

• **Dr. Vikram Mathews**, Professor & Head of Haematology and Associate Director (Admin) has been recommended to be elected as a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences.

• **Dr. Sudipta Dhar Chowdhury**, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology received the First Prize for Endoscopic Video presentation paper entitled “EUS Guided Gastrojejunostomy for Afferent Loop Syndrome” at SGEI (Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India) session during Indian Society of Gastroenterology Conference 2017 held at Bhubaneshwar on 17th December, 2017.

• The following participants’ received prizes at the 44th National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemistry held at King George Medical University, Lucknow on December 2017.

Mr. Joseph Dian Bondu, Lecturer was awarded the “ACBI -IFCC Task Force Young Scientist Award” for paper presentation.

Mrs. Janani Iswarya, Lecturer received the Best Poster Award titled “HbA1C Measurement in Sodium Fluoride EDTA tube (A single tube for measuring HbA1C and Glucose)”.

• **Dr. Deekshith R.M.**, second year Fellow in Implant Otology, Department of ENT unit IV, received the first runner up prize for video presentation titled ‘Subtotal Petrosectomy with blind sac closure in left congenital cholesteatoma of petrous apex extension’ at AOI midterm national conference (AOIMIDCON 2017) held at Mangaluru on the 1st to 3rd December 2017".

• **Dr. Avadhesh Joshi**, Senior P.G. Registrar, Department of Neonatology won the II prize for the poster titled "Does umbilical cord pH help in predicting adverse neonatal outcome (HIE or death) in babies born to mother with category II CTG?" at the 37th Annual convention of NNF at Gurgaon between 8th - 10th December 2017.

Dr. Nihal Thomas, Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism has been recommended to be awarded the 2018 World India Diabetes Foundation Outstanding Investigator Award at the International Symposium on Diabetes at Mumbai on 13th to 14th January, 2018 by the International Committee (Dr. Robert Rizza-Mayo, Edward Horton-Harvard and John Wahren-Karolinska Institute). This award is in honor of Mr. Raman Kapur (Chair, WIDF Board).

• **Dr. Sunil Chandy**, Professor, Department of Cardiology Unit III was awarded the “For the sake of Honour Award” by the Rotary Club of Vellore on 2nd February 2018, for demonstrating excellence in the area of administration and management in CMC and for improving services for the people of Vellore.

• **Dr. Lallu Joseph**, Quality Manager, Department of Quality Management Cell has been nominated as the Technical Advisor of the committee for NABH Accreditation, NIMHANS, Bangalore.

• **Dr. Selvin Theodore Jayanth**, Assistant Surgeon, Department of Urology won the “Brij Kishore Patna Prize Best Paper Session” for the paper titled " Renal Transplantation in Abnormal Lower

Urinary Tract-Impact on Graft outcomes, Patient Survival and Complications" at the USICON 2018 held at Jaipur from 18th to 21st January 2018.

