

**Dr. M.J. Paul**, Professor and Head of Endocrine Surgery has delivered the '*Dr. N.D. Jeyasekharan Oration-2015*' at The Association of Surgeons of India, Nagercoil city branch on January 10, 2015.

**Dr. Preethi R.N.**, Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Unit-II was awarded the Smt. Bhagawato Devi Yamuna Singh, best paper award in Geriatric gynaecology for the year 2015 for "*Vitamin D Deficiency in Post Menopausal Women in Pelvic floor disorders*" by the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological societies of India (FOGSI) at the 58th All India Congress in Obstetrics and Gynaecology held in Chennai in January 2015.

**Dr. Latha Lakshmi**, Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Unit-II was awarded the Smt. Bhagawato Devi Yamuna Singh, best paper prize in Geriatric gynaecology for the year 2015 for "*Metabolic Syndrome in Postmenopausal Women, Its correlation to Menopause Rating Scale and Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms score*" by the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological societies of India (FOGSI) at the 58th All India Congress in Obstetrics and Gynaecology held in Chennai in January 2015.

**Dr. Priyanka Pippara**, Senior resident in Obstetrics and Gynaecology Unit-IV has won the C.S. Dawn prize for best paper presentation for fetal medicine at the All India Congress in Obstetrics and Gynaecology held in Chennai in January 2015.

**Dr. Chandralekha K.**, PG Registrar of Radiotherapy, won the best paper award for oral presentation titled "*Economic evaluation and early toxicity assessment in hypofractionated RT in comparison with standard fractionation in Breast cancer*" in Young Radiation Oncologist Conference 2015 (YROC Academic 2015) held on January 10 and 11, 2015 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

**Dr. Koti Krishna Amulya**, PG Registrar of Radiotherapy, won the best paper award for oral presentation titled "*Giant Cell tumour of dorsal vertebra masquerading as posterior mediastinal mass - management*" in Young Radiation Oncologist Conference 2015 (YROC Academic 2015) held on January 10 and 11, 2015 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

**Dr. Suceena Alexander**, Associate Professor of Nephrology has been awarded the Early Career Fellowship of Wellcome UK Trust / DBT India Alliance for her clinical research titled "Glomerular Research and Clinical Experiments-IgA Nephropathy in Indians (GRACE-IgANI)".

**Dr. Anity Singh**, Assistant Professor of Anaesthesia has been awarded the 1st prize in the poster and podium presentation for 'An audit on Assessment of post-operative Analgesia in a Tertiary Care Centre' at the National Conference of Pain, ISSPCON 2015 held at Chennai on February 6, 2015.

**Dr. D.M. Mahesh**, Registrar, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded "Best Community Services" carried out during the tenure of the study titled "*The study of pregnant women with diabetes and screening for a panel of ten MODY genes utilizing next generation sequencing*" at 13th A.V. Gandhi Award for Excellence in Endocrinology at Mumbai.

**Dr. Nitin Kapoor**, Registrar, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded "Best Methodology" of the thesis work titled "*To study the manifestations of Wilson's disease with respect to renal*"

*tubular dysfunction, bone health and body composition*" at 13th A.V. Gandhi Awards for Excellence in Endocrinology at Mumbai.

**Dr. Radha Krishna**, Senior Registrar, Paediatric Orthopaedics Unit has won the best poster prize at 13th Winter Symposium 2015 held at Scudder Auditorium from January 8 to 10, 2015.

**Dr. Chilbule Sanjay Kashinathji**, Senior Investigator, Paediatric Orthopaedics Unit has been awarded the research training fellowship for clinicians by the Wellcome Trust DBT India Alliance for 2015-2017 and best paper award at 21st Annual National Conference of Paediatric Orthopaedics Society of India held at New Delhi from January 30 to 31, 2015.

**Dr. Santhosh Kumar G**, PG Registrar, Department of Orthopaedics was awarded the "TNOA Professor T.S. Xavier Gold Medal in Hand Surgery" for his presentation titled "Two Strand Modified Kessler Versus Four Strand Cruciate Mclarney Repair for Flexor Injury. A Double blind randomized control study" at 48th Annual Conference of the Tamil Nadu Orthopaedic Association held at Salem from February 13-15, 2015.

