



# Christian Medical College Vellore



Newsline  
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*For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you. Isaiah 41:13*

## Mr. Thanikachalam Retires



**Mr. Thanikachalam** began his journey in 1984, bringing with him valuable experience from BHEL, the Highways Department, and the Tamil Nadu State Construction Corporation. Starting as a Junior Engineer, he steadily rose through the ranks, becoming an Engineer in 1998 after completing his Engineering Degree in 1997. His career is a testament to perseverance, growth, and unwavering commitment, culminating in his retirement on June 19, 2025.

## 125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

In the 1920s, pelvic mannequins used for obstetrics training were crafted by a local potter. These handmade teaching tools played a vital role in medical education!

### **Bagayam Campus**

Over 36 years in his role in the college campus, he made a lasting impact on the institution; leadership in College Maintenance was marked by his approachability, efficiency, and deep concern for the well-being of residents. He extended his expertise beyond the main campus, overseeing maintenance at peripheral units including CHAD, MHC, Rehab, and CSCR. One of his achievements in College campus water supply management in the early 2000s during the drought time across the North Arcot districts was remarkable. We worked under numerous General Superintendents and many renovation projects on the college campus.

### **Town Campus**

Beyond that, his valuable experience and contributions to the Environmental engineering and Hospital Maintenance of CMC Vellore Town Campus, working alongside administration and human resources, highlight his spirit and dedication towards the progress of the sections was well known to everyone.

### **Family details:**

Mr. Thanikachalam is not only a respected professional but also a devoted family man. Supported by his wife, Mrs. Vimala Thanikachalam, DEC and two sons, Dr. Arun Karthick and Dr. Arul Srinivasan, his legacy of service continues in the field of healthcare.

## **Training programme and workshop on various sub-functions of the Finance and Accounts Department**

A full-day training programme along with a workshop was conducted on various sub-functions of the Finance and Accounts department on 7th August 2025 with an aim to facilitate a better understanding of the length and breadth of Finance & Accounting functions, accounting & financial management concepts, reporting and compliance requirements, etc.

This will enable the younger team members who have joined the CMC family in the last few years to understand the holistic picture and gamut of various aspects of the CMC Finance and Accounts role and equip them with the necessary skills for effective financial stewardship.

About 22 topics were discussed with the help of 18 speakers, ranging from the Treasurer to Section Heads and Section In-Charges. The training was well-received by all participants.





## Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Public Health

A three-day hands-on workshop on Geographic Information Systems using QGIS, an open-source application, was held from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, at the CHTC Auditorium, Bagayam Campus, CMC Vellore. The workshop aimed to build foundational skills in geospatial analysis, particularly for use in public health research and practice. It was designed for individuals with a background or ongoing involvement in public health, including programme managers, data analysts, researchers, trainees, and professionals involved in monitoring and evaluation, planning, implementation, and epidemiological surveillance.

A total of 27 participants from across India attended, representing a wide range of experience—from students to retired senior faculty. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Venkat Raghava Mohan (Head- Dept. of Community Medicine) and Dr. Rohan Michael Ramesh (Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory), covering raster and vector data handling, spatial queries and analysis, map projections, map creation, and data integration. Practical applications using simple open-source tools such as Google Earth were also demonstrated. Dr. Sreedevi Kotamreddy, Ms. Arpita Anbu Deborah, and Dr. Sivasakthi facilitated the hands-on sessions.

Dr. Viduthalai Virumbi Balagurusamy from the Honeybee Population Healthcare Foundation facilitated sessions on practical use cases such as real-time mapping and hotspot analysis. He also shared insights into upcoming GIS hackathons being organized in collaboration with IIT Bombay and encouraged participants to engage with future opportunities in the field. The event was well received, with participants expressing enthusiasm to apply GIS tools in public health, particularly in disease surveillance, and suggesting GIS be introduced as a short course in undergraduate and postgraduate training.

We are grateful to the Centre for Public Health (Dr. Jacob John) and the Tropical Medicine Research Centre (Dr. Sitara Ajjampur), CMC Vellore, for supporting this workshop.



