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*The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Exodus 15:2*

## Celebration of World Autism Day - 2018



The World Autism Awareness Day was celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 by the Developmental Paediatrics Unit in collaboration with Paediatric Nursing Services. This year's theme was "Empowerment of Women and Girls with Autism", with the aim to address challenges by involving them and their representative organizations in policy and decision making.

The inaugural function began with prayer by Rev. Rachita Rout followed by a welcome address by Dr. Beena Koshy, Professor and Head, Developmental Paediatrics. Felicitations were offered by Dr. Nihal Thomas, Associate Director, Dr. Prasad Mathew, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Solomon Sathish Kumar, Vice-principal, Dr. Premila Lee, Nursing Superintendent and

Mrs. Alice Sony, Associate Dean of Nursing. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Samuel Philip Oommen, Professor, Developmental Paediatrics.

The major part of the event was centred on educating the public about autism and what it is not. Autism is a neuro-developmental condition which has restrictive, repetitive movements, different interests or behaviours affecting communication and socialization.

Early diagnosis and early intervention can improve the outcome of children with this condition. However, due to lack of awareness it remains undiagnosed, losing precious time for intervention.

Since it carries with it social stigma and impaired social skills, it is highly

*Special Prayers : April 08 - 14, 2018*

*Diagnostic Radiology and Imaging :*

Dr. Gibikote Sridhar V. and Staff  
Mrs. Jeyalinda Christopher and Staff

*CNI Uttar Pradesh Regional Board of Health Services*

Council Member : Dr. H.J. Lyall

Hospitals : Christian Hospital, Kasganj, Memorial Hospital, Farrukhabad and others

*Sunday Services : April 15, 2018*

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**  
Ms. Intimenla Aier

6.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**  
Mr. Samson Varghese

5.00 pm : **Friendship Chapel, KPTR Campus**  
Dr. I. Rabi Raja Singh

*Welcome :*

**Dr. Anand Zachariah**, Professor, Department of General Medicine Unit-I, on his return from sabbatical leave.

*Day to remember :*

National Fire Service Day - April 14

*Obituary :*

**Mr. Pandian Franklin**, retired staff, Telephone Exchange on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.

Let us uphold his son, Mr. Prakash, daughter, Mrs. Priya Isaac and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

essential that the right knowledge and awareness is given. The programme was therefore a grand success and left the public with the following awareness.

*Autism is not lack of intelligence - Similar to that of normal people; the intelligence factor will vary from person to person.*

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The lack of communication and social skills makes it difficult for their intelligence to be discovered.

*Autism is not lack of emotions* – A child with autism feels love, happiness, sadness and pain just like anyone else, though they may not express their feelings in the same way others do. Since there is no open display of affection, it is a myth to think that autistic people do not feel or cannot feel.

*Autism is not a disability* – Even the definition of autism is associated with words like “deficit,” “disorder,” “impaired” and “restricted.” Their senses may be overwhelmed, their bodies may be disorganized or uncooperative, but their minds are far more competent.

*How to identify early symptoms of Autism:*

- No big smile or other warm, joyful expressions by six months or thereafter
- No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles, or other facial expressions by nine months or thereafter
- No babbling by twelve months
- No back-and-forth gestures, such as pointing, showing, reaching, or waving by twelve months
- No words by sixteen months
- No two-word meaningful phrases (without imitating or repeating) by twenty months
- No response when the child’s name is called by ten months
- Any loss of speech, babbling or social skills at any stage of development



## Guest Lecture on Achieving Citation Index Score organised

The Department of Library Services organized a guest lecture on “Achieving Citation Index Score” on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. Dr.Thanuskodi, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences, Alagappa University, Karikudi was the Chief Guest and delivered a very informative lecture. Dr.Joyson Soundrarajan, Senior Librarian and Head of Library Services presided over the in-house programme and gave an introductory note on the topic.

Dr. Thanuskodi spoke on the need of indexing, various types of indexing (H index, G Index, i10 Index), the 'Impact Factor' of the Journals and how to derive the Impact Factor. He also stressed on the various citation format styles and highlighted the importance of ‘Open Source Software Tools’ for locating the Citation Scores. Library staff from Dodd and Gault libraries, College of Nursing, E-Learning staff and CHAD participated in this session. Dr. R. Senthil Kumar, the Senior Librarian of Dodd Library proposed the vote of thanks.



## Events from MCI Nodal centre for National Faculty Development



The first contact course for 2018-A batch, the 6<sup>th</sup> MCI Advance Course in Medical Education (ACME) was conducted by the Department of Medical Education from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Twenty five senior faculty members from thirty six affiliated medical colleges attended this programme.

The 5<sup>th</sup> MCI Advance Course in Medical Education (ACME) which is the second contact course for 2017-B batch was conducted from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Twenty six participants presented research posters. Dr. Reeta Vijayaselvi, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology received the best poster award for the poster titled "Assessing the impact of simulation training of an intern on conducting normal delivery" and Dr. S. Priya Banthavi, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Chennai Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM Group), Trichy was awarded the runner up prize for the poster titled "Learning by doing - a better teaching method of the blood bank related practices". The contact course was awarded six credit hours by the Tamil Nadu State Medical Council.



