



# Christian Medical College Vellore NEWSLINE

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*For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*  
*Jeremiah 29 : 11*

## Dr. Rachel George Chandy Retires



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As the echoes of a distinguished career reverberate, Christian Medical College bids farewell to a stalwart, **Dr. Rachel George Chandy**, who has illuminated the institution with 26 years of unwavering dedication and leaves behind a legacy etched in compassion, commitment, and genuine care for her patients.

Dr. Rachel Chandy's journey at CMC began in 1985, following her marriage to Dr. George Chandy, an esteemed alumnus of the institution. Having completed her MBBS degree in Burdwan district, West Bengal, she embarked on a path of continuous learning and service. Her pursuit of excellence led her to complete her Diploma and Masters in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, with interludes of valuable experience in Christian Fellowship Hospital, Koduvalanji, and Australia.

Joining the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1998, Dr. Rachel Chandy seamlessly blended her roles as a teacher and mentor. Her distinctive trait, however, was her profound compassion, going beyond physical ailments to nurture the mental and social well-being of her patients. Many families witnessed not only medical care but also support for their children's education, exemplifying her commitment to holistic well-being.

## Dr. Rachel George Chandy Retires

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In 2010, Dr. Rachel Chandy embraced a new challenge, moving to Obstetrics and Gynaecology Unit-I, specialising in oncology patients. Her innate compassion for those facing gynaecologic cancer led her to acquire a Fellowship in Gynaecologic Oncology (2013-2015), easing the way for the department's transition and MCI recognition of the department of Gynaecologic Oncology in 2016.

Dr. Chandy's smile, quest for knowledge, and kindness were legendary. Her financial benevolence ensured no patient was turned away, and home visit programmes for cancer survivors underscored her commitment beyond hospital walls. Her commitment and endeavours ensured that cancer survivor meetings were an annual event.

Behind every successful man, there is a woman. True to that saying, Dr. Rachel was Dr. George Chandy's source of strength and inspiration. Dr. George Chandy was former head of the department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical Superintendent and Director of CMC. He is currently the Director and CEO at Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Kerala. Together they have mentored and fostered many medical students beyond undergraduate training and children of those who have been less fortunate. They are blessed with a daughter, Dr. Gina Chandy, Consultant in the department of Emergency married to Dr. Thomas Shawn Sam, Consultant in the department of Endocrine Surgery and son, Dr. Ashish Chandy, a paediatrician at CMC married to Dr. Sherin. She has two grandchildren, Zachariah and Anaya.

The annual cancer survivor meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 themed 'Lighting the way - Shine On,' was a testament to her passion for excellence in patient care. More than 50 patients participated actively, hailing from different states, and had come together to share stories of how they overcame the disease and survived to tell their experiences. Inspiring others, this group had a fun time along with informative sessions, as friends and families of our cancer survivors celebrated their spirit to overcome their struggle by the strength and determination God had provided them.



The event had talks on Survivorship, Radiation therapy, Chemotherapy, a panel discussion on the day-to-day issues faced by gynae-cancer patients by the department of Palliative Care, the importance of a well-balanced diet for a cancer patient by the Dietary department. The PMR team had the audience smiling and dancing along with them for a time of exercise and fitness.

The Dietary department, ward staff and the stoma care staff had stalls presenting their exhibits. The survivor talks that were interspersed between these sessions were touching, thoughtful and encouraging.

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The farewell CME on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 themed 'Each One Teach One,' celebrated Dr. Chandy's contributions by the departments of Gynaecologic Oncology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Vellore Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society. It was well attended and talks were delivered by senior faculty from the departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Gynaecologic Oncology alumni from different parts of the town and country. The CME was accredited with 10 credit hours from the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University.

As Dr. Rachel George Chandy embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest thanks for her years of service and dedication. Her impact on the institution and community is immeasurable, and we join the CMC family in expressing our profound gratitude.

## January 14 - 20, 2024

### Special Prayers This Week

**Anaesthesia** : Dr. Ekta Rai and Staff  
Dr. Chitra S. and Staff  
Dr. Serina Ruth Salins and Staff  
Dr. Sathish Kumar D. and Staff  
Dr. Anita Shirley Joselyn and Staff

**Neuro Anaesthesia:** Dr. Georgene Singh and Staff

**Operation Theatre :** Dr. Amit Jiwan Tirkey and Staff  
Mrs. Priscilla Sam and Staff  
Mrs. Sonia P. Abraham and Staff

**SICU & HDU** : Dr. Subramani K. and Staff  
Dr. Sheela Durai and Staff

#### **Christian Assemblies in India**

Council Members : Adv. Raju M. Koshy  
Mr. George Thomas

Hospitals : Tiruvalla Medical Mission  
Sankeshwar Mission Hospital  
Ambajipeta Women's Hospital  
Narsapur Christian Hospital and others.



## Laurels and Recognitions

**Dr. Vikram Mathews**, Senior Professor of Clinical Haematology, was awarded the 'Certificate of Fellowship (FICH)' by the Indian College of Haematology affiliated to the Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding and invaluable contributions made towards the advancement of Haematology.

