



Christian Medical College Vellore



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Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Gospel Music Night led by The Living Stones Quartet



On the evening of Saturday, 23rd August 2025, the Scudder Auditorium was filled with an atmosphere of worship and joyous celebration, thanks to the Gospel Music Night organised by the Chaplaincy Department of CMC Vellore. The event, featuring the acclaimed Living Stones Quartet (LSQ), was uplifting in its spiritual impact among an impressive attendance. The event commenced with an invocation prayer led by Rev. Joseph Devaraj. Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal, felicitated the LSQ and the gathering. Dr. Solomon appreciated the Chaplaincy's initiative and emphasised the importance of such events in nurturing the CMC family's spiritual well-being and community harmony. The five-member ensemble, comprised of dedicated professionals who use their musical gifts to serve their faith, was expertly led by Dr. Jithin Abraham, Mr. Olive Abraham Chandy, Mr. Alen Itty Jose, Mr. Blesson Joseph and Mr. Rohan George.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



DID YOU
KNOW?

In 1924, 'baby shows' were organised in Vellore and nearby towns and villages where mothers were taught valuable lessons about baby care and sanitation to promote healthier practices for infants.

-Be Thou My Vision, Carol E. Jameson

Their performance was not merely a concert, but a powerful musical ministry. From the first harmonious chord to the final, resonant amen, the quartet led the captivated audience on a journey of praise and worship. There was a blend of timeless hymns and uplifting contemporary gospel songs, delivered with a rare combination of professional polish and genuine devotion. The auditorium was filled to capacity - a testament to the event's anticipation. As the melodies swelled, the community was visibly moved, with many swaying, clapping, and raising their voices in unison. The songs served as a powerful reminder of our foundation in Christ, reinforcing faith and fostering a deep sense of unity.

The evening culminated in a sense of joy and spiritual renewal, aligning with Chaplaincy's vision of enabling the CMC community to celebrate the gospel together. It was a night when talent anointed by purpose touched hearts and glorified God. The event was concluded with prayer and benediction offered by Rev. Finney Alexander, Head of Chaplaincy.



CME on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease organised by the Department of Respiratory Medicine

The Department of Continuing Medical Education and the Department of Respiratory Medicine organised a CME on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease on 23rd August, 2025. Dr. Richa Gupta, Professor and Head of the Department of Respiratory Medicine, moderated the programme.

The speakers, Dr. Jeo Thomas Joseph, Dr. Mathew Varghese, Dr. Ashwin Oliver, Dr. Richu Bob Kurien, and Dr. Richa Gupta from the Department of Respiratory Medicine, and Dr. Avinash A. Nair, provided an overview of the COPD burden and discussed various topics, including diagnosis, management of stable and exacerbated conditions, bronchoscopic interventions, and the role of non-pharmacological management. The program was attended by more than 160 participants from 14 states and several departments in CMC. The CME Department would like to thank Dr. Richa Gupta, Telemedicine Department, and all the faculty members for making the CME possible.

Sports News

The Staff games and sports will start in September 2024. The following conveners will receive the team entries on or before 15th September 2025. They can provide you with further details regarding the Tournament and its dates. In cricket, 6 players must be in the playing elevens with the title of the department.

For more details, contact Dr. Balaganesan, Physical Director, Tel: 4478 / 9443628333

S.No	Sports	Name	Department	Tel. No
1	Athletics	Mr. Naveena Krishnan	College of Nursing	7016 / 9994023416
		Mr. Nixon Barnabas	Radiology	2822 / 9843182611
		Mr. Prakash	MCTT	9944902637/6033
		Mr. Wilson	Electrical	9244316222
		Mr. Chinthanai Selvan R.	MCTT	9600252499
2	Basket ball	Dr. Thomas Palocaren	Paediatric Ortho II	2172 / 9894464919
		Dr. Aashish Mathew Chandy	Paediatrics	9940961253
3	Cricket	Mr. Srinivasan	OPD pharmacy	8825380550
		Mr. Sathyamurthy	P & O	2720 / 9500291918
		Mr. Edin Decoster Lawrence	Transport	2022 / 9597937010
		Mr. Neeladoss	Radiology	9597937010
		Mr. Nirmal Rajkumar. R	Radiation Oncology	3145 / 9003444133
4	Chess	Mr. Bharathi Raja	ISSCC Pharmacy	3212/9943023204
		Mr. Poorna Chandra Prakash	MRD	9894085932
5	Carrom	Mr. Suresh	Critical Care	2693/7904693609
6	Foot ball	Mr. Sampath Paul	College Maintenance	4244 / 9443437824
		Mr. Praveen Raja M.	LCECU Pharmacy	9994069604/1274
7	Hockey	Dr. R. Balaganesan	Physical Director	4478/9443628333
8	Shuttle Badminton	Mr. Vinayagaram	MS Office (CBMO)	2790 / 9994689563
		Mr. Balaji	MRD	2790 / 9043072546
9	Table Tennis	Mr. Selvakumar Mr. Naveen Krishnan	Electrical Dept., College of Nursing	9787456587 7016/9994023416
10	Tennis	Dr. Rajiv Karthik	Infectious Diseases	6384044936
11	Volley ball	Mr. Naveena Krishnan	College of Nursing	7016 / 9994023416
		Mr. Allan Jebaraj	P&O	2720 / 9791315214