- **Dr. Zubair Khan**, Fellow in Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, won the first prize for Oral presentation on the topic "Fungal Sensitization in Asthma" in Dr.Sheldon Spector Memorial CME held on Allergic Diseases at CMC Vellore on 10th January 2018.
- **Dr. Ranjan S.S**, Final year PG student in PMR was awarded the "Dr. Hanumantha Rao" gold medal for the second prize in PGT paper presentation at the 46th National conference of Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMR) held at New Delhi from 19th to 21st January, 2018.
- **Dr. Ananth P Abraham**, Postgraduate resident in Neurosurgery won the first prize for his paper titled "Risk of developing shunt dependent hydrocephalus in children following surgery for posterior fossa tumours" at the 29th Annual Conference of Indian Society for Paediatric Neurosurgery held at Hyderabad from 1st to 3rd February 2018.
- **Dr. Narmada Ashok** won the second prize for oral presentation of the following project: "Potency comparison of Indian manufactured vs. FDA-approved allergens". Authors: Dr. D.J. Christopher¹, Dr. Narmada Ashok², Sr. Aruna Ravi Verma³, Ms. Deepa Shankar⁴, Mr. Erik Peterson⁵, Ms. Phuong T. Dinh⁶, Dr. P.K. Vedanthan⁷.
- **Dr. Neeraj Kulkarni**, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology won the FOGSI Karan Gupta Memorial Award for his poster titled: "Peripartum hysterectomy: Lessons learnt over a decade in a tertiary care centre in South India" at the 61st All India Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology held at Bhuvaneshwar from 17th to 21st January 2018.
- **Dr. Shweta Nair** won the 1st prize for the poster titled "CBCL as a predictor of relationship between ASD and associated comorbidities" at the 55th National Conference of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (PEDICON 2018) held from 5th to 7th January, 2018 at Nagpur.
- **Dr. Joyson Soundrarajan**, Senior Librarian & Head, Department of Library Services has been awarded the '*Best Librarian of the Year 2017-18*' (Shri S.L. Vij Orientation Award) in the Health Information Field at the 1st National Convention on Open Access to Health Information: Trends, Models and Strategies for Medical Libraries held at Jaipur during 9th and 10th of February 2018, organized by the Rajasthan Medical Library Association and Jaypee Brothers Medical Publisher and Distributors, New Delhi.
- **Ms. Dharini S.**, Staff Perfusionist in the Department of Cardio Thoracic Surgery was awarded the "Upcoming Young Perfusionist Award" for the best paper presented at the 18th annual conference of the Indian Society of Extra Corporeal Technology (ISECTCON 2018), held on 2nd and 3rd February, 2018 at Vishakapatnam.

• **Dr. Shaji Pankiraj**, PG Registrar, Department of Orthopaedics has won the “TNOACON 2018 Orthopaedic Oncology Free Paper Gold Medal” for his scientific presentation on “Follow up study on distal femur Giant Cell Tumour” at the Tamil Nadu Orthopaedic Conference 2018 (TNOACON 2018), held at Nagercoil in February 2018.

• **Dr. Philip Amitav Vikram Kalindi** and **Dr. Praveen Benjamin D.** post-graduates (MD final year), Department of Anaesthesia won the 2nd prize in 'Quiz ACME 2018-Physics' held on 26th January 2018 at Vydehi Institute of Medical Science and Research Centre, Bangalore.

• The following candidates were successful in the **Postgraduate Higher Specialty** Examination held in

February 2018. (University Results Published on 19.02.2018)

DM / M.Ch - February 2018 session :

DM. Endocrinology - Dr. Samantha S.,

DM. Gastroenterology -Dr. Mohamed Aliyas Rajeeb K.J. and Dr. Vineet Mishra,

DM. Nephrology – Dr. Paradeep Mathew Koshy,

M.Ch. Paediatric Surgery - Dr. Pratiba N.

Dr. J.V. Peter, Director was presented the **2017 Presidential Citation** for dedicated and outstanding contributions to the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Dr. Anand Bhaskar, Associate Professor of Physiology has won the second prize for poster presentation at the SIMEDUCON 2018 conference held on 3rd March, 2018.

Mr. Sathiyamoorthy. C, Prosthetist & Orthotist, Prosthetic & Orthotic Services, Department of PMR received the 3rd Prize for Oral Presentation titled “*Novel Flex-Ankle Prosthetic Foot for Children with Trans Tibial Amputation - A Pilot Case Study*” at National Conference organized by Orthotic & Prosthetic Association of India (OPAI) held at Lucknow on 27th to 29th January, 2018.

Ms. Garima Sharma and **Ms. Malini**, Final Year Students, Bachelor in Prosthetic & Orthotic won the 1st and 2nd Prize respectively in Poster Presentation at National Conference organized by Orthotic & Prosthetic Association of India (OPAI) held at Lucknow on 27th to 29th January, 2018.

Ms. Garima Sharma, Bachelor in Prosthetic & Orthotic, Final Year and **Ms. Rashmiya**, Bachelor in Prosthetic & Orthotic, Intern, won the 1st and 3rd Prize respectively in Poster Competition for World Diabetes Day 2017 organized by Department of Endocrinology Diabetes and Metabolism.