**Dr. Ashish Kumar Gupta**, Professor and Head of Plastic Surgery has been elected as President of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Association of Plastic Surgery (TANPAPS) for the year 2016 during TANPAPS 2015, February 14-15 in Chennai.

**Ms. Mahendri N.V.**, Sel. Gr. Sr. Lecturer (NM), Department of Dietetics has been elected as EC Member of the IDA Chennai Chapter. CMC Vellore received the **Association of Health Professionals of India (AHPI)** Healthcare Excellence Award for '**Excellence in Community Engagement**', during the AHPI Global Conclave held on February 23, 2015 at Hyderabad. The awards were based on a competitive evaluation and assessment.

**Dr. Karthik M.**, Associate Professor of Neurology has won the second prize in Platform Paper Presentation on '*Clinico-radiological features and outcome in children with MoyaMoya disease and syndrome*' at Association of Child Neurology Conference 2015 held at Kolkata from February 20 - 22, 2015.

**Dr. Ravikishore**, Associate Professor, Paediatric Surgery Unit-I won the best eposter award for "Role of laparoscopy in the management of infantile hyperinsulinemic hypoglycemia" at the national PESI-IAPSCON 2015 conference at Jaipur from February 27 to March 01, 2015.

**Dr. Manoj Agarwala**, Senior Resident, Dermatology Unit-II has been awarded the 'IADVLT training fellowship for 2015' in Dermoscopy in JIPMER, Pondicherry at the 43rd Annual Conference on the Indian Association of Dermatologist, Venerologist and Leprologist held in February 2015.

**Dr. Gaurav Ashish** - MS ENT has been awarded Professor A.K. Sukumaran Postgraduate ENT gold medal for Tamil Nadu Medical Colleges for the academic year 2014-2015 held in Chennai on March 14, 2015.

**Dr. Anuradha Chandramohan**, Associate Professor of Radiology has been awarded the best onsite paper presentation award for the session on thyroid and Parathyroid at the European congress of Radiology held at Vienna between March 4 - 8, 2015.

**Dr. Garge Shaileshkumar**, Fellow from the Department of Radiology won the first place in the interventional radiology quiz at the annual national conference of the Indian Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology held between February 19-22, 2015 in Hyderabad.

Dr. Mithun Jacob Varghese, Associate Professor of Cardiology won the '*best interventional case*' award from among 700 entries and the first prize in the interventional Cardiology competition as part of a south zone team, at the National Interventional Council Meeting held at New Delhi on April 3 to 5, 2015. Congratulations also to Professor George Joseph who was the Primary operator.

**Mr. Andrew Babu**, Senior Reader (AH), Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation has been awarded "*Distinguished Academic Service Award*" during the National Conference of Indian Association of Physiotherapists on March 29, 2015 held at Vinayaka Missions Medical College, Salem and also at the same conference "*The Life Achievement Award*" was awarded to both **Prof. N. Palani**, Former Head of Physiotherapy Education, CMC, Vellore and to **Mr. Thomas Manickam**, Former Senior Physiotherapist, CMC, Vellore.

**Dr. Debashish Danda**, Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology has been awarded the 9th Annual oration and life time achievement award by the Arthritis foundation at King George's Medical University, Lucknow in connection with the foundation day of the department. The Topic of oration was "**Challenges in management of Takayasu's Arteritis**".

**Dr. Ashish Jacob Mathew**, Assistant Physician, Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology has been granted Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology (APLAR) research grant 2015 for "Extremity MRI studies in psoriatic arthritis". He has also been elected as a board member of International Society for Musculoskeletal Imaging in Rheumatology (ISEMIR).