Special Prayers : August 31 - September 06, 2025

Ida Scudder School	: Mrs. Swarna Joshua and Staff
Campus Kids Corner	: Mrs. Abigail Senthil Kumar and Staff
John Carman School	: Mrs. Gladis Winston and Staff
Balavihar Kid's Corner	: Mrs. Anna Jagadish and Staff
Aadhyavikas Kid's Corner	: Mrs. Sharon Evangelin and Staff
College Hill Nursery School	: Mrs. Jemima Jane and Staff
College Hill Montessori	: Mrs. Shiny Rathna Kanmani and Staff
Sparkling Stars	: Mrs. Sheela Issac and Staff

CSI Dornakal Diocese

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. K. Padma Rao and Rev. K. Vijaya Padma Rao

Hospital : CSI St. Mary's Mission Hospital, Khammam and Bishop Whitehead Hospital and others.



Memoranda

- **Dr. Bijesh R**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Neurosurgery Unit-II, with effect from 18th August 2025 for a four year term.
- **Dr. Nirmal T.J.**, Professor, will continue as Head of Urology Unit-III, with effect from 25th August 2025 till 7th January 2026.
- **Dr. Thomas Matthai**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Orthopaedics Unit-III, with effect from 29th August 2025 for a four year term.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Simeon**, second-year postgraduate, presented his study at PACS India 2025 and was awarded the Best Abstract Prize, along with the opportunity to represent India at the Sri Lanka National Congress.
- **Dr. Sruthi Ajith**, final-year postgraduate, secured First Prize in the Image Contest at the Indian Chest Society (ICS) National Talent Search 2025.
- **Dr. Jemimah Talphina**, final-year postgraduate, achieved Fourth Place in the Dr. Drupad Memorial Quiz conducted during the ICS National Talent Search 2025.
- **Dr. Prashanthi Ravikumar**, final year physiology postgraduate won the first prize in PG poster presentation during the 17th annual conference (APTCON 2025) of the Association of Physiologists of Tamil Nadu (APT) held at AIIMS Madurai on 23rd August, 2025.

The following MBBS Students have been awarded the **Short Term Studentship (STS) Grant 2025** by the Department of Health Research, Government of India:

- **Mr. Alan Prabhu R.J**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. Samuel Joseph Arthur, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery Unit- I
- **Mr. S.K. Ashwin Kumar**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. Silviya Jared, Professor, Department of Physiology.
- **Ms. Elcy Josephine Martin Ignatius**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. Anne Jennifer Prabhu, Professor, Department of General Pathology
- **Mr. Ivan Maximus Nathan E.**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. G. Edmond Jonathan, Professor and Head, Department of Neurosurgery Unit- III.
- **Ms. Pavithra Mohan**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. Nalini Sarah Newbigging, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine Unit-III.
- **Ms. Rhevaa Sudarsan Raj**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. Elizabeth Vinod, Physician/Adjunct Scientist, Department of Physiology/Centre for Stem Cell Research.
- **Mr. Samuel Harshith Tsapa**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. Joe Varghese, Professor and Head, Department of Biochemistry.
- **Mr. Vijay A.R.**, MBBS batch of 2023, will be guided by Dr. Sheba Meriam Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine Unit- III.
- **Ms. Neha R S**, MBBS batch of 2024, will be guided by Dr. Pauline Shanthi P., Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy.

Retirements

Mrs. Mary Daniel, Senior Grade Staff Nurse in the Rehabilitation Nursing department, retired on 29th May 2025 after completing 34 years of dedicated service at our institution.

She completed her General Nursing and Midwifery from the College of Nursing, CMC Vellore and began her journey with us as a Staff Nurse in February 1991. Over the years, she served in the Maternity Ward and from August 1998 until her retirement, in the Rehabilitation department.



