



Christian Medical College Vellore

Newsline

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

Dedication of the College of Pharmacy Building



Our institution celebrated yet another significant landmark in its academic journey with the dedication of the new College of Pharmacy Building (Federal Bank Hormis Memorial Building) on Friday, January 23, 2026. The ceremony marked a moment of gratitude and celebration for the institution, its partners, and the wider community it serves. The event was graced by the members of the college community and well-wishers. The programme began with a warm welcome by Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal of CMC Vellore, who reflected on the importance of strengthening academic infrastructure to support the next generation of healthcare professionals. Rev. Dr. Finney Alexander, Head of Chaplaincy, led by setting a reverent and thankful tone for the morning, with an opening prayer.

125 Years of CMC Vellore
1900-2025



DID YOU KNOW?

Robert Runnels Williams, an American chemist born to American Baptist missionary parents in Nellore, India, was the first scientist to fully chemically characterise and synthesise thiamine (vitamin B₁). He also coined the name "thiamine," highlighting its sulfur content and its identity as a vitamin.

The Williams Building at CMC Vellore, which houses the Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory (WTRL), is named in his honour.



Felicitations were shared by Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director of CMC who highlighted the vision behind the project and its contribution to excellence in healthcare education.

Ms. Anuvinda Varkey, Chairperson of The Christian Medical College Vellore Association, reaffirmed the association's commitment to advancing the institution's mission. Mr. Jithesh P. V., Senior Vice President and Zonal Head, Chennai, Federal Bank, acknowledged the partnership that supported the realisation of the building, and Dr. Ronald Carey, Head of Pharmacy Services, spoke about the facility's significance for pharmaceutical training and the services it can provide to the community and the nation. A special song rendered by the faculty of pharmacy enriched the ceremony, expressing a collective spirit of joy and celebration.



Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithyanandham, Bishop in Vellore, CSI Vellore Diocese, emphasised service, stewardship, and the institution's enduring foundation of faith and compassion in healthcare, and formally dedicated the building. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Selvamani B., Associate Director (Finance), who expressed appreciation to all contributors, partners, faculty, and staff whose efforts made the project possible.

The institution is grateful to the Federal Bank for the generous contribution and support. The newly dedicated College of Pharmacy Building represents our institution's continued investment in education, research, and professional excellence. Designed to meet the evolving academic and healthcare needs, the facility will enhance learning opportunities for students and strengthen the college's role in preparing skilled pharmacy professionals committed to ethical and compassionate service. The occasion marked a moment of pride and thanksgiving for the institution and its extended community.



Visit of Prof. Beatrice M. L. de Gelder to the Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Phenomenology Lab, CMC Vellore

The Department of Neurological Sciences at CMC Vellore was honoured to host Professor Beatrice M. L. de Gelder, an internationally renowned cognitive neuroscientist, at the Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Phenomenology Lab, Ranipet Campus, on 29th and 30th January 2026. The Cognitive Neuroscience and Clinical Phenomenology Lab at CMC Vellore is actively engaged in cutting-edge neuroscience research, contributing to the identification and understanding of novel functional pathways in the human brain. Professor de Gelder's visit provided a valuable opportunity for academic exchange and mentorship.



During her visit, Professor de Gelder interacted closely with faculty, researchers, and trainees, engaging in discussions on brain pathways involved in emotion and perception, behavioural testing paradigms, and advanced neuroimaging approaches. She offered insightful guidance on ongoing and future research directions, with particular emphasis on integrative approaches combining clinical phenomenology, behaviour, and brain imaging. Professor de Gelder also delivered a guest lecture, which was well attended by clinicians, researchers, and students. The lecture highlighted key advances in the understanding of non-conscious visual processing and emotion perception, and stimulated rich interdisciplinary discussion.



Professor Beatrice M. L. de Gelder is widely recognised for her seminal contributions to cognitive and affective neuroscience. She is best known for the discovery of affective blindsight, a landmark finding demonstrating preserved emotional processing in individuals with cortical blindness despite the absence of conscious visual awareness. This work provided compelling evidence for subcortical visual pathways in emotion processing and has profoundly influenced contemporary theories of perception, emotion, and consciousness. Trained in Philosophy and Psychology, Professor de Gelder earned her PhD in Philosophy from the University of Leuven, Belgium. She has previously served as Professor and Director of the Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Laboratory at Tilburg University, and as a Senior Scientist at the Martinos Centre for Biomedical Imaging, Harvard Medical School, USA. She has authored and co-edited several influential volumes, including *Emotions and the Body and Out of Mind: Varieties of Unconscious Processes*.

Professor de Gelder's visit was an inspiring and enriching experience for the CMC Vellore neuroscience community. We are grateful for her time, generosity, and intellectual engagement, and look forward to continued academic exchange and collaboration.

The 78th Annual Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry IRIA State Conference

The Vellore Subchapter of the Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (TN & PY IRIA) hosted the 78th Annual State Conference from December 18th to 20th, 2025, at the CMC Vellore, Bagayam Campus. This year's conference pioneered a dual theme: "Clinical Radiology & Work-Life Balance," focusing on the critical role radiologists play in diagnosis and patient care while also addressing the physical and mental health of the practitioners.



Inauguration Ceremony:

The inauguration ceremony was attended by a distinguished panel of leaders. Present on stage were Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar (Principal of CMC Vellore and chief guest), Dr. Pankaj Sharma (Secretary General, National IRIA), Dr. Umesh Krishnamurthy (Past President, National IRIA), Mr. B. Keerthivasan (NCC Department), Dr. A. Anbarasu (Past Chairman, ICRI), Dr. C. Amarnath (Past President, National IRIA), Dr. Murali Krishna (President TN PY IRIA and President-elect 2026, National IRIA), Dr. T. Madan Mohan (Secretary General, TN PY IRIA), and Dr. S. Nadarajan (President-elect TN PY IRIA, 2026). Also present were the organising chairpersons, Dr. M. J. Srinivasan, Dr Anu Eapen, Dr. Shyamkumar N. K., Adviser, Dr Sridhar Gibikote, Scientific Chairperson, Dr Aparna I and the organising secretary, Dr. Anitha Jasper.

During the ceremony, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. M. J. Srinivasan, who highlighted his pride in organising this event in the academically rich city of Vellore. The chief guest, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, commended the prolific activity of the IRIA and stressed the importance of radiologists in patient care, stating that his words were intended to instil a desire to further the association's work. Guests of Honour Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Dr. Umesh Krishnamurthy, and Mr. B. Keerthivasan also delivered speeches highlighting the special efforts taken by the IRIA in conducting these scientific programmes. During the proceedings, Dr. L. Murali Krishna inducted the president-elect, Dr. S. Nadarajan, who then delivered the presidential address covering his history with the IRIA and his plans for his tenure.



Advancing Science and Sustaining the Self:

The three-day event featured a robust academic schedule consisting of 84 scientific sessions, in addition to 6 workshops and case-based discussions, alongside sessions on stress management, burnout, and financial planning. Paper presentations by post-graduates and consultants happened simultaneously, where a total of 200 posters and 165 papers were submitted, and 16 were selected for final presentation, with top awards being given to post-graduates and consultants. The carefully curated and expansive scientific schedule covered topics from different fields of radiology, including gastro-intestinal & hepatobiliary imaging, cardio-thoracic imaging, emergency radiology, neuro-radiology, musculoskeletal imaging, head & neck imaging, fetal heart imaging, interventional radiology, breast radiology, genito-urinary and pelvic radiology and paediatric radiology. It included a post quiz as well as a consultant-level quiz.

A unique feature of this radiology conference was its inclusion of “Work-Life Balance” as a theme, and in accordance, separate sessions on work-life balance, including the physical and nutritional aspects of health, an overview on financial planning, and sessions on identifying stress and burnout, delivered by specialists in the field, were given.

Furthering the theme, the topic for the Professor Ida Scudder oration was “Work-Life Balance - The Beautiful, Chaotic Symphony of Life”, which was delivered by Dr. Rupa Renganathan. Dr M.J. Srinivasan delivered the Prof Arthur B Daniel Oration on the topic “Ultrasound evaluation of RIF-Pelvic pain”

In keeping with the theme of “Work-Life Balance,” the event included inter-subchapter events in sports and cultural activities such as table tennis, basketball, carrom, volleyball, and music and photography competitions. These activities, held after the scientific sessions, emphasised the importance of having a life beyond the reporting room.