**Dr. Boopalan**, Associate Professor of Orthopaedics has won the following awards during the AO Trauma Asia Pacific Grant Writing Workshop and the 5th National Conference of AO Trauma India, held at New Delhi : Well Written grant titled "*Injectable Chondroprogenitors to treat Goat knee Osteoarthritis.*" Best paper for Podium presentation titled "*Quadrant Fixation of Tibial Plateau Fractures through Angiosome sparing Approaches.*"

**Dr. John Samuel Banerji**, Department of Urology Unit I has been awarded Best Poster Award for Renal Transplantation and Vascular Surgery Section, at the American Urological Association (AUA) annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (May 15- 19, 2015). Abstract: Surgical management of Renal Artery Stenosis in Takayasu's Aortoarteritis: Results from a tertiary care centre in South India.

The following MBBS students who won university medals at the recently held university convocation at Chennai.

**Esther Inbarani A.** - Prof. Mohan Kameswaran Endowment Gold Medal in E.N.T.

**Neeraja S.** - The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University Medal in Ophthalmology.

The **Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) team** successfully performed our first ECMO in CMC on a young girl with refractory cardiogenic shock. This girl was intubated and was on three inotropes, a balloon pump and a temporary pacemaker. The hand of God was upon us and by God's grace the child is presently off all cardiac and respiratory support, is ambulating and on the road to recovery. This endeavor was possible because of the collaborative work of members of the Paediatric ICU, Division of Critical Care and the departments of Cardio Thoracic surgery, Cardiology, Anaesthesia and Paediatric Nephrology. We were ably supported by a team of KN semi ICU nurses and perfusion technologists. Macquet provided us with a machine. ECMO requests may be addressed to the ECMO team presently comprised of Dr. Ebor Jacob, Dr. Binila Chacko and Dr. Alpha Mathew.

**Dr. Poonkuzhali Balasubramaniam**, Professor (NM), Department of Haematology has been awarded for the Wellcome-DBT Senior Fellowship for the year 2015.

**Dr. Srinivasa Kishore**, final year PG, Paediatric Surgery Department won the best paper award for TPPS – Rajah Annamalai Medal for Best paper in 14th Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu state and Puducherry Chapter of Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons- CHEPSCON 2015 held in Chennai on June 13 to 14, 2015. Title was "Doughnut Augmentation - Ileocaecal segment with INSITU Appendix, a simple and effective way to Augment Exstrophy Bladder".

**Dr. Srinivasa Kishore**, PG Registrar, Department of Physiatry won the best paper award for the following : TPPS - Rajah Annamalai Medal for Best paper 14th Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu State and Puducherry Chapter of Indian Association of Pediatric Surgeons-CHEPSCON-2015 held in Chennai on June 13 and 14.

Title was "*Doughnut Augmentation - Ileocaecal Segment with Insitu Appendix, A Simple and Effective way to Augment Exstrophy Bladder*".

**Dr. Rupa Vedantam**, Professor and Head of ENT-III has been nominated to the Board of Directors, International Society of Otitis Media and appointed as chairman, Education Committee at a recent meeting in Washington, D.C. in June 2015.

**Dr. Esther A.** and **Dr. Hema N.S.** Postgraduates attended the CME on "Basic clinical approach to common paediatric blood disorders and malignancies" at Chennai on June 27, 2015. They won 1st prize during the Quiz Programme for "Paediatric Trainees and Practising Paediatricians".

**Dr. Madhupriya**, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has been awarded the first prize for oral paper presentation on '*Obstetric Emergencies - Clostridial Septic Abortion - An Uncommon Obstetric Emergency*' at the FOGSI International Conference on Pregnancy in High Risk Patients held at Hyderabad - July 2015. Many PGs in CMC have won prizes in the essay competition conducted by the International Medical Sciences Academy. In fact, most of the awarded prizes have gone to CMC PGs.

#### **Prizes Winners:**

**First prize:** Dr. Suddhasatta Ghosh Dasgupta (Paediatrics) CMC, Vellore.

**Second prize:** Dr. Sweta Sheth (Psychiatry) CMC, Vellore.

**Third prize:** Dr. Kusum Moray (Community Medicine) CMC, Vellore.

**Consolation prizes:** Drs. Nivedita Sudheer (Psychology), Padmanaban V. (Biochemistry), Niranjini C. (Physiology), C. Praveen Kumar (General Medicine), Amitkumar Chougule (Psychiatry), Tarun John K. Jacob (Paediatric Surgery), Jayastu Senapati (General Medicine) and Gaurav Ashish (ENT), CMC, Vellore. Dr. S. Jagadis Kumar (Paediatrics), SRM Medical College, Kattankulathur and Dr. P. Palani Rajan (Paediatrics), Meenakshi Mission Hospital, Madurai.