Mrs. Mary Daniel is known for her calm and composed nature, fostering strong interpersonal relationships with her colleagues and team members. She consistently met the psychological and spiritual needs of her patients and their families with compassion and care. Her integrity, along with her skill in providing health education and counselling, has been exemplary.

Mrs. Mary Daniel's family also shares a strong connection with healthcare and service. Her husband, Mr. Daniel, is a retired Librarian in Rehabilitation. They are blessed with two sons: the elder, Mr. Job Mathew, who works as an Occupational Therapist at Meenakshi Medical College, Chennai, and the younger, Mr. Christopher Raj, currently pursuing his third year Diploma in Radiology at Sandhiya Hospital, Vellore.

The CMC family extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Mary Daniel for her efficient and devoted service. We wish her abundant blessings, good health, and happiness in her retirement years.

Mrs. Samundeeswari, Sr. Selection. Gr. Clinical Biochemist in the department of Clinical Biochemistry retired after 38 years of dedicated service to the institution. She joined the department in 1987 as a Clinical Biochemist Trainee when the lab received around 400 samples per day with less than 35 parameters. She has seen the department grow over 4 decades to around 7500 samples/day through semi automation, continuous flow analysers, state- of- the- art Automated analysers and the Preanalytical Track system.



Mrs. Samundeeswari is known for her commitment and sincerity, humility and hard work and good at human relations. She had shown keen interest in learning new technology and was involved in teaching Junior Biochemist Trainees.

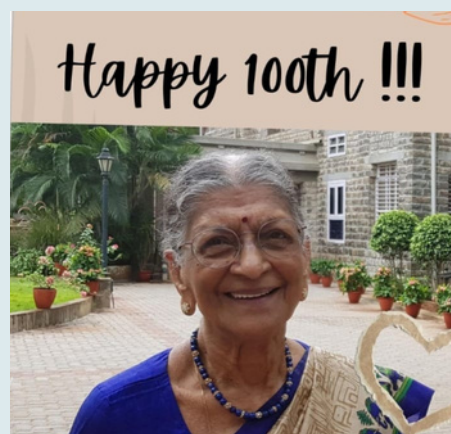
Her husband, Mr. Elangovan, is a retired Manager in Tamil Nadu Power Finance & Infrastructure Development Corporation, Chennai. She is blessed with 2 children – Mr. Vivek, (BPT, CMC Vellore), Assistant Professor, Physiology and daughter-in-law Ms. Priyanka, Assistant Professor, Forensic Science, SRMC, Chennai & their daughter Baby Maya. Her daughter, Ms. Vaishnavi, is an MBBS Student, Tiruvannamalai Govt Medical College.

The CMC community is thankful for her commitment and dedicated service to the Institution and wishes her God's blessings on her retirement.

Obituaries

Dr. Sethu Bai (MBBS batch of 1942), passed away on 15th August, 2025. Dr. Sethu Bai, from the first MBBS Batch (1942) passed away on 15 August 2025, a few months after her hundredth birthday.

Born on 5 January 1925 to K. Rangaswamy Mudaliar and Adilakshmi Ammal, Sethu Bai's childhood dream was to become a doctor. She did her intermediate studies in Vellore, where her father was then posted, one of the very few girls in the Voorhees College.



In 1942, when she joined the MBBS course at Vellore, Dr. Jessie Findlay was Acting Principal, Miss Treva Marshall was the warden of Women's Hostel and Dr. Edward Gault was Professor of Pathology.

The institution was still a women's college and had recognition only for pre-clinical studies. The hospital did not yet have men inpatients. Consequently, Dr. Sethu Bai and her classmates had their early clinical training in Madras during the heady years of the independence struggle. When CMC got provisional recognition for clinical training, the pioneering batch of girls returned to Vellore. They were among the last of the Vellore medical students to be taught by Dr. Ida Scudder herself, and the first to be taught by Dr. John Carman and Dr. Paul Brand. Dr. Sethu Bai remembered regular evening teas at Big Bungalow with Dr. Ida Scudder, Dr. Ida B Scudder and Treva Marshall, singing in the chapel, and lively games of tennis with her classmates. The commitment of her teachers, the camaraderie of hostel life, and the experience of compassion, faith, and service were memories she cherished for a lifetime.