A Vision for the Future:

The conference concluded on December 20th, leaving delegates not only with cutting-edge clinical insights but also with a renewed commitment to personal well-being. By integrating "life" into a scientific programme, the Vellore Subchapter has set a new benchmark for medical conferences in India endowing a renewed perspective on achieving professional longevity through personal well-being.

Awards:

Consultant Paper Prize:

Dr. Annmary Verghese: Dr. M. Sivalingam Prize for best paper award for consultants

Postgraduate Paper Prizes:

Dr. Dominic: Prof. Aswathaman Prize

Muscle map: whole-body MRI evaluation of congenital & inherited myopathies - a retrospective analysis in the indian population.

Chest and Cardiac Imaging:

Dr. Namitha Varghese: 2nd Prize

The HOLE picture: pictorial review of cystic lung diseases

Abdomen: GI & GU imaging:

Dr. Srinivas M: 1st Prize- Beyond static assessment: MR defecography in defecatory disorders

Dr. B. Shreethy Shivani: 2nd Prize-decoding focal liver lesions on MRI: brief pictorial algorithmic approach in cirrhotics and non-cirrhotic backgrounds

Dr. Kalaipradha G: 3rd Prize: -Mesenchymal renal neoplasms in adults- radiologic spectrum

Neuroradiology:

Dr. Janet Vinoline S - 1st Prize- Paediatric brain tumours – a pictorial review

Dr. Jaquiline C Jose - 2nd Prize-Approach to pituitary tumours

Dr. Jeryl Chellappa Jacob - 3rd Prize-The optic nerve: pictorial review of Imaging anatomy and pathological conditions

Head and Neck Imaging:

Dr. Anbarasi C- 2nd Prize-When the eyes listen: radiological approach to conductive hearing loss

Musculoskeletal Imaging:

Dr. Melwin Abishek T. - 1st Prize-Diagnostic efficacy of pelvic radiography in juvenile idiopathic arthritis using MRI as a gold standard

Miscellaneous (Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Mammography, Multisystem):

Dr. Dokiburra David Stephen - 1st Prize - Imaging series of inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor

Dr. Prarthana R. - 2nd Prize - The great mimicker revisited: multi-compartmental imaging series of solitary fibrous tumour

Interventional Radiology:

Dr. Josh K Dasan - 1st Prize- IR-guided management of renal transplant complications - a pictorial review

Dr. Sangeeth T. Rajan - 2nd Prize - hidden hazards: presentation and management of ectopic varices - a case series

Prof. M. Prabhakaran Quiz for Consultants:

Dr. Emin Danya - 1st Prize

Dr. Bhuvaneshwaran Quiz for Post graduates:

Drs. Harini & Anushree - 3rd Prize

Case of the Week – Post graduates

Dr. Anbarasi C. – Prize Winner

Photography Contest - Dr. Nazneen Naseer - 3rd Prize

Sports Winners:

Carroms - Dr. Sridhar Gibikote - 1st Prize

Basketball - CMC Vellore – 1st Prize - Players: Dr. Kurian, Dr. Jeyavelu, Dr. Steven.

AHS Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony for the Allied Health Sciences students was held on Monday, 17th November 2025, at the Scudder Auditorium, marking an academic milestone and celebrating the successful completion of their training. The ceremony commenced with the customary tradition, marked by a ceremonial procession led by Mr. Ashwin Panda, with final-year students bearing the jasmine chain, followed by the graduates and the faculty. The programme commenced with an invocation and the college song rendered by the AHS Students' Choir. Dr. Ranjan Jesudason (Associate Director, Admin) welcomed the gathering and the chief guest for the event, Dr. A. Arun Thamburaj, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu. The graduates were then formally presented to the Principal by the respective course faculty, marking a proud moment for students, families, and teachers. Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal, delivered his address encouraging them to uphold professional integrity, compassion, and excellence in healthcare service.



