BMJ (British Medical Journal) Awards South Asia aims to honour individuals and teams across South Asian countries who are working towards improvement in the quality of healthcare services. The 2017 awards invited more than 2000 nominations from 8 countries including India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bhutan, Myanmar, Maldives, Nepal and Bangladesh for 10 categories which included healthcare quality, medical education, clinical excellence, innovation in technology and research. CMC was the only institution that had two finalists, the Quality Management Cell in the Quality Improvement Team category and the Distance education team for Excellence in Medical Education category.

The 30 finalists faced the jury which consisted of eminent clinicians, healthcare leaders and industry veterans during a grand ceremony held at Hotel Shangri La-Eros, New Delhi on 17th November. The awards were announced in the presence of the Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, The Honourable Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, Dr. Fiona Godlee, Editor-in-Chief, BMJ, and Mr. Prashant Mishra, Managing Director, BMJ India.

The quality management team bagged the award for its HUB and SPOKE model. The model encourages the involvement of the Department Quality Managers (DQMs)of various units as the liaison to take on ownership of quality management in their individual areas, as opposed to a central policing force of quality management. This model has proved to be successful and has resulted in the accreditation and re-accreditation of the Christian Medical College Vellore by NABH, the only largest hospital in the country to be accredited.

The award was received by Dr. Lallu Joseph, Quality Manager and primary presenter along with Dr. Santosh Varughese, Deputy Director (Quality &HR) and Dr. Vikram Mathews, Associate Director (Admin). The team is ever grateful to the rest of its crew, Dr.Suceena Alexander, Mr.Rabindranath, Mrs.Sajila David, Mr. Reuben, the secretaries, management interns and the former Deputy Directors of Quality, Dr. Thomas Kuriakose, Dr. Oommen K. George and Dr. Reju Joseph Thomas, for this international recognition.

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The 2nd National Conference of the Indian Society of Thyroid Surgeons was held from 16th to 18th November, 2017. The Departments of Endocrine Surgery and Head & Neck Surgery jointly hosted this meeting. The Chief Guest was Dr. M.S. Seshadri, former head of Department of Endocrinology and the Guest of Honour was and Dr. Aravindan Nair, former head of Endocrine Surgery. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Director, Dr. J.V. Peter and ‘Principal, Dr. Anna Pulimood. Over 175 surgeons and trainees from all over the country participated in the workshops, symposia, debates, plenary lectures and orations with inputs from endocrinologists, nuclear physicians, medical oncologists
and radiation oncologists. There were 30 external faculties and twenty intramural faculties who contributed their expertise to the meeting. This organ specific multidisciplinary approach will serve as a platform for specialists from various fields of medicine to meet together to hone their skills and improve their knowledge which will in turn result in improved care of patients with thyroid diseases.

**Workshop on ‘Trends in ENT Nursing’**

A workshop on ‘Trends in ENT Nursing’ was organized on the 3rd November, 2017 in honor of Ms. Beulah Premkumar, Professor and Head, Medical Surgical Nursing. The workshop began with prayer by Rev. Pearson followed by an overview by Ms Naomi Nancy S.W., Junior Lecturer & organizing secretary and welcome by Mrs. Regina Xavier, Professor & Additional Deputy Nursing Superintendent. The felicitations on Ms. Beulah Premkumar’s contributions were delivered by the Dean, Dr. Selva Titus Chacko, the Nursing Superintendent Dr. Premila Lee, Dr. Rita Ruby, Professor and Head, ENT-V and Rupa Vedantam, Professor and Head, ENT-III. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Alice Suresh, Professor.

The workshop which was the first of its kind in the county focused on the trends in Otorhinolaryngology Nursing. Four skill stations (Tracheostomy care, Tracheal suctioning, Antral wash and Hearing aids care) were organized which helped the delegates to gain confidence and experience to practice common ENT Nursing procedures. Eight credit points was awarded to the participants by the Tamilnadu Nurses and Midwives Council.

**Radiation Safety Awareness Week**

Radiation Safety Awareness Week was organized from 6th to 11th November 2017 to create awareness on Radiation Safety among the occupational radiation workers, patients, relatives and the public at large. The chief guests Dr. Eric Ford, Associate Professor; University of Washington, USA and Dr. K. N. Govindarajan, Former Scientific Officer, BARC were welcomed by Dr. Vikram Matthews, Associate Director and head of Safety Cell. As a part of the celebration an e-Poster competition on the topic “Radiation-Boon or Bane?” was conducted. The information was abundant through the various lectures and the stalls which were put up by the Departments of Radiotherapy, Radio diagnosis and Nuclear Medicine. The General Superintendent Mr. Ebenezar Sundarraj Distributed the prizes to the following winners:

