



# Christian Medical College Vellore



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*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13*

## Conclave of Medical Colleges



As part of the celebration of 125 years of CMC Vellore and Consultation 2025, a **Conclave of Medical Colleges** under Christian minority category was organised by the Missions Department on the 12th of April, Saturday at the CMC Vellore. Ranipet Campus. 12 Christian institutions from across the country including CMC Vellore were part of the conclave. Each of the colleges were represented either by their Director, Principal or Medical Superintendent, and a senior faculty. The need to work together in today's milieu, the possibility of sharing best and ethical practices was emphasised along with sharing human resources for service commitments in missions and areas of need.

### Overall Vision:

To strengthen the four main domains of a healthy and socially responsible Christian institution—Education, Service, Research, and Outreach (E-S-R-O).

### Objective of the Conclave:

To discuss ways of working together to improve medical education, service delivery and medical research and community outreach in India by sharing and adopting best practices.

Dr. Jachin Velavan, Associate Director (Missions) welcomed the delegates followed by devotion by Rev. Finney Alexander based on the theme verse Nehemiah 2:18. The opening remarks was delivered by Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director encouraging all to come together as we face unique challenges in a rapidly changing environment and share experiences and explore ways of collaborating in areas of complementary strengths.

Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal, Dr. Rajesh I, Medical superintendent, Dr. Succeena Alexander, Vice-Principal (PG), Dr. Venkata Raghava, head of CHAD, Dr. Venkatesan, Head of LCECU and Dr. Jachin Velavan each spoke on 'ESRO', respectively. Each participating institution presented similarly on these four domains, discussing various challenges and strategies followed by an enriching group discussion.

The conclave was the first step towards achieving the vision of understanding each institution's strengths and identifying areas. One of the major takeaways was to have a formal body dedicated to nurturing collaborative initiatives with representations from the Christian healthcare community, government and research.

This Conclave is a major milestone especially in the 125th year of CMC Vellore and is envisioned to be part of deliberations for Consultation 2025 towards fostering a continual engagement for strategizing future collaborations in impacting healthcare across the country.



### **Dr. Sunil Agarwal Memorial (SAM) Project for Mission Hospitals**

Facilitated by the Missions Department, CMC Vellore, the Dr. Sunil Agarwal Memorial Project – Grant for Re-skilling and Training of Health professionals from Mission hospitals instituted in memory of Lt. Dr. Sunil Agarwal, Professor of Vascular Surgery at CMC Vellore was awarded to six candidates from 5 different mission hospitals during the period 2024-25. This is the fourth year of the grant, and the recipients underwent training ranging from 2 to 4 weeks at different periods between July 2024 to March 2025.

Below is a brief excerpt of their training at CMC Vellore and how the programme facilitates upskilling of staff and contributes to enhancing services through them in their respective mission hospitals.

#### **Dr. Martha Johnson**

Dr. Martha Johnson, Head of Laboratory Services at Christian Fellowship Hospital Oddanchatram, underwent a four-week training programme in the Department of Microbiology at CMC. The well-structured programme, supportive faculty, and hands-on experience in media preparation, cultures, and serology, greatly helped in enhancing her knowledge and skills. It has helped in implementing newfound knowledge in the laboratory at CFH, Oddanchatram contributing to improved patient care.





### **Ms. Kasturi Kusulia**

Ms. Kasturi Kusulia, Staff Nurse at Christian Hospital Bissamcuttack, underwent four-week exposure training in the ICU through the Nursing Services. Valuable insights were gained in documentation, stock management, equipment management, staff management, and infection control protocols. Exposure was provided to new equipment and procedures, including ABP, IAP, and dialysis in ICU.

### **Ms. Alisha Sahu**

Ms. Alisha Sahu, Staff Nurse from Christian Hospital Bissamcuttack, completed a four-week training in advanced neonatal care in the NICU, Level I Nursery, and Level II/III Nursery through the Nursing Services. Despite coming from a remote, resource-limited hospital, she learned extensively about systematic procedures, incubator management, documentation, milk bank operations, and staff responsibilities. The supportive and knowledgeable senior staff guided her patiently, enhancing her understanding and confidence. She is motivated to apply feasible practices and further enhance the neonatal care and services at CHB, Bissamcuttack.

### **Ms. Preeja**

Ms. Preeja, Staff Nurse from Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College & Hospital, Karakonam. Critical Care Nursing Programme under Sunil Agarwal Memorial (SAM) project, provided valuable knowledge and skills in critical care nursing. The programme covered various aspects, including tracheostomy care, suctioning, and medication management.