## Sarcoma Awareness Month Programme – July 2025

The Sarcoma Awareness Month was observed through programmes organised by the Surgical Nursing unit and Surgery Unit-IV on 26th July, 2025. The theme was “Striking Out Sarcoma – Know, Act, Prevent”. The awareness programme began with a Health Talk on causes, risk factors, early detection, screening, special investigations, and treatment of Sarcoma awareness and prevention in the General Surgery OPD on July 24, 2025. The session, done in multiple languages, turned out to be a good avenue for patients and relatives to clarify their doubts.

An exhibition on Sarcoma Awareness was organised on July 26<sup>th</sup> in CMC Town Campus, which included interactive stalls and educational displays. The Inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. Betty Simon, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Mrs. Annie Jarone, Associate Nursing Superintendent, Dr. Inian Samarasam, Head of Division of Surgery, Dr. Sheela Durai, Head of Medical Surgical Nursing, Dr. Suchita Chase, Head of Surgery Unit 4, and Dr. Asha Solomon, Head of Surgical Nursing. The special invitees offered their felicitations and appreciated this first Sarcoma awareness initiative.

The exhibition stalls featured a puppet show on sarcoma prevention in Tamil, Hindi, and Bengali, which was received very favourably by the audience. Stalls also included patient education infographics, game-based learning activities, and a screening and referral station. Various posters in the stalls enlightened the audience on identifying warning signs, risk factors, and the preventive strategies for sarcoma. The patient infographics and game-based learning stalls attracted the public, staff, and students to learn more about sarcoma prevention. In the screening and referral stall, 41 individuals were screened for risk of Sarcoma, of whom 4 individuals were referred to Surgery Unit 4 for further investigations.

Various competitions were held, and the winners of these competitions were awarded prizes by the dignitaries during the Inauguration ceremony. The prize winners are:

### **Tamil Slogan Competition:**

1st place – Ms. Rosina Shamila, Staff Nurse, PBBOR

2nd place – Ms. Komathi, Neuro Trauma Educator

3rd place – Ms. Arul Mary, Neurology Educator

### **English Slogan Competition:**

1st place – Mr. Dinesh, Staff Nurse, K Ward

2nd place – Ms. Prema Gunamani, Stoma Nurse, J Ward

3rd place – Ms. Jansi P, Staff Nurse, Main OR

### **Essay Competition:**

1st place – Ms. Cynthia Mary Saji, Head and Neck Specialist Nurse, MTS3

2nd place – Ms. Anandhi, Staff Nurse, B3

3rd Place – Ms. Sherlin Manual, Physiotherapist, Cardiothoracic Unit.

### **Poster Competition:**

1st – Ms. Rubee, Office Facilitator, PBBOR

2nd – Ms. Jedidah Susan, Staff Nurse, C201

3rd – Ms. Keerthana, Staff Nurse, D401

This initiative was a meaningful step in spreading awareness about sarcoma. Through simple yet impactful methods, it reached a diverse audience and emphasized how knowledge, timely action, and preventive care can truly make a difference.







### **9th Thoracic Ultrasound Workshop Conducted by the Department of Respiratory Medicine**

The Department of Respiratory Medicine successfully conducted the 9th Thoracic Ultrasound Workshop on the 1st and 2nd of August 2025 at the Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore Town Campus. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Richa Gupta, followed by an inauguration ceremony graced by Dr. Myla Yacob from the Medical Superintendent's Office and Ms. Priscilla from the Chaplaincy Department.

The workshop featured expert faculty from the Department of Respiratory Medicine, along with invited faculty from the Medical ICU and Department of Anesthesia. Notable external speakers included Dr. Priya R. from St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, and Dr. Radhika Banka from PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai. Spanning two days, the workshop comprised didactic lectures in the forenoon and hands-on training sessions in the afternoon using both volunteers and animal models. The event was well-attended, with 35 delegates from across the country participating. The sessions were highly appreciated and provided valuable practical insights into thoracic ultrasound techniques.







