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Great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.

Jeremiah 32:19

Inauguration of the Centenary year of Medical Education



May 4, 2018 was indeed a historic day for Christian Medical College, Vellore. The Institution was honoured to have **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, the Hon'ble President of India inaugurate the Centenary Year of Medical Education. Adding to the historicity of the occasion were the presence of **Shrimati Savita Kovind**, the First Lady, **Shri Banwarilal Purohit**, the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru KC Veeramani**, Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes, Government of Tamil Nadu (Minister-in-Waiting) and **Prof. P.J. Kurian**, the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

It was only fitting that the venue for this important function was the Scudder Auditorium, dedicated in 1966 to the memory of our beloved founder. The significance of the occasion was profound: a hundred years since Ida Scudder bravely and

boldly started the medical school with 16 young women; a hundred years over which the circle grew wider still to encompass the many faculty and students who shared her vision. Truly, it was a day to pay homage to the many faculty, alumni and students whose life and work echo and reflect our motto, '*Not to be ministered unto, but to minister*'.

The dignitaries were received in the portico of Scudder Auditorium by the Council Chairman, Bishop DK Sahu, the Director, Dr. J.V. Peter and the Principal, Dr. Anna B. Pulimood. Compered by Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Vice Principal (UG), the programme began with the National Anthem rendered beautifully by the College Choir. Bishop Sahu led the gathering in prayer, meaningfully incorporating the words of Tagore's inspiring poem, '*Where the mind is without fear...*'

Special Prayers : May 13 - 19, 2018

Clinical Haematology :

Dr. Vikram Mathews and Staff
Dr. Selva Titus and Staff

Medical Oncology:

Dr. Ashish Singh and Staff
Dr. Selva Titus and Staff

Centre for Stem Cell Research :

Dr. Alok Srivastava and Staff

CSI Madhya - Kerala Diocese

Council Members:

Most Rev. Thomas K. Oommen
Rev. Thomas Paikad

Hospital : CSI Hospital, Pallom and Mallappally

CSI Madurai - Ramnad Diocese

Council Members: Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph
Rev. A. David Jebaraj

Hospital : CSI Christian Mission Hospital, Madurai

Sunday Services : May 20, 2018

6.00 pm : New Examination Hall

Dr. Anand Peacock

6.30 pm : Hospital Chapel

Dr. Rabin Chacko

5.00 pm : Friendship Chapel, KPTR Campus

Rev. Lalbiaksanga Pachua

Memorandum :

Dr. Venkatesh K., Professor, is appointed as Head of the Spinal Disorders Surgery Unit with effect from 9th May, 2018 for a four-year term.

Welcome :

Dr. A.J. Joseph, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology on his return from sabbatical leave.

This was followed by Dr. J.V. Peter welcoming and introducing the dignitaries. Mementos were presented to them by Dr. Anna Pulimood and Bishop Sahu. Dr. Anna Pulimood then gave the Centenary Year Report, giving thanks to God for His countless blessings over the past one hundred years. She highlighted three ways in which the faculty and students of CMC have contributed to society.

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Firstly, over 3,800 doctors and 2,700 postgraduates and super specialists trained in CMC have rendered thousands of years of rural health care in the poorest and least accessible parts of the country where few dare to venture. Secondly, faculty and alumni have provided world-class health care not only in CMC, Vellore, but also in mofussil towns across India. Health care as practiced and taught in CMC combines scientific, rational, evidence-based medicine, with appropriate technology, the most advanced when needed, but also a compassionate, ethical, personalised and holistic approach to every person who needs care. Thirdly, CMC has made an impact on the quality of health care in India and globally, through patient oriented research. Dr. Anna stressed that CMC is not content with its rich heritage, but that there is a constant striving to seek better ways to serve, to care and to teach. The process of medical and allied health curriculum renewal is one example of this. She concluded her report with the thought-provoking words of Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador: *'We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise: an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.'*

Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar then introduced the concept of the Centenary Simulation and Skills Learning Centre, where students will learn procedural skills and acute patient management on mannequins in a simulated safe setting, allowing them to practice and enhance their skills. During the Inaugural Function, a book specially designed to capture the history and heritage of CMC was released. Titled *'Healing for the Nations'*. This book was conceptualized and published under the supervision of the former Director, Dr. Sunil Chandy and former Deputy Director (Promotions), Dr. Rita Isaac. The book was presented by Dr. Sunil Chandy, to Shri Banwarilal Purohit, the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, who released it and handed over the first copy to Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the Hon'ble President of India.



Prof. P.J. Kurian, the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, then addressed the gathering. In his inimitable style he espoused the cause, the contributions and the unique character of CMC Vellore. Calling CMC a model institution, he said, *"The Institution deserves government support, encouragement and strengthening."* In his remarks on the occasion, Shri Banwarilal Purohit, the Hon'ble Governor highlighted the exceptional health statistics of the state of Tamil Nadu, in which, he said, CMC Vellore has played a major role. He congratulated the Institution on its achievements of the past hundred years and wished it the very best for the next hundred years.



In his Presidential Address, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the Hon'ble President of India paid tribute to Dr. Ida Scudder who, he said, found her mission in medicine in India. The country in the early 1900s was a very different place, with shocking health indices. *"The country has come a long way since then, and revolutions in our economy, agriculture and in technology have changed the way we act, think and live. Inevitably, health outcomes have improved- small pox and polio have been defeated, our immunisation programme is gaining strength. The Government has launched Mission Indradhanush primarily to target hard-to-access areas and ensure all children benefit from immunisation."* The Hon'ble President referred to the three

health challenges that India currently faces-reduction in infant and maternal mortality as well as communicable diseases; the rise in non-communicable or lifestyle diseases; and the need to develop systems to detect and cope with new and emerging infectious diseases. *"This three- pronged challenge calls for interventions across the continuum of care. Meeting this challenge needs a multi-stakeholder approach."* The Hon'ble President lauded CMC's contribution to society, particularly though research that remains relevant to the needs of the

country. He also commended the medical education programme of CMC that combines professional expertise with social relevance and ethical practice. The Hon'ble President particularly mentioned the placements in villages and under-served areas that complements the clinical training of medical professionals in CMC Vellore. The challenge was to continue to train with a sense of service and dedication- "*doctors and nurses with warm hearts.*"

At the end of the function, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to God for the wisdom of his leading and thanking the dignitaries for gracing the occasion with their esteemed presence. The function concluded with the National Anthem. The Principal's Office would like to thank the community for their prayers and support for this occasion. There were many requirements brought about by the demands of protocol and strict security, to which the community responded in a heart-warming manner. Prior to the formal function, Rev. Dr. Arul Dhas led the gathering in prayer and the College Song was sung with much enthusiasm and fervor. Later, Dr. Sharon Poornima and the choir beautifully rendered the Centenary Song, '*Home of Transformation*', the chorus of which goes as follows:

*Seeking to be a witness for Christ,
Nurturing young lives for the past hundred years,
Making a difference to our nation and more
Bringing healing and wholeness to the unreached and poor,
To all who would enter, you're a home- a home of transformation'*

Let this be our prayer as we enter a new century in the service of humanity and our nation.

World Optometry Day Intercollegiate Academic Fest- "Beat it - 2018"



