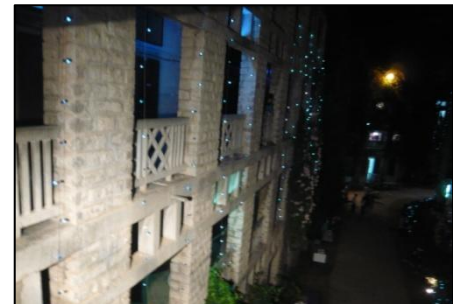


## HOSTELS AND STUDENT LIFE AT CMC VELLORE

The number of students at CMC is relatively small in comparison with typical universities, but they enthusiastically pursue a range of cultural, social and sporting activities. Student life is not all academic studies, and the history and traditions of CMC add to the richness of the experience.

### Accommodation

The majority of CMC's students live in the hostels (MBBS and BSc Nursing programmes are fully residential, others allow day scholars). Female nursing students are housed in the main hospital campus, all others live in the medical college campus at Bagayam, about 6 km from the main hospital.



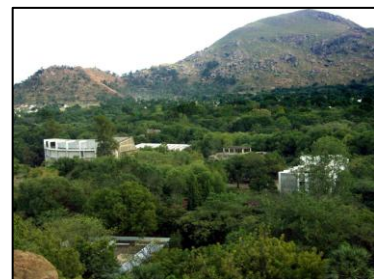
Men's Hostel decked out for hostel day



Inside a student room, Women's Hostel

The Bagayam Campus has the Women's and Men's Hostels for MBBS students, the Fitch Hostel for Allied Health girls, the Dorothy Joske Hostel for boys and the Modale International Hostel for elective/ visitor-observer students from overseas. Besides the hostel messes the College Canteen and the Stores also serve food, ice cream and beverages. The nursing students live in the Student Nurses Hostel in the hospital campus, which is the largest hostel. Staff nurses and interns have separate hostels.

The faculty stay in the same campuses sharing a community life. The founder, Dr. Ida Scudder, shared a large part of her life with her students, and this was one of the key factors in ensuring both their academic success and their spiritual growth and commitment to service. This *gurukul* type of education is followed even today, to the extent possible. A foster parenting system has been developed whereby every student is welcomed by one of the staff families as an adopted member. These relationships often outlive the student days.



The leafy college campus with Toad Hill behind

### Extra-curricular Activities

Students are encouraged to manage all aspects of their hostels, under the guidance of a resident warden and a senior warden. This includes managing budgets for the mess and various activities and projects as well as organising events such as the annual hostel day entertainment and various competitions within each hostel.



Student Retreat

The spiritual development of the students is encouraged through opportunities for regular community worship on Sunday evenings in the college and hospital chapels. Students



Inside the hospital chapel

organise informal class prayers and bible studies. Different batches of students are taken to outstation locations for weekend retreats by the Chaplaincy Department. Apart from the medical libraries the Chaplaincy Department maintains libraries on campus and anyone can borrow religious and general books and magazines.

The students put up plays, musicals and special events periodically, with the help of appropriate staff members. These include the annual College Day Play, which is often a well-known musical, and music, dance and cultural competitions. The staff also take the stage occasionally with a highly entertaining Staff Entertainment.



College Day Play 2010



Basket ball court

There are facilities for various games and athletics on the campuses, in addition to a gymnasium on the College campus. Each year the students organise *Pegasus* a gala of sporting and cultural events in which many other colleges participate. There are swimming pools also available just outside. Many students, staff and visitors enjoy climbing the various nearby hills on holidays.