Dr. A. Arun Thamburaj, the chief guest for the ceremony, in his address emphasised the critical role of allied health professionals in strengthening healthcare systems, particularly in public health delivery, and encouraged graduates to serve with dedication, accountability, and a people-centred approach. The students received their General Proficiency awards from the chief guest, for their academic excellence, presented by Dr. Priya Mary Mammen, Registrar. This was followed by the presentation of Special Awards and Prize Winners to the chief guest by Dr. Satheesh Solomon T Selvin, Vice Principal (AHS). The graduates were felicitated on behalf of the student body by Ms. Maria Elizabeth Jacob. Graduates' Response was delivered by Ms. Mahima Vijayakumar and Ms. Ninette G Kharwanlang, who expressed heartfelt appreciation to faculty, families, and the institution for their guidance and support.



As part of the graduation event and symbolising thanksgiving, a Baccalaureate Service was held on Sunday, 16th November 2025 with Mr. R. P. Durai Jasper, Deputy General Superintendent (HR), offering spiritual reflection and encouragement as students prepared to embark on their professional journeys. The weekend of celebration stood as a meaningful reminder of CMC Vellore's enduring commitment to academic excellence, ethical practice, and service-oriented healthcare education. The institution extends its congratulations to all graduates and wishes them success as they step forward to serve communities with skill, compassion, and integrity.

Special Prayers: February 8 - 14, 2026

Chaplaincy : Rev. Dr. Finney Alexander and Staff

Christian Medical Association of India

Council Member : Dr. Ronald Lalthanmawia

Christian Nurses League of the CMAI

Council Member : Mrs. Shimy Mathew

Catholic Health Association of India

Council Member : Rev. Dr. Mathew Abraham

Hospital : St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore and others.



Welcome

- **Dr. Selvin Theodore Jayanth E.**, Professor, Department of Urology Unit-I, on return from study leave.

Laurels and Recognition

- **Dr. Megha T Philip**, Senior Resident, Department of Radiation Oncology, was awarded first prize in the poster presentation at the 12th Young Radiation Oncologists Conference 2026 (YROC) held from 24th to 25th January 2026 at Bangalore.

- **Dr. Jewell Joseph**, Associate Physician, Department of Palliative Medicine, won the first prize in the oral presentation under the category of 'Airway Disorders' at the Winter Symposium on Airways Disorders and Allergocon 2026, held on 30th and 31st January 2026 at CMC Vellore. Dr. Jewell presented on "Assessing the Needs and Role of Specialist Palliative Care in Severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Prospective Observational Study". The study is part of an ICMR-funded project, "Palliative Care Needs and Integration in COPD / ILD: A Mixed Methods Study".
- The second and third year students of **B.Sc. Medical Record Science** participated in the 25th All India Medical Records Conference MEDRECON 2026 held at The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai on January 30th and 31st, 2026.

Mrs. Esther Kezia James, Senior Selection Grade Tutor and Course Co-ordinator of the B.Sc. Medical Record Science course in CMC, was honoured with the Shri Daniel Gajaraj award (Father of Medical Records in India) in recognition of the exemplary vision and guidance to the Medical Records profession. Health Records Association of India, Chennai, honoured the late Mr. Devakirubakaran, Organising Secretary of MEDRECON 2003, for organising the annual conference. Mrs. Esther James received this honour on behalf of Late Mr. Devakirubakaran. The following are the details of prizes won by the students of Medical Records Science in various competitions conducted during the Conference.

Poster Presentation

1st prize: - **Mr. Vincent Raj R.R. (2023 batch)** and **Ms. Clijsters S (2024 batch)** on the topic- Preparing a compliance chart for Statutory Compliance of MRD periodically.

2nd Prize:- Ms. Pavithra J. (2024 batch) and **Ms. Abie Gladies M. (2024 batch)** on the topic- Transformation of Paper based medical records to Electronic Medical Records.

Obituaries

- **Mr. Dhananjoy Das Adhikari**, father of Dr. Debasis Das Adhikari, Professor & Head of Paediatric Emergency Medicine and father-in-law of Dr. Margaret Shanthi, Professor & Head, Pharmacology & Medical Education Department, passed away on 31st January 2026. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family at this time of grief and loss.
- **Mrs. Jayalakshmi**, mother of Mrs. Punitha Poovel, Senior Grade I Pharmacist, Pharmacy Department, passed away on 31st January, 2026. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family at this time of grief and loss.

