



Christian Medical College Vellore



Newsline

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

New Year Message

With grateful hearts and in humility, we pause at the close of this year to look back on a journey of more than 125 years, a past that is no longer merely history, but a living testimony.

How has CMC endured and served for over a century? Was it vision alone, or commitment and effort? As we reflect, we are led to a deeper truth: the ground on which we stand is holy ground. We stand here not by our own strength or wisdom, but because it is His will and His grace that have sustained us.

We are blessed to be called to this place and this work, to be part of a purpose far greater than ourselves. Each of us, in our own way, is a small yet vital cog in the great wheel of God's healing ministry. CMC Vellore is more than an institution; it has grown and matured into a family, united by a shared calling to heal, to serve, and to bear witness through our work.

As this year draws to a close, we pause not merely to wish for blessings in the year ahead, but to give thanks for the many mercies already received. We acknowledge God's hand at work, in the seen and the unseen, through moments of growth, challenge, perseverance, and grace. Gratitude anchors us, even as it prepares us to face new responsibilities, greater opportunities, and the demands that accompany continued growth.

As we step into a new year, may we do so with renewed purpose in our personal lives, our families, and our work. Let us remain thankful in all circumstances and faithful in all that has been entrusted to us, striving always to do our best in every role we are called to serve.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126:3)

Warm Regards,
Dr. Vikram Mathews
Director

125 Years Run | CMC Vellore

5th December, 2025

CMC organises a torch rally to mark 125 years of service years of its compassionate service to the nation. A team of 125 volunteers took part in the rally through Vellore town. The torch was lit by Dr. J. Annie Kamala Florence, principal, Voorhees College. Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, received the torch from the final runners and lit the cauldron in the presence of Dr. Ebby George Simon, Associate Director, and I. Rajesh, Medical Superintendent. The event was organised by Dr. Balaganeshan, Physical Education Director, CMC Vellore.



CMC Vellore-125 Years Valedictory Programme

6th December, 2025

The CMC Vellore concluded its 125th anniversary celebrations with a valedictory programme on December 6th, 2025, at Scudder Auditorium. The event began with an invocation song and prayer, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director. Dr. Ebby George Simon, Associate Director and Convener of the 125-year celebration, presented a summary of the year-long activities commemorating this milestone. The highlight of the evening was the keynote address by Prof. Ashok Venkitaraman, Director of the Cancer Science Institute of Singapore and a distinguished alumnus of CMC, on the topic *Imagining the Future of Medicine*. His speech explored cutting-edge developments in cancer research and the promise of precision medicine. The programme also featured the unveiling of a commemorative 125-year plaque by Ms. Anuvinda Varkey, Chairperson of the CMC Vellore Association, and concluded with closing remarks, prayer, and the college song.



Dedication of the Surgery Unit-V

The ship has set sail

15th December, 2025

Dedication of the Surgery Unit-V office, along with commencement of clinical duties of the unit, happened on 15th December, 2025, at the Paul Brand building. Proceedings were started off in the CK Hob Hall on the ground floor. After the opening prayer by Rev. Dr. Finney Alexander, Head of Chaplaincy and a word of introduction by Dr. Samuel Joseph Arthur, the dignitaries were introduced to the stage. A special song was performed by the surgical nursing team. Dr. Inian Samarasam, Head of the Division of Surgery, gave an overview of the Division of Surgery and important landmarks that have been crossed.

The need for a new unit was also emphasised. This was followed by felicitation from the Director, Dr. Vikram Mathews, the medical Superintendent, Dr. Rajesh I, the nursing superintendent, Sr. Alice Sony. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajesh Joseph Selvakumar. The ribbon cutting on the second floor was done by Dr. Rajesh I, Dr. Mark Ranjan Jesudasson, Associate Director(admin) and Dr. Inian Samarasam. This was followed by refreshments. The Surgery Unit-V, which has been planned over the last few years, has been declared open and has commenced its academic and clinical responsibilities after the dedication held on 15th December, 2025.