1. **Radiation Safety Quiz for Students**
   - **First Prize** – Radiodiagnosis Team (Mr. Rajesh Kumar / Ms. Ami Fiona / Ms. Sonali)
   - **Second prize** – Nuclear Medicine Team (Mr. Alwyn / Mr. Sanoop Antony / Mr. Daniel Kishore)

2. **E-poster Awards (Topic: Radiation – Boon or Bane?)**
   - **Student Category: First Prize:** Ms. Mahima (Medical Physics), **Second Prize:** Mr. Edward (Nuclear Medicine)
   - **Staff Category: First Prize:** Ms. Nithya Balasundaram (Hematology), **Second Prize:** Ms. Nandini (Radiotherapy)

3. **Awards for Best Compliance in Radiation Safety and Awareness**
   - Department with Best Compliance – **Radiotherapy**
   - Operation Theater with Best Compliance – **Urology Theater**
   - Special Appreciation Award for Radiation Safety Compliance – **DEXA Scan Room**

**The 5th governing body investiture ceremony of ASHA**

The 5th governing body investiture ceremony of ASHA (Association of Students Health and Allied Sciences) was held on 14th November, 2017 in the new examination hall. The programme began with a prayer and Rev. Paul graced the occasion as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. The election report was read out by the returning officers Mr. Mohammad Abbas and Ms. Amy Fiona followed by the General Secretary’s report for the year 2016-17 and the pinning of the badges by the principal Dr. Anna B. Pulimood. Mr. Richard Samuel from student welfare and the mentor of ASHA, Ms. Jennifer Nancy congratulated the newly elected governing body, by sharing few words after which the newly elected speaker administered the oath. The 5th president of ASHA Mr. Manish kumar appreciated the outgoing governing body for their efforts and thanked the general body for their support. The programme concluded with the college anthem.
Congratulations!

Ms. Anna Jacob, the first Indian Nursing Superintendent of Christian Medical College Vellore, passed on to glory on 17th November 2017, after living an inspiring long life of 103 years. Born in 1914 as the third child to Mr. P J Jacob and Mrs. Annamma Jacob, she grew up with her four sisters in a family that believed in women empowerment. She did her schooling at Nicholson Syrian Residential Girls' High School in Tiruvalla.

Due to the serious paucity of educated girls opting for Nursing in Vellore, Ms. Vera K Pitman and Ms. Delia Houghton decided to visit girls’ high schools in Kerala, Madras and Andhra Pradesh, to motivate girls to join Nursing. It was during one such visit that young Anna was so influenced by Ms. Pitman’s talk on Florence Nightingale and the existing condition of Nursing in India that she decided to join CMC. Against all odds, she stood by her decision and was one of the nine girls who belonged to the first batch of the Diploma Nursing programme at CMC in 1932. In 1939 she took the Florence Nightingale Competition Intermediate Examination and was sponsored for higher education at the Royal College of Nursing, London, which unfortunately did not pan out due to World War II. She underwent training in Administration, Teaching and Supervision at the Lady Harding Hospital, Delhi and also had the opportunity to complete Missionary Training Course at WCC, Madras and Public Health Nursing in Vanderbilt University, USA. When CMC was pressed with the urgent need for a Nursing superintendent Ms. Anna was chosen to be trained for the post and sent to McGill University, Montreal, Canada for B.Sc Nursing and a course on special administration. On her return in 1949, she took over as the first Indian Nursing Superintendent in CMC, Vellore. Her influence extended outside the institution as well; as the President of the Trained Nurses Association of India for eight years and a member of the Board of Directors of International Council of Nurses for four years. She retired in July 1974 after having dedicated 38 years to the profession of nursing.

As the Nursing Superintendent, she demonstrated tremendous wisdom, grit and patience to face the colossal task of managing the Nursing workforce along with extended patients services such as dietary, laundry and stores. With resolute determination and her trademark calm demeanor, she succeeded in maintaining excellent standards of Nursing in the hospital. She cherished her close interactions with Dr. Ida Sophia Scudder and often spoke of the transition of her relationship with Dr. Ida Scudder from a ‘mother’ to ‘older sister’ and then to a ‘very special friend’.

Age was just a number for Ms. Anna Jacob. She, being the oldest alumnus, would melt the hearts of all those present at all the functions and ceremonies of the nursing fraternity. The Nursing fraternity would definitely miss her and wishes that her legacy would continue to inspire generations to come.

Admission Notice

Medical Postgraduate Degree & Diploma / Fellowship Courses Admissions–2018 and M.P.T. Course Admissions–2018: Application form can be accessed only online or downloaded through the College website http://admissions.cmcvellore.ac.in/ till 7th February, 2018. Please refer to Admission Bulletin (available at our website) for Course details, eligibility criteria etc. All courses and admissions to our College are subject to applicable regulations by University / Government / Medical Council of India / Court.

| ADMISSION TIME TABLE 2018* for Medical PG Degree/Diploma Courses 2018 (Important dates to remember) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 25/11/2017 | Application form can be accessed online |
| 07/02/2018 | Last date for online submission of application till 5 pm. |
**Admission Notice**

| Two weeks after announcement of NEET PG 2018 score | Online submission of NEET PG 2018 score$ |
| 06/03/2018 | Announcement of List for Step-2$ |
| 20/03/2018 | Registration for Step 2$ and Medical Checkup at Vellore |
| 21/03/2018 | Step 2: Assessment of Skills & Knowledge at Vellore$ |

* Dates are subject to change
§ Subject to clearance by the Hon‘ble Supreme Court.

