



Newsline

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come-2 Corinthians 5:17

CMC Vellore Virology Department Wins State Recognition for HIV-1 Viral Load Testing



The Department of Virology at Christian Medical College Vellore has been awarded First Place as the Best Performing HIV-1 Viral Load Testing Laboratory in Tamil Nadu for the Financial Year 2024–2025 by the Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society (TANSACS). The award was presented during the World AIDS Day celebrations held in Chennai.

This recognition highlights the laboratory's outstanding performance under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), evaluated on key quality indicators including optimal test utilisation, minimal rejection and invalid rates, timely reporting of results, and consistent data entry into the national HIV database.

A pioneer in HIV diagnostics for nearly four decades, Retrovirology Laboratory initiated HIV testing in 1986 as a National Reference Center under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). It subsequently introduced CD4 testing in 1990 and HIV-1 viral load testing in 1999. At present, the laboratory performs approximately 1,500 CD4 tests and 1,000 HIV-1 viral load tests annually for people living with HIV receiving care at CMC.

Designated as a National HIV Reference Laboratory (NRL) by the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) in 2001, CMC has played a vital mentoring role for State Reference Laboratories in Kerala and Lakshadweep, culminating in all five mentored laboratories achieving ISO 15189 accreditation in 2016.

With the expansion of HIV-1 viral load testing under the NACP, CMC became one of 64 authorized laboratories nationwide. Testing volumes increased substantially from about 1,200 tests annually in 2019 to approximately 24,000 tests annually since 2023, following linkage with eight ART centres across Tamil Nadu, supported by TANSACS.

As an accredited Proficiency Testing Laboratory, CMC has also contributed significantly to strengthening the national HIV-1 viral load testing network—an initiative acknowledged by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The full range of HIV diagnostic services at CMC, including HIV-1 drug resistance testing, is accredited under ISO 15189:2023.

The award was received by the laboratory team from the Honourable Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru M. Subramanian, on 12 December 2025. The department acknowledges the continued support of NACO, TANSACS, the Departments of Infectious Diseases and Medicine at CMC, and the CMC administration.

Tennis Coaching Camp

- We are glad to announce another much-awaited tennis coaching camp for adults (18 years and above, no upper limit).

All CMC staff, their dependents, and CMC students are eligible to participate in the coaching programme.

Our coaches will help you whether you want to begin, or restart after many years, or would like to improve your game, irrespective of your previous expertise in playing tennis. Golden chance to kickstart your New Year's resolutions.

Rackets will be provided for beginners, if required.

Fees will be collected by salary deduction only.

Registration is open now. For further details, use the QR code in the flyer or the Google form link given below.

For queries, please contact:
collegetennis@cmcvellore.ac.in



Founder's Day Staff Sports

- Founders' Day Staff Sports was held on 13 December 2025 at the Oval Ground. Dr. Satheesh Solomon T. Selvin, Vice Principal (AHS), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and distributed awards to the winners.

Results:

Overall Championship : **Nursing Services.**

Individual Championship Men : Mr. Sunil Kumar R., PMR.

Individual Championship Women : Ms. Sindhuja T., Nursing Services.



Special Prayers: January 04 - 10, 2026

Directorate : Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director and Staff

CMC Vellore Association & Council : Dr. Anika Amrita Anand, Secretary and Staff

Missions Department : Dr. Jachin Velavan, Associate Director and Staff

Legal Cell : Dr. Mark Ranjan Jesudason, Associate Director and Staff

Office of Communications : Dr. Cecil Thankachan Thomas, Deputy Director and Staff

Development Office : Dr. Vinoi George David, Deputy Director and Staff

Quality Management Cell : Dr. Jesu Krupa, Ag. Deputy Director and Staff

Hospitality & International Relations : Dr. Mary Anbarasi Johnson, Deputy Director and Staff



Retirements

Mr. Jayaprakash G.S., Selection Gr.II Medical Record Technician will be retiring on 29th December, 2025, after 35 years of dedicated service in the Medical Records Department, CMC.

Mr. Jayaprakash joined the Medical Records department as a Clerk Typist on 01.05.1990. He was redesignated as Staff I Medical Record Technician in April 1996, based on his service in the Department of Medical Records. He has worked in various areas, including the new registration area in MRD, the admission office, PMR OPD, and the IP records assembly desk. Mr. Jayaprakash has given his best to his work in the department and institution.