Dr. Balamugesh T., Professor of Pulmonary Medicine has been awarded "Diploma of Fellowship (FRCP Glasgow) by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow".

Dr. Rani Diana Sahni, Professor of Microbiology has won the Best Poster Award for the paper, "Trend in Echinocandin susceptibility among Candida species causing invasive candidial infections

at a tertiary" at SIHAM 2018, 12th National Conference of Society of Indian Human and Animal Mycologists at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru.

Dr. Promila Mohanraj, Lecturer, Microbiology has won the Best Oral Presentation Award for the paper, "Evaluation of pan-fungal PCR assay for diagnosis of invasive fungal infections in febrile neutropenic patients" at SIHAM 2018, 12th National Conference of Society of Indian Human and Animal Mycologists at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru.

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- **Dr. Sneha E. and Dr. Philip Amitav Vikram Kalindi**, Postgraduates (MD final year), Department of Anaesthesia were the First prize winners in case presentation of the practical examination preparation programme (PREPP) on 11th March, 2018 at Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai.

- **Dr. Syed Kamaran Asif**, Assistant Professor, Department of ENT Unit-II has won the 1st prize for poster presentation at the SIMEDECON 2018 National Conference held on 3rd March, 2018.

- **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 3rd April, 2018. We thank God for this recognition and all the faculty and staff who make CMC what it is.

- **Dr. Pritish 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 14th February, 2018.

Dr. Muralidharan V. Post Graduate Resident, Department of Neurosurgery, won the "Second Position for Preferred Paper" at the 10th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Neuro Oncology, held on 5th to 8th April, 2018 at New Delhi.

- Dr. Vetrivel Muralidharan, Department of Neurosurgery received the second position for "Second Position for Preferred Paper" at the 10th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Neuro Oncology, held on 5th to 8th April, 2018 at New Delhi.

Rev. Dn. L. Raja and Rev. Dn. Paul Ravikumar on their Ordination as Deacons in Vellore Diocese of Church of South India.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Family Welfare was awarded Shields and Certificates of Appreciation by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Tamilnadu for the best performance (Sterilizations) among Voluntary Organisations in a function which was held on 8th May 2018 at Mylapore, Chennai. The award was presented by Dr.C.Vijaya Baskar, MBBS, BL Honorable Minister for Health and Family Welfare. The department has bagged the First Prize for 3 consecutive years, 2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017. The award was received by Dr. Swathi Rathore, MD, Associate Professor, Dr. Madhupriya, MS, Assistant Professor and Mrs. Jayasudha, Social Worker from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Dr. Meena Supriya S. Postgraduate Fellow, Clinical Genetics, won first place in the quiz conducted for Lysosomal storage disorders at the CME by Fetal Care Research Foundation and Voluntary Health Services Hospital, Chennai.

Dr. Manish Baldia, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurological Sciences (Neurosurgery) has won the first prize for the paper category for Next Gen. Award.

Dr. V. Balaji, Professor, Department of Clinical Microbiology has been awarded the “Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London)”.

- Ms. Yamuna Devi Bakthavatchalam, PhD scholar, Department of Clinical Microbiology has been awarded the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH) grant for her research project titled “In-vitro activity and pharmacodynamic interaction of Cefixime-Azithromycin and Ceftriaxone-Azithromycin against Salmonella Typhi”. She has won this prestigious early career award from among 624 applicants from 52 countries.

- Dr. Anika Amritanand presented her study on ‘Validity of trained community health volunteers in identification and appropriate referral of persons with ocular morbidity’ done with the partnership of ChristoffelBlinden Mission at the 14 th Annual Conference of the ‘Vision 2020, The Right to Sight, India’ held in Guwahati on the 9th and 10th of June 2018. This year’s theme was ‘Advocacy and Inclusive partnership for eye health’. She received the best paper award for the session on ‘Sharing Knowledge Repository: towards organisation’s sustainability and growth’.

- Dr. Albert Abhinay Kota, Senior Registrar (Final Year M.Ch. Vascular Surgery) won the “Excellent Abstract Presentation Award” at Charring Cross International Symposium 2018, held at London from 24th – 27th April, 2018.