The guidance and support provided by Ms. Jancy Mary Joy, Nursing Manager, and Ms. Jancy Rani, MICU Incharge, as well as the entire MICU and MHDU staff, demonstrated exceptional teamwork, skill, and knowledge in providing patient care. This experience has enhanced knowledge and skills, and will be implemented in the hospital to provide excellent patient care and nursing education.



### **Dr. Hepsiba Glory Alpheus**

Dr. Hepsiba Alpheus, Physician from Padhar Hospital underwent a two-week training in Echocardiography in the Cardiology department. The program covered foundational aspects of Echocardiography, allowing her to gain essential skills and confidence to perform ECHO independently at her home institution, Padhar Hospital. She has been able to translate the learnings into practice at Padhar and it has been enhancing their services. The overall experience was enriching and productive.

It has been encouraging to see many interested in availing this opportunity from various Mission Hospitals. Few representatives from the MBBS Batch of 78 also joined for a fellowship breakfast with few of the recipients, faculty from various departments and the Missions team and it was a time of sharing and encouragement.



### **Dr. Ajith Joseph Mathew**

Dr. Ajit Mathew, Orthopedic consultant from Herbertpur Christian Hospital, Uttarakhand underwent 3 weeks of intensive hands-on training in arthroplasty, arthroscopy, spine, and trauma cases in the Department of Orthopaedics. The support from the department, access to advanced facilities, sterilisation processes, interactions with implant personnel, implant procurement process and reliable vendor contacts, visits to Trauma and other related units added practical insights and enriched his learning. The new contacts made will help him explore future areas of collaboration between the Department of Orthopedics and Mission hospitals in general.

The support from each of the departments in CMC in facilitating these trainings effectively and in post-training follow-up of the trained staff is greatly appreciated.



The applications for SAM Grant for the period 2025-26 have been rolled out and the last date for application submission is 31st of May, 2025. Mission hospitals within the network of CMC Vellore who are interested for any of their staff to avail the training grant, may write to the Missions office at [missionsoffice@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:missionsoffice@cmcvellore.ac.in) for application details.

### **Inauguration of Neonatal Hearing Screening**

The Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening (UNHS) programme in CMC Vellore is being offered as a regular service by ENT Unit-IV along with Neonatology department since 2010. It was initiated as an ICMR project by Dr. Achamma Balraj, former Professor and Head of the Department of ENT. This programme aims to screen all newborns for hearing loss before discharge, thereby facilitating the early detection and rehabilitation of hearing loss in newborns. So far, this programme was operational from one small room on the 3rd floor of ISSCC building. Currently we have an additional space on the 4th floor of ISSCC building for this programme.

The inauguration ceremony for the new neonatal hearing screening room was held on 9th April, 2025. Dr. Ann Mary Augustine, Head of ENT Unit -IV, delivered the welcome address. Dr. David Mathew, Deputy MS, Dr. Suma Susan Mathews, Head of the Department of ENT and Dr. Santhanam Sridhar, Head of Neonatology Unit-I, shared their felicitations and inaugurated the room. Rev. Paul Ravikumar offered the prayer of dedication.





The Department of ENT and ENT Unit-IV is grateful to God for His mercies and the administration for providing the additional space to facilitate this service. We are grateful to all in the Department of Neonatology for their support and to all the nursing staff in the postnatal wards and nursery for their help and co-operation, in ensuring that this service is executed successfully. The enthusiasm and hard work of all the Neonatal Hearing Screening technicians needs special mention. We hope that this milestone in the Neonatal Hearing Screening programme will go a long way in carrying out this programme more efficiently over the coming years, to the glory of God and the benefit of our patients.



## CME on Approach to Headache Disorders

The Department of Continuing Medical Education and the Department of Neurology organized a CME Approach to Headache Disorders on 26th April, 2025. The programme was moderated by Dr. Deepti Bal, Associate Professor, Department of Neurology. The speakers, Dr. Sanjith Aaron, Dr. George Abraham Ninan, Dr. Vivek Mathew, Dr. Deepti Bal, Dr. Selvakumar, Dr. G. Nagendra Babu, and Dr. V. Vijayavarman covered the approaches to headache disorders, migraine, trigeminal autonomic cephalalgias, secondary headaches, non-pharmacological therapies in headache, headache emergencies and thunderclap headaches, and headache in elderly. The programme was attended by 178 participants from 10 states and several departments in CMC. The CME Department thanks Dr. Sanjith Aaron, Professor and Head, Department of Neurology, Dr. Deepti Bal, Telemedicine Department, and all the faculty for making the CME possible.

