



Christian Medical College Vellore



Newsline
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He makes all things beautiful in His time. Ecclesiastes 3:11

Foundation on the Rock Ground-breaking ceremony for the Teaching Hospital



FOUNDATION ON THE ROCK

Date: **13th August 2025**

The ground-breaking ceremony of the Teaching Hospital at CMC's Chittoor Campus marked an indelible milestone in the development of the campus at Chittoor. With the generous funding from the Azim Premji Foundation, this endeavour will truly be a blessing for generations to come.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



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KNOW?**

Back in the 1970s, the Stamp Project raised funds for the PTP (Person-to-Person) Fund which provided support to patients undergoing rehabilitation, all through the simple act of collecting and selling postage stamps.

The morning's programme was meticulously designed to bring together key stakeholders, leaders, faculty, staff, students, and community members who have been part of this transformational journey. The day commenced with a welcome by the programme host, Mrs. Sophia Percy, inviting all attendees to settle in as the event began. The invocation song rendered in Telugu and English by the College of Nursing (CON) Choir, led by Mr. John Wesley, MSN Tutor, set a reverent tone for the proceedings.

This was followed by an opening prayer by Rev. Dr. Finney Alexander, Head of Chaplaincy. In his welcome address, Dr. Uday Zachariah, Associate Director of the Chittoor Campus, spoke about the significance of the term Foundation on the Rock: *What we stand upon here is solid rock; as long as our foundation rests firmly on the Rock, we can be rest assured.*

The felicitations segment featured eminent guests:

Mrs. Anuvinda Varkey, Council Chairperson; Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, CMC Vellore; Mr. Anurag Behar, CEO, Azim Premji Foundation; Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji, Former Director, CMC Vellore; Mr. Madireddy Pratap, IPS, Chairman, Road Safety Authority, Andhra Pradesh.

Mrs Anuvinda Varkey, on behalf of the Council, expressed sentiments in support of the growth of CMC Vellore's Chittoor campus; *we thank the people and government of Andhra Pradesh and the Azim Premji Foundation, who have been part of this transformational journey.*

Dr. Vikram Mathews spoke about the *progress made in faith through this project and his larger vision for Chittoor, which is not only a hospital but also a beacon of hope and healing for generations to come.*

Mr. Anurag Behar, on behalf of the Azim Premji Foundation, expressed his gratitude to the institution for being a *source of inspiration to all, for remaining steadfast in the spirit of excellence and service—qualities that are indeed essential for our nation.*

The pivotal role played by Mr. Madireddy Pratap, IPS, and Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji in the selection of Chittoor as the site for the Medical College and Hospital in Andhra Pradesh was highlighted.

A video presentation titled "Chittoor: Past, Present and Future" was delivered by Mrs. Pryzi Priya K and Dr. Latif Johnson, tracing the growth trajectory of the campus and outlining aspirations for the years ahead. Responses, accepting the mandate on behalf of Chittoor, were offered by Dr. Talluri Jeevarathinam, Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology Unit, and Mrs. Anbarasi S, Associate Nursing Superintendent. The programme then proceeded to a very meaningful representation of the 3 main blocks that are going to be constructed. Three earthen urlies or bowls with flowers were kept representing these areas; in each bowl, representatives from various fields lowered a lamp which lit up when set afloat, representing unity and new beginnings

- **Education:**

represented by

- Mrs. Abijah Princy, Additional Deputy Dean, CON
- Mrs. Jonisha Banu Y, Nursing Tutor, CON Chittoor
- Dr. Vinod Abraham, Vice Principal (UG), CMC Vellore
- Dr. Dorothy Lall, Academic Officer, Chittoor
- Ms. Donsa R Thomas, VP, SNA, CON Chittoor
- Mr. Rishi R, Optometry Student, Allied Health Sciences

- **Services:**

represented by:

- Mrs. Sonia Abraham, Deputy NS, CMC Vellore
- Mrs. Sheela Shanthakumari, Staff Nurse, Chittoor
- Dr. David Mathew, Deputy MS, CMC Vellore
- Dr. Leah Thomas, Deputy MS, Chittoor
- General Services:
 - Mr. Sekar, Transport Services
 - Mr. Prince, Assistant Manager
 - Mr. Vignesh, Junior Engineer

- **Community:**

represented by:

- Outsourced Services:
 - Mr. P Hemachandra, Asst. Security Officer
 - Mrs. Salamma, Housekeeping
 - Mr. Stanley, Support Staff
- Chittoor Community:
 - Ms. Bayya Mary
 - Master David Paul
- Directorate:
 - Mrs. Nandhini, Secretary, CMC Vellore
 - Mr. Isaya Raja, Secretary, Chittoor

Turning of the Sod

The most awaited and iconic moment of the ceremony followed thereafter. The Turning of the Sod ceremony featured former leaders who played foundational roles in the development of the Chittoor Campus:

- Dr. John C Muthusami (Former Associate Director)
- Dr. Nihal Thomas (Former Associate Director, Chittoor)
- Mrs. Rosaline Jayakaran (Founder Principal CON, Chittoor)
- Dr. Kenny Samuel David (Former Associate Director, Chittoor)
- Mrs. Florence Segaran (Former Principal CON, Chittoor)

Unveiling of the Plaque

Mr. Anurag Behar, CEO, Azim Premji Foundation, and Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, CMC Vellore, unveiled the plaque, which stands as a testament to the partnership and foundation laid for future generations. The event concluded with a Blessing by Rt. Rev. Dr. H. Sharma Nithyanandham, Bishop in Vellore, CSI Diocese of Vellore, invoking divine favour and guidance on the continuing mission of CMC Vellore Chittoor campus.

*That cause can neither be lost nor stayed,
which takes the course of what God has made;
And is not trusting in walls and towers,
but slowly growing
from seeds to flowers.*

authored by Kristian C. Østergaard and translated by J. C. Aaberg



Former Administrators of CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus



CMC Annual Alumni Reunion 2025

The Medical Undergraduate Alumni Reunion 2025 was held from August 7 to 9, 2025. About 240 alumni from various parts of the world gathered in Vellore with their families to take part in the celebrations. The special batches were the batches of 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000. There was no representation from the batch of 1945 and 1955. There were a few members from the non-special batches who attended the reunion, as part of the family of the members of the special batches, or just visiting to meet old friends.

On August 8, 2025, the celebrations commenced with the representatives of the special reunion batches sharing their experiences and wisdom with the medical students in the Meet the Students session. The alumni who spoke included Dr. Abraham Verghese (1950), Dr. Subbulakshmy Natarajan (1960), Dr. Rohini Shah (1965), Dr. N. Jayachandran (1970), Dr. Anindya Dutta (1975), Dr. Samson Wilfred Jesudass (1985), Dr. Basab Mukherjee and Dr. Priya Macaden (1990), Dr. Arpit Jacob Mathew and Dr. Renol Mathew Koshy (1995) and Dr. Sam Prasad Mannam & Dr. Mary Tina Rani Vaz (2000). These talks were well-received and appreciated.

This was followed by a CME session. The speakers and the topics were:

Dr. Mucheli Sharavan Sadasiv (2000): Examining key assumptions in clinical reasoning.

Dr. Renjith John Jacob (1995): High-risk pregnancy: dealing with specific situations.

Dr. Rajesh Jacob (1990): Principles of forensic psychiatry with special reference to offenders facing the death penalty.

Dr. Mary Sukumar (1985): Debriefing in Simulation-Based Medical Education.

The topics proved the excellence of our alumni in varied fields and their service. The CME session was chaired by Dr. Jacob John, Addl. Vice Principal (Research) & Senior Professor, Department of Community Medicine and Dr. Sridhar Gibikote, (Vice President Intramural), CMC Alumni Association & Senior Professor, Department of Radio-Diagnosis.

The General Reunion on August 9, 2025, began with traditional tree planting. Mrs. Jenny Kuriakose had arranged tree saplings – *Lagerstroemia speciosa* - for all the batches.

As last year, this year the song *Grow, Grow, Grow* was played along with the Alumni singing while the batches planted their respective trees.

This was followed by the General Meeting of the Alumni Association in Scudder Auditorium, where the Director, Dr. Vikram Mathews, the Principal, Dr. Solomon Sathish Kumar and Dr. Myla Yacob from the Medical Superintendent's office presented updates about the work at CMC to the alumni and offered their felicitations. The President of the Students' Association, Mr. Mounish Manikandan, welcomed the alumni on behalf of the student body and gave a brief overview of the students and their activities. The Alumni Association presented the Alumni Award of Distinction to Dr. Jasper Daniel, in recognition of his immense contribution to the Christian Medical College, its patients, staff, students, and to those in need of love and kindness through his exemplary characteristics of integrity, high level of commitment and compassion.

This was followed by the General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association. Introductions of the special batches and photographs from the batch of 1960, celebrating their 65th reunion, down to the 2000 batch, celebrating their 25th reunion. The alumni proceeded to the Men's and Women's Hostels, where the current students, along with the alumni, entertained the crowd and had lunch together.

The Thanksgiving Service in the Scudder Auditorium was led by the Chapel Secretary of the Alumni Association, Dr. Adeline Sither (1988). There was enthusiastic participation from all the batches. Dr. Ajith John Thomas (1985) gave the message. The newest batch of alumni (the present interns, batch of 2020) was given the charge not to be ministered unto but to minister. Dr. Abraham Verghese (1950), Dr. Mathew J. Chandy (1960) and Dr. Shirley R. Korula (nee Joseph) (1965) passed on the torch of light to Dr. Amrit (2020) and Dr. Charis Beniston (2020). During the service, candles were lit in memory of those who passed on in the last year, from the undergraduate, post-graduate, former staff and individuals closely associated with CMC.

After the Thanksgiving Service, the visiting alumni and the intramural alumni shared the traditional meal of biriyani and other vegetarian delicacies prepared lovingly by the Alumni House Kitchen. Following the dinner, at 8 pm, the programme started with presenting the College Motto award to Drs. Blessy Sucharita (1999) & Prabhu L. Joseph (PG alumnus). They were honoured for their unwavering dedication to God and their tireless service, despite profound personal and professional challenges. Through their inspiring lives of servant-leadership, they embody and give life to the highest Biblical ideal expressed in our College Motto: “Not to be ministered unto, but to minister”

This was followed by the informal entertainment by the special batches. All the batches gave memorable performances, showcasing their talents and their youthful enthusiasm. From the batch of 1960 to the youngest batch – batch of 2000 – familiar songs with words to suit the reminiscences, dances, musical performances, etc. The audience was kept captivated till the end.

The alumni left with fond memories, renewed bonds and promises to come back again to their Alma Mater. All of them were grateful to their Alma Mater for shaping them into who they have become over the years.

The Alumni Reunion 2025 photographs are available on the link below. *Please click on the link directly (Ctrl + Click) to view and download the photographs. Alternatively, if your browser does not open the webpage, you could copy the link from this email and paste it directly into the browser.*

Alumni Reunion 2025 photographs : <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2sM8DCbqot1DSLbm7>

College Motto award citation for the year 2025:

Blessy Sucharita came to CMC Vellore in 1999 to join the MBBS course. As is common among many aspiring doctors, her dream was to complete her undergraduate studies and her service obligation, and soon after, relocate to the US – to join her brother and build a life as a physician, in the ‘Land of Liberty’.

On completing her MBBS, Blessy was posted to the Kacchwa Christian Mission Hospital under the Evangelical Hospital Association, in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. For the first time in her life, the young Blessy witnessed patients dying from simple, manageable conditions because of the dearth of doctors. The experience shook her and made her question the morality of her plans to pursue a life of comfort. The tipping point came when a visiting American missionary told her, “You have set your heart on something...but God has a different plan”.

Abandoning her US plans, Blessy rejoined CMC to complete her Diploma and MD in Paediatrics. In 2016, she returned to North India to work at the Duncan Hospital in Raxaul, where she had previously worked as a Consultant Paediatrician from 2010 to 2014, while undertaking her service obligation. Blessy knew that at Raxaul she could carry out her life’s new mission – caring for the marginalised and drawing people to God’s love.

Serving in this remote region near the Indo-Nepal border is fraught with challenges. There is rampant drug abuse, smuggling and human trafficking, to name a few. The most formidable challenge was the resistance of the local community, who were suspicious of outsiders and, often, utterly disrespectful of women. It took years of perseverance, patience and compassionate service before Blessy could get at least half of the community to trust her with their children. Old tensions occasionally resurface, leading to episodes of anger and aggression that require containment with curfews - severely testing the faith and resolve of the team at Raxaul. As Consultant Paediatrician, Blessy's responsibilities included neonatal care, paediatric intensive care, and management of general wards and outpatients. Despite the heavy load, Blessy and her team produced excellent outcomes that often rivalled those of tertiary centres that were far better resourced. For this, she remains ever grateful to God who, she believes, grants her daily wisdom and the healing touch to save many lives.

Over the years, Blessy has proactively responded to growing needs, taking on critical responsibilities outside of her core speciality. When the Blood Bank at the hospital was in imminent danger of closure because of the absence of trained personnel, she underwent a brief period of training at CMC and took charge of it. Last year, recognising the huge need for mental health services in the area, she took additional training and put together a team to assist her in treating mental health patients abandoned by their families.

Spurred on by her faith, Blessy continually widens her circle of love. By partnering with the government and like-minded NGOs and by training healthcare workers in various settings, Blessy has significantly improved not only health outcomes, but also education and rehabilitation outcomes for children on the streets, for specially abled children, for destitute and mentally challenged women, and for other vulnerable groups in the region.

Dr. Prabhu, Managing Director and resident orthopaedician at the hospital, walks alongside Blessy on her straight and narrow path, sharing her burden. The couple are blessed with two children, a boy and girl, and foster an eight-year-old girl child who Blessy had rescued from the flesh trade. In this historic year marking the 125th anniversary of CMC Vellore, we proudly present the College Motto Award for 2025 to Dr. Blessy Sucharita and Dr. Prabhu in recognition of their unwavering dedication to God and their tireless service, despite profound personal and professional challenges. Through their inspiring lives of servant-leadership, they embody and give life to the highest Biblical ideal expressed in our College Motto: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister".

Alumni Award citation for the year 2025:

Dr. Jasper Daniel was born in Thengamputhoor in Kanyakumari district. His father was a Headmaster in a Mission school in Puthalam, and his mother, a homemaker. His early years were spent in this large family, which catered to many other boys who lived with them so that they could attend the school his father taught in. His education was in this village school till 11th standard, after which he did his pre-university and Bachelor's degree in Zoology at the Scott Christian College, Nagercoil.

He wanted to pursue higher studies, but since he did not get admission in the college of his choice, he took on a teacher's job at a government school in Arani, far away from home. His persistence in looking for an opportunity to pursue higher studies led him to an opening at CMC Vellore, where they had recently started the MSc in Medical Microbiology. He applied for the course and was called by the Head of Microbiology, Dr. Ruth Meyers. At that time, they did not take on fresh candidates for this course, and there were already candidates waiting to join. He was also informed that if he really wanted to join, he should work in the department like those before him, and if his work was satisfactory, they would consider him for the course in future. Determined as he was to study further, he left the safety of his teacher's job and moved on to become a research assistant to Dr. Prema Bhat in Microbiology in 1966. He was tutored personally by Dr. Bhat over the next 1 year in Bacteriology, much of which he still remembers with great clarity.

In 1969, he was selected for M.Sc. Medical Microbiology Course under the Faculty of Medicine, Madras University. On being selected for the course he was told that this was a very tough course. He accepted the challenge and completed the course in 1972 and joined the department as Lecturer in Microbiology. Accommodation during his training was in Men's hostel, C block, ground floor. There he became friends with many of the medical students. He belonged to Cochrane house and took part in a lot of student activities.

He got married in 1972, to Dr. Mary Padmini, who had just completed her MBBS from Trivandrum Medical College. She initially joined the department of Anatomy and then later went on to complete her Diploma and Masters in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The year 1975 remains in the memory of many staff as a difficult year for the institution during which he continued to walk to work. He was even beaten up and was given a tough time. He resigned in 1978, took up a job at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Medical Centre in Trivandrum and planned to pursue his PhD. His wife joined her Alma Mater and they worked there for a couple of years.

During the Graduation Day for his wife's MD (OG) in 1980, he was called by Dr. V. I. Mathan and offered a job in the new Virology Lab of the Wellcome Research unit and the option of registering for a PhD. After much prayers, they sent back a response that they would complete their contracts in Trivandrum and join. They joined CMC again in April 1981 and never turned back. The next 23 years were spent at CMC Vellore as a Scientist in the Wellcome Lab. He completed his PhD in 1988. He then did a post-doctoral fellowship at the Collindale Reference Lab, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK.

His foray into administration began in 1989, when he was asked to take on the role of the Deputy General Superintendent with a primary focus on the transport department. He brought in discipline into the team and reduced losses for the institution. He was asked to take on the bigger role of General Superintendent. He served in this office for the next 10 years till he retired.

He continued to contribute to the Wellcome Lab, Microbiology classes and train PhD students during his tenure as GS. The tenure of GS was a challenging one, but being one for discipline, maintaining integrity, and welfare of the staff he worked with, he won the hearts of everyone and was able to incorporate many changes, improve the safety of the campus and instil discipline into the staff he worked with. These came with their threats, but he won over the people slowly and steadily with his personal care and concern for the grade 3 and 4 workers, the security and the drivers.

He had the opportunity of working with 3 Directors – Dr. V.I. Mathan, Dr. Joyce Ponnaiya and Dr. George M. Chandy without whose support he could not have made the changes, taken on the challenges and become loved by most of the people he worked with.

After he completed his tenure in CMC, he was requested by Dr. Benjamin Pulimood to set up the Microbiology department in Amala Medical College, Thrissur where he worked for the next 10 years. He then moved back to Trivandrum, joined Ananthapuri Hospital with Dr. Marthanda Pillai a PG alumnus from CMC Vellore and continues to work there in the department of Microbiology doing his smears and taking classes till date.

The Alumni Association joins the CMC community in thanking Dr. Jasper Daniel for his immense contribution to the Christian Medical College, its patients, staff, students, and to those in need of love and kindness through his exemplary characteristics of integrity, high level of commitment and compassion, and is proud to honour him with the Alumni Award for the year 2025.



MBBS batch of 1950 (with family member)



MBBS batch of 1960 (with family members)



MBBS batch of 1965



MBBS batch of 1970



MBBS batch of 1975



MBBS batch of 1985



MBBS batch of 1990



MBBS batch of 1995



MBBS batch of 2000



Alumni award 2025



College Motto award 2025

Continuing Medical Education in Haematology for Post Graduate

The 20th Annual Post Graduate CME in Haematology was held from 19th –21st August 2025, jointly organised by the Departments of Haematology and Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology. The program aimed to provide postgraduate students in Medicine, Pathology, and Paediatrics with a comprehensive overview of Haematology.

The CME received an excellent response, with 240 participants from 38 colleges, 36 students from our institution, and 12 international participants who joined via Zoom. Spanning two and a half days, the program featured lectures, interactive case discussions, and laboratory tours, giving participants valuable exposure to both clinical and laboratory aspects of Haematology. Experts also engaged with students on training opportunities and career prospects in the speciality.

The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University accredited the program with 20 credit points.

A quiz programme was conducted, drawing participation from different medical colleges. The winners were:

1st Prize – Dr. Prasanna, Internal Medicine, Madras Medical College – Chennai

2nd Prize – Dr. Narendiran, Internal Medicine, 2nd year, Christian Medical College – Vellore

Dr. Akshaya Kumar, Internal Medicine, 2nd year, Madras Medical College – Chennai

3rd Prize –Dr. Vikneshvar .V, Internal Medicine, 2nd year, Thanjavur Medical College – Thanjavur

Dr. Radhika Palagani, Internal Medicine, 3rd year, JIPMER – Pondicherry.



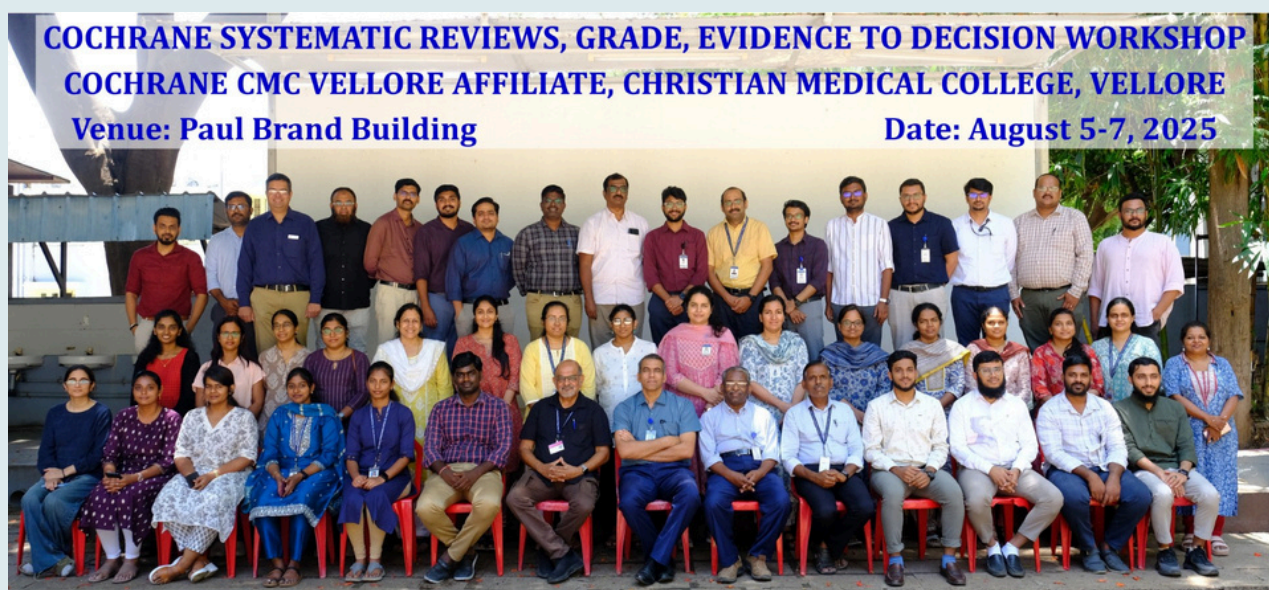
Cochrane CMC Vellore Affiliate And Clinical Epidemiology Unit organised a 3 Day Workshop On Cochrane Systematic Reviews, Grade, Evidence to Decision

The Cochrane India CMC Vellore affiliate and Clinical Epidemiology Unit organised a 3-day workshop on Cochrane Systematic reviews, GRADE and Evidence to Decision between the 5th to 7th August, 2025, at the Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building, CMC Town campus, Vellore. The inauguration ceremony commenced with a word of prayer by chaplain Rev. Christina, followed by Dr. Solomon Sathish Kumar, Principal, welcoming the gathering. Dr. Mohan S Kamath, Director, Cochrane India CMC Vellore affiliate and Head of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, introduced the workshop to the participants. This was followed by the Chief guest's address by Dr. Prathap Tharyan, Adjunct Professor, Clinical Epidemiology Unit and Founder Director of Cochrane South Asia, who delivered the vote of thanks.

The workshop covered a range of topics across three days. On Day 1, sessions included an overview of the design of randomised controlled trials, the role of systematic reviews in evidence-informed health decision making, the structure and components of a systematic review, literature search principles, and an introduction to RevMan. On Day 2, the focus was on protocol development and data extraction, meta-analysis, and assessment of risk of bias. On Day 3, participants engaged in practicals on RoB 2 and non-randomised studies, an introduction to GRADE, and sessions on the evidence-to-decision framework and the Guidelines-2 tool.

All the sessions had a hands-on exercise. The participants had hands-on exercises using Zotero, RevMan, Covidence and GradePro software. The faculty and organising team consisted of Dr. Prathap Tharyan, Adjunct Professor, Clinical Epidemiology Unit and Founder Director of Cochrane South Asia, Dr. Mohan S Kamath, Director, Cochrane India CMC Vellore affiliate, Dr. Azariah Jeba Kumar, Head of Library Sciences, and Dr. Vignesh Kumar, Professor & Coordinator, Clinical Epidemiology Unit. The sessions were interactive, with active participation. A total of 38 participants attended the workshop, including 23 participants from other institutions across India and one international participant.

The participants were appreciative of all sessions and were keen on attending future workshops organised by the department. The department is thankful to all the resource persons, the Principal's office, for their support, telemedicine and online for the smooth conduct of the workshop.



Special Prayers : August 24 - 30, 2025

Oto-Rhino-Laryngology : Dr. Suma Susan Mathews and Staff

Dr. Regi Thomas and Staff

Dr. Mary John and Staff

Dr. Regi Kurien and Staff

Dr. Ann Mary Augustine and Staff

Mrs. Sasikala Umesh and Staff



Head & Neck Surgery Unit-I : Dr. Rajiv C. Michael and Staff

Inter Ashram Fellowship

Council Members : Dr. Thomas Philip

Dr. Oby J. Cherian

Hospitals : Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram and Ambilikai

Christian Fellowship Hospital, Rajnandgaon and Khariar Road.

Bishop Walsh Memorial Hospital, Tadakam.

Welcome

Dr. J.V. Peter, Professor of Medical Critical Care, on his return from sabbatical leave.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Simon Pavamani**, Senior Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology Unit-II, was awarded the Dr. Ida B. Scudder Oration at the 40th Annual State Conference of the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI)- Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Chapter held on August 9 and 10, 2025 at Courtallam, Tamil Nadu. The topic of his Oration was ' Response Prediction in Head, Neck & Oesophageal Cancers'.
- **Dr. Simeon E**, second-year postgraduate student in the Department of Respiratory Medicine, presented a paper on 'The Diagnostic Yield of Cell Block Obtained By Endobronchial Ultrasound-Guided Transbronchial Needle Aspiration (Ebus-Tbna) By Different Negative Suction Pressures` at the '8th PACS Conference 2025' held between August 15-17 in Ghaziabad, winning a prize ticket to the Sri Lanka Respiratory Congress 2026.

Obituaries

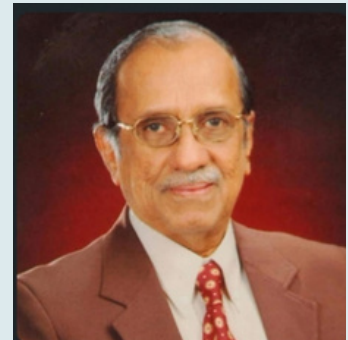
- **Mrs. Olivia Royan**, mother of Mrs. Chitra Benjamin, (VRS, Sr. Sel. Gr. Graduate MLT, General Pathology) and mother-in-law of Mr. Benjamin Rajah, (Retired, Instructor, Clinical Haematology), passed away on 16th August, 2025. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. Thangavel**, father of Dr. Saravanbhan Thangavel (Scientist-E at Centre for Stem Cell Research) and Ms. Saveetha and father-in-law of Dr. Divya Palanisamy, passed away on 20th August, 2025. Let us uphold his son, daughter, and grandchildren and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mrs. Violet Jayachandran**, Wife of late Dr. Cyril Jayachandran, Nursing batch of 1946, Professor, Former Nursing Superintendent and Council Secretary of CMC Vellore, passed away on 21st August, 2025.

We uphold her daughter, Dr. Sujatha Thomas (MBBS batch of 1981), her son, Dr. Vijay Jayachandran (MBBS batch of 1984), son-in-law, Dr. Mahiban Thomas (MBBS batch of 1981), daughter-in-law, Dr. Asha Jayachandran (MBBS batch of 1984), her granddaughter Ashmitha, grandson Nihal and wife Sarah, grandson Joshua, and great-grandchildren, Matthew, Benjamin and Luke, along with the extended bereaved family, as we praise God for a faithful life well lived.

• **Dr. M.V. Daniel** (MBBS batch of 1949) passed away on 21st August, 2025.

Dr. Daniel was born on 15 September 1930. He comes from a family of doctors. His father Dr. A.D. Varghese was a General Practitioner in Kerala with a well-deserved reputation and affluence. Dr. Daniel completed his Intermediate from St. Joseph's College, Trichy. He joined for his MBBS course in 1949. Anatomy attracted him a great deal as a medical student and he came back to be a tutor in it for a while after graduation.



From Anatomy to Surgery was a short step. He did his M.S. in General Surgery in Vellore and then moved off into Orthopaedics completing that training with two years at Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London and M.S. Orthopaedics from the Madras University. Apart from the periods of study leave and sabbaticals, he served CMC continuously up to 1985, when he took early retirement. Apart from his responsibilities in the Orthopaedics Department, which he led for many years, he was also the Registrar of the Medical College for a term. His research interest has been in Reconstructive Surgery for the rehabilitation of stroke patients. He initiated Total Hip Replacement Surgery in Vellore. After his tenure in CMC, he served as Honorary Professor in the P.S.G. Institute and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in two other hospitals. He had been planning to set up a Mission Hospital in Coimbatore along with a few other Alumni. He also was the academic head at Ganga Hospital and Founder President of Coimbatore Orthopaedic Association.

He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University in 2011 for his significant contributions to orthopaedics and education.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Daniel, sons, Mr. Ashok, Dr. Suresh Daniel (MBBS batch of 1978), daughters-in-law, Mrs. Anna Daniel, Mrs. Sunitha Mammen, grandchildren, Riya, Roshni, Rachel, Noah, and Jonathan.

The funeral service can be viewed via the link below: <https://youtu.be/KG9mEsg038U>

For those who would like to get in touch with the family, contact details of his son, Dr. Suresh Daniel, are given below: Dr. Suresh Daniel, Email: flintrocked@hotmail.com; flintrocked@icloud.com

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

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

Erratum :

1. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MS (Orthopaedics) for the Department of CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus (Orthopaedics)

Salary : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on 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 30, 2025.**

2. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MS (General Surgery) for the Department of General Surgery Unit-IV

Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognised teaching institution to apply Assistant Professor job.

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

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3. Demonstrator (NM) (Term Post) with M.Sc., (Biostatistics) / M.Sc., (Statistics) for the Department of Biostatistics

Job Description : Candidates should handle Biostatistics classes for M.Sc., Biostatistics, Nursing & AHS students and offer statistical consultation to PGs, faculties, etc.

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

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4. Scientist (Embryologist) for the Department of Reproductive Medicine Surgery

Qualification : As per Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), law 2021. MBBS or BVSc with MSc in clinical embryology, with two years' experience in IVF lab, BSc in life sciences or Bio Technology with MSc Clinical embryology with three years' experience in IVF lab, / PhD in clinical embryology with at least one year experience in clinical embryology / Postgraduate in life sciences or Bio Technology with one-year certified course in Embryology. Candidate should have at least have four years' experience in IVF lab. The candidate should be able to perform independently ICSI and trouble shoot in IVF lab.

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

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5. Project Technical Support III for the Department of Clinical Microbiology *Job Code : 1616*

Qualification : M.Sc. Microbiology.

Job Description : Experience in the Field of Mycobacteriology both in the community and laboratory work.

Salary : As per the institutional rules. **Age Limit :** 30 years.

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

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6. Biomedical Informatics Unit of CMC Vellore is looking for 3 Research Associates to work on Data Science, AI / ML projects in the Unit *Job Code : 1617*

Duration : 1 year.

Qualifications : B.Tech / M. Tech / MS / MCA / M.Sc. in Computer Science, Data Science, Biostatistics, Biotechnology, or related fields.

Essential Skills : Strong programming in Python, experience with open-source databases, and familiarity with AI / ML frameworks.

Mandatory : Certified skills in AI / ML with minimum of 1 year prior experience in handling real-world healthcare data projects.

Desirable : Proven writing skills for technical and / or general audience.

Salary : Consolidated, commensurate with experience.

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

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7. Graduate Technician Trainee for the Department of Ophthalmology

Qualifications: Graduate in any science stream. **Age Limit:** 30 years. **Stipend :** Rs.9,415/-.

Job Description: The person will be responsible for the daily operation of the eye transplant programme, from harvesting of donor eyes to their eventual transplantation. Additionally, he/she will play a role in promoting the Hospital Cornea Retrieval programme. The person should be well-versed in Tamil language.

The responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Responding to eye donation requests and informing the staff responsible for eye harvesting.
- (b) Coordinating transportation for eye donations.
- (c) Conducting rounds in ICUs (NICU, SICU, MICU) to encourage potential donors to participate in eye donation.
- (d) Keeping records of eye donation requests, actual eye harvesting, and the number of eyes utilized.
- (e) Managing files containing donor information.
- (f) Maintaining the keratoplasty register, documenting types of surgeries performed and visual outcomes.
- (g) Keeping the recipient register and contacting patients for surgery based on their position in the queue.
- (h) Periodically assessing the eye bank equipment and maintaining stocks of MK Media / Cornisol.
- (i) Monitoring storage facilities, including fridge temperatures and ensuring the sterility of media with corneal buttons.
- (j) Collaborating with NGOs and other relevant parties as needed.

Nature of Job : The job is one built on compassion, leadership, and purpose- from guiding the process of corneal retrieval and ensuring successful transplants to championing the Hospital Cornea Retrieval Programme, this position is at the very heart of transforming loss into hope and darkness into vision.

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

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8. IT Associate (External Designation – Project) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus (Community Health)

Qualifications : 1st Class In B.Tech With 3 Years Experience / B.E. With 3 Years Experience / MCA / MCS / M.S. In Computer Science + Specialization In Database Administration (DBA).

Age Limit : 35 years. **Salary :** Rs.70,000/-

Job Summary :

We are looking for a highly skilled and detail-oriented IT Associate (Senior Programmer / Database Manager) to manage and streamline large-scale health data for ongoing community health initiatives in Jharkhand and Gudipala Mandal (Chittoor District). This role includes close collaboration with an external IT consultant to co-develop a robust Care Coordination Software platform. The ideal candidate will play a key role in daily data operations and the digital infrastructure that underpins our field coordination models.

Responsibilities :

- Manage and maintain structured databases generated from multiple field sites
- Write, test, and optimize code for database queries and software integration
- Work closely with the external IT consultant to co-design and iterate software solutions
- Ensure data integrity, quality checks, and security protocols for daily operations
- Generate routine analytics, reports, and visualizations for program monitoring
- Support field teams with data-related troubleshooting and onboarding
- Maintain documentation and standard operating procedures for database workflows
- Assist in deploying and maintaining health information systems at project sites

Job Preference :

- Proficiency in statistical and data handling tools such as Stata, R, or Python
- Advanced database handling skills
- Solid coding experience in languages such as Python, Java, or PHP
- Demonstrated ability to manage large and dynamic public health data sets
- Familiarity with healthcare domain or clinical informatics is highly desirable
- Strong communication skills to interface with both technical and non-technical teams.

Fluency in English is essential; proficiency in Hindi and Telugu is an added advantage.

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