Upcoming Event

Mechanical Ventilation Workshop for Doctors

The Mechanical Ventilation Workshop for Doctors is scheduled on **30th March 2026** at Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore, Town 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/72W3QRf6pUWfifSS6>

For details 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 office of Medical Superintendent-for queries contact the mentioned office

1. Staff III Graduate Technician in the Centre for Stem Cell Research

Qualifications: B.Sc. in Life Sciences with 4 years of experience as Asst. Graduate Technician (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

Regular mode will be accepted; private or correspondence will not be accepted.

Preference will be given to those who have experience in Stem Cell Culture and viral vector preparation.

Salary Structure:- As per rules. **Age Limit:-** Below 35 Years.

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 **February 16, 2026.**

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

2. Office Facilitator (Project) for the Registrar's Office – College of Nursing

Qualification: Any Degree (Undergraduate only).

Job Preference: Typewriting (English Junior) and Basic Computer Skills (Microsoft Office).

Age Limit: 30 years below. **Consolidated Salary:** As per Institutional Norms.

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

Apply on or before **February 14, 2026.**

Note: Qualification “Full time formal courses from recognized college / university only. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered. Existing Staff (NTA) can apply only after getting necessary approval from Head of the Department and Appointing Authority.

Others

3. Vidyalayam Association of CMC Staff Admissions open for the Academic Session 2026-2027

The Vidyalayam Association of CMC Staff warmly invites applications for admission for the Academic Session 2026–2027 for children of CMC Staff.

The Association manages five well-established early learning institutions, serving the CMC Vellore community for several decades. Our centres offer nurturing environments through Crèche, Play School, and Pre-KG programmes, focusing on compassionate care, holistic development, and joyful learning across multiple campuses

Availability of Application Forms & Prospectus

- **Dates : 16th February 2026 to 27th February 2026**
- **Time : 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**
- **Place : Respective school campuses**

Age Criteria

• Crèche:

Completed 4 months to 18 months

(Born between 1st December 2024 – 31st January 2026)

• Play School:

1½ years to 2½ years

(Born between 1st December 2023 – 30th November 2024)

• Pre-KG:

2½ years to 3½ years

(Born between 1st December 2022 – 30th November 2023)

Submission of Application

• Last date : 27th February 2026

• Time : On or before 4:00 PM

Documents to be submitted along with the application form:

- Photocopy of the child's Birth Certificate
- Child's passport-size photograph
- Parents' recent salary slip

Centres, Campuses & Contact Details

| Name of the Centre | Programme s Offered | Campus | Phone Number | Email ID |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| College Hill Kindergarten (CHKG) | · Pre-KG | CMC Bagayam Campus | 0416-228-4583 | chkg.prinicipal@gmail.com chkg.secretary@gmail.com |
| College Hill Montessori (CHM) | · Pre-KG | CMC Bagayam Campus | 0416-2284797 | principalchm@gmail.com utkarsh.modi05@gmail.com |
| Sunset | · Crèche · Play School | CMC Bagayam Campus | 0416-228-3499 | balavihar@cmcvellore.ac.in |
| Balavihar Kids Corner | · Crèche · Play School · Pre-KG | CMC Vellore Town Campus | 0416-228-3499 | balavihar@cmcvellore.ac.in |
| Aadhyavikas | · Crèche · Play School · Pre-KG | CMC Kagithappat tarai Campus | 0416-228-725495975-28468 | aadhyavikascp@gmail.com |
| Sparkling Stars | · Crèche · Play School · Pre-KG | CMC Ranipet Residential Campus | 0417-2350268 | sparklingstarscmc@gmail.com seema.rao@cmcvellore.ac.in |

For Queries & Clarifications: Parents are requested to contact the respective school centres using the contact details provided above.

Vidyalayam Association of CMC Staff

Nurturing young minds with care, values, and joy.

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

1. **Dermatologist** - DDVL / MD (DVL) / DNB
2. **General Surgeon** - MS (Gen. Surg.) / DNB
3. **Radiologist** - MD / DMRD
4. **Staff Nurse** - B.Sc. Nursing / Dip. GNM with two years of experience.

Age Limit : Upto 35 years.

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 : **February 14, 2026.**