**Dr. Rini Bandyopadhyay**, Assistant Professor, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences has been awarded the FCO Chevening Scholarship for the year 2015-2016 for Masters in Infectious Diseases at The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, LSHTM, UK.

**Dr. Naresh Kumar** and **Dr. Gnanaraj** for winning the “1st and 3rd prize” respectively for their papers entitled “*Platelet Microparticle levels in JIA*” and “*Vitamin D deficiency among 1 year old children in community*” during the 29th South Zone Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics and 40th Annual Conference of the IPP-Tamil Nadu State Chapter (South Pedicon 2015) held at Vellore.

**Dr. Vijay Gupta**, Sr. Registrar (DM Neonatology) won the Gold Medal for the Dr. T. Rajagopal award for the paper entitled "Randomised Controlled Trial Comparing the effect of Fortification of Human Milk with an Infant Formula Vs Unfortified Human Milk on growth of Very Low Birth Weight Babies" during the South Pedicon 2015 held at Vellore on August 14 to 15, 2015.

The **Department of Pulmonary Medicine** represented by **Dr. Rohit KO**, **Dr. Akhil Paul** and **Dr. Avinash Nair** won the first place in the state level quiz competition conducted by the National Congress of Respiratory diseases. They will now proceed to the zonal level competition.

**Dr. Pooja Ramakant**, Associate Professor of Endocrine Surgery was awarded first prize for the poster “*Clinical behaviour and outcomes in Benign, borderline malignant and malignant phyllodes tumour of the breast*” at the World Congress of Surgery WCS 2015 held at Bangkok, Thailand in August 2015.

**Dr. Gagandeep Kang**, Professor and Head, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences has been awarded the Dr. S.C. Parija Oration Award for the year 2015 by the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology.

**Dr. Debashish Danda**, Professor and Head of Rheumatology has been elected as President of Indian Rheumatology Association.

Medical Students, **Ms. Shreya Susan Koshy** and **Ms. Namrata Mathew** for winning the second prize in the clinical case presentation category at the National Intercollegiate Academic Competition titled "GENESIS 2015" held at Madras Medical College. **Ms. Shreya Susan Koshy** was also placed third in the overall competition.

**Ms. Manara Shrestha**, MBBS student who was awarded the third prize for oral presentation of her research paper titled "*Plasma DNA as the diagnostic biomarker in deep vein thrombosis patients*" at the medical students conference titled - ILLUMINATI 2015 held at AFMC, Pune.

Christian Medical College, Vellore has received the "Best Institute in Medical Education" 2015. The award is in recognition of leadership, development and innovation. The Vijayavani National Education Leadership

Award ceremony was held on September 12, 2015 at Bengaluru where the Health Minister of Karnataka, was the Chief Guest.

**Dr. Debashish Danda**, Professor and Head of Rheumatology has been reappointed as Editor in Chief International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases (IJRD) for the second term till 2018 after completing his 1st term from September 2012 till date. He has also been elected as the Vice-President of Asia Pacific League of Association for Rheumatology (APLAR) and President elect of Indian Rheumatology Association.

**Dr. Miria Mathew**, M.S.(ENT final year) won the first prize (gold medal) for poster presentation at the 18th Annual Tamil Nadu State AOI conference 2015 held at Kanyakumari on September 11 to 13, 2015.

**Mr. Jithu V. James**, PhD student in the Department of Biochemistry, Christian Medical College, Vellore, received the "Best Poster Award for Young Investigators" for his research presentation titled "Insulin signalling is impaired in iron-loaded primary hepatocytes". This work, which was done jointly with Dr. Joe Varghese and **Dr. Molly Jacob** in the Department of Biochemistry, was presented at the 6th International Bioiron Society (IBIS) conference held at Hangzhou, China in September 2015.

**Dr. Nihal Thomas**, Professor and Head of Endocrinology has been awarded the M. Vishwanathan Gold Medal Oration by the Andhra Pradesh Diabetes Federation for Outstanding Research Contributions for Diabetes in India, on October 4, 2015.

**Dr. Sivaranjini**, Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy was awarded the prize for the paper 'The clinical and immunological correlation of serum Thymus and activation-regulated cytokine in atopic dermatitis' presented at the Annual Conference of Indian Society for Paediatric Dermatology held at Mumbai from October 2 to 4, 2015.

**Dr. Shivani Bharadwaj**, Postgraduate, Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy was awarded the 2nd prize for the paper titled 'Vascular tumour with Kasabach Meritt phenomenon - A report of 2 cases' presented at the Annual Conference of Indian Society for Paediatric Dermatology held at Mumbai from October 2 to 4, 2015.

**Dr. Gagandeep Kang**, Professor and Head, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences has been elected as Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy, India.

**Dr. Mithun Jacob Varghese**, Associate Professor, Department of Cardiology was awarded first prize for the preventive cardiology quiz conducted during Cardiology Society of India "Cardio prevent" conference held at New Delhi from September 26 and 29, 2015.

The Department of Pulmonary Medicine PG represented by Dr. Rohit KO, Dr. Akhil Paul and **Dr. Avinash Nair** have won the third place in the South Indian Napcon quiz competition conducted at the St. John's Medical College, Bangalore on October 1, 2015.

**Dr. Benjamin Jebaraj** and **Dr. Abirami V.**, final year Physiology post-graduates won the second prize for post-graduate oral presentation during the 9th annual conference of the Association of Physiologists of Tamil Nadu (APT) held at Meenakshi Medical College, Kanchipuram from September 26 to 27, 2015.

**Dr. Myla Yacob**, Associate Surgeon, Department of General Surgery Unit-III, has been awarded the best E-poster presentation for the paper "Giant fibrovascular polyp of the oesophagus - A case series".

**Dr. Amrit Pipara**, Assistant Professor, Department of General Surgery Unit-II, has been awarded the special award paper presentation for the paper "Comparison of circumferential resection margin standard Vs. extra levator APE".

**Dr. Vijayan P.**, Assistant Professor, Department of General Surgery Unit-IV, has been awarded the best oral paper presentation for the paper "Comparison of midline and transverse incisions for hemi and segmental colectomies".

**Dr. L. Sathish Kumar**, Assistant Professor and **Dr. N. Naresh Kumar**, Tutor for winning the "1st and 2nd prize" respectively for their paper entitled "Diagnostic value of procalcitonin for differentiation between bacterial infection and non-infectious inflammation in febrile children with systemic autoimmune disease" and "Platelet microparticles in disease activity of JIA" during the 13th National Conference of Paediatric Rheumatology (PRESCON 2015) held at Cochin.

**Dr. Prathibha Nanjundiah**, Sr. Registrar whose paper titled "Treatment outcomes of Adrenocortical carcinoma in Children, a single institution experience over 10 years", was judged the best paper in the oncology section.

**Dr. Ahamed Kabeer**, Sr. Registrar won the 'Swapna Dutta' award consisting of a citation and a cash prize for the paper titled "Total colonic aganglionicosis, review of surgical outcomes". At the same conference, in a touching ceremony the role of **Dr. L.B.M. Joseph** and **Dr. A.S. Fenn**, found mention in the formation of the nascent organisation IAPS from the Association of Surgeons of India. **Dr. K.E. Mammen** and **Dr. Sudipta Sen**, were acknowledged for the development of Paediatric Surgical Services, in CMC Vellore, South India.

"CMC, Vellore won the national award for the maximum participation at the Skull base national conference held at Bangalore from October 8 to 12, 2015. The combined CMC team of Neurosurgery, Neuropathology and ENT put up 14 presentations in this event. **Dr. Zoremsangi** - won the best resident poster award in this event. This is the second consecutive year when CMC has won the best poster award".