- Dr. Preyander Thakur, Senior Registrar was awarded 1st Prize in Oral Presentation for the Topic- 'Bone health in elderly men from rural southern India -A cross sectional study' at the 5th Annual Conference of Endocrine Society of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (TREND-2018).

• The following students were awarded prizes / medals at the University Convocation held on 8th July 2018.

Dr. Shaikh Atif Ibal Ahmed The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – DM Neurology

Dr. Kalra Parika Amar Dev The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – DM Gastroenterology

Dr. Benjamin Jeyanth Ross The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – DM Neonatology

Dr. Bankar Aniket Rajiv The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – DM Clinical Haematology

Dr. Anil Satyaraddi The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – DM Endocrinology

Dr. Saurubh Jaisawal The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – DM Hepatology

Dr. Aureen Ruby D' Cunha The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MCh. Paediatric Surgery

Dr. Sam Pon Raj D. Vascular Alumni Gold Medal – M.Ch. Vascular Surgery

Dr. Supriya Sen The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MCh. Endocrine Surgery

Dr. Reettika Chanda Prof. Arthur Daniel Gold Medal – MD Radiodiagnosis

Dr. Shina Goyal The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD Radiotherapy

Dr. Saraswathi Ramanathan The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD PMR

Dr. Pragya Kafley The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – MD Immunohaematology & Blood Transfusion

Dr. V. Rajshekhar, Professor of Neurosurgery delivered the following 3 Orations and 1 keynote address over the past year: 5th Cherukuri Narasimham and Subhadra Devi Chair Oration, SVIMS, Tirupati - 8th March, 2017; Keynote address - Third JIPMER Research Day, Puducherry - 11th September, 2017; Dr. John S. Carman Oration, CMC, Vellore -30th November, 2017; 2nd Mrs.I.Satyavathi Oration-Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam-29th June, 2017.

- The following MD DVL postgraduate students, won prizes at the 9th State Conference of Tamil Nadu Branch of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venerologists and Leprologists, Cuticon, Tamil Nadu 2018:

Dr. Anu Sara Philip, was awarded 1st prize for her poster entitled 'A case of lax skin' and Dr. Megha Mariam George, was awarded 3rd prize for her poster entitled 'A rare cause of recurrent oral and genital ulcer'.

The Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology organized the first National Workshop in Pharmaceutical Medicine from 9th to 12th July, 2018. This workshop was organized in collaboration with postgraduate alumni of the department who are now in responsible positions within various pharmaceutical organizations. This collaboration brought together a unique blend of clinical research experts from the academia and the industry, sharing the same platform to disseminate their knowledge and firsthand experience on pharmaceutical medicine. Forty MD postgraduate students, from fifteen colleges, registered for this workshop. The curriculum of MD Pharmacology postgraduates includes the science of Pharmaceutical Medicine as an integral component.

The workshop focussed on a pharmaceutical overview of the drug development process, research and development, drug safety in trials, regulatory affairs, the role of medical affairs in industry and an overview of population pharmacokinetic modeling in clinical trials. The participants with the help of mentors worked in small groups and were trained to design protocols for clinical trials. There was a GCP panel discussion, where experts from the institution and clinical trial experts addressed issues relating to the investigator, ethics committee and the sponsor. The inaugural address was delivered by the Principal, Dr. Anna Pulimood, with felicitations by the former principal, Dr. JP Muliyl. Dr. Anna Pulimood appreciated the organizers on their willingness to establish a collaboration between the academia and the pharmaceutical industry, for the benefit of expanding knowledge and research in the science of Pharmaceutical Medicine. First National Workshop in Pharmaceutical Medicine

- Dr. Rosh Varghese Georgy, PG Registrar, Radiology, got 3rd place in a quiz competition at the 17th Hyderabad Annual Radiologic Physics course held at Hyderabad on 20th - 22nd July, 2018.

- The following candidate was successful in the Postgraduate M.Sc. Examination held in May 2018 (University Results published on 07.07.2018). M.Sc. Medical Physics: Part I - Mr. Pranjal Srivastava.

Mr. S. Selvin James, MPT Student has won the 3rd prize of the research grant awarded by Fascial Manipulation Association for his thesis titled "Effectiveness of FM in improving pain and dysfunction in persons with early knee osteoarthritis". He has been invited to present this paper in the International Conference to be held in Berlin, later this year.

• The following students were awarded prizes / medals at the University Convocation held on 8th July 2018.

Dr. Sameer M.D. 1. District Surgeon Dr. R. Shanmugam Memorial Endowment Prize,

2. Iraiyaadimai E.A. Jivudeen Endowment Prize, 3. Madurai Asicon 1977

Gold Medal, 4. Apollo Gold Medal, 5. Dr. C.M.K. Reddy Gold Medal – M.S. General Surgery

Dr. Nedha Joy Prof. Mohan Kameswaran Gold Medal Endowment – M.S. E.N.T.

Dr. Carolin Solomi V. 1. Dr. Mira Sengupta Gold Medal, 2. Dr. R.H. Kulkarni S Award,

3. Prof. Dharani Srinivas Gold Medal – M.S. Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

• The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduate Diploma Examination held in May 2018. (University Results Published on 07.07.2018) Diploma-April 2018 session (Passed out candidates).

D.A. : Dr. Blessy Abraham, Dr. Maria Jacob, Dr. Joseph George Tharion, Dr. M. Vinolia Victory Nissi,

Dr. Andrew Moses, Dr. Jijo Paul, Dr. Bhargavi Vallabhaneni and Dr. Kumaran V.

D.D.V.L. : Dr. Hajari Shreya Swaroopsingh; D.L.O : Dr. Sangeetha Ruth Prasad

D.G.O. : Dr. Raisa Samuel, Dr. A. Alice Jesuntha, Dr. Tina Gurung, Dr. Kiruba Hannah Vidhyantha,

Dr. Magdalene Seegan Paul P.M. and Dr. Ramya V.M.

D.O. : Dr. Joseph Babu and Dr. Dharmeswari T.

D. Ortho.: Dr. Jonath Samuel Christopher, Dr. Arungandhi N., Dr. V.V. Ramu and Dr. Joseph George.

D.C.H. : Dr.Muthukumaran R., Dr. Shafini Beryl B., Dr.Suranjan John Thangam, Dr. Chougule Anuja Ashok, Dr. Bino Rajamani J., Dr. Eda Shekinah Phibe and Dr. Divya Mary George.

D.P.M. : Dr. Juhi Rachel Baluja, Dr. Likhin S.P., Dr. Richa Earnest, Dr. Monisha Kanya S., Dr. Cheruba

Susan George and Dr. Poornima Sunder.

D.M.R.D.: Dr. Kuttabadkar Jitendra Anil, Dr. Edwin Mohan Chittilapilly, Dr. Vineeth Joseph Abraham,

Dr. Jagadeesh Kumar CH., Dr. Anish Krishna and Dr. Anand Prajapati.

D.M.R.T.: Dr. Shiney Mathew, Dr. Divya G.R. and Dr. Jerome Sunny P.

• The following candidates who were successful in the Postgraduate MD/MS Examination held in May 2018.

(University Results Published on 07.07.2018).

MD. Anaesthesia : Dr. Amitav Philip, Dr. Charles J., Dr. Praveen Benjamin D., Dr. Roy Rajan Mathai, Dr. Sam

Jenkins S., Dr. Sivanandan A. and Dr. Sneha E.

MD. Anatomy : Dr. Haobam Rajajee Singh, Dr. Jenny Jacob and Dr. Vandana Nathan.

MD. Biochemistry : Dr. S. Mathuravalli

MD. Community Medicine: Dr. Swathi Krishna N., Dr. Nirmala Joseph, Dr. Madhu Mohan S and Dr. Shalini J.

MD. Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy : Dr. Shivani Bhardwaj.

MD. Dermatology : Dr. Sona Ann Sunny and Dr. Jacqueline Jose.

