



# Christian Medical College Vellore

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*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose.* *Romans 8:28*

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The Department of Neonatology organised a “NICU Graduates Reunion” on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The participants were children born weighing less than 1000 grams who are now between 2-5 years of age. More than forty children and their families joined for the get-together.

The day began with a medical check-up and developmental screening of the children. The program started with a prayer by Rev Raja, a prayer song by the NICU nurses, and welcome address by Dr. Anil Kuruvilla, Professor & Head, Neonatology Department. The special invitees, Dr Selvamani B, Associate Director, and Dr. I. Rajesh, Medical Superintendent, addressed the gathering focusing on how children are a blessing from God and emphasized the roles of parents and the health care team in the child’s well-being. This was followed by a demonstrative rhyme session to encourage parents to teach traditional educative rhymes to their children. Mrs. Caroline Padankatti and Ms. Pavithra B. from Developmental Paediatrics Unit discussed with parents various behavioural strategies for children and ways to facilitate their language development. There were also games for parents and children, followed by lunch. The reunion was a learning experience for parents and staff alike.

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## Childneurocon 2024

Childneurocon 2024, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Child Neurology (AOCN), India was held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Scudder auditorium and examination hall, Bagayam, Vellore. The conference was organized by the Department of Neurological Sciences. Day one had five preconference workshops in 5 different streams namely Paediatric Sleep medicine, Paediatric Epilepsy syndromes, Neuroelectrophysiology, Neurodevelopment and Behavioural Pediatrics and Neuroradiology. Each of these workshops was put together by eminent convenors and saw 373 participants. The main conference over the next two days had symposia and discussions led by international and national experts in the field. The conference saw the convergence of 15 international faculty, more than 90 national faculty and over 600 delegates from across the country and from the neighbouring Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. The delegates included all associated with child neurology– paediatric neurologists, paediatricians, geneticists, neuroscientists, developmental paediatricians, child psychiatrists, occupational and physiotherapists, technologists, and educationists. This involvement cemented the theme for our conference ‘Collaboration the means to creativity’. The conference also gave an opportunity for young researchers to put up their work as e posters and platform presentations and saw nearly 275 abstracts.



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The conference had two orations – the AOCN oration delivered by Dr. Radha Rama Devi, a pioneer in the field of genetics on ‘Journey of Genomics – yesterday, today and tomorrow’ and the Vellore oration delivered by Professor Mathew Alexander, neurologist and former head of the department of Neurological Sciences, CMC, Vellore on ‘Coming of age..’, emphasizing the importance of transition care in individuals with chronic illness. The inauguration had Prof. Vedantam Rajshekhar, neurosurgeon and former head of the department of Neurological Sciences, CMC, Vellore as the guest of honour who delivered a thought-provoking address which highlighted that research publications need to speak the whole truth and benefit individuals, so that medical professionals will continue to be trusted by people. The inauguration was followed by an extraordinary cultural event ‘Moods and Movements’, a dance medley put together by Avigna Dance Ensemble, Chennai.

Paediatric Neurology unit, Department of Neurological Sciences, on behalf of the organising committee is extremely grateful to the CMC administration for its support in conducting this event.



### World Cancer Day Programme - 2024 College of Nursing CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

The College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus and Chittoor Cancer Unit organised a “Cancer Awareness Programme” in commemoration of World Cancer Day on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The theme for the event was, “Close the Care Gap: Uniting our Voices and Taking Action”. The programme began with prayer by Ms. Resnija Grace, third-year BSc (N) student followed by a prayer song by the third-year BSc nursing students. Dr. Gautam Waran, Assistant Professor, Chittoor Cancer Unit, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus welcomed the gathering.

The Chief Guest for the programme was Dr. Patricia Solomon, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology Unit III, CMC Vellore. She provided information about the magnitude of cancer, emphasized the importance of creating cancer awareness and appreciated the efforts taken to organise the programme. Mrs. Nirmala Margaret P, Principal, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, Chittoor campus explained about the importance of cancer awareness and reiterated the need for early detection of cancer. She stated that cancer treatment is available to all, early approach to treatment can give complete cure.