As part of the World Optometry Day celebrations, the Annual Intercollegiate Fest of the Department of Ophthalmology "Beat It-2018" was organized by the School of Optometry, CMC Vellore, on 21st April 2018 in the New Examination Hall, Bagayam Campus. The event was meticulously organized with various innovative events to bring out the best in their academic talents among Optometry colleges in Southern India. Dressed in blue and gold, the theme colors for the year, the School of Optometry welcomed about two hundred and thirty students and fifty faculties

from nine different Optometry colleges across southern India. The gathering was addressed by the guest speaker Dr. Mohammed Sayee, Director, Vellore Eye Hospital, Dr. Anna B Pulimood, Principal, Dr. Andrew Braganza, Head of the Department, Ophthalmology and Rev. Giftus Joshua. Over thirty teams participated in various academic events like quiz, poster, model making competition, caption the picture, ophthalmic puzzle and on the spot photography. The event ended with the prize distribution of trophies and medals. The CMC optometry students made the institution proud amid tough competitions with the LVPEI Hyderabad, Sankra Eye Hospital Chennai, Joseph Eye Hospital Trichy, Elite School of Optometry, Saveetha Medical College, CSI Kalyani Chennai and Regional Institute of Ophthalmology and GIOH Chennai winning the Intercollegiate Quiz, Model Making and Poster Competitions. LVPEI and Sankra Eye Hospital were runners up in the prestigious Quiz competition which is now established as a signature event of the Intercollegiate festival. The atmosphere had a stimulating mixture of competitiveness, vibrance and exuberance. Congratulations to Dr. Satheesh ST Selvin, Dr. Jeyanth Rose and Mrs. Evon Kujur, who organized and oversaw the entire programme.

Retirement



Mrs. Jothi C., Health Centre Auxiliary Gr. I retired on 15th March, 2018 after 32 years of service to the institution. Her daughter Mrs. Kalaiselvi works in National University of Singapore and her son Mr. Dinesh Kumar works in Chennai as programme officer at REACH NGO. She is blessed with two grandsons. CMC community is thankful for her years of commitment to the institution and wishes her God's blessings on her retired life.

Notifications

• A new clinic called Oral and Maxillofacial Service clinic has been started as a specialty referral clinic in the Department of Dental and Oral Surgery Unit-I on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (Afternoons). This service provides care for patients with Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Developmental Disorders, Trauma, TM Joint Diseases and Tobacco related oral lesions. The clinic will treat patients referred from both within the Department and also from related Departments like Head and Neck Surgery, Radiotherapy, ENT, Plastic Surgery, Paediatric Surgery etc.,

• The Florence Taylor Memorial Library, College of Nursing will remain closed for Annual Inventory from 21st to 26th May, 2018. The timing during summer vacation is as follows :

7th May to 2nd June : 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

On Saturdays : 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Regular functioning will resume from 4th June, 2018.

Situations Vacant

1. Senior Resident Gr.I with M.Ch. or DNB (Paed. Surgery) for the Department of Paediatric Surgery

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

Apply with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies with contact phone number, e-mail ID and full address to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002, or by e-mail to princi@cmcvellore.ac.in on or before **May 18, 2018** for Item 1.

2(a) Scientist B (Medical) for the Department of Paediatric Orthopaedics

Job Code : 1245

Qualification : MBBS / MS / MD. Job description : Diagnosis and management of Osteogenesis Imperfecta children Medical management / follow up of MSC transplanted children. There is an opportunity to do a Ph.D.

Mode of appointment : Project mode. Salary : Rs.50,000/- + 10% HRA. Accommodation not provided.

2(b) Research Coordinator for the Department of Paediatric Orthopaedics

Job Code : 1246

Qualification : MPH with 2 years' experience / Ph.D. Medical Sciences / MBBS.

Job description : Coordinate research and medical side organize patient recruitment, data management, Management of musculoskeletal regeneration lab financial records.

Mode of appointment : Project mode. Salary : Rs.40,000/- + 10% HRA. Accommodation not provided.

The print out of the application with certificates and testimonial copies should be sent either by soft copy to (E-mail: princi.hr@cmcvellore.ac.in) or hard copy to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 on or before **May 25, 2018** for Items 2(a) and 2(b).

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

3. Staff III Dental Hygienist for the CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus

Qualifications : H.Sc. (+ 2) or equivalent + Pass in Dental Hygienist Course + Pass in Dental Assistance Course and registered with State Dental Council. Salary : As per institutional rules. Age limit : 35 years.