## Sports News - Tennis for Life

The Annual Summer Tennis Coaching Camp in CMC Bagayam, College Tennis Club was held in association with the International Tennis School (ITS) through the month of April 2025. There was overwhelming response with about 40 participants including kids and adults taking part in the camp which ran with options for 3 and 6 days per week of coaching. There were more than 20 new enrollment of absolute beginners.

The Summer Tennis Camp culminated with a tournament for all the participants which were keenly contested. The Finals were held on 28th to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2025. The winners and all the participants were felicitated by the Chief Guest of the function, Dr. Samuel C. Raj, Senior Professor, Department of Hand surgery, CMC Vellore who himself is an avid tennis player. Other guests for the function were Mr. Shankar, Head coach and Director ITS, Kochi.

For those Staff and Staff dependents interested to enroll in the year-long regular monthly Tennis coaching at CMC Bagayam, College Tennis Club, please contact:

1. Dr. S.S. Prakash, Assoc. Professor, Department of Biochemistry @9791056536
2. Dr. Ashwin S., Asst. Professor, Department of Community medicine @9840748004
3. Dr. Sajin Tito, Asst. Professor, Department of Psychiatry @ 9847907488.

Winners and Runners in each category:

CATEGORY	WINNER	RUNNER
Red ball Boys	Aiden Abraham	Vihaan
Red ball Girls	Samantha	Elisa
Orange ball Boys	Milan	Pious Leone
Orange ball Girls	Tara	Sathvika
Green dot ball Boys	Zachariah	Shaun
Green dot ball Girls	Gifta Oliva	Tania
Regular ball Junior Boys	Sathyan Carey	Arpan
Regular ball Junior Girls	Anugraha Zoe Kattula	Sanjana Kristy
Regular ball Senior Boys	Harinandhan Rajesh	Akash
Ladies Singles	Ms. Lara	Ms. Shreya Gibikote
Men's Singles	Dr. Ashwin (Com. Med)	Dr. Sajin (Psychiatry)
Mixed doubles	Dr. Ashwin & Ms. Laura Sajan	Dr. Jiju Joseph & Ms. Shreya





## Special Prayers May 04 - 10, 2025

### *Computerised Hospital Information Processing Service (CHIPS):*

Mr. Ebinezer Sundarraaj and Staff

### *United Methodist Church of America, USA*

Council Member : Dr. Arvind Roop Kumar

### *Voluntary Health Association of India*

Council Member : Mr. Alok Mukhopadhyay

### *Vellore Christian Medical College Foundation Inc.*

Council Members : Dr. Raj Narayan and Mr. John A. Riehl.



## Obituary

**Mr. W.P.E. Thomas**, retired Chief Librarian, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and Founder-Pastor of Peniel Tabernacle Fellowship, father of Dr. Niranjana Thomas (former Professor of Neonatology) and father-in-law of Dr. Shalini Anandan (former Professor of Microbiology) passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2025.

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

## Notice

### **Mechanical Ventilation Workshop for Doctors**

The workshop is scheduled on 10th June 2025 at Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore Town Campus. The Entry is restricted to a maximum of 30 candidates on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration fee is Rs.3,500/-.

For registration: <https://forms.gle/jJwdyhrbUvncNbQ76>

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

## Situations Vacant

Click the following link to view the vacancies  
<https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

**Vacancies under the Principal's Office - for queries, contact the mentioned office**

### **1. Lecturer (Psychology) Gr.III for Principal's Office**

**Qualification :** M.Sc. Psychology with 2 years M.Phil in Clinical Psychology.

**Salary Scale :** As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Not provided.

Preference will be given to candidates having experience in counseling students (Undergraduate, Post Graduate & Allied Health Sciences) in any teaching institution.

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

Please log on to: <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

**Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.** Applications will close by **May 17, 2025.**

**2(a) Associate Research Officer for the Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR)**

**Qualification :** M.Sc. with Science subjects studied on Regular mode with 10 years post experience in Research Laboratories. **Age Limit :** Before 45 years.

**Salary :** As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

**2(b) Veterinary Officer for the Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR)**

**Qualification :** BVSc / MVSc (Regular Mode) with 5 to 7 years experience in Research Laboratories in handling laboratory animals.

