



Christian Medical College Vellore



Newsline

January 19, 2026

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

Clinical Epidemiology Unit organised Workshop on Data and Safety Monitoring Board



The Clinical Epidemiology Unit, in collaboration with McMaster University, Canada, organised a two-and-a-half-day *workshop on data and safety monitoring board* between December 17th and 19th, 2025, at the Stem Cell Research Centre auditorium, Rehab campus, Bagayam. The workshop began with an inauguration ceremony. Dr. Vignesh Kumar, Professor, Clinical Epidemiology Unit and the course co-ordinator, delivered the welcome address. Rev. Joseph Devaraj, Chaplain, inaugurated the workshop with a word of prayer, followed by the Chief guest's address by Dr. Jacob John, Additional Vice-Principal Research, CMC Vellore. Dr. L. Jeyaseelan, Professor of Biostatistics, Mohammad Bin Rashid University, Dubai, Adjunct Professor, Clinical Epidemiology Unit, introduced the extramural faculties Dr. Shrikant Bangdiwala, Director and Professor of Biostatistics, Population Health Research Institute, McMaster University, Canada and Mr. Kumar Balasubramanian, Statistical Operations Manager, Population Health Research Institute, McMaster University. Dr. Shrikant Bangdiwala introduced the workshop to the participants. The faculty also included Dr. Visalakshi Jeyaseelan, WHO, Geneva and Dr. Thambu David, Senior Professor, Clinical Epidemiology Unit.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) department at CMC Vellore was inaugurated in 1963 by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was the President of India at that time

The workshop covered a variety of topics, ranging from the core concepts and functions of the DSMB, to its various roles and responsibilities culminating with interaction with the institutional and governmental Ethics Review Boards

The workshop consisted of lectures and group activity. Twenty-five participants from CMC and institutions from all over the country attended the workshop. The participants had a diverse background including clinicians, statisticians, allied health and complementary medicine practitioners. The feedback was positive with a suggestion to continue similar and advanced workshops in future. The workshop was coordinated by the CEU faculty Mr. Madhan Kumar and Mr. Fredrick.



Special Prayers: January 18 - 24, 2026

Accounts : Mr. R. Paul Chandra Kumar and Staff

Internal Audit : Mrs. Jainy John and Staff

Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Members : Sri. Joseph P.S. and Mr. CND Prakash

Hospitals : Baer Christian Hospital, Chirala,
Ruth Sigmon Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Guntur and others.

Arcot Lutheran Church

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Peter Paul Thomas

Rev. D. Thangadurai

Hospital : Danish Mission Hospital, Tirukoiloor and others.

All India Association for Christian Higher Education

Council Member : Fr. Xavier Vedam S.J.

Australian Board of Vellore CMC

Council Members : Prof. Mahiban Thomas and Prof. Renjy Nelson



Welcome

Mr. Heber Rew Bright, Reader, Department of Pharmacy on his return from study leave.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Saravanabhavan Thangavel**, Scientist E, Centre for Stem Cell Research (a unit of inStem Bengaluru), Christian Medical College Vellore, has been selected for the Prof. B.K. Bachhawat International Travel Grant for Young Scientists for the year 2026. This award commemorates the late Prof. B.K. Bachhawat, an eminent scientist who joined the Department of Neurological Sciences in 1958, and went on to establish India's first Neurochemistry laboratory. Instituted by his students, colleagues, and friends, the award is administered by Christian Medical College Vellore, and is open to young scientists in India engaged in biological or biomedical research.

- **Dr. Barnabas Samuel**, M.Ch. Registrar, Department of Endocrine Surgery, has won second prize for Best Paper titled “Localisation Studies in Primary Hyperparathyroidism: A Single-Institute Experience over 20 Years” at the 85th Annual Conference of the Association of Surgeons of India (ASICON 2025), held from 17th to 20th December 2025 in Kolkata. He also received the second prize for Best Poster with the same title at the 26th National Conference of the Indian Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAESCON 2025), held from 31st October to 1st November 2025 in Mangaluru.