## World Plastic Surgery Day 2025

The Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, in collaboration with the Medical Surgical Nursing Speciality Unit I, celebrated World Plastic Surgery Day on 15th July, 2025, at the Norman Auditorium, Town Campus, CMC, Vellore. The theme for the celebration this year was “Educate, Collaborate, and Refine”. Several competitions were held as part of the celebration, including the Slogan Competition, the Poster Competition, and a quiz competition for nursing students. The programme was graced by the dignitaries, Dr. David Matthew, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Mrs. Sonia Sabu, Deputy Nursing Superintendent, and Rev. Prayajan Parichha, Chaplain. As a part of the Celebration for World Plastic Surgery Day, the department undertook awareness programmes on the topic “Prevention and First Aid Management of burns” in Shiksha Kendra School, Pallikonda, on the 1st July, and Gajalakshmi Match Stick Factory, Gudithayam, on 8th July, which was led by Dr. Ashish Kumar Gupta, Professor & Head, Department of Plastic Surgery Unit-II. The community’s response to the awareness programmes was positive and constructive.

The Prize winners for the various competitions were as follows:

### Slogan Competition

#### a. Tamil

I Prize: Mrs. Sathiya

II Prize: Mrs. Jeba Jini

III Prize: Mrs. Viyaylakshmi

#### b. English

I Prize: Ms. Dhivya

II Prize: Mrs. Ruby Ravi

III Prize: Ms. N Priyadharshini

#### c. Hindi

I Prize: Mr. Mubarak Ali

II Prize: Mrs. Kalaivani

III Prize: Mrs. Karpagam

### Poster Competition

I Prize: Mrs. Ruby Ravi

II Prize: Ms. Rubee AR

III Prize: Mrs. Preethi P

### Nursing quiz competition

I Prize: Ms. Rosemary Sajan

II Prize: Ms. Siva Sruthi

III Prize: Ms. Prateeti Ghos





### 17th Advance Course in Medical Education [ACME]

The 17th Advanced Course in Medical Education [ACME] contact course, which is approved by The National Medical Commission, was organised for faculties working in 61 affiliated Medical Colleges from 28<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025. 61 faculties, 38 Professors, 19 associate professors, and 4 assistant professors actively participated during the sessions and gained immense knowledge from the faculties of the Medical Education Department, NMC Nodal centre, CMC Vellore. This course aims to help the faculty develop advanced knowledge and skills in the principles and application of medical education. The participants were introduced to topics such as:

- Designing Curriculum with the 6 steps of Kern's Cycle,
- Teaching Learning Strategies,
- Project Planning,
- Educational Research,
- Assessment learning,
- Skills training,
- Educational Scholarship,
- Quality Assurance,
- Change Management,
- Leadership,
- Managing Change,
- Abstract Writing,
- Mentoring and Project beyond 6 months.

These interactive sessions were designed to involve all participants with activities in small groups.



It was a challenge in conducting the poster presentations for contact course II participants on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025, where the seniors presented their posters in small groups and the juniors presented the seniors' project work in large groups. The posters and their presentations were evaluated by dignified Judges. Dr. Nishanth M., Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics Dr. Pinnamaneni Siddhartha Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Foundation, Vijayawada won the first prize for her poster titled "Segue Framework Based Assessment Of Interns Communication Skill On Vaccine Safety & Efficacy" & Dr. Deepak Vinod Francis, Professor, Department of Anatomy, CMC Vellore for his poster titled "Use of e-learning-driven structured Gross Anatomy practical guide as an instruction medium for first-year medical students" earned the second prize. The winners were awarded the bestselling Medical Education books.

Dr. Margret Shanthi, Convener, NMC Nodal Centre, CMC Vellore, started the programme with a word of prayer, meditation and welcomed the participants. Dr. Kanagalakshmi Co-convener for ACME, NMC Nodal Centre, CMC Vellore, proposed the Vote of thanks for both the contact sessions I and II. The course was facilitated by dedicated Medical Education Department faculties-Dr. Margaret Shanthi, Dr. Reena Mary George, Dr. Sowmya Sathyendra, Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Dr. Sathish Kumar T., Dr. Tripti Meriel Jacob, Dr. Vandana Kamath, Dr. Vinay Timothy Oommen, Dr. Kanagalakshmi, Dr. Rajat Raghunath, Dr. Divya Elizabeth Muliyl, Dr. Prakash S. S., Dr. Audrin Lenin., Dr. Srujan Lam Sharma, Dr. Katti Blessi Sara, Dr. Latif Rajesh Johnson.