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Mrs. Anbarasi S, Associate Nursing Superintendent, CMC Vellore, Chittoor campus highlighted the importance of cancer prevention, early detection and reaching out to the poor people. Four cancer survivors from Chittoor Campus shared their experience and motivated the participants to be hopeful.



Third year B.Sc. (N) students performed a skit and mime focusing on the causes, signs and prevention of cancer. Posters on causes, signs and symptoms and prevention of lung cancer, cervical cancer, oral cancer, breast cancer and colorectal cancer were displayed to educate the patients and their relatives attending the outpatient department.

Third year BSc (N) Students demonstrated self-breast examination to the patients and their relatives with a breast model. Informative pamphlets were given to the general public on cancer awareness. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Annie Elizabeth, M.Sc.N Tutor, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus.



February 25 - March 02, 2024

## Special Prayers This Week



### *Cardiology :*

Dr. Viji Samuel Thomson and Staff  
Dr. George Joseph and Staff  
Dr. John Jose E. and Staff  
Dr. Oommen K. George and Staff  
Dr. David Chase and Staff  
Mrs. Rosaline Rhenious and Staff

### *CSI Kanyakumari Diocese*

Council Members: Rt. Rev. Dr. A.R. Chelliah  
Dr. S. Rajesh Sathya

Hospital : CSI Hospital, Neyyoor and others.

### *CSI Karimnagar Diocese*

Council Members: Rt. Rev. Dr. Prof. K.Reuban Mark  
Rev. K. Priscilla Parimala Reuben

### *Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery :*

Dr. Madhu Andrew Philip and Staff  
Dr. Korah T. Kuruvila and Staff  
Dr. Roy Thankachen and Staff  
Mrs. Rosaline Rhenious and Staff

### *Friends of Vellore - Germany*

Council Member : Dr. Peter Albrecht

## Memorandum

**Mr. Sudhagar D.S.,** Sr. MRT, Department of Medical Records is elected as Secretary to the General Service Board in the election held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. His term is effective from 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025.

## Laurels and Recognitions

• **Dr. Sheenu Sara Varghese**, Senior Resident, Department of Pathology, won the best-case award for presenting the case titled "**Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumour - Uterine Corpus**" in the prize session '**Post-graduates and Junor Pathologists**' in the **International CME on Gynae Oncopathology** organised by the Department of Pathology, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024.

• The following Vascular doctors and nurses received the following prizes at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Venous Association of India (VAICON 2024) held at Mysore from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2024:

**Dr. Kiran George**, Sr. Registrar, M.Ch. Vascular Surgery won Servier Research grant Rs.50,000/- for the title "A new perspective on knee and ankle phleboarthritis: the role of trans osseous perforator veins".

**Dr. Nitin Inbaraj** won a 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Free Paper Presentation titled "post thrombotic syndrome-Determinants of quality of life".

**Ms. Angelin S**, Vascular Surgery Nurse won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Nursing Paper presentation titled "Quality of life in lower limb amputees".

**Ms. Janani P.**, Vascular Surgery Nurse won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Nursing E-poster presentation titled "Cost analysis between Normal Saline dressing and Vacuum Assisted Closure Therapy / Negative Pressure Wound Therapy in treatment of vascular wounds".

• In the recently concluded 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care (ISNACC ) conference at Armed Forces Medical College(AFMC) Pune.

**Dr. Sharon Kavya Chandana**, final year DM resident won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Quiz Competition.