CMC became co-educational, and in 1947, the senior girls welcomed the first ten men students. They saw their first Indian principal Dr. Hilda Lazarus hoist the national flag on India's first Independence Day, with Dr. Sethu Bai serving as the chairman of the Students Independence Day Committee. Dr. Ida Scudder, by then in her late seventies, was present at their graduation ceremony in 1948. After her graduation, Dr. Sethu Bai worked as house surgeon with Dr. Paul Brand and Dr. Reeve Betts in Vellore, and then went on to do her Diploma in Gynaecology and Obstetrics from Madras. On 5th May 1950, she married Dr. T. S. Bhaskaran, a doctor in the Indian Army and they worked in Erode. Their two daughters - Kalaichelvi and Mallika, both took up Medicine.

Dr. Sethu Bai's links to CMC continued through the next generations. Her daughter, Dr. Mallika Tiruvadanam, a palliative care physician and anesthetist has been examiner and teacher at CMC Vellore since 2008 and was present for the first Postgraduate Fellows in Palliative Medicine in the country. Her grandson, Dr. Senthil Sundaravadanam is one of the early alumni (2018 year) of CMC's Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary Surgery.

Dr. Sethu Bai is survived by her daughters, Dr. Kalaichelvi, a retired anaesthesiologist and Dr. Mallika Tiruvadanam, a palliative care physician.

For those who would like to get in touch with the family, contact details of her daughter is given below:

Dr. Mallika Tiruvadhanam: Email: mallikatiruvadhanam@gmail.com, Mobile number: 9841022828

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

• **Mrs. Joyce Paul**, wife of Mr. Randhir Stephen Paul, mother of Dr. Hema Paul, Physician, Microbiology & HICC Officer, MS Office and mother-in-law of Dr. Samuel George Hansdak, Sr. Professor & Head of General Medicine, passed away on 25th August, 2025.

Let us uphold her grand daughters Ms. Arpita Shirin Hansdak, Ms. Aradhana Aparajita Hansdak and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

- **Mr. J. Rajkumar**, former Pharmacist, passed away on 27th August 2025. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Leethiyal Sathyavathy, former Pharmacist, daughter Dr. R. Angelin Shiny, son Selvan. R. Alwyn Deo Sam and 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. Library Assistant (Term Post) with Graduate + BLIS / MLIS for the Department of Library Services
(To work all shift in rotation basis).

Salary Scale : As per Institutional Rules.

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 **September 06, 2025.**

2. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD (Radiology) for the Department of Radiology
Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as Assistant Professor in any NMC recognised teaching institution for applying Assistant Professor Job.

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 **September 06, 2025.**

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

3. Staff II Technician (External - Project) for the Department of Clinical Haematology (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Qualifications : B.Sc. in Life Sciences / B.Sc. MLT.

Consolidated Pay : Rs.20,000/-

Age Limit : 35 years. **Job Description :** Project Post.

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 will close on September 08, 2025.

4. Staff II Emergency Care Technician for the Department of Emergency Medicine (CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus)

Qualification : B.Sc., (Accident & Emergency Care Technician Course) and who have four years experience as Jr. Emergency Care Technician (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

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

Salary Scale : Rs.15,318 - 613 - 30,643 + DA & HRA as per rules. **Age Limit :** 35 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 will close on September 08, 2025.

5. Jr. Health Aide (Term Appointment) for the Department of Community Health

Qualifications : S.S.L.C + One year Training. Preference will be given those who have completed ANM training and permanent residents of Kaniyambadi Block.

Consolidated Pay : Rs.20,365/- **Age Limit :** 30 years.

Only female candidates need to apply.

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

Job Description :

1. To make home visits and maintain registers relating to antenatal, immunization of children etc.,
2. Supervise the work of part time Community Health Workers.
3. Conduct Health Education.
4. To collect and update details about vital statistics

Nature of Job :

1. Most of the time the work will be based in the community.
2. Should stay at the workplace in Kaniyambadi Block mandatory.

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 will close on September 15, 2025.

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

6. Non-Medical Technician (Project under the PROACTIVE-CT) for the Department of Community Medicines - Chittoor Campus

Qualification : Any Graduate. **Consolidate Salary :** As per Institutional Norms.

Preference : 1-3 years' experience in healthcare coordination. Familiarity with the local geography and communities of Gudipala Mandal. **Age :** 35 years below.

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

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

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

Apply on or before **September 10, 2025.**

7. Driver (Project) for the Department of Community Medicines - Chittoor Campus

Project : Triage and Care coordination by women of influence Phase 2.

Qualifications : SSLC + HMV license. **Age limit :** 35 years and below.

Consolidated Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

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

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

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

Apply on or before **September 10, 2025**.