



# Christian Medical College Vellore



Newsline  
August 04, 2025

*You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word. - Psalm 119:114*

## Department of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy conducted Annual CME



The Department of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy, CMC Vellore, conducted its Annual CME titled 'Updates in Dermatology Diagnostics and Therapeutics'. A diagnostic workshop was held on 25th July at Wheeler Hall and across various diagnostic laboratories, featuring sessions on cytogenetics, molecular diagnostics, immunofluorescence, immunohistochemistry, mycology and mycobacteriology diagnostics, serodiagnosis, and flow cytometry. The workshop emphasised an interdisciplinary approach to enhance dermatological care. The CME conducted on 26th July 2025 at the New Examination Hall, focused on emerging therapies, recent updates in the management of psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, infections, immunobullous disorders, hair disorders, and advances in laser therapy and dermatosurgery. The event attracted over 160 delegates from more than 65 medical colleges, and the sessions were livestreamed to mission hospitals. It was accredited with 20 CME credit points by The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University. The programme concluded with an engaging intercollegiate dermatology quiz, featuring students from 10 colleges.

## 125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1932: After the Lamp Lighting Ceremony, the newly graduated nurses stepped out for the first time in their official uniform – a white cotton sari with a blue border, a blue blouse, and a white cap.

*An excerpt from Anna Jacob's 'Memoirs of a Student Nurse'. Ms. Jacob was CMC's first Indian Nursing Superintendent.*





### **Department of Trauma Surgery conducted the Sixth Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)® Provider Course**

The Department of Trauma Surgery successfully conducted the sixth Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)® Provider Course from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, at the Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore. Sixteen doctors from various institutions across the country participated enthusiastically in the course, which was led by Dr. Shamita Chatterjee, Professor of Surgery at IPGME&R, Kolkata who served as the Course Director.

This initiative reflects the department's continued commitment to advancing trauma care, education and injury prevention nationwide. The ATLS® course is designed to promote critical thinking, collaboration, and a team-based approach to trauma management. Delivered by certified instructors, the training features a highly interactive format that includes hands-on practice with manikins and simulated patients, fostering active participation and deep engagement with the material.

These initiatives demonstrate a steadfast commitment to educational excellence, enhancing trauma care capabilities and fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement.





## Celebrating the Spirit of Giving-Blood Donation Camp-Month of July 2025

Thanks to the **active support** of our departments and volunteers, a total of **three internal blood donation camps** were successfully organised.

We are grateful to report that:

- From the Department of Cardiology, 64 individuals came forward to donate blood. Out of these, 30 were eligible and successfully donated.
- From the Department of Mechanical Engineering, 19 came forward to donate blood. Out of these, 10 were eligible and successfully donated.
- From the Department of Dermatology, 2 were eligible and successfully donated.

Every unit of blood counts — and so does every effort. Whether you donated or attempted to, your support reflects the heart of healthcare: **compassion, service, and community**. A heartfelt **thank you** to each one of you who made this possible.

Let us continue to inspire and lead by example in the journey of saving lives.

— CMC Blood Centres



## Special Prayers : August 03 - 09, 2025

**Clinical Microbiology** : Dr. John Antony Jude Prakash and Staff

**Clinical Virology** : Dr. Mahesh Moorthy and Staff

### **CSI Vellore Diocese**

Council Member : Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithiyanandham

Hospital : Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet and CSI Hospital, Vandavasi.

### **Council for World Mission**

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Reuban Mark

Mr. C. Fernandez Rathina Raj



## Memoranda

- The Department of Orthopaedics has proposed to create a new **Orthopaedics Unit-IV (Orthopaedic Trauma)**, which will function at the CMC Vellore Ranipet Campus. This specialised unit will be operational from **28<sup>th</sup> July 2025**.

**Dr. Viju Daniel Varghese**, Professor, is appointed as the Head of this new unit starting from **28<sup>th</sup> July 2025** for a four-year term.