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**Situations Vacant**

1. **One year Senior Internship** training programme in Prosthetics & Orthotics, from the candidates who have passed Plus 2 with two year Diploma in Prosthetics & Orthotics course followed by six months internship; Stipend as applicable; Accommodation not provided. Apply with the bio-data, photocopies of qualifying certificates, e-mail ID, postal address & phone numbers to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002, on or before **December 11, 2017** for Item 1.

2. **Lab Technician** for the Department of Clinical Microbiology  
   **Job Code: 1221**
   Qualification: M.Sc. Life Sciences with experience in ELISA.  
   Age: Any preferred age: Below 30 years.
   Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
   Salary: As per institutional rules.  
   Accommodation not provided.
   Download application from: [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

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

3. **Centre for Stem Cell Research (a unit of inStem, Bengaluru) & Christian Medical College, Vellore.**
   The Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR), a unit of inStem Bengaluru, in collaboration with Department of Biotechnology (Government of India) and the Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore, invites applications to coordinate a programme for population based control of haemoglobin disorders in Odisha based on mass screening and counseling to impact social behavior to these disorders.

**Project Coordinator** for the Centre for Stem Cell Research  
**Job Code: 1222**
Qualification: MBBS / MD or MPH with experience in community-based development projects. Candidates with experience of previous field based developmental work and knowledge of local language (Odiya) will be preferred.
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
For application form visit [http://www.cscr.in/research-opportunities](http://www.cscr.in/research-opportunities).
Apply with bio-data, details of work experience and testimonials to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 on or before **December 18, 2017** for Item 3. Soft copy of the application should be sent to cscr-edu@cmcvellore.ac.in

4. **Staff III Technician** for the Department of Clinical Microbiology (Only female candidates need to apply).
Qualifications: H.Sc. with Science subjects with 2 years experience in a Microbiology Lab. attached to Medical College.
Salary: As per institutional rules.  
Age limit: 35 years.  
Job description: To work in the Microbiology Laboratory as Technician.
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
Download application from [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

5. **Technician Trainee** for the Department of Vascular Surgery (Only male candidates need to apply).
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
Download application from [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

6. **Staff III Critical Care Therapist (Temporary)** for Neuro ICU
Qualifications: H.Sc. with two years CMAI Diploma in Critical Care Therapy.
Salary scale: As per institutional rules.  
Age limit: 35 years.  
Job description: To work in the Neuro ICU.
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
Download application from [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

7(a) **Staff II Medical Lab. Technician** for the Wellcome Research Laboratory
Qualifications: B.Sc. with CMAI Diploma in Medical Lab. Technician Courses (2 years) or B.Sc. MLT.
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
Download application from [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

7(b) **Staff III Graduate MLT** for the Wellcome Research Laboratory
Qualifications: B.Sc. with one year CMC Diploma in Medical Lab. Technician.
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
Download application from [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

7(c) **Staff III MLT** for the Wellcome Research Laboratory
Qualifications: B.Sc. with one year CMC Diploma in Medical Lab. Technician or CMAI Diploma in Medical Lab. Technician Course (2 years).
Salary scale: As per institutional rules.  
Age limit: 35 years.  
Job description: Project work.
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
Download application from [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

8. **Staff II Technician** for the Department of Clinical Haematology
Qualification: B.Sc. Life Science with 2 years PG Diploma in Molecular Genetics Techniques.
Salary: As per institutional rules.  
Age limit: 35 years.  
Job description: Project work.
Mode of appointment: Project mode.  
Salary: Salary will be commensurate with experience.  
Accommodation not provided.
Download application from [http://www.cmch-vellore.edu](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 **December 11, 2017** for Item 2.

Applications will close on **December 11, 2017** for Items 4, 5, 6 and **December 18, 2017** for Item 7(a), 7(b), 7(c) and 8.

9. **Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre, Karigiri – 632 106** invites applications for the post of **Staff Nurse**.
Qualifications: B.Sc. Nursing / Diploma in General Nursing & Midwifery with 2 years experience (female).
Please do not submit your application if you have already applied. Apply with bio-data along with photocopies of certificates and a demand draft for Rs.50/- in favour of “SIH-R & L.C., Karigiri” addressed to the Director, SIH-R & L.C., Karigiri - 632 106. Last date for receipt of applications is **December 09, 2017** for Item 9.

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