Clinical Epidemiology Unit Hosts 3-Minute Thesis Competition

6th December, 2025

The Clinical Epidemiology Unit, CMC Vellore conducted the *3-minute thesis competition* on 6th December 2025 at Wheeler Hall during Quality Circle in collaboration with the University of Queensland. Dr. Anna Paul, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine II and Clinical Epidemiology Unit, was the Master of the Ceremony. The programme started with a prayer by the chaplain. Dr. Sathish Kumar, Senior Professor, Clinical Epidemiology Unit and Head, Child Health Unit II, welcomed the participants, listed the rules and instructions to the participants. Sixteen participants from various departments participated in the competition. The judges for the competition were Dr. Jacob John, Addl. Vice-Principal (Research), Dr. Rani Diana Sahni, Professor and Head, Clinical Microbiology, Prof. Shandrila Gnanatheebam, Dean, College of Nursing.

The quality and style of the presentations were excellent. **Dr. Shriyans Jain**, from the Department of Head and Neck Surgery, won the 1st Prize, **Dr. Thivya. G.**, from the Department of Developmental Paediatrics, won the 2nd Prize, **Dr. Gopika. R. Nair**, from the Department of Ophthalmology, won the 3rd Prize, which was cash awards of Rs.. 10,000, Rs.. 7,000 and Rs.. 3,000 respectively. The other participants were Ms. Asha James from College of Nursing, Dr. Angelina Sharon Thomas from the Department of Anatomy, Dr. Vineeth John Mathai from the Department of Medicine, Dr. Joseph Liyaskar. O. from the Department of Medicine, Dr. Feneeshiah. T. from the Department of Medicine, Dr. Monisha Yuvaraj from the Department of Bioengineering, Dr. Jenisha from the Department of Geriatrics, Dr. Jeffrey Carlton Monteiro from the Department of Plastic Surgery, Dr. S. P. Berjin from the Department of Physiology, Dr. Annarani Jose from the Department of Dermatology, Mr. Manoj Kumar K A from the Department of CSCR, Dr. Mythry Ravichandran from the Department of RUHSA, Dr. Shivaprasad. B. Kadole from the Department of General Surgery.

All the participants were congratulated by the judges, Dr. Sathish Kumar and Dr. Thambu David, Senior Professor, Department of Medicine II & Clinical Epidemiology Unit. Dr. Vignesh Kumar, coordinator of, Clinical Epidemiology Unit, delivered the vote of thanks. We appreciate the participants who made the competition a great success. The event was coordinated by the Clinical Epidemiology Unit with the assistance of Mr. Madhan Kumar and Mr. Fredrick. The recording of the programme can be viewed in the following link <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLt11h7QT3UuNSRI3qhpKdrrRezWIiIPFz>



Stomach Cancer Awareness Month



The Surgical Nursing Unit and Surgery Unit-III of CMC Vellore observed November 2025 as *stomach cancer awareness month* on the theme *Breaking the Silence on a Silent Killer*. The objectives of the programme were to raise awareness about stomach cancer and early detection and to engage community groups with tailored outreach.

Stomach cancer awareness programme for Group D staff and security personnel of CMC Vellore (Town and Ranipet Campuses) took place on 20th and 21st of November 2025. The objectives were met, and the attendees raised various questions, which made the session both lively and interactive. We are grateful to the General Superintendent and the Department of Hospital Management Studies and Staff Training and Development for coordinating these sessions.

Stomach cancer awareness programme for Police personnel was conducted on 22nd November 2025, in their Community Hall. The hall was packed with almost 200 police personnel, who participated enthusiastically, and various important doubts were clarified. The programme was well appreciated, and they responded that they benefited from the programme. We are grateful to the Superintendent of Police for permission to conduct this outreach programme.