- The Department of Neurosurgery has proposed to create Neurosurgery Unit-IV (Neuro Trauma), which will function at the CMC Vellore Ranipet Campus. This specialised unit will be operational from **4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**.

**Dr. Krishna Prabhu R**, Professor & Head, Department of Neurosurgery, is appointed as the Head of this new unit from **4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2029**.

- **Dr. Priya G**, Professor, is appointed as Acting Head, Department of Emergency Medicine, with effect from **4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**, during the sabbatical leave of **Dr. Paul Prabhakar Abhilash**, Professor & Head, Department of Emergency Medicine.
- **Dr. Felix Jebasingh K**, Professor, Department of Endocrinology is appointed as Associate Medical Superintendent (Medical) in Town Campus, with effect from **4<sup>th</sup> August 2025** for a four year term.

## Retirement

Honouring a Legacy of Service: **Mr. D. Samuel Raja**, Senior Librarian In-charge, Gault Library, Superannuated on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, After 33 Years, 9 Months, and 2 Days of distinguished service .

### **A Journey of Dedication**

Mr. D. Samuel Raja began his illustrious career in library services on 16th October 1991 at Dodd Memorial Library as a Library Assistant. Over the years, his steadfast dedication and growth mindset helped him progress through a series of positions:

- Library Supervisor
- Library Staff Supervisor (Certificate Level)
- Assistant Librarian (Graduate Level)
- Senior Librarian (Master's Level)
- In-charge, Gault Library

His journey exemplifies professional excellence, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to knowledge services.



### **Pre-Internet Era: The Personal Touch**

In a time when access to information was a challenge, Mr. Raja became a beacon of support for education, research, and patient care as a live search engine for health sciences. He was known for:

- Providing timely and accurate information
- Delivering personalized service with humility
- Becoming a trusted go-to expert for faculty and medical postgraduates

His dedication made him a favourite among many health science professionals—not through self-promotion, but through selfless service.

### **Embracing the Digital Era**

As digital tools began to reshape libraries, Mr. Raja adapted with enthusiasm and humility. In the spirit of a true lifelong learner:

- He adopted new technologies in the "Guru Siseyan" spirit—ever willing to learn like a student, lead like a scholar, and serve like a saint.
- Took leadership in launching Remote Access (EZ-Proxy) Managed Print & Online Journal Subscriptions
- Oversaw Database Access & Reprint Requests
- Completed Student ID card projects and Internet Activation for all students swiftly and efficiently

His efforts modernized the Gault Library, ensuring that it continued to meet the evolving needs of its academic community.

### **Beyond the Call of Duty**

Despite being the In-charge, Mr. Raja never confined himself to titles or office hours. He:

- Played a vital role during University and NMC inspections
- Remained grounded—free from publicity, pride, or personal gain
- Volunteered for UG, PG, Allied Health Sciences, and sponsored student events

### **A Legacy Carved in Quiet Excellence**

In a world chasing applause, Mr. Raja chose impact over image. He remains untouched by pride, unbothered by popularity—yet, universally respected.

"While many seek awards, he walks with the reward of blessings."

### **A Family Devoted to Service and Faith**

His family is actively involved in Church activities and Missionary work, contributing significantly to spiritual and community development. Surrounded by love and support from his family, Mrs. Tamilaga Ponvalivu's personal life is a testament to strong bonds. His wife, Mrs. Tamilaga Ponvalivu, shines in her role as Nursing Superintendent at Arni Government Hospital. Together, they have a son and a daughter who are making their mark. Their son, Mr. Jim Jebastin, is a dedicated tutor at a prestigious Private Medical College in Chennai. Meanwhile, their daughter, Ms. Jasmin Jebamalar, a BSc Nursing graduate from the class of 2019, is nurturing her passion for healthcare as a Junior Staff Nurse in the Medical Ward of our institution. This beautiful family is a perfect blend of love, care, and dedication.