Retirements

- **Mrs. Narkalaiaarasi**, Sr.Gr.Staff Nurse, Main OR recovery room, retired on 16th December, 2025, after completing 26 years of dedicated service at our institution. She completed her General Nursing and Midwifery from the College of Nursing, CMC Vellore and joined as a staff nurse in 1987. Until 1994, she worked in the operating theatre. After a short break in 1994, she rejoined CMC in 1999 and continued her service here, till retirement.



She is a pleasant, active, and hardworking person with good interpersonal skills. She is a strong team player who consistently supports her colleagues. She carries out immediate postoperative interventions effectively, including in paediatric patients, and manages emergencies with confidence and competence. She takes responsibility seamlessly and ensures the smooth functioning of the unit. Her contributions and ideas for improving the functioning of the PACU are commendable. Her husband Mr. Ezhumalai, is a retired Civil Engineer from Tamil Nadu Explosives Ltd., Katpadi, Vellore. Her elder son Mr. Deepan Hari, has completed B.E. in Computer Science and is working as a Team Leader in Kensium Solutions Private Ltd., Hyderabad. He is married to Ms. Vinodhini, a Software Engineer. Her younger son Mr. Nivedan Hari, has completed M.Tech. in Biotechnology and is working as a Research Scientist in Katipara, Hyderabad. The CMC family is thankful to Mrs. Narkalaiaarasi for her efficient and dedicated service to this institution and wishes her God's blessings in her retirement.



Mr. Joshua Sebastian, Sr.Gr.I, Office Facilitator from General Pathology, retired on 11th January, 2026. After 33 years of faithful service. The CMC family expresses its sincere gratitude for his dedication and wishes him all the best in his well-earned retirement. He is supported by his wife, Mrs. Nancy, Beauty Therapist, and son, Mr. Jonathan Sebastian, Occupational Therapist, 2014 batch, who works at a private hospital. Thank you for your commitment, Mr. Sebastian. May your retirement be peaceful and fulfilling!

Mr. S. Asirvatham, Sr.Gr.I Electrician joined the department of Mechanical Engineering on November 01, 1993 and retired on 16th January, 2026, after 32 years of service. His wife, Mrs. Roseline Kezia, is a teacher at M.D. Government School, Melvisharam. His son, Mr. Joel Christopher Saul Rajan, who holds a B.Sc. in Medical Laboratory Technology and an MHA, is currently working in the Development Office at CMC. His daughter, Ms. Blessy, is pursuing her M.Sc. in Nursing at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. We wish him a bright, peaceful, and blessed retired life.



Obituaries

Mr. M.S.R. Jamkhandi, retired Professor of Geology, Karnataka University, Dharwad, father of Dr. Dimple Jamkhandi, Professor of Family Medicine, CHAD, father-in-law of Dr. Pranay Gaikwad, Senior Professor, Department of Surgery Unit-I, grandfather of Yatish Zeo Pranay Gaikwad, MBBS Batch of 2023, CMC Vellore, passed away on 10th January, 2026. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Mr. Amalan Jayaseelan Raj, retired Rural Community Officer, RUHSA Department, passed away on 15th January, 2026. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Rani, son Mr. Pringle Sebastian, B.E IT Software Engineer, his daughter Mrs. Beaula Jasmine and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Mr. Mohammed Khaja, husband of Mrs. Jabin Khaja, Professor and HOU, Medical Surgical Nursing Specialty II, passed away on 14th January, 2026. Let us uphold his son Dr. Mohamed Ameer, daughter Dr. Mubeen Fathima 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(a) Assistant Professor with M.Ch. (Trauma Surgery) for the Department of Trauma Surgery

Salary: As Per Institutional Rules. **Accommodation:** Provided (Subject to Availability).