## Congratulations!

• **Christian Medical College, Vellore** has been Ranked No.3 in the 'India Rankings 2018'. This award comes under the 'National Institutional Ranking Framework', Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country based on "Teaching, Learning and Resources", "Research and Professional Practices", "Graduation Outcomes", "Outreach and Inclusivity", and "Perception". The award was given by Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Human Resource Development, in a ceremony held in New Delhi on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018. We thank God for this recognition and all the faculty and staff who make CMC what it is.



• **Dr. Prithish John Korula**, Associate Professor, Department of Critical Care Medicine (SICU) has been awarded the "Fellowship of the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand" on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

## Retirement



**Mr. P. Manohar**, Accounts Officer Gr.I, CHAD retired on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 after 36 years of dedicated service to the institution. His wife, Mrs. Vanisree is an Accountant in CHTC Guest House. They have a son and a daughter. Their daughter, Ms. Sanjana is a B.E. Graduate and son Mr. Dhanush is pursuing final year B.Com.

CMC thanks him for his many years of dedicated service to the institution and wishes him a blessed retired life.

## Notification

CMC has joined hands with EHA to revive a hospital in the Vidharba region of Maharashtra. Vidharba is where maximum farmer suicides take place and it is an urgent need to bring about better health care to this Agrarian Community. There is an urgent need for medical professionals from all branches. Professionals are also encouraged to use their sabbatical leave to help out in this up-coming hospital. Kindly consider this as urgent and of high importance. For further information, contact Mission Department in the Directorate : 6117 / 6121, [missionoffice@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:missionoffice@cmcvellore.ac.in) *“The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live”* – Ethel Percy Andrus.

## Admission Notice: Medical Post-Doctoral Fellowships Admission (Additional)- 2018

Applications are invited for the Medical Post-Doctoral Fellowship Courses - Clinical Gastroenterology, Clinical Hepatology and Paediatric Surgery - as given in the admission bulletin (Additional). Admission Bulletin (Additional) and Application Form can be accessed only on-line at the website <http://admissions.cmcvellore.ac.in/>

The last date for online application submission with payment is **13<sup>th</sup> April, 2018**.

REGISTRAR. e-mail: [registrar@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:registrar@cmcvellore.ac.in)

## Situations Vacant

**1(a) Assistant Physician with MD (General Medicine) for the Department of Medical Oncology**

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

**1(b) Assistant Professor Gr.I with DM (Medical Oncology) for the Department of Medical Oncology**

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

Applications should be sent by post to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 or e-mail: [princi@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:princi@cmcvellore.ac.in) with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies with contact phone number, e-mail ID and full address on or before **April 21, 2018** for Items 1(a) and 1(b).

**2. Clinical Co-ordinator for the Department of Bioengineering**

**Job Code: 1237**

Qualification : BOT / BPT (Regular course) from a College recognized by AIOTA / IAP.

Skills : Experience in handling patients with stroke; Knowledge in hand rehabilitation and adjuvant therapies such as functional electrical stimulation, biofeedback and robotic therapy are desirable. Mode of appointment : Project mode.

Consolidated salary : Rs.32,500/- per month with 20% HRA. Accommodation not provided.

Download application from this link: <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu/> → General → Vacancies → Application Form for Project Staff. The print out of the application with certificates and testimonial copies should be sent to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 on or before **April 23, 2018** for Item 2.

**Note: Please mention the Job Code in the application form. The application without Job code will not be accepted.**

**3. Research Fellow for the Department of Neurological Sciences**

**Job Code: 1238**

**Post for one Research Fellow on a NIH project for the Department of Neurological Sciences. The selected candidate is expected to work for the term of the project (4years). Promising candidates have the opportunity to register for a higher degree.**

Qualification : M.Sc. Biochemistry / Life Sciences. Mode of appointment : Project mode.

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

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**Note: Please mention the Job Code in the application form. The application without Job code will not be accepted.**

**4. Staff III Graduate Technician for the Department of Clinical Heamatology**

Qualifications : B.Sc. Life Sciences with one-year in-house experience.

Salary scale : As per institutional rules. Age limit : 35 years. Job description : To work in Project.

**5. Staff III Graduate Technician (Project) for the Department of Clinical Heamatology**

Qualifications : B.Sc. Life Sciences (Candidates in final year B.Sc. can also apply).

Salary scale : As per institutional rules. Age limit : 35 years. Job description : To work in Project.

**6. Staff III Speech Therapist for the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (P.M.R)**

Qualifications : B.Sc. (Audiology / Speech and Hearing).

Salary scale : As per institutional rules. Job description : To work in the Department of P.M.R / Rehab Institute.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link: “Vacancies”. **Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.**

Applications will close on **April 23, 2018** for Items 4, 5 and **May 07, 2018** for Item 6.