**Dr. Abirami**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year MD resident won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in poster competition

**Dr. Selvendiran**, final year DM resident won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the ISNACC write up competition

**Dr. Angelyn Veronica**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year MD resident won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in poster competition

**Dr. Bhargavi**, second year DM resident won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Poster presentation

**Dr. Ramamani M**, Professor in Neuroanaesthesia was awarded Best Reviewer Award.

## Retirement

**Mrs. Linda Victor**, Tutor, College of Nursing superannuated on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 after 23 years of dedicated service in the institution. She completed her B.Sc. Nursing in 1985 from College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Vellore. She started her career as a Staff Nurse in CHAD in 1985 and went on to work as a Tutor in Fundamentals of Nursing Department. She later moved to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to work as a staff in Rural and Urban Primary Health Centers. She also held the post of a Chief Nurse in a Training Centre for Nurses. She rejoined the institution as a Tutor in the Fundamentals of Nursing Department in the year 2000 and worked in the department until superannuation. She was an approachable, considerate and dedicated she had a special concern for the students who needed extra coaching and took time to mentor and care for them. Mrs. Linda is a God-fearing, calm and poised person with a fragrance of love and kindness. She was a role model to her colleagues in the department.



Her husband Mr. Victor Jeyakumar is a Radiographer by profession and is currently working as a CO-ORDINATOR IN Sneha Bhavan, Sathuvachari, Vellore. She is blessed with twin daughters and a son. Dr. Priyanka (Ph.D in Maths) is married to Dr. James Ranjith working as a Social Worker in NIMHANS, Bangalore. Dr. Preethi (Ph.D in Maths) is married to Dr. Prem, who is pursuing his a Post-doctoral education in Mechatronics at Assam. Both the daughters are working as Guest Lecturers in Government Colleges, Vellore. Her son Mr. Joshua Jebakumar is doing his final year BOT in Christian Medical College, Vellore.

The CMC family wishes Mrs. Linda Victor a happy, healthy and a blessed retired life.

## Obituaries

• **Mr. Chandrasekaran K**, Senior Medical Record Technician Gr.I, working in Medical Records Department passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. He joined the institution for the 6 months orientation training programme for clerk-typists in 1992. After finishing the training, he worked as casual clerk typist till February 1995. He was posted in Medical Records Department from Clerical Pool – College in September 1995 and was officially transferred to the Department of Medical Records in May 1996. He worked in several work areas in MRD. He was working in Admission office for nearly 10 years prior to his demise.



His daughter Ms. Durga Devi is working as Hospital Attendant in Paediatric ICU. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Sheela Rani, daughter Ms. Durga Devi and son Mr. Sathiyapriyan and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mr. Abraham John**, father of Dr. Elizabeth (Renu) Tharion, Professor, Department of Physiology, father-in-law of Dr. George Tharion, former Professor & Head, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and grandfather of Dr. Joseph Tharion, MBBS batch of 2008 and PG alumni of Anaesthesia Department, CMC, passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Lily Anne Abraham, children, grandchildren and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Rev. Mathew Varghese**, father of Dr. Maya Thomas, Sr. Professor and Head of Paediatric Neurology and father-in-law of Dr. Nihal Thomas, Sr. Professor, Endocrinology, passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 in Kochi. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.



• **Rev. Dr. Noksangchila Ao**, (the first ordained woman minister from the Northeast in India and former Chaplain of CMC, Vellore (from 1988 – 2001) passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

Let us uphold her relatives and friends in our prayers.

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• **Mr. S. Stephen Inbaraj**, brother of Mrs. Emily Reeta Kirubavathy, Staff Nurse in Orthopaedics OPD and brother-in-law of Mr. Jacob Prem Chandran, Hospital Attendant in Electrical Department, CMC, passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 in Krishnagiri.

• **Mrs. Shantha Singaram**, mother of Mrs. Emily Reeta Kirubavathy, Staff Nurse in Orthopaedics OPD and mother-in-law of Mr. Jacob Prem Chandran, Hospital Attendant in Electrical Department, CMC, passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 in Krishnagiri.

Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.



• **Mr. Durairaj M**, Hospital Attendant, Environmental Engineering Department, brother of Mr. Thangaraj, PCA, Ranipet Campus, passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024.

