CMC NEWSLINE

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The way of the Lord, is a refuge for the righteous, but it is the ruin of those who do evil.

Proverbs 10:29

New State-of-the-Art ICU Facility inaugurated: CMC Vellore
Kannigapuram Campus Rises to the Need

CMC, Vellore responded to the urgent need of the hour and inaugurated a new twelve bedded intensive care unit (ICU) facility at the Kannigapuram campus. The fully furnished and equipped ICU was made functional at very short notice which initially felt like an impossible task.

The Medical ICU team, headed by Dr. Kishore Pichamuthu was asked to open out another ICU since the number of patients affected by Covid-19 requiring critical care was rapidly increasing. He was extremely thankful to the administration for having met all their needs. The task of setting up an entire ICU was not easy but was made possible only through the dedicated efforts of various teams involved in the Kannigapuram project including architects, engineers, builders, consultants, and others along with medical, nursing and other personnel of CMC.

The inauguration took place on May 13, 2021. A small group of dignitaries were present at the inauguration and lauded all the teams for their hard work and unparalleled service to humanity. The dignitaries present included Dr. J.V. Peter, Director; Dr. Anil Kuruvilla, Associate Director (Kannigapuram); Dr. Prasad Mathews, Medical Superintendent; Dr. Rajesh I, Associate Medical Superintendent; Dr. Anna Pulimood, Principal; Dr. Bala Seetharaman, Nursing Superintendent; Mr. Anand J. Samuel, Associate General Superintendent; and others.

The programme began with prayer followed by Bible reading by Mrs. Bharathi, Nurse Manager. Rev. Finney Alexander spoke about the significance of the work being done in the institution, especially the new ICU which we pray would save many lives.

Left to right – Dr. J.V. Peter, Dr. Manoj Job, Dr. Binila Chacko, Dr. Ashwin Oliver and Dr. Kishore Pichamuthu.
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Felicitations were delivered by Dr. J.V. Peter, Dr. Prasad Mathews, Dr.Anna Pulimood and Dr. Bala Seetharaman. The Director reiterated his gratitude towards the team in Kannigapuram for having established such an excellent facility at short notice. His thoughts were echoed in the felicitations of the other dignitaries, who also expressed the significance of the timely response to the current need. Dr. Bala Seetharaman spoke about the struggle faced by the nursing team in setting up the ICU, and getting adequate manpower. The need to have a Charge Nurse and Nurse Manager who were experienced in ICU care was also met. She specially thanked Mr. Anand Samuel, Mrs. Annie Valsan and others for having catered to all their needs quickly.

Dr. Anil Kuruvilla gave the vote of thanks acknowledging the many people present and many more who worked hard behind the scenes to get all the services ready rapidly for the ICU to function. Dr. Anil also mentioned how the Kannigapuram campus has been blueprinted to be a Trauma Care Centre and has had to be repurposed temporarily during the first and second waves to manage the pandemic situation. As always, CMC’s response to needs of the district and the nation has been spontaneous and efficient. The programme concluded with a prayer of dedication by Rev. Finney.

Faculty Mentorship Programme - Commencement of 2nd batch of mentees

The Faculty Mentorship Programme is an endeavour launched by Human Resources, Directorate in 2019 with the aim of linking junior faculty with experienced mentors to provide them a support network as they settle into their roles as teachers, clinicians and researchers within the institution.

This year, seventeen senior faculty came forward to mentor the second batch of eighteen mentees. Two mentee training workshops were held on 23\textsuperscript{rd} February, 2021 and 6\textsuperscript{th} March, 2021 while a mentor training workshop was held on 23\textsuperscript{rd} February, 2021 to prepare both groups for their respective roles in the process. The programme was formally initiated on 27\textsuperscript{th} March, 2021 during which Dr. M.J. Paul, Associate Director (HR) welcomed the gathering and Dr. Ebby Simon, Deputy Director (Faculty Mentoring) provided a brief overview for the year ahead and acknowledged the contributions of his predecessor Dr. Sudha Jasmine who was instrumental in setting it up. Thereafter, the session closed with mentors and mentees having their introductory meeting over lunch.

We sincerely hope and pray that this programme will provide a good platform for cultivating and passing on the ethos of the institution to succeeding generations of faculty.
SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK

May 16 - 22, 2021

**Clinical Haematology:** Dr. Biju George and Staff
Mrs. Amalorpavamari Lucas and Staff

**Medical Oncology:** Dr. Ashish Singh and Staff
Mrs. Amalorpavamari Lucas and Staff

**Centre for Stem Cell Research:** Dr. Alok Srivastava and Staff

**CSI Madhya - Kerala Diocese**
**Council Members:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Sabu K. Cherian
Rev. Jacob Daniel

**Hospitals:** Rev. George Mathew Mission Hospital and Bishop Jacob Memorial Hospital

**CSI Madurai - Ramnad Diocese**
**Council Members:** Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph
Rev. A. David Jebaraj

**Hospital:** CSI Christian Mission Hospital, Madurai

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**Welcome**

Dr. Deepa Ramaswamy, Professor, Psychiatry Unit-II, on his return from sabbatical leave.

**Memoranda**

- The Obstetrics & Gynaecology Unit-II is renamed as **Obstetrics & Gynaecology Unit-II** and **Urogynaecology** with effect from 5th May, 2021.

- **Dr. Sibu Simon S.**, Professor, is appointed as Acting Head of Dental and Oral Surgery Unit-I with effect from 8th May, 2021 until further notice.

**Retirements**

- **Mr. Joseph S.**, Sel. Gr.II MCTT, OP Services, retired on 19th March 2021, after 27 years of dedicated service to the institution. His wife, Mrs. Gomathi is working as Social Worker in the Department of Haematology and daughter, Mrs. Mariya Priyadarshini is settled in Australia and son, Mr. Prasan Amalnath is working in CITI Bank, Chennai.

- **Mr. James C.**, Sel. Gr.I MCTT, OP Services, retired on 30th March 2021, after 38 years of dedicated service to the institution. He joined in CMC in 1983 as Clerk Cum Typist in MRD and he was promoted as MCTT in 1993 and was posted as MCTT supervisor from 2003 till his retirement. His wife, Mrs. Esther Annie Margret is working as Staff Nurse in Qatar and his son, Mr. Allen Juda is working as an Occupational Therapist in CMC.

- **Mrs. B. Nirmala**, Sr. Secretary, Directorate (Legal Cell), retired on 11th May 2021, after 38 years of dedicated service to the institution. She started her career as Stenographer in RUHSA Department and was transferred to Personnel Department in the year 1994. Since then she was assisting the Personnel Managers and Legal Officers in Consumer, Medico Legal, Civil and Labour cases filed in different courts and Legal Forums. She has indepth knowledge about all such cases and is a meticulous worker.

Her husband, Mr. P. Narasimha Moorthy retired as a Superintendent from Government Agricultural Services. They have two sons. Their elder son, Mr. Madhan Sundhar works as a Manager in Welspun Global Brand Limited at Hyderabad. He is married and settled at Hyderabad and younger son, Mr. Sudhan Srinivas is an Architect and is pursuing his Master's degree in M.Plan at Chennai.

The CMC community is thankful for their years of dedication and commitment to the institution and wishes them God's blessings on their retired life.

**Obituaries**

- **Mrs. Premakumari**, House Keeping Attendant, PMO (R.P.), passed away on 13th May, 2021. Let us uphold her Husband Rev. Dr. Devasahayam (Church of Living God, Kaspa), sons Mr. Joses, Mr. Boonson, Mr. Gideon, daughters-in-law and Grand children and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers. Her first daughter-in-law, Mrs. Helen Mary works as a staff Nurse in Paediatric Wards.

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• Mr. David K., father of Dr. Daisy Anu David, Trainee in MS ENT, CMC, father-in-law of Dr. Dawn Kuruvilla, Senior Registrar, Department of Medicine, passed away on 2nd May, 2021. Let us uphold his wife, Mrs. Sisy David, children and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• Rt. Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz, father of Dr. Shantidani Minz, Professor and Head, RUHSA Department, passed away on 5th May, 2021 in Ranchi, Jharkhand. He was the First Bishop of the North-Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and Founder Principal of Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Theological College. Bishop Dr. Nirmal Minz was a pioneer in the development of Adivasi Theology. Let us uphold his wife, Mrs. Paracleta Minz, four daughters, sons-in-law, nine grand children and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• Mrs. J. Priscilla Tagore John, retired Maternity Nurse, Vellore Corporation, mother of Mr. Kingsley John Edinborrow, Electrician, Electrical Department and mother-in-law of Mrs. Sheeba, Medical Records Department, passed away on 6th May 2021. Let us uphold her husband, Mr. A. Tagore John, children, grandchildren and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• Mr. Deva Irakkam, father of Ms. Anitha Stephen, Main OR, passed away on 6th May, 2021. Let us uphold his wife and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• Mrs. Susamma Andrews, mother of Dr. Shoma V. Rao, Professor, Surgical ICU and Mother-in-law of Dr. Vinay M. Rao, Asst. Professor, Cardiothoracic Surgery, passed away on 6th May, 2021. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• Miss. M. Gladys Arulmani Kasthuribai, retired ward clerk in Causality and S ward passed away on 6th May, 2021. She is the aunt of Mr. Y. Moses Franklin Kirubakaran, Sel. Gr. I Pharmacist, Mrs. Y. Mercy Gnan Prakasham, Nurse Manager, G4 North, Mr. D. Prabhakaran Samuel, Sel. Gr. Critical Care Therapist in MICU, Mrs. D. Mercy Sharmila, Sel. Grade II Sr. Pharmacist. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• Mrs. Rajamani George, mother of Dr. Sarah Mathai, Paediatrics and mother-in-law of Dr. John Mathai, Paediatric Surgery and grandmother of Dr. Vineeth J. Mathai (MBBS Batch of 2013) and Dr. Preethi S. Mathai (MBBS Batch of 2015) passed away on 9th May, 2021 at Kakanad Kochi. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Notices