The Department of Endocrinology, CMC Vellore has been awarded the Second prize in the "International Diabetes Federation" Video Competition on October 7, 2015 for having expressed the impact of Diabetes on their lives and how well they have managed it. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) supports patients with Type-1 Diabetes below age 26 years being managed at CMC Vellore under the Departments of Endocrinology. Master Sarath aged 16 years has been awarded the Second prize for his video clip on "My life with Diabetes" in the International Diabetes Federation's (IDF) competition. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bF-y7jVTelk>

**Dr. Jyoti Panwar**, Professor from the Department of Radiology was the winner of the quiz conducted on MSK ultrasound in the International MSK Ultrasound conference, held from 8 -11 October 2015 in New Delhi.

**Dr. Felix Jebasingh**, final year Endocrine PG, secured the first prize in the annual national Endocrinology quiz competition for the South and Western zones (Young Scholar Award - 2015, Zonal).

**Dr. Rachel Mathai**, former Head of Dermatology has been awarded the prestigious 'IADVL Life Time Achievement Award' for 2016 by the IADVL Academy. The award will be presented to her at the Dermacon, Coimbatore on January 21, 2016.

**Dr. Supriya Sen**, M.Ch. Registrar, Endocrine Surgery has been awarded Prof. K.D.Varma Best Poster Award at the 12th Post Graduate Course in Endocrine Surgery and International workshop in Endocrine Surgery held at SGPGI Lucknow on October 29 to November 1, 2015.

The 9th National RESCARE-2015 conference was held at KMCH, Coimbatore where **Mr. Ankith and Ms. Ranjitha**, final year B.Sc. Critical Care Technology students won the 2nd prize for quiz competition and 3rd prize for poster presentation respectively.

**Mr. H. Arthur Sadhanandham** has been re-elected as the General Secretary by the General body of the Indian Association of Respiratory Care (IARC).

**Dr. Dheepak A. Selvaraj**, Assistant Professor (Associate Surgeon Gr.I), Department of Vascular Surgery has been elected as South Zone Representative to the Executive Committee of the Vascular Society of India for a two year term. The Department of Vascular Surgery wishes him all the very best.

**Dr. Prathap Tharyan**, Professor, Psychiatry Unit-II has been nominated to be a member in an Advisory Group to guide and make recommendations to the Department of Health Research under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, for developing a suitable framework for setting up the Medical Technology Assessment Board (MTAB).

**Dr. Raghav Mehan**, Post Doctoral Fellow in Rhinology, M.S (ENT) has won the first prize for Junior Consultant Award category at the 2nd Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery held at PGIMER, Chandigarh on October 29 to 31, 2015.

Dr. Molly Jacob, Professor and Head, Department of Biochemistry has been enrolled as a Member of the National Academy of Sciences of India.

**Dr. Jebin Roger**, Assistant Professor, Pulmonary Medicine has won 'The Best Research Award in Spirometry, NAPCON 2015'

**Dr. Abraham Peedicayil**, Professor and Head, Gynaecologic Oncology has been elected President of the Association of Gynaecologic Oncologists of India (AGOI) and **Dr. Anitha Thomas** was awarded the "Best Poster" prize at the Annual Conference of AGOI held at Hyderabad from November 27 to 29, 2015.

**Mr. Ebenezer Babu**, Lecturer, Department of Radiotherapy has won the best paper award for AMPI Best Paper (Poster) Award 2015 titled "Investigation on the use of ultraviolet and gamma irradiation to enhance lower bloom strength gelatin for Fricke gel dosimeters" in Association of Medical Physicists of India (AMPI) which was presented at the 36th Annual Conference of Association of Physicists of India during 20th – 22nd November 2015 held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.



**Ms. A. Jebilyn and Ms. R. Tephilah** for winning the first prize and **Mr. Parth Sharma and Ms. Vrindha Shenoy** winning the 5th prize in the 2nd intercollegiate quiz competition on Anatomy "Vesaliquest 15" held at Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur on November 22, 2015.