Stomach Cancer Survivors Meet 2025

The stomach cancer survivors meet - 2025, organised by Surgery Unit III and Surgical Nursing, was held on the 24th of November 2025. The event brought together stomach cancer survivors, patients, surgeons, nurses, support staff and dignitaries to celebrate strength, resilience and the journey towards recovery. Dr. Myla Yacob, Professor, Surgery III, welcomed the gathering. This was followed by a report on the stomach awareness programme, presented by Dr. Asha Solomon, Head of Surgical Nursing. Dr. George Mathew, former principal and former head of the UGI Surgery Unit III and Dr. David Mathew, Deputy Medical Superintendent, offered their felicitations. Dr. Inian Samarasam, Professor & Head of Surgery, introduced the Chief Guest, Mr. T Rajendiran, Correspondent, Springdays School CBSE. The Chief Guest shared meaningful insights and words of encouragement for survivors and health care professionals.

The survivors, introduced by Ms. Suganthi Grace, UGI Speciality Nurse, shared their life stories and their cancer journeys. This session highlighted the resilience of the survivors.

The event concluded with the distribution of prizes for winners of various competitions, and a vote of thanks by Mrs. Patricia Deborah, Nurse Manager, Surgical Nursing.

The prize winners were as follows:

Cooking Competition

- 1st place – Ms. Divya Ramu, Staff Nurse, P2 ward
- 2nd Place – Ms. Nivetha, Staff Nurse, NTICU
- 3rd Place – Mr. Prakash, 1st year MSc Nursing student

Poetry Competition

- 1st place – Mr. Joshua Manoah, Final year, Bsc Neuroelectrophysiology
- 2nd place – Ms. Sindhuja Karthi, Post-diploma Nursing student in cardiothoracic
- 3rd place – Ms. Ipsita Phadikar, Staff nurse, P3 Ward

60-second Video Competition

- 1st place – Ms. Devaneedhimozhi, staff Nurse, main OR
- 2nd place – Ms. Anandhi A, Staff nurse, B3 Ward
- 3rd place - Ms. Sindhuja Karthi, Post diploma Nursing student in cardiothoracic

We are grateful to God for His mercies that made it possible for us to celebrate Stomach Cancer Awareness Month meaningfully.

CMC Vellore and The Hope House Renew Partnership to Boost Adolescent Health Education

The Adolescent Medicine Unit of the Department of Paediatrics, Christian Medical College Vellore, and local NGO The Hope House have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further strengthen and expand adolescent health education across the Vellore and Ranipet districts through Project YUVA (Young people Understanding and Verbalising Adolescence).



These include nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, self-harm, non-communicable diseases, violence, and mental health. Since its inception, Project YUVA has reached more than 6,000 adolescents across schools, colleges, and community settings, delivering over 700 structured health education sessions. Through this collaboration, health educators trained and mentored by Adolescent Medicine specialists at CMC deliver key adolescent health sessions in schools, colleges, and community settings, including government children's homes.

They visit five institutions each week, while teams from CMC and The Hope House meet every Saturday to review progress and refine implementation. The MoU signing was attended by Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, CMC Vellore; Dr. Sneha Varkki, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatrics, CMC Vellore; Dr. Mona Basker, Professor and Adolescent Medicine Consultant and Member, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Tamil Nadu; Dr. Reshma Y. S., Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics; Mr. Ruby Nakka, Director, The Hope House; Mrs. Vinodhini Nakka, President, The Hope House; Dr. Grace Rebekah, Treasurer - The Hope House, and Mr. Daniel Mathew, Project Coordinator, Project YUVA. Project YUVA is also set to launch a mobile application and establish a dedicated call centre, expanding CMC's reach and making adolescent health information more accessible to young people across India.

Special Prayers: December 28, 2025 - January 03, 2026

MIQ : Dr. Yacob Myla and Staff

LIQ : Dr. Suma Susan Mathews and Staff

Kolhapur Church Council

Council Members: Mr. Dinanath Vijay Kadam
Mr. Uday Anand Bijapurkar



Miraj Medical Centre, Maharashtra

Council Member: Dr. Prabha S. Quraishi

Methodist Church in India

Council Member: Bishop Dr. Anil kumar Servand
Methodist Hospital, Buxar, Bihar
Nurmanzil Psychiatric Centre, Lucknow
ETCM Hospital, Kolar and others

Methodist Church Overseas Division, UK.

Welcome

Dr. John Premnath, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedics Unit-III, on return from study leave.

Memorandum

Dr. Abijah Princy B, Professor (Nursing) is appointed as Additional Deputy Dean, College of Nursing with effect from 9th December 2025 for three years.

Laurels & Recognitions

1. The following faculty from the **Departments of Gastroenterology and Hepatology** were awarded the prizes at the National Conference of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology held at Amritsar from 3rd to 6th December, 2025.
 - **Dr. Amit Kumar Dutta**, Senior Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology, won the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology-Most Cited Guidelines Award on "Guidelines on optimising the use of proton pump inhibitors: PPI stewardship"
 - **Dr. Amith Viswanath**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology won first prize for the presidential poster, second prize for plenary session and the Indian Journal of Gastroenterology (IJG) Reviewer Appreciation Award.
 - **Dr. Santhosh Kumar. E**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Hepatology won the second prize for presidential poster and Indian Journal of Gastroenterology (IJG) Reviewer Appreciation Awards
 - **Dr. John Titus George**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology won second prize for Video Digest.
 - **Dr. P. Krishna Bharadwaj**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Best DM Thesis Award for the year 2025 and Indian Journal of Gastroenterology (IJG) reviewer Appreciation Awards.
2. **Dr. Ekta Rai**, Senior Professor & Head, Department of Anaesthesia, has been selected as the Prestigious Chairperson of the Education Committee of The World Federation Societies of Anesthesiologists (WFSA) for 2026 to 2028. The Education Committee works collaboratively to create, develop and strengthen WFSA's anesthesiology education and training programmes at the global forum.

3 Dr. Yara Kandoth, Senior DM Resident Neurology, won the Madurai Academy of Neurology: Best Award Paper on Neuroinfections" for paper titled " Utility of Therapeutic Drug monitoring with adjunctive corticosteroids in severe neuromeliodosis at IANCON 2025 which was held at Varnasi from 29th October to 2nd November, 2025.

Obituaries

- **Rev. R. Baktha Pushparaj**, father of Mr. Samuel Sunith Inbaraj, Pharmacist and father-in-law of Mrs. Sophia Irwin, Accountant in CARE section on 21st December, 2025.

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

- **Mrs. Margret Prema Kumari**, mother of Mrs. Beena S, Senior Selection Grade Graduate Histopathology Technician I, Department of Pathology passed away on 22nd December, 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/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx>

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

1. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD (Anaesthesia) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus (Anaesthesia)

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

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

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

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

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by January 10, 2026.

2(a) Psychologist Gr.V for the Department of Psychiatry Department (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit)

Qualification : MA / M.Sc. (Psychology) (Regular Course).

Experience : Those who have completed 4 years as Junior Psychologist (Term Post) in CMC only needs to apply.

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

2(b) Special Teacher Gr.V with M.A. (Psychology) / Master of Rehabilitation Science (MRSc) / M.Ed Special Education for the Department of Psychiatry (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit)

Experience : Those who have completed 4 years as Jr. Special Teacher (Term Post) in CMC only needs to apply.

Job Description : Assessment and training of children with Neuro Developmental Disabilities.

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

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

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Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by January 03, 2026.

3. Demonstrator (NM) (Term Post) for the Department of Forensic Medicine

Qualification : M.Sc. in Chemistry / Biochemistry with knowledge of Microsoft Word and preferably have experience working in a clinical lab or any M.Sc. with a minimum of one year experience in LCMS-MS.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

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

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Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by January 10, 2026.

4. Research Associate I for the Department of Transfusion Medicine

Job Code : 1633

Qualification : MBBS / BDS / MPH.

Salary : As per institutional rules. **Age :** Less than 40 years.

Job Description : Co-Ordinate the extraction and Cleaning of data from PM-JAY claims databases, hospital records, clinical registers and electronic medical records.