## Notice

**American Heart Association – International Training Centre (CMC Vellore)**  
**American Heart Association – Basic Life Support Course (AHA-BLS)**  
**Provider level course**

American Heart Association -Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) provider level course will be held on the **6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand building, CMC Vellore**. This one-day course is designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses and paramedics). The curriculum consists of video-based, interactive lectures and skills training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), use of Automated External Defibrillator and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner to **all ages – Adult, Paediatric and Infants**. The number of participants is strictly restricted to 18 per course as per AHA guidelines. **The registration fee is Rs.3,500/-** (cost of study materials included) and the last date for registration is **24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**. **For registrations, please contact Ms. Nitha Cathuan or Mr. Ganesh, Paediatric ICU (Phone No : 0416-228-3366)**.

**American Heart Association – International Training Centre (CMC Vellore)**  
**American Heart Association – Paediatric Advanced Life Support (AHA -PALS) course**

The **AHA-PALS** course will be held on the **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024** at the **CK Job Hall, Paul Brand building, CMC Vellore**. This well known Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course, accredited by the American Heart Association and American Academy of Paediatrics, is valid internationally. The number of participants is strictly restricted to 18 as per AHA guidelines. **The registration fee is Rs.7,500/-** (cost of study materials included). The last date for registration is **24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. This two-day course is designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics) who initiate Advanced Life Care in acutely ill children, beyond basic life support, through the stabilisation or transport phases of a paediatric emergency. The course consists of lectures, videos, discussions and hands-on sessions based on simulated case scenarios and aims to train the participants in early recognition and emergency management of critically ill children with an emphasis on team concept. **For enquiries and registration, please contact Ms. Nitha Cathuan or Mr. Ganesh, Paediatric ICU (Phone No : 0416-228-3366)**.

## Upcoming Event

The Departments of Clinical Microbiology, Clinical Virology and The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory are conducting the '**Winter Symposium and South Zone MicroCon 2024**' from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at Scudder Auditorium, College Campus, Christian Medical College, Vellore. The theme of this symposium is '**One Health One World: Connecting the Dots**' and the topics are **Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR), Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) and Zoonoses**. Abstracts for poster presentations can be uploaded in the website and the last date for abstract submission is 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024.

For registrations please visit [www.onehealthvellore.com/](http://www.onehealthvellore.com/) For more information, please contact mail us @ [onehealthvellore@gmail.com](mailto:onehealthvellore@gmail.com), [onehealthvellore@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:onehealthvellore@cmcvellore.ac.in) or call us at +91-6381930585.

## Obituary

**Mr. G. Duraisamy**, retired Hospital Attendant, Dietary Department, CMC, father of Mr. D. Ramesh, Hospital Attendant, Stores Department (CMC, Ranipet Campus), D. Sathish, Hospital Attendant, Rehabilitation Centre, passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

Let us uphold his wife Mrs. D. Vasantha and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

## Situations Vacant

**1(a) Assistant Professor with DM Critical Care Medicine / DM Neuro Anaesthesia for the Neuro Intensive Care Unit**

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation Provided (subject to availability).

**1(b) Senior Resident with MD (Anaesthesia) or MD (General Medicine / Pulmonary Medicine) with 2 years Post doctoral Fellowship in Neuroanaesthesia / Critical Care (CMC only) or IDCCM / IFCCM for the Neuro Intensive Care Unit**

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation Provided (subject to availability).

**2. Senior Resident with MDS in Endodontics for the Department of Dental Surgery Unit - I**

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

**3. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with M.D. (Pharmacology) for the Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology**

Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognised teaching institution for applying Assistant Professor post.

The candidate should have finished MD Pharmacology within the past two to three years. Candidates with higher degrees than MD are not required.

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

**4. Registrar (Non PG) with MBBS for the Department of Palliative Medicine**

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation Provided (subject to availability).

**5. Occupational Therapist (Term Post) with BOT (Regular Course) for the Department of PMR (Occupational Therapy)**

Eligibility :

- CMC Graduates who have completed 2 years of service obligation.
- Graduates from other colleges who have completed 4 years + 6 months of compulsory internship.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL> Link : "Vacancies".

**Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.**

Applications will close by **January 27, 2024** for Items 1(a), 1(b), 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**6. Project Assistant for the Department of Radiation Oncology Unit-II**

**Job Code : 1509**

Qualification : M.Sc. (Physics, Maths, Data Science, Statistics, Computer Science or Bioinformatics only) / B.Tech with minimum 65% marks or equivalent grade from any recognized University.

Experience : Experience in image processing or data science will be highly considered.

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**Job Description :** Quantitative Imaging Research and Artificial Intelligence Lab uses oncology related radiological images and using artificial intelligence to investigate their role in predicting disease outcome in cancer. The successful candidate will contribute to the project in building machine learning based outcome prediction models. The person will also assist in daily operations of the lab including co-ordinating basic image processing, organizing and performing statistical analyses on datasets from imaging, handling data back up and contributing to research proposals, articles and presentations. Training and mentorship specific to the project will be provided.