### **Looking Forward**

The Department of Library Services proudly and confidently anticipates Mr. Raja achieving a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science, which is recognized nationally and internationally in line with UGC standards of our Nation, and wishes him a bright, impactful, and peaceful future.

***Congratulations, Mr. Raja. Your legacy lives on in every student, faculty member, and library service you've touched.***



## Obituaries

- **Dr. Susan Chachy Jacob** (MBBS batch of 1958) at home in Houston, Passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025. She was born on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1940 in Kerala, India, and grew up in Hyderabad.

Susan excelled in everything she did whether academic or sports. She did her initial schooling in Hyderabad and her medical education at Christian Medical College, Vellore, India. She was the Chief Prefect, played the organ, and sang in the choir. She got her strong sense of academics and love for study from her mother, Saramma Jacob. She won a state championship in tennis while in Hyderabad. She gained her love of sports from her father, Matteethra George Jacob. As a medical student in CMC she is remembered by friends and classmates as a fun loving friendly person. Susan used to play tennis regularly. She kept in touch with all friends and classmates upto the last phase of her life Susan married Philip (Jacobkutty) over 60 years ago while they were both beginning their careers. Along for wherever the adventure of marriage would take them, Susan followed Jacobkutty to the United Kingdom, where she quickly became a senior resident at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Susan and Jacobkutty went on to live in New York, where she was one of the first South Asian residents accepted at Albert Einstein Hospital. She went on to complete a specialization in Allergy and Immunology at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia, before settling in Houston, Texas.

Susan did a Fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine at Texas Children's Hospital in pediatric chest diseases. She was invited to join the academic staff at Baylor where she earned the reputation of being an excellent teacher, advisor, and counselor among the residents and medical students. Susan's career highlights include: being accepted to the American Lung Association, leading committees at Baylor to ensure the proper introduction of medical students to the study of pediatrics, and the opening of her own allergy and immunology medical practice where she helped hundreds of patients at four of her clinics across the greater Houston area. Her patients will always remember her for her kindness and the time she took to listen to them. Susan felt her ability to heal people was her purpose in this life, and she lived and met this purpose throughout her 40+ years of her medical career.

Susan will always be known for doing whatever she could for her family, her generosity for those in the community, a love of debating any issue, knowing her mind, and her commitment to studying the Bible. Susan and Jacobkutty were founding members of St. Mary's Church in Houston, hosting church services in their home until the membership increased to pursue a regular church facility. Susan was also part of the medical mission advisory board for the church. Every Christmas, while she was still able, Susan would get gifts for all the children at St. Mary's, as well as continuing to push for a focus on growing the faith of the younger generation, which was a topic of her keynote address at the Diocesan Family Conference. Her faith is what kept her grounded throughout the challenging last few years as she battled kidney disease and other health issues. She never let her health stop her from participating in Bible studies and continuing to dive deeper into God's Word. Susan also believed strongly in the South Asian voice in the city of Houston. She was the first female president of the India Culture Center Organization where she strove to make changes and provide resources to assist a growing Indian community. She was also a member of the Indo-American Political Action Committee. She never shied away from voicing what she thought was the right thing to do!

Family and friends from around the world always knew that if they needed a place to stay, advice, or just a listening ear, Susan always kept the doors and her heart open for them. Susan left us with many memories like amazing parties full of music, laughing with her sister, Nirmala, a house always filled with guests and love, and many more memories and warm feelings that will live in our hearts. Just short of her 85th birthday in July, Susan lived a full life of service as a physician, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband K. Philip Jacob, her children: Philip C. Jacob (Melanie), Mariam Jacob, Sara de Groot (Jeff), and grandchildren: George Chirapurath, Sarah Chirapurath, Saranya Jacob, Ana de Groot, Alexander Vikram Jacob, Ryker de Groot; and her siblings: Nirmala Jacob and Matteethra Jacob. For those who would like to get in touch with the family, the contact details of her son is given below: Philip Jacob: Mobile: +12488398943. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