Let us uphold his parents, wife Mrs. Revathi, children Poojitha, Subha Sree and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Prof. Dr. Debashish Danda**, former Professor & Head of the Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology at Christian Medical College Vellore, passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

His childhood years were spent at Tripura. Following MBBS from JIPMER Puducherry, he did MD (General Medicine) from Medical College, Kanpur and DM from SGPGI Lucknow. In 1996, he joined CMC and continued till his superannuation in October 2023. He did Advanced training in Rheumatology (Royal Adelaide hospital & The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, University of Adelaide, Australia). He was an International Fellow of American College of Rheumatology (FACR) and Fellow of National Academy of Medical Sciences, India (FAMS). He has held various positions in his professional career such as Editor in Chief, International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases (Formerly APLAR journal of Rheumatology) [2012-2018], President, Indian Rheumatology Association [2017-2019] & President, Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology (APLAR) [2021-2023]. He was the Convenor, APLAR vasculitis special interest group & IRAVAS (Indian Rheumatology Association vasculitis special interest group).



Let us uphold his wife Dr. Sumitha Danda, Professor & Head of Clinical Genetics at CMC Vellore and son, Mr. Ashirwad Danda in our prayers.

## Upcoming Event

• **64<sup>th</sup> Early Management of Trauma Course (EMTC) for Doctors & Nurses.**

**Date : 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.**

**Registration fee : Rs.6,500/-.**

Seats are restricted to 30 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For further details contact. Mr. Senthil Kumar, Secretary, Department of Emergency Medicine, Phone No.2225.

**Note: Registration will not be entertained after 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.**

## Admission Notice

Online applications for admission for Junior and Senior children in the **College Hill Kindergarten (CHKG), College Campus, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002** will open on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**Start Date : 26.02.2024**

**Last Date : 17.03.2024**

### Admission Policy

Minimum age for Admission.

Junior – Completed 2 Years on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024.

Senior – Completed 3 Years and not more than 3 ½ years on or before 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.

Required documents details are available in CMC Intranet page <http://172.16.11.221/home/default.html>

## Situations Vacant

**1(a) Assistant Professor with DM (Paediatric Nephrology) / Adult Nephrology (or) DNB (Nephrology) MD / DNB (Paediatrics) with 3 years Special Training in Paediatric Nephrology in any NMC recognised teaching institution for the Department of Paediatrics-II (Paediatric Nephrology)**  
(Candidates with DNB qualification should fulfill the latest NMC criteria for teaching appointment).

**1(b) Senior Resident with MD (Paediatrics / DNB Paediatrics) / DNB (Paed. Nephrology) with 2 years Special Training in Paediatric Nephrology in any NMC recognised teaching institution for the Department of Paediatrics-II (Paediatric Nephrology)**

**Salary :** As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

**2. Senior Resident Gr.III with MD / DNB Pulmonary Medicine / Respiratory Medicine for the Department of Pulmonary Medicine**

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

**3. Assistant Professor with DM Critical Care Medicine / DM Neuroanaesthesia for the Neuro Intensive Care Unit**

**Salary :** As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

**4. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MS (ENT) for the Department of E.N.T.–II**

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

**Salary Scale :** As per institutional rules.

**Accommodation :** Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

**5. Senior Resident with MD (Dermatology) for the Department of Dermatology Unit - II**

**Salary :** As per institutional rules.

**Accommodation :** Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

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 **March 02, 2024** for **Item 1(a), 1(b)** and **March 09, 2024** for **Item 2, 3, 4 and 5.**

**6. Multimedia Specialist – 1 Vacancy for the Department of Distance Education Unit / Community Health  
Job Code : 1521**

**Qualification :** Any Graduate with relevant work Experience.

**Requirements : Primary:** Video recording (Camera setup, Lighting, audio Co-ordination), video editing (inserting slides, audio balancing), Archiving (Creating raw videos files, backups), indexing, captioning, photo scanning, editing, photography, voice recording, co-ordinating printing, and PDF creation. **Secondary:** Help in content creation, organizing photo and video shoots with external agencies; projector set up and troubleshooting, file backups, maintaining, and setting up equipment, recording events for online platforms, and managing PA systems and projections; designing and printing banners, brochures, posters and editing photos and videos from various events.