MD. General Medicine : Dr. Manisha Arthur, Dr. Lesley Ponraj, Dr. Prashansa Sadanshiv, Dr. Rohith Salim,

Dr. Jaifrin Daniel, Dr. R.Akhil, Dr. Avanish Jha, Dr. Anju Susan Jacob, Dr. Vineeth Varghese Thomas,

Dr. Jambugulam Mohan, Dr. Ebenezer Daniel, Dr. Josh Thomas Georgy, Dr. Anuka Alena Abraham,

Dr. Jayastu Senapati, Dr. Dan Mathew Luke, Dr. Johns T. Johnson.

MD. Geriatric Medicine : Dr. Rakesh Mishra. To be continued...

Cystic Fibrosis India Project

Cystic Fibrosis(CF) India project was initiated on 1st May, 2018 as a collaborative effort by Paediatric respiratory clinic, Department of Paediatrics, Department of Pulmonary Medicine and Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. This is a demonstration project

funded by the 'CF' foundation, USA to create a sustainable model of care for Cystic Fibrosis in areas with no access to resources.

A team from Columbus, Ohio including Dr Grace Rebecca Paul (CMC

MBBS batch of '94), Ms. Teri Johnson, CF nurse, Nationwide

Children's Hospital and Ms. Susan Gemma, CF dietician,

Nationwide Children's Hospital visited the Department of Paediatrics in order to develop this project further. Various teaching sessions and workshops were organised at Kothagiri, Coimbatore, Chennai and Chittoor

campus with the aim to create awareness among healthcare professionals in India to allow early diagnosis and treatment of Cystic Fibrosis

- Mr. S. Ramesh, Jr. Officer and Mrs. B. Manimegalai, Incharge, Department of Dietetics were awarded the "Best Paper Award '18" for their article titled, "Importance of Plate Waste Assessment in a Hospital Kitchen" at the Rula International Awards '18 given by the International Journal for Research Under Literal Access on 15th August, 2018 at Trichy.

Dr. Sangeetha Yoganathan, Associate Professor, Dr. Mukul Malhotra and Dr. Shikha Jain, Post Doctoral Fellows, Paediatric Neurology won the second prize in the competitive grand rounds 2018 conducted by "The Dr. K.C. Chaudhuri Trust and Indian Journal of Pediatrics" held in A.I.I.M.S, New Delhi on 2nd September, 2018 on the topic "Cerebral creatine deficiency syndrome: An under diagnosed treatable cause of autism".

- Dr. Minu Rekha R., Anatomy (PG Alumnus) and Dr. Mythraeyee P., Assistant Professor in

Anatomy won the NBE Gold Medal in the specialty of Anatomy during the December 2015 and December 2017 sessions respectively.

- Dr. Pankaj Singh, Senior Resident, Neurology won the first prize at the Stroke Quiz held at 5th Annual Indian Stroke Association-summer School at Goa on 2nd September, 2018.

- Dr. K. Anil Kuruvilla, Professor, Department of Neonatology has been conferred the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) degree in Hospital and Health Systems Management by BITS Pilani.

Dr. Bhavagna Bandla, MS Ophthalmology final year PG, won the 1st prize in the All India Ophthalmology Society, Academic & Research Committee Post Graduate Refresher Course 2018; South Zone quiz conducted at Aravind Eye Hospital, Chennai from 7th - 9th September, 2018.

- Dr. Roshan Kurien, Postgraduate in the Department of Anaesthesia, won the first prize in for his e-poster titled "Usefulness of PECS block in providing Opioid-free analgesia for intra-operative and post-operative cancer related breast surgery - A Randomized Controlled Trial.", guided by Dr. Serina Ruth Salins, Associate Professor, Department of Anaesthesia at the 8th National Conference of Academy of Regional Anaesthesia of India (AORA INDIA 2018) held from 10th to 12th August at AL SAJ Convention centre, Trivandrum, Kerala.