1(b) Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MS / DNB (General Surgery) (or) MS (Trauma Surgery) for the Department of Trauma Surgery

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

(Candidates with DNB qualification should fulfil the latest NMC criteria for teaching appointment).

Salary: As Per Institutional Rules. **Accommodation:** Provided (Subject to Availability).

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, 24, 2026.**

2. Associate Research Officer Grade – IV (NM) for the Department of Clinical Virology

Qualification: M.Sc. in Microbiology (Medical), Applied Microbiology and Molecular

Virology may apply for this post. (Job Responsibility: Involves performing special molecular assays for diagnostic purposes and supervising necessary routine serological tests. In addition, they will need to help in developing new assays.

Experience: Those who have completed 4 years as Assistant Research Officer (NM) (Term Post) in CMC, only need to apply. **Salary Scale:** As per institutional rules. **Accommodation:** Not provided.

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

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3. Senior Project Manager (for an Adolescent Study in Vellore) for the **Department of Developmental Paediatrics**

Job Code: 1639

Qualification: PhD / MBBS / Equivalent.

Salary: As per Institutional Rules. (Commensurate with Experience).

Job Requirements: Prior experience in field work or project management in medical research.

Job Preference: Candidates with experience in community-based studies will be given preferences.

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

Applications to be done only through an online application system.

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4. Associate Research Officer for the **Department of Neurological Sciences**

Job Code: 1640

Qualification: M.Sc. in Virology / Molecular Biology / Bioinformatics / Biotechnology / Microbiology from a recognised university.

Salary: As per Institutional Rules.

Essential Experience: Hands-on experience in molecular virology techniques, including conventional PCR, real – time PCR (qPCR) and multiplex PCR assay development and optimisation.

Demonstrated experience in viral RNA extraction and handling, including isolation from clinical samples (CSF, serum, plasma, swabs), with knowledge of RNA quality control and contamination prevention.

Familiarity with biosafety practices relevant to virology laboratories (BSL – 2 / BSL – 2+).

Desirable Experience: Experience working with RNA viruses, including neurotropic viruses and arboviruses. Exposure to metagenomics and next-generation sequencing (NGS) workflows, including sample processing, library preparation support and nucleic acid quality assessment.

Experience in clinical research projects involving sample processing, biobanking, SOP adherence and quality control.

Additional Skills (Preferred): Scientific writing skills, including preparation of technical reports, SOPs, and assistance in manuscript drafting. Ability to maintain laboratory documentation, reagents and inventories. Coordination with clinical, laboratory and bioinformatics teams.

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

Applications to be done only through an online application system.

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5. Project Research Scientist I (Medical) for the **Department of Neurological Sciences**

Job Code: 1641

Qualification: MBBS / BDS with a master's in public health (MPH) or M.Sc. in Epidemiology with Ph.d.

Proven experience in the implementation of research and multicentre projects coordination.

Strong scientific writing skills.

Salary: As per Institutional Rules.

Key Responsibilities: Act as a coordinator for implementation research in studying the impact of climate change in brain infections. Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams across various sites. Contributes to the development of research protocols and reports.

Commitment: Willingness to travel to multiple research sites across India.

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

Applications to be done only through an online application system.

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Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **January 31, 2026**.

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

6. Sr. Programmer Gr.V for the Department of CHIPS

Qualifications :

- B.Tech.(I.T) / B.E.(IT) / MCA / MCS / MS Computer Science / M.Sc. (Computer Science) and preference will be given for candidate who have completed training in CHIPS and have a minimum of 4 years I.T experience in health domain.

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.

Age Limit: Below 35 Years.

Accommodation : Not provided.

Applications 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 January 26, 2026.

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

7. Intern (NM) for the Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development

Qualification : Fulltime MBA / MHA / B.E / Master in any science discipline / PGDHA.

Stipend : As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit : 30 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/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Apply on or before January 26, 2026.