**External Salary :** Rs.30,000/- (consolidated).

**Mode of Appointment :** Project Mode. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

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

Applications will close by **March 09, 2024** for **Item 6**.

**7. Staff III Technician for the Department of Neurological Sciences**

**Qualifications :** H.Sc.and those who have 4 years of experience as Jr. Technician (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

**Salary Scale :** Rs.11,370 - 455 - 22,745 + DA & HRA as per rules.

Only male candidate need to apply.

**Age Limit :** 35 years.

**8. AHS Medial Lab Technician (Project) & Medical Lab Technician (Project) for the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology****(a) AHS Medical Lab. Technician**

**Qualifications :** B.Sc., (MLT) from the Recognised University.

**Salary :** As per institutional rules.

**(b) Medical Lab. Technician**

**Qualifications :** H.Sc. with Diploma in Medical Lab. Technician recognised by the CMAI or CMC DMLT.

**Salary :** As per institutional rules.

**Skills :** Computer skills are desirable – word processing MS Excel.

**Age Limit :** 35 years.

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

**9. Jr. Speech Therapist (External - Project) for the Department of ENT- II**

**Qualifications :** BASLP., (Preference will be given to candidates who have experience in working with children).

**Consolidated Pay :** Rs.29,000/-.

**Age Limit :** 35 years.

**Accommodation :** Not provided.

**Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence 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 **March 04, 2024** for **Items 7, 8(a), 8(b) and 9.**

### 10. Sel. Gr. Sr. Medical Officer for the Distance Education Unit

**Qualifications :** MBBS + 15 years recognised appropriate experience (or) MBBS + Diploma + 13 years recognized appropriate experience.

**Salary Scale :** Rs.67,048-2,682-1,34,098/- + Allowances. **Accommodation :** Provided.

**Note :** *Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence 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 **March 11, 2024** for **Item 10.**

### 11. Jr. Accountant (Term) for Finance & Accounts

**Qualification :** B.Com + One year computer training + one year CMC Trainee passed.

**Stipend :** As per institutional Norms. **Age Limit :** 30 Years and below.

**Job condition :** Candidates should have completed one year accountant training in CMC. Those who do not fulfill the above criteria will not be considered.

Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link : General - "Vacancies". Tab : "Jr. Accountant (Term)".  
**Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered.**  
Apply on or before **February 29, 2024** for Item 11.

### 12. Graduate Trainee for Internal Audit Department

**Qualification :** B.Com + One year computer training.

**Stipend :** As per institutional Norms. **Age Limit :** 30 Years and below.

Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link : General - "Vacancies". Tab : "Graduate Trainee".  
**Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered.**  
Apply on or before **March 06, 2024** for Item 12.

### 13. Management Trainee for M.S. Office

**Qualification :** Fulltime MBA / MHA / B.E. / Master in any science discipline / PGDHA / Bachelors in any Health Sciences / Bachelor in Pharmacy from Govt. recognised Universities.

**Stipend :** As per institutional Norms. **Age Limit :** 30 Years and below.

Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link : General - "Vacancies". Tab : "Management Trainee".  
**Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered.**  
Apply on or before **March 08, 2024** for Item 13.

**Note :** Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered.

### 14. Administrative Assistant Gr.V for the Department of Haematology

**Qualifications :** Graduate and 1 year PGDHA or equivalent or 3 years of experience in CMC Regular / FHA.

**Salary :** As per institutional Norms.

Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link : General - "Vacancies".  
Tab : "Administrative Assistant Gr.V".

Apply on or before **March 03, 2024** for Item 14.

**Note :** Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final year students are not eligible. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered. Existing staff (term or project or permanent) can apply after getting approvals from Head of the Department and Appointing Authority.