• **Dr. Mrudula Sundari** (MBBS batch of 1983) on 20 July 2025 in Hyderabad, India. She was laid to rest on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 in her hometown of Vikarabad, and her life will be celebrated at a Memorial service on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. Dr. Mrudula was born on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1963 in Bellampally, Telangana, into a household of educators. Her father, the late Rev. E.S Rajabhushanam, an ordained Minister in the Methodist Church, retired as Principal of Methodist Boys' High School and her mother, the late Ms. Shobha Rani retired as Principal of Stanley Girls' Junior College in Hyderabad.



Dr. Mrudula was inspired by their example of religious scholarship, excelling academically. During her high school years, Dr. Mrudula met the love of her life, Mr. Prashanth Kumar, brother of her close friend, now an investment banker. Prashanth became an honorary member of the Batch of '83, attending all campus events and celebrations, and they were married at the start of the internship year. In college, Dr. Mrudula was known for her speedy saree draping skills, with her room a hub for frantic classmates, trying to make the 'early bus' to the Hospital. Her calm smile, unfailing equanimity, quirky sense of humour and fierce loyalty made her a cherished and lifelong friend. Her hospitality was legendary, with large gatherings hosted at her farmhouse. Dr. Mrudula completed her bond at Crawford Memorial Hospital, Vikarabad, and had a flourishing private practice before entering Government service in Andhra Pradesh (now Telangana). Realising the need for specialised obstetric care, she decided to interrupt her service to undertake postgraduate training in OB/ Gyn, obtaining an MS from Osmania University. Although she had multiple opportunities to move away, she chose to remain in her hometown, caring for her community. She served in a variety of primary health care and Government hospital settings, creatively utilising her expertise and surgical skills for the benefit of the underserved, until her retirement in November 2024. Dr. Mrudula's commitment and dedication were exemplary. Even during the COVID pandemic, and in the face of her own significant health challenges, she rarely missed work. She made a heroic effort to attend the 40th Batch Reunion, participating in all activities with her usual zest and enthusiasm. Her fortitude, resilience and uncomplaining endurance remain an inspiration. Dr. Mrudula touched many lives with her empathy and quiet heroism. She will be missed greatly by Mr. Prashanth, her rock and soulmate, her younger brothers William and Pramod, countless friends, colleagues, and relatives the world over, and by the multitudes whose suffering she eased with her skills and compassion. Dr. Mrudula's life truly exemplifies the words: "Those who walk uprightly enter into peace, they find rest as they lie in death" – Isaiah 57:2.

For those who would like to get in touch with the family, the contact details of her husband are given below: Mr. Prashanth, Email: [trprashanth212@gmail.com](mailto:trprashanth212@gmail.com)

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

- **Mr. Inbaraj D.,** Hospital Attendant, P.M. Office (Relief Pool), passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, Son of Late. Devaraj and Mrs. Maragatham, Attender, Retired Staff, CMC. He served 24 years in our institution. Let us uphold his mother and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.



- **Mrs. Darathy Vasudevan,** retired staff Sr. Gr.I Clerk Typist, Forensic Department, passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. Let us uphold her son Mr. Vasanth, Hospital Attendant (Child health OPD), daughter Ms. Ruth Deeva (former P.G DCPC Trainee) and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. V. Ramamurthi,** father of Mr. R. Dinesh, Accounts Officer, Finance & Accounts Department on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

- **Mrs. D. Kamamma**, mother of Mrs. Vijayalakshmi, Sr. Sel. Gr. Tech (retired, Microbiology Department) and Mr. D. Murali, Sel. Gr.I Pharmacist (Main Pharmacy), passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. Samuel Mani**, father of Dr. Sumant Samuel, Professor and HOU, Orthopaedics Unit - III, father-in-law of Mrs. Shirley Jeyakumar, GM Officer, Development Office and father of Dr. Laviniya Jayanth (Batch of 1989), passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