- Dr. Smitesh G., 2nd year MD (General Medicine) Post Graduate Registrar has won the Best E-Poster award for the paper, "Study of Heart Failure in Influenza Infection" in the 3rd American College of Physicians Indian Chapter Congress - Medicine 2018 held at Lucknow from 31.8.2018 to 02.09.2018. • The following MBBS student won a University Medal at the recently held Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University convocation at Chennai. Apoorva S. - Prof. Mohan Kameswaran Gold Medal in E.N.T.

- The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduate Higher Specialty Examination held in August

2018. (University Results Published on 24.08.2018) DM / MCh - August 2018 session

D.M. Cardiology : Dr. Kaku Singh Bhatia, Dr. Perla Harsha Teja, Dr. Nathaniel Samson Devakiruba D.,

Dr. Sahil Mahajan and Dr. Jegan S.

D.M. Clinical Haematology : Dr. Hanmantgad Shreyas, Dr. Vishvdeep Khushoo, Dr. Baheti Abhijit Subhashandra and Dr. Sharon Anbumalar Lionel.

D.M. Critical Care : Dr. Binila Chacko

D.M. Endocrinology : Dr. Kripa Elizabeth Cherian.

Dr. Nihal Thomas, Professor and Head, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Unit-I and Associate Director, received the award for "Lifetime Devotion to Medical Sciences" by the Rajasthan Endocrine Society on 15th September, 2018 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

- Dr. Babeesh Chacko, Consultant in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation was awarded the first prize for the 3 minute research presentation at the IAPMR (Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) Midterm CME 2018 at CMC, Vellore on 14th & 15th September, 2018.

- Pulmonary Medicine Department PG registrars presented oral and poster presentations in the 4th Tamil Nadu and Puducherry State Conference on Pulmonary Diseases (TAPPCON 2018) on 8th September 2018 and Dr. Anisha won the 3rd prize for poster presentation.

Dr. Surekha Viggswarpu, Professor and Head of the Department of Geriatrics, was awarded the prestigious FRCP degree in the Royal College of Physician, London on 4th July, 2018.

The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduate Higher Specialty Examination held in August 2018. (University Results Published on 24.08.2018) DM / MCh - August 2018 session.

D.M. Gastroenterology : Dr. Rajeev S.A., Dr. Rajesh S., Dr. Piyush Gupta, Dr. Kaushik Chatterjee, Dr. Anoop John and Dr. Madeline Vithya B.

D.M. Hepatology : Dr. Anand Sharma; D.M. Neonatology : Dr. Mintoo M. Tergestina and Dr. Shanu Chandran.

- Dr. M.J. Paul, Professor, Endocrine Surgery for having delivered the Dr. K.D. Verma Oration Award on "Endocrine Surgery at CMC, Vellore - A Harmonious Journey" at the 19th Annual Conference Indian Association of Endocrine Surgeons of India held at Tirupathi on 29th September, 2018.

- Dr. Dharshini S., Associate Professor of Dermatology Unit-I received the "Imrich Sarkany Non-European memorial Scholarship" awarded to young dermato-venereologists by the European Academy of Dermatologists and Venereologists (EADV) Honours and Awards committee, during the 27th EADV Congress in Paris, France from 12th to 16th September, 2018.

- Dr. Jagadish R, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and a post-graduate alumnus of the Department (2013-2016), was awarded the President's Gold Medal for the best performance in the examinations conducted by the National Board of Examinations (NBE), New Delhi, for the Diplomate of National Board (DNB) in Biochemistry in 2016-2017. He was presented the medal at the 19th Convocation of the NBE held in New Delhi on 21st September 2018.

- Mr. Selvin James S and Mr. John Samuel, Postgraduate students of Physiotherapy (Orthopaedic speciality) won second and third place respectively in the paper presentation competition at the International physiotherapy conference "THERACON'18" organized by the Indian Association of Physiotherapist and Vinayaga Mission's College of Physiotherapy, Salem branch on 16th September, 2018".

Dr. Suraj S., Assistant Professor, General Surgery Unit-3 (Upper GI Surgery) has won the first prize for the special mention poster category in the Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology 2018, Annual Conference held at Chandigarh on 3rd and 6th October 2018.