• CMC CMAI DHA 2021
Admission for 3rd batch of Diploma in Hospital Administration (DHA) one-year distance education course offered in collaboration with Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI), New Delhi and Christian Medical College, Vellore is open. The Programme details and the application are available at www.cmch.edu → News → Courses and Admissions.

• LIBRARY NOTICE - ANNUAL INVENTORY 2021

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Both the Libraries will remain closed for ANNUAL INVENTORY from 24th to 29th May, 2021. However reference facilities will be available during the above timings. Your kind cooperation is much appreciated.

- Head, Department of Library Services, CMC.
Applications are invited from staff for sponsorship of their children for admission to the various training courses in the Christian Medical College, Vellore for the Academic Year 2021 - 2022. Online sponsorship forms will be available in the Intranet page → Staff Self Service → Sponsorship Portal from 15th May 2021 onwards. Retired Staff can kindly contact Directorate for applying online sponsorship form.

1. Only children of confirmed C.M.C staff members who:
   (a) have put in 10 years of continuous service including period of probation and are currently in service in any capacity in the Institution as on 30th June of the year under consideration; (OR)
   (b) have retired after at least 15 years of continuous service in the Institution, or have taken voluntary retirement after 25 years of continuous service; (OR)
   (c) have been discharged from service on medical grounds after at least 15 years of continuous service; (OR)
   (d) have died during service after at least 10 years of continuous service in this Institution are eligible to apply for sponsorship.

2. Legally adopted children of staff members whose adoption was finalized at least five years before the date of application are also eligible for sponsorship, subject to the above criteria.

3. Regarding a confirmed staff member who died during service to the institution and whose spouse has been given a job in CMC in place of the deceased staff member, dependent children of the deceased staff member will be eligible for CMC sponsorship if the cumulative years of service of the deceased staff member and his/her spouse (including probation and confirmed periods) exceeds 10 years; in case the child applying for sponsorship was legally adopted by the deceased staff member, the adoption of the child should have been finalized:
   (a) prior to the death of the deceased staff member, and
   (b) at least five years before the date of application for sponsorship.

B. Conditions for sponsorship of staff children (Cl. Min.5789:3-84)
(a) Only one child from a family can be admitted in a year to any single course.
(b) Children from the same family can, however, be admitted to different courses in the same year.
(c) Sponsorship is allowed from only one sponsoring body, so children applying for C.M.C. sponsorship cannot also be sponsored by one of the supporting Churches of the Council.
(d) Where there is more than one sponsorship obtained, the one received first which satisfies the criteria will be accepted. (e) No withdrawal of first received valid sponsorship is allowed.

Staff children, even with CMC sponsorship, must still meet the minimum academic qualifications for the courses for which they are applying. Staff are urged to check the prospectus to ensure the eligibility of their children for the various courses before submitting their applications.

Important deadlines: 4.30 pm of 16/06/2021: Last date for submitting sponsorship application forms (hard copy) to the Director, Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Last date for submission of copy of self-attested mark sheet of qualifying examination to be announced. Please watch the CMC Intranet Home page for details. (Please note as per Tamil Nadu Government Orders – for MBBS admission First and single attempt marks only will be considered).

Situations Vacant

1. Centre for Stem Cell Research (a unit of in Stem, 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 for Research Associate post. Mode of Appointment: Project Mode. Job Code: 1379
Qualification: Ph.D. in Life Sciences with experience in gene therapy or cell and molecular biology will be desirable. Job Description: To work in the area of cell and molecular biology related to stem cell research. For more details about the position and the application form visit http://www.cscr.in/research-opportunities/ Please send us the duly filled application mentioning the job code either by soft copy to: cscr@cmcvellore.ac.in or by hard copy address to The Principal, Christian Medical college, Bagayam Vellore – 632 002, Tamil Nadu on or before May 31, 2021 for item 1.