**Ms. Divya Lakshmi J., Mr. John Paul Puravath, Ms. Ansu Sara Mani, Ms. Melinda Monica**, 2nd year M.Sc. Medical Physics students of the Department of Radiotherapy, won the first prize in Medical Physics Quiz Competition at the 36th Annual Conference of Association of Medical Physicists of India during November 20 to 22, 2015 held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.

The Department of Haematology has received the DBT's "Centre of Excellence" grant for the year 2015. This award was granted for the implementation of the project titled "Centre of Excellence on Evaluation of Biology and Mechanisms of Resistance in Leukemia" over a period of 5 years at Christian Medical College, Vellore.

**Dr. Jagadish R.**, Postgraduate registrar in the Department of Biochemistry, Christian Medical College, Vellore received the "Best Presenter Award" for his research presentation titled "Serum hepcidin levels in patients with ulcerative colitis - do they correlate with anaemia and / or inflammation?". This piece of work, which was done under the guidance of **Dr. Molly Jacob and Dr. Joe Varghese** in the Department of Biochemistry, CMC, Vellore, in collaboration with **Dr. Ebby George Simon** in the Department of Gastroenterology, was presented at the 23rd National Conference of Association of Medical Biochemists of India (AMBICONB-2015) held at Rohtak, Haryana in November 2015

**Dr. D.J. Christopher**, Professor and Head of Pulmonary Medicine has been elected chair of the Indo-US Action Protocol; Regional prospective observational Research in Tuberculosis (RePORT) consortium.

**Dr. T. Balamugesh**, Professor of Pulmonary Medicine has been elected Chair of Clinical Epidemiological working group of the (RePORT) consortium.

**Dr. Basil Manayalil**, Postgraduate Registrar, Department of Anaesthesia has won the best oral paper award titled "The Importance of neck circumference to thyromental distance ratio as a predictor of difficult intubation among obese patients" at the National Conference on Difficult Airway held at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai from December 4 - 6, 2015.

**Dr. Niranjana Sreedevi**, PG in Geriatrics won the first Prize for platform presentation and second prize in quiz at the 13th National conference of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics (GERICON 2015) held at GMCH Chandigarh.

**Dr. Siddhartha N. Chakravarthy**, Assistant Professor of Endocrine Surgery has been awarded "Prof. S. Vittal Best Paper Award" for the paper "Ultrasound guided fine needle aspiration cytology in palpable thyroid nodules (>1cm) in adults" at the 75th Annual Conference of Association Surgeons of India held at Gurgaon on December 17, 2015.

**Dr. Rajeshwari Basavana** won the second prize for Oral Presentation "Serological characterization of autoantibodies in autoimmune haemolytic anaemia and its implications." - a study from tertiary care centre from South India. National Quiz for postgraduates in Transfusion Medicine: first prize: **Dr. Ancy Susan**

**John and Dr. Rajeswari Basavana;** second prize: **Dr. Anupama and Dr. Ashish Dhoot** at the Annual Meeting of the Indian Society for Transfusion Medicine.

- Nursing staff bagged many prizes at the 64th Annual Conference of the Neurological Society of India (NSICON 2015) held from 17th to 20th, December 2015 in Hyderabad.

**Mr. Charles Sathiya Oli**, in-charge Nurse, Neuro Trauma ICU : 1st prize in Exhibit and Neuro Quiz and 2nd prize in Elocution; **Mrs. Kalavathy Ravirajan**, In-charge Nurse, OR : 1st prize in Poster Presentation and 3rd prize in Exhibit; **Mrs. Shanthakumari**, Staff Nurse, Neuro ICU : 2nd prize in Neuro Quiz and 3rd prize in Poster Presentation; **Mr. Ramesh Kumar**, Staff Nurse, N1 Ward : 2nd prize in Poster Presentation and 3rd prize in Elocution; **Mr. Asif Khan**, Staff Nurse, Neuro ICU : 1st prize in Elocution and 2nd prize in Exhibit; **Ms. Sandhya**, Staff Nurse, N2 Ward and **Ms. Anita**, Staff Nurse, Neuro Trauma ICU also presented papers.