Job description: Chairside Assisting, Scaling etc.

4. Staff II Medical Lab. Technician (Project) for the Department of Paediatric Orthopaedics

Qualifications : B.Sc. (MLT) / B.Sc. with 2 Year CMAI DMLT with 2 years experience.

Age limit : 35 years. Salary : As per institutional rules.

5. Graduate Technician Trainee for the Department of Clinical Pharmacology

Qualifications : B.Sc. Chemistry. Period : One year only. Stipend : Rs.5,775/-.

Age limit : 30 years. Nature of job : To perform drug assays in the laboratory.

6. Programmer Trainee for Computerised Hospital Information Processing Services (CHIPS)

Qualifications : B.Tech / BE (Computer Science) / MCA / MCS / MS (Computer Science) / M.Sc.(Computer Science).

Period : One year only. Stipend : Rs.11,405/-. Age limit : 30 years. Job description : Programmer trainee.

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 **May 28, 2018** for items 3, 4, 5 and 6.

7. Artisan Gr.IV for the Community Health Department

Qualification : S.S.L.C + 2 year ITI certificate (Preferably with ITI in Electronics).

Salary : As per institutional rules. Age limit : 35 years and below.

8. Graduate Trainee for one year in Accounts Department

Qualifications: B.Com + 1 year computer training / experience. Stipend: Rs.5,775/- per month. Age limit: 30 years and below.

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

Applications will close on **May 19, 2018** for items 7 and 8.

Inauguration of the Centenary year of Medical Education



Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India and Smt. Savita Kovind, the First Lady



Dr. J.V. Peter, Director and Prof. P.J. Kurian, Hon'ble Dy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha



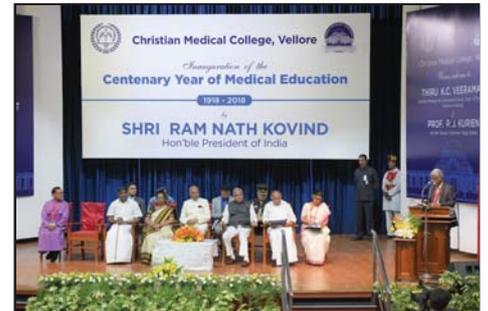
Dr. Anna B. Pulimood presenting a memento to Smt. Savita Kovind



Bishop Sahu presenting a memento to Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu



Dr. Anna B. Pulimood presenting a memento to Thiru K.C. Veeramani, Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes, Govt of Tamil Nadu



Dr. J.V. Peter welcoming the dignitaries and honoured guests



A section of the audience



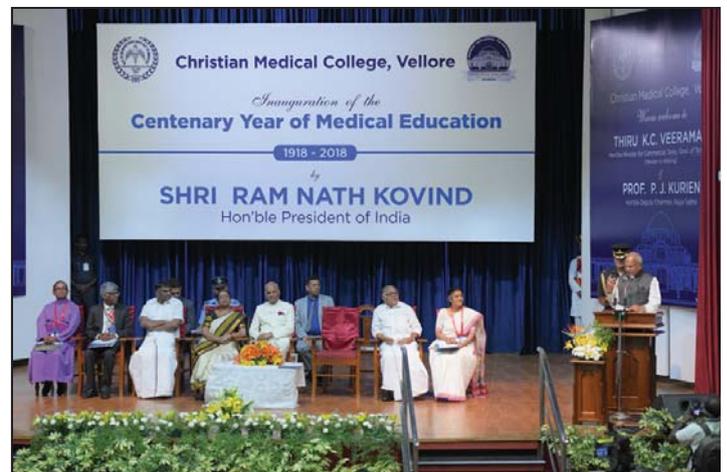
Dr. Anna B. Pulimood presenting the Centenary Year Report



Prof. P.J. Kurian, Hon'ble Dy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, addressing the gathering



Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India, delivering the Presidential Address



Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, addressing the gathering