**Age Limit :** Below 35 years. **Salary scale :** As per institutional rules.

**Accommodation :** Not Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

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

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**3. Project Officer (Admin) for the Distance Education Unit**

**Job Code : 1591**

**Qualification :** Postgraduate in MHA (Masters in Hospital Administration) to coordinate the Admin and Logistics support for the Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health (PGDMH) course in the Distance Education Unit, CMC. The job involves student support, managing logistics of online sessions and onsite contact programmes for students and managing student databases. The job also requires regular travel and people skills. Fluency in English is required. Basic knowledge of finance and accounting is also required. Preference will be given to candidates with experience of working in any distance mode of medical education and those with some relevant experience.

**Salary :** As per institutional rules. **Age Limit :** Up to 35 years.

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

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**4. Medical Officer for the Distance Education Unit / Medicine Unit-III & Obstetric Medicine**

**Job Code : 1592**

**Qualification :** Any candidate with MBBS and minimum of 5 years of relevant work experience or any MD / DNB with 2 years of relevant work experience in Medicine or OG. Candidates with experience in blended learning / online courses for training in Medical Education, and / or experience in Obstetric Medicine are preferred. Should be able to coordinate work with a team of Clinical Faculty and IT Technologists & Administrative Personnel for running an online / blended learning course. Need to have people skills to liaise and coordinate government – sponsored doctors (PG doctors in Medicine / OG) clinical training during onsite contact programmes held at CMC Vellore. Fluency in Hindi is desirable.

**Salary :** As per institutional rules. **Mode of Appointment :** Project Mode.

**Accommodation :** Not Provided.

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

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5. Applications are invited for the position **Junior Research Fellow** in the **Department of Clinical Haematology at Christian Medical College Vellore, Ranipet Campus**, to work in ICMR funded project to study the effect of drugs to treat beta-thalassaemia. This project involves ex-vivo erythropoiesis, exome and RNA sequencing, proteome analysis and gene editing. **Job Code : 1593**

**Eligibility Criteria:** M.Sc. / M. Tech in any branch of Life Sciences. The candidates with DBT / CSIR / UGC / DST-INSPIRE / ICMR / Any Government Fellowships and GATE will be preferred.

**Mode of Appointment:** Project Mode. **External Salary:** (Consolidated) Rs.28,000 + 10% HRA.

**Accommodation:** Not Provided.

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

Please log on to: <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

**Hard copies and emails will not be accepted.** Applications will close by **May 17, 2025.**

**Vacancies under the office of Medical Superintendent-for queries contact the mentioned office**

#### **6. Jr. HLPT Technician (Term Appointment) in the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus**

**Qualifications :** H.Sc. with CMAI (2 Year) Diploma in Hand and Leprosy Physiotherapy Technician Training (HLPT) Course.

##### **Job Description :**

- Assisting in the outpatient and emergency department, surgical wards and operation theater including assessment of patients, appropriate physiotherapy, assistance with theater / emergency procedures / dressings / POP application and splint / maintenance of appropriate ledgers and any such assistance required for patient care.
- This will also involve on site night duties on a rotation basis with other technicians.
- Preference for those who are able to converse in Telugu.

**Consolidated Pay:** Rs.22,130/- **Age Limit :** Below 30 years.

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

Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Apply on or before **May 19, 2025.**

**Vacancies under the office of General Superintendent-for queries contact the mentioned office**

#### **7. Engineer Gr.IV (Biomedical Engineering) for the Department of Biomedical Engineering**

**Qualification :** BE Electronics & Communication / Biomedical Engineering (Regular mode).

**Preference :** Candidates who have completed 4 years term in CMC can only apply. Others need not apply.

Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Apply on or before **May 09, 2025.**

#### **8. G.M. Officer Gr.III for Directorate (Development Office)**

**Qualification:** Graduate / BE / B.Tech / MBBS + MBA\* - Finance, HR, HA, MM & Others\*\* / MHA / M.Phil HHSM\*\*\* / PG DM / PGDBA / PGDPM / PGDPM & IR 2 year full time course approved by AICTE & Certified by AIU as equivalent to MBA.

**Age :** 35 years and below.

**Preference :** Preference will be given to candidates with a minimum of 2 years' exclusive experience in fundraising, mobilizing philanthropic resources and managing donor relations.

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

Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Apply on or before **May 09, 2025.**