His wife Mrs. Mahalakshmi is working as Head Mistress in Government Primary School, Palamathi. Their elder daughter Ms. Jansi Rani is pursuing P.hD in VIT and younger daughter Ms. Rohini is working as Project Co-ordinator in Haematology department in CMC.



Mr. Suresh Raj T., Sr. Gr.I, Artisan (Non-ITI) from the Mechanical Engineering Department, retired on 30th December, 2025, after 34 years of service. His wife Mrs. Vathana Raj is a Staff Nurse in Shalom. He is blessed with one son and a daughter. His daughter Mrs. Donna Raj is a Management Assistant in the Directorate, and son Mr. Daniel Raj has completed B.Sc. Radiology. CMC wishes him a bright and blessed retired life.

Obituaries

- **Mr. D. Kanagaraj**, retired Accounts Officer Gr.I, Finance & Accounts Department, passed away on 29th December, 2025. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Mary Padma Kanagaraj, sons Mr. Jesudoss Charles and Mr. Jebasingh Pushparaj, daughter Dr. Jeeva Prabha Metilda (MBBS batch of 1991 alumni) and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mrs. Sosamma Sunderarajan**, retired Staff Nurse, ENT OPD, ENT Department, passed away on 29th December 2025. Let us uphold her daughters Ms. Kavitha (MOT, Alumnus of CMC) and Ms. Sangeetha working as a teacher and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Upcoming Events

- We are pleased to announce the **71st Early Management of Trauma Course (EMTC) for doctors and nurses**. The course is scheduled on 2nd, 3rd & 4th February, 2026. As there has been a great demand for the same, seats are restricted to 30 on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration fee is Rs.7,000/-. For further details, contact. Mr. Senthil Kumar, Secretary, Department of Emergency Medicine - Phone No. 2225.

For Registration: <https://forms.gle/sbmbSBeUXRHxbEWZ7>

- We are happy to announce the **9th Emergency Sonology Workshop (POCUS) for doctors**. It is scheduled on 5th February 2026 in Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore Campus. The entry is restricted to a maximum of 30 candidates on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration fee is Rs.3,500/-.

For registration: <https://forms.gle/VwfHYtLxCMEv3GMw9>

For further details kindly contact Mr. Senthil Kumar, Secretary, Department of Emergency Medicine - Phone No.2225.

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 (Paediatrics) for the Department of Community Medicine (Paediatrics)

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

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to 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. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MS E.N.T. under Oto-Rhino-Laryngology Unit - II

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

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

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

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

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

3(a) Nurse Educator - B.Sc.

Qualification : B.Sc. Nursing.

Salary Scale : Consolidated Pay. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

3(b) Nurse Educator - M.Sc.

Qualification : M.Sc. Nursing.

Salary Scale : Consolidated Pay. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

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

4. Sr. Programmer Gr.V for the Department of Neurological Sciences

Qualification : B.Tech. / MCA / MCS / MS Computer Science /M.Sc (Computer Science) and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Asst. Programmer (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

Age Limit : Below 35 Years.

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

Salary Scale : Rs.22,794 - 912 - 45,594 + DA & HRA as per rules.

Job Description : To work in Cognitive Neuro Science Lab.

Requirements : Expertise in developing behavioral tasks and experience in Advanced Neuro image processing using Python, MATLAB ,FSL and Free Surfer. **Accommodation :** Not provided.

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

5. Social Media Co-ordinator (Project) for the Office of Communications – Directorate

Qualification: Graduate Degree in Communications or Multimedia or Animation or Digital Media, or related.

Salary : Rs.22,000/- per month.

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 14, 2026.**

Others

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

Consultants

- **Dermatologist** - DDVL / MD (DVL).
- **General Surgeon** - MS (Gen. Surg) / **Orthopaedic Surgeon** – MS (Ortho).
- **Medical Officer** - MBBS.

Apply with bio-data along with scanned copies of certificates and send to the directorate@karigiri.org and personnel@karigiri.org

Last date for receipt of applications: [January 24, 2026.](#)