**Job Condition :** Programming skills in Python mandatory, excellent communication skills both in verbal and writing in English. Be able to organize your own work with minimal supervision and prioritise work to meet deadlines.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : Up to 35 Years.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not Provided.

### **7. Junior Research Fellow (JRF) / Senior Research Fellow (SRF) in a time bound CSIR funded research project for a temporary period, purely on contractual basis as per the following details for the Department of Biochemistry**

**Job Code : 1510**

**JRF :** Only NET – LS/GATE qualified M.Sc. in Life Sciences or equivalent degree need to apply.

Stipend : Rs.31,000 p.m. + HRA as per institutional rules.

**SRF :** The NET / GATE qualified candidates having a minimum of 2 years of research experience after M.Sc. or equivalent degree and non – NET / GATE Qualified M.Sc. / equivalent degree candidates possessing two years training in methods of research and aptitude for research assessed from published project work.

Stipend: Rs.35,000 p.m. + HRA as per institutional rules.

**Project Title:** Investigation of the role of ceramide signalling pathways in methotrexate (MTX) induced small intestinal mucositis in rats and the assessment of the effects of inhibitors of acid sphingomyelinase and neutral sphingomyelinase in the prevention of the mucositis.

**Tenure :** 3 years.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link : “Vacancies”. **Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.**

Applications will close by **January 27, 2024** for **Items 6 and 7.**

### **8. Staff III Radiotherapy Technician for the Department of Radiation Oncology**

**Qualifications :** B.Sc. in Radiotherapy Technology from any recognized University (Registered in ELORA from AERB, Mumbai) and those who have completed 4 years as Jr. Radiotherapy Technician (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

Salary Scale : Rs 12,762 - 510 - 25,512 + DA & HRA as per rules.

Age Limit : 35 Years.

**Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.**

### **9. Jr. Cytogenetic Technician (Term Appointment) for the Cytogenetics Unit**

**Qualifications :** B.Sc., (Life Sciences) with PG Diploma in Cytogenetics with two year prior work experience in a Cytogenetics laboratory. Student who will complete their course prior to March 2024 may also apply. Candidate with some experience of performing molecular work and be comfortably conversant with both spoken and written English.

Age Limit : 35 years. Consolidated Pay : Rs.26,540/-.

**Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.**

**10. Graduate Technician Trainee for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

Qualification : B.Sc. Science Graduate. Stipend : Rs.8,800/-.

Age Limit : 30 years. Only female candidates needs to apply.

Job Description : To do ultrasound examination under the technician category for Obstetrics and Gynaecology patients in OPD.

*Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence studies will be not accepted.*

**11. Jr. Cardiac Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of Cardiology (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications : B.Sc., in Cardiac Technology or B.Sc., (Sciences Subject) with PG Diploma in Cardiac Technician. Consolidated Pay: Rs.26,450/- Age Limit : Below 35 Years.

*Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.*

**12. Asst. Social Worker (Term Appointment) for the Department of Palliative Medicine**

Qualifications : M.S.W / M.A., (Social Work / Sociology) / M.Sc., (Medical Sociology).

Desirable : Additional skills in counselling and psychology.

Consolidated Pay : Rs.26,540/- Age Limit : 35 Years.

Job Description : To make socio-economic assessments, plan support for patients and families, work will be in the hospital, hospice and community setting.

*Note : Only the above qualifications on the regular mode will be accepted.*

**13. Staff III Laboratory Auxillary and Asst. Laboratory Auxillary (Term Appointment) for the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology****(a) Staff III Laboratory Auxillary**

Qualifications : B.Sc., Life Sciences (Botany, Zoology , Biotechnology & Biochemistry) and those who have completed 4 years as Asst. Lab. Auxillary (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

Age Limit : 35 Years. Salary : Rs.12,762 - 510 - 25,512 + DA & HRA as per rules.

**(b) Asst. Lab Auxillary (Term Appointment)**

Qualifications : B.Sc., Life Sciences (Botany, Zoology , Biotechnology & Biochemistry) + One Year Inservice Training as Laboratory Auxillary (Phlebotomist Training).

Age Limit : 35 Years. Consolidated pay : Rs.22,130/-

*Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence studies will be not accepted.*

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link : General - "Vacancies". *Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.* Applications will close on **January 29, 2024** for Items **8, 9, 10, 11, 12** and **13(a), 13(b)**.

**14. College Hill Montessori, Sunset Avenue, College Campus, Bagayam** invites applications from Interested CMC staff children who are between 2 and 3½ years of age by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to apply - through the Google form found below.

CHM follows a mixed Montessori design, a Bible-based virtues & values calendar curriculum (that has been developed in-house) and believes in holistic development with active parental involvement.

Interested parents are requested to fill the "Expression of Interest" Google form given in the link below. We are a small centre with limited numbers. Applications will be provided based on availability. CHM will be contacting you regarding the same. Google form link: <https://forms.gle/KmNQNaYVV3j6s6S49>

The last date for submission of the "Expression of Interest forms" online, is **21<sup>st</sup> January, Sunday, 10.00 pm, 2024**. The link will not be available after this date.

For any queries, please contact : Mr. Emmanuel – 9345302552.