## Upcoming Event: Alumni Reunion 2025

### ALUMNI REUNION 2025 –PROGRAMME

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Entire day for special batches to have their own program

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Time	Venue	Program
2.00 pm	Scudder Auditorium	Meet the Students
3.30 pm	"	Tea
4.00 – 5.30 pm	"	CME

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Time	Venue	Program
8.00 am	Scudder Auditorium	Tree Planting & Registration
9.00 – 9.45 am	"	Open Meeting & Alumni Award
9.45 – 10.15 am	"	Refreshments
10.15 – 11.15 am	"	General Body Meeting
11.15 am – 12.45 pm	"	Introduction & Photographs
1.00 pm	Men's & Women's Hostels	Lunch for all visiting alumni and special reunion batches
5.30 pm	Scudder Auditorium	Thanksgiving and Dedication Service
7.00 pm	Scudder Hall	Alumni Dinner for all alumni
8.00 pm onwards	Scudder Auditorium	College Motto Award & Entertainment by Special Batches

🌟 Recipient of the Alumni Award 2025 – Dr. Jasper Daniel

🌟 Recipient of the College Motto Award 2025 - Dr. Blessy Sucharita Ratnasri (MBBS batch of 1999) and Dr. Prabhu L. Joseph (PG alumnus, Orthopaedics)



# ALUMNI REUNION 2025

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 4.00 pm  
Scudder Auditorium, CMC College Campus

**Examining key assumptions in clinical reasoning**

Dr. Mucheli Sharavan Sadasiv – *Batch of 2000*



**High risk pregnancy: dealing with specific situations**

Dr. Renjith John Jacob – *Batch of 1995*

**Principles of forensic psychiatry with special reference to offenders facing the death penalty**

Dr. Rajesh Jacob – *Batch of 1990*



**Debriefing in Simulation Based Medical Education**

Dr. Mary Suja Sukumar – *Batch of 1985*

**Chaired by**

**Dr. Jacob John, Addl. Vice Principal (Research) & Senior Professor, Department of Community Medicine and**

**Dr. Sridhar Gibikote, Vice President, CMC Alumni Association & Senior Professor, Department of Radio-Diagnosis  
CMC Vellore**

## 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 the Principal's Office

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

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

Preference will be given to the candidates having experience in counseling students (Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Allied Health Sciences) in any teaching institution.

Applications to be done only through an 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 **August 16, 2025.**

#### 2. Lab Technician for the Department of Pulmonary Medicine

**Job Code : 1613**

**Qualification :** B.Sc. MLT / M.Sc. Microbiology.

**Preference :** Strong Laboratory Skills, including specimen handling & preparation, pipetting, titration and microscopy. Candidates with excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Computer proficiency will be given preference.

**External Salary :** Consolidated Rs.25,000/- per month.

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

Applications to be done only through an 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 **August 16, 2025.**

#### 3. Project Research Scientist I (Medical) for the Department of Palliative Medicine

**Qualification :** MBBS / MD (with MPH or MD Preferred).

**Job Code : 1614**

**Job Description :** To enroll and follow up patients in the study and take responsibility for the conduct of the study / data analysis (Starting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to March 2026).

**External Salary :** Consolidated Rs.73,030/- per month. **Age Limit :** Upto 40 years.

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

Applications to be done only through an 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 **August 16, 2025.**

### Others

**4. Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research & Leprosy Centre, Karigiri** invites applications for the following post: **Nursing Tutor - School of Nursing – 1 Post**

**Qualification & Experience:** M.Sc. Nursing / B.Sc. Nursing (Basic or Post Basic) with minimum two years of experience.

Apply with bio-data along with scanned copies of certificates and send to the [director@karigiri.org](mailto:director@karigiri.org) and [personnel@karigiri.org](mailto:personnel@karigiri.org)

**Last date for receipt of applications: August 16, 2025.**