The Medical Education Department would like to praise God for his blessings showered on us throughout the program. We thank all the MED faculty and MED office staff who contributed towards the successful conduct of the course.





## Upcoming Event : STING 2025

The Poison Control Center, Department of Medicine-I, and Clinical Toxicology Unit will be organizing “STING 2025 – The fourth inter-collegiate Postgraduate Quiz on Clinical Toxicology and Snakebite Mitigation” in celebration of the 8th International Snakebite Awareness Day 2025.


POISON CONTROL CENTER  
CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE  
presents

INTERNATIONAL SNAKEBITE AWARENESS DAY

# STING

2025


FOURTH ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE QUIZ ON  
TOXINOLOGY AND SNAKEBITE MITIGATION



13 SEPTEMBER 2025  
01:00 PM

JACOB CHANDY HALL  
CMC, VELLORE

FOR MORE DETAILS  
SCAN QR CODE



CELEBRATING THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SNAKEBITE AWARENESS DAY

## Special Prayers : August 10 - 16, 2025

**Department of Surgery:** Dr. Inian S. and Staff

Dr. Cecil Thankachan Thomas and Staff

Dr. Rohin Mittal and Staff

Dr. Yacob Myla and Staff

Dr. Suchita Chase and Staff

Dr. Asha Solomon and Staff

**Endocrine Surgery :** Dr. Anish Jacob Cherian and Staff

Dr. Supriya Sen and Staff

**Surgical ICU :** Dr. Shoma V. Rao and Staff

**Hepato Pancreato Biliary Surgery (HPB):** Dr. Ravish Sanghi Raju and Staff

**Vascular Surgery :** Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj A. and Staff

**Trauma Surgery :** Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff

Kotagiri Medical Fellowship Hospital, Kotagiri.



## Welcome

**Dr. Jefferson Daniel**, Associate Professor, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, on his return from sabbatical leave.

## Obituary

**Mrs. Nalini Johanna Thomas**, mother of Dr. Niranjana Thomas (Former Professor of Neonatology) and mother-in-law of Dr. Shalini Anandan (Former Professor of Microbiology), passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

## 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. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MS (General Surgery) for the Department of Trauma Surgery**

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

**Salary :** As per institutional rules.

**Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

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 23, 2025.**



**2. Senior Resident Gr.III with MS (Ophthalmology) for the Department of Ophthalmology Unit-II & IV**  
**Salary :** As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

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 17, 2025.**

**3. Project Scientist III for the Department of Reproductive Medicine & Surgery Job Code : 1598**  
**Qualification :** MD / MS or PhD or Masters in Biostatistics or Statistics or Epidemiology or Public Health or Clinical Research or Pharmacology or equivalent.

**Experience :** 7 Years' experience in Research and Academic Institutions or Science and Technology or Clinical Research Organization and Scientific activities and services.

**External Salary :** Consolidated Rs.78,000/- Per Month + HRA as admissible. **Age Limit :** 45 years.

**Job Description :** Should be able to perform the systematic review, work with other collaborative teams to develop guidelines. To manage administrative duties in running the unit.

**Job Preference :** Those with experience and knowledge of Systematic reviews, working knowledge with R Software / RevMan.

**Nature of Job :** Help in running the activities under the technical resource hub / Biostatistics and other clinical research areas, including conducting systematic reviews, guideline development as well as help in running workshops and coordinate with other technical resource centers.

**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 23, 2025.**

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

**4. Asst. Counsellor (Term Appointment) for the Department of Clinical Haematology (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)**

**Qualifications :** MA / M.Sc. in Psychology or M.A., / M.Sc., in Counselling Psychology / M.A (Pastrol Theology and counselling).

**Consolidated Pay :** As Per Institutional Rules. **Age Limit :** 30 years.

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

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

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

**Note : Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted. Applications to be done before August 18, 2025.**

**Others**

**5. Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research & Leprosy Centre, Karigiri** invites applications for the following post :

**Medical Lab Technologist - Department of Laboratories**

**Qualification & Experience :** B.Sc. MLT , preferably with 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.**