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/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx>

Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by January 09, 2026

5. Project Co-Ordinator for the Department of Transfusion Medicine

Job Code : 1634

Qualification : MD General Medicine / Community Medicine / MPH with 3 Years Experience.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Age : Less than 40 Years.

Job Description : Co-Ordinate training programmes for clinicians and administrators on Evidence – based care. Co-Ordinate clinical audit and quality improvement methods, and liaise with treating clinicians, hospital administrators, State Health Agency, and Public Health and Academic Partners.

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/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx>

Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by January 09, 2026

Vacancies under the office of Dean, College of Nursing-for queries contact the mentioned office

6. Junior Warden (Project Mode)

Qualifications : Graduate - Regular Mode.

Candidate needs to stay in the hostel. (Only female candidates need to apply).

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Preference will be given for single women.

Applications should be submitted online through the link

<https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapp/listapplication.aspx>

Note : Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.

On or before January 10, 2026.

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

7. Staff III Dietitian for the Department of Paediatric Nephrology

Qualifications : B.Sc. with P.G. Diploma in Dietetics or M.Sc. in Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics / Food Science & Nutrition / Food Service Management & Dietetics and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Jr. Dietitian (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

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

Salary Scale : Rs.13577 – 543 – 27152 + DA & HRA as per rules. **Age Limit :** Below 35 years.

Preference will be given for those who have experience in renal diet.

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

Note : Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.

Applications will close on January 05, 2026.

8. Jr. Pharmacist (Term Appointment) for the Pharmacy Services & Peripheral Campuses

Qualifications : D. Pharm / B. Pharm.

Candidates with Typing and Computer skills will be preferred.

Appointment will be given only for pharmacists who have registered in the Tamil Nadu State Pharmacy Council and who have completed one year traineeship in the Department of Pharmacy.

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules. **Age Limit :** 30 Years.

Job Description : Dispensing of Drugs, Charging the prescriptions, receiving cash and other roles assigned.

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

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

Note : Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.

Applications will close on January 12, 2026.

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

9. General Management Officer GR.III for the Development Office – Directorate

Qualifications : Graduate / BE / B.Tech / MBBS + MBA* - Finance, HR, HA, MM & Others** /

MHA / M.Phil HHSM***/ PG DM / PGDBA / PGDPM /

PGDPM & IR 2 year full time course - approved by AICTE &

Certified by AIU as equivalent to MBA.

Salary : As per institutional norms. **Age :** 35 years and below.

Experience : Minimum 4 years post qualification experience.

Preference : Preference will be given to candidates with a minimum of 4 years' exclusive experience in fundraising, mobilizing philanthropic resources, managing donor relations, preparing for Due Diligence Audits and reporting to donors.

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final Year Students are not eligible. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered. Existing Staff (term or project or permanent) can apply only after getting necessary approval from Head of the Department.

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

Apply on or before **January 07, 2026.**

10. Jr. Engineer Gr.IV for the Department of ACMV & Environmental

Qualification: Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

Salary: As per institutional norms.

Age Limit: 35 years and below.

Preference: Candidates who have successfully completed Jr. Engineer - 4th year.

Note: Only Regular mode will be accepted; private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final Year Students are not eligible. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered.

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

Apply on or before **January 07, 2026.**

11. Data Entry Operator (Project) for the Department of Developmental Paediatrics

Qualification : Any Graduate with Computer Knowledge.

Salary : As per institutional norms.

Age Limit : 35 years and below.

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

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

Apply on or before **January 07, 2026.**

12. Administrative Assistant Gr.V for the Personnel Department

Qualifications : Graduate + 1 year PGDHA or equivalent or 3 years of experience in CMC Regular / FHA.

Salary : As per institutional norms.

Preference : Preference will be given to candidates with a minimum of 12 years' experience in administrative professional, operations, personnel coordination and office management.

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final Year Students are not eligible. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered. Existing Staff (term or project or permanent) can apply only after getting necessary approval from Head of the Department.

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Apply on or before **January 07, 2026.**