



Christian Medical College Vellore



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Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. Psalm 34:14

Infection Prevention & Control Training Programme for Link Nurses

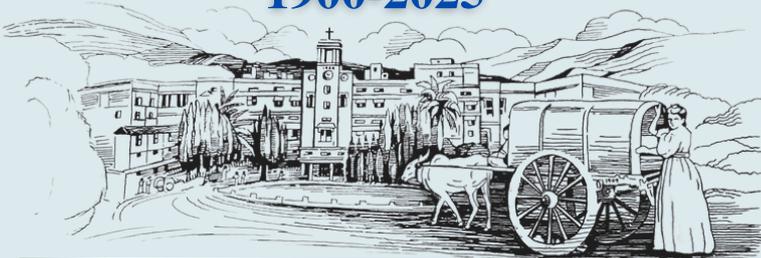


The Hospital Infection Control Committee (HICC) and the office of the Nursing Superintendent, CMC Vellore, organised two-day workshops for Link Nurses on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in two batches on 5th, 6th, and 12th, and 13th February 2026, respectively, at the Town Campus.

This training programme was conducted as an institutional initiative to strengthen infection prevention practices across all clinical areas, with participation from Link Nurses representing various departments of the hospital.

The programme aimed to reinforce the pivotal role of Link Nurses in implementing infection control policies within their respective areas and empower them to function efficiently in overseeing infection prevention practices, thereby reducing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and improving the quality of patient care and safety. It also equipped participants with updated knowledge and practical skills in multiple aspects of IPC. The programme commenced with an inaugural session, followed by a pre-test to assess participants' baseline knowledge

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



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KNOW?**

Dr. C.K. Job was the first scientist in India to use the electron microscope in medical research, with the instrument installed at CMC Vellore in the early 1960s

The inaugural session began with a prayer and was followed by felicitations by Ms. Alice Sony, Nursing Superintendent, and Dr. Hema Paul, Physician & Senior HICC Officer, along with an overview of the programme delivered by Ms. Sonia P. Abraham, Deputy Nursing Superintendent and Additional Joint Secretary, HICC.



During her address, Ms. Alice Sony encouraged and empowered the link nurses, recognising their role as a significant step toward strengthening infection prevention and control practices across the hospital and fostering greater accountability at the speciality level. Dr. Hema Paul emphasised the critical importance of adherence to standard infection prevention protocols.



She highlighted the need for continuous vigilance, multidisciplinary collaboration, and evidence-based practices to reduce healthcare-associated infections and improve patient safety outcomes. Ms. Sonia P. Abraham provided an overview of the objectives and structure of the programme, outlining the key focus areas, including hand hygiene compliance, bundle care practices, outbreak preparedness, and documentation standards. She also mentioned the importance of the link nurse in bridging communication between clinical units and the HICC, ensuring consistent implementation of IPC policies across all departments.

The sessions covered fundamental principles of infection prevention, including the chain of infection, standard precautions, transmission-based precautions, hand hygiene practices, Biomedical waste management, and the appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Emphasis was laid on important topics such as device-associated infection prevention bundles - CAUTI, CLABSI, and VAP, as well as Surgical Site Infection (SSI) prevention strategies.

Participants were further oriented to surveillance of healthcare-associated infections, principles of outbreak investigation, audit methodologies, and the role of Link Nurses in ensuring compliance with infection control practices within their respective units. Additional sessions addressed antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the role of link nurses in antimicrobial stewardship (ASMP), common healthcare pathogens, environmental cleaning and disinfection practices, spill management, and blood and body fluid exposure protocols. Skill stations and hands-on demonstrations were organised to enhance practical competency, including hand hygiene techniques, donning and doffing of PPE, Biomedical waste segregation practices, IV line handling with the “scrub the hub” technique, safe sharp handling and disposal, and environmental cleaning monitoring techniques. The interactive sessions encouraged active participation through question-and-answer sessions, discussions and case-based scenario learning. The training concluded with a post-test to assess knowledge gained, followed by a valedictory session. During the valedictory ceremony, certificates were distributed, and participants were encouraged to serve as role models in their respective units by ensuring adherence to infection control policies and promoting a culture of safety within the institution. All link nurses were handed their job description in relation to IPC practices. We offer our humble gratitude to the Lord Almighty for His blessings and guidance in making this programme a success.

International Medical Education Conference



The *International Medical Education Conference*, organised by the Department of Medical Education, from February 9th to 11th, 2026, concluded with resounding success, drawing delegates and faculty from across the globe. The theme for the conference was “Medical Education and Clinical Practice – Bridging the Gap.” The preconference workshops and the talks by experts in the main conference were carefully chosen to integrate medical education with clinical practice and research seamlessly.

Pre-Conference Workshop Highlights

The pre-conference programme on 9th February 2026 featured 10 workshops, with each workshop lasting three and a half hours. The workshop was conducted in a hands-on, interactive format by the members of the Department of Medical Education, along with international and national faculty. Around 140 participants attended these workshops.

1. Assessment of clinical competence by Dr. Farion Williams (USA), Dr. Venkatesan S, Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Dr. Sowmya S, and Dr. Christina D
2. Educational research: qualitative and quantitative methods by Dr. Shalini Gupta (UK), Dr. Shantidani Minz, Dr. Divya Elizabeth Muliylil, Dr. Ramya I, and Dr. Dorothy Lall
3. Innovative delivery, assessment, and facilitation methods in blended learning and flipped classrooms by Dr. Jachin Velavan and Dr. Adeline Sittther
4. Learning medicine where it happens – bringing general practice and ‘real’ patients into the classroom by Dr. Gritt Overbeck (Denmark), Dr. Ulla Blomhøj (Denmark)
5. Beyond the hype: responsible use of AI tools to supercharge health professions teaching and research activities by Dr. Jennifer Benjamin (USA) and assisted by Dr. Vinay Timothy Oommen and Dr. Tripti Meriel Jacob
6. Good clinical teaching by Dr. Sneha Kirubakaran (Australia) and assisted by Dr. Surekha V and Dr. Vandana K
7. Innovation in medical education – team-based learning by Supraja Srivatsava, Dr. Deepak Vinod Francis, Dr. Anand Bhaskar, and Dr. Audrin Lenin
8. Prompt to praxis: bridging artificial and educational intelligence by Dr. Parthasarathy R (Trichy) and assisted by Dr. Vinay Timothy Oommen and Dr. Tripti Meriel Jacob
9. How to position your medical education research to be attractive to international journals? By Dr. Jennifer Cleland (Singapore)
10. Gamification in medical education by Dr. Rajat Raghunath, Dr. Emily Divya Ebenezer, and Dr. Latif Rajesh Johnson.



Main Conference Highlights

The conference was formally inaugurated on 10th February 2026. The chief guest was Dr. Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth, Chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC) and President of NBEMS. The ceremony set a dignified tone for the conference, emphasising the importance of bridging medical education with clinical practice.

Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Jennifer Cleland (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) on *How can local research in medical education be attractive to international journals?*. The main conference (10th-11th February 2026) featured talks, panel discussions, debates, and research presentations under the sub-themes:

- Teaching and Learning in Medical Education
- Assessment in Medical Education
- Artificial Intelligence in Medical Education
- Research in Medical Education

The international experts who delivered the talks included Dr. Shalini Gupta (UK), Dr. Sneha Kirubakaran (Australia), Dr. Anna Ryan (Australia), Dr. Jennifer Benjamin (USA), Dr. Gritt Overbeck (Denmark), and Dr. Ulla Blomhøj (Denmark). The list of national faculty who spoke was Dr. Krishna G. Seshadri, Dr. Anshu, Dr. Nachiket S, Dr. Dinesh Badyal, Dr. Shanthakumari, Dr. R. Parthasarathi, Dr. Sudha Ramalingam, Dr. Avinash Supe, Dr. Amol Dongre, and Dr. Jyotsna Sriranga.

The sessions were moderated by distinguished alumni and medical education experts including Dr. Mary Kurien, Dr. Sara Bhattacharji, Dr. Dhayakani Selvakumar, Dr. Surekha V., Dr. Anuradha Rose, Dr. Tripti Meriel Jacob, Dr. George Mathew, Dr. Venkatesan, Dr. Anna Mathew, Dr. John Mathew, Dr. Divya Elizabeth Muliyl, Dr. Vinod Abraham, Dr. Jachin Velavan, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Dr. Margaret S, Dr. Prakash SS, Dr. Joy Mammen, Dr. Joe Varghese, Dr. Sowmya S, Dr. Rebekah Dass Zechariah, Mr. Arun Zachariah, Dr. Anna Pulimood, and Dr. Vineetha R.

Panel Discussion: How can we reduce the gap between medical education and clinical practice? was moderated by Dr. Anand Zachariah with panelists Dr. Rajat R., Dr. Rieyaz H.A., Dr. Soumya S., Dr. Vandana K., Dr. Margaret, Dr. Prakash S.S., and Dr. K. Ezhil Vendhan.

Debate: “Over-reliance on digital tools is eroding diagnostic skills” saw a lively exchange between Dr. Sathish Kumar T. and Dr. Kanagalakshmi V, and was moderated by Dr. Alka Ganesh.

The conference showcased 9 oral presentations and 62 poster presentations, judged by medical education experts within CMC Vellore and the coordinators of medical education units in the medical colleges affiliated to our nodal centre. A total of 7 best posters and 2 oral presentation prizes were handed over to the winners by Dr. Jennifer Cleland after her keynote address. More than 350 delegates attended the conference. Delegates received E-certificates, along with 3 credit hours from the Tamil Nadu Medical Council and 30 credit points (10 for the Pre-Conference and 20 for the Main Conference) from the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University.

The conference was spearheaded by Dr. Margaret Shanthi F.X., head of the Department of Medical Education and acted as a co-chairperson. The organising secretary of the conference was Dr. Prakash SS, Co-convener, Department of Medical Education. The efforts by the members of the Department of Medical Education were ably supported and led by our Principal, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, who was the chairperson of this conference. All three of them proposed a vote of thanks during the valedictory ceremony.

This conference would not have been possible without the donations received from many departments, including support from the Partnership for Education of Health Professionals (PEP-CMC Vellore). The organising committee expresses sincere gratitude to all the faculty, moderators, logistical staff, support teams, and delegates for their enthusiastic participation. We thank God for making this possible.

Medi Quiz on Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders



In commemoration of World Diabetes Day 2025, the Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism conducted a Medi Quiz on the topic “Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders” for medical students. The event was held at the CHTC Auditorium, Bagayam Campus, on 6th February 2026.

Dr. Tripti Jacob, Professor and Head of the Department of Anatomy, CMC Vellore, graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**.

A total of **18 teams** participated in the preliminary round, out of which 5 teams qualified for the final round. The competition was engaging and tested the students’ knowledge and clinical reasoning skills. The event was well received and successfully created awareness about diabetes and endocrine disorders among future healthcare professionals.

First Prize

- Cyril Samuel
- Jeswin Samuel
- Kishan Joghi

Second Prize

- Manuel Inbam
- Nisha S
- Rea Ann Mathew

Third Prize

- Sachin Suriya
- Anand Vijayaa
- Abishek Arul

CMC Staff Recreation Club – Unisex Gym Strengthened with Additional Equipment

The Staff Recreation Club (SRC), CMC Vellore, is delighted to announce the expansion of its Unisex Gym Centre, further enhancing the fitness facilities available to all staff members. Following the successful inauguration of the gym on 26 November 2025, which was graced by Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, Mr. C. Reni Charles, General Superintendent, and Mr. Daniel Sundaraj. J., Senior Personnel Manager, the facility has now been upgraded with additional modern equipment to support a wider range of strength training and fitness activities. The newly added equipment includes advanced strength-training machines and free-weight stations, creating a more comprehensive and motivating workout environment. With these additions, the gym is now fully equipped to cater to beginners as well as regular fitness enthusiasts among our staff.

The gym continues to remain accessible to all CMC staff at a nominal membership fee of Rs. 50 per month, reinforcing the institution's commitment to employee health and wellbeing. Let us take a positive step toward better health—together.

Location

SRC Club – Top of the ELS Store

Revised Timings (Weekdays Only)

12:00 PM to 07:00 PM

(Sunday – Holiday)

For membership: contact @ 2867, Personnel Department.



Department of Clinical Microbiology conducted 4th GRACE Training Workshop



The Department of Clinical Microbiology at CMC Vellore, successfully conducted the 4th GRACE Training Workshop (General Rural and Community Laboratories Establishment) from November 24th to 29th, 2025.

The primary objective of the GRACE initiative is to improve early detection and accurate diagnosis of infectious diseases in peripheral and resource-limited healthcare settings. Based on a comprehensive needs assessment, eight participants from seven mission hospitals, along with representatives from two NGO organisations, were enrolled in this intensive week-long hands-on training programme conducted by the Department of Clinical Microbiology. The programme commenced with an inaugural prayer by Chaplain Rev. Pearson, followed by an overview of the workshop by the Course Coordinator, Dr. Beula Subashini, and welcome address by HOD, Dr. Rani Diana Sahni.

Dr. Vijay Anand and Dr. Ann Miriam (Missions Network Consultants)) addressed the gathering and emphasised the pivotal role of well-equipped diagnostic laboratories in ensuring timely, accurate, and effective healthcare delivery in underserved regions.

The workshop curriculum encompassed a comprehensive range of topics, carefully tailored to address the specific diagnostic gaps identified across network institutions. Participants engaged in structured lectures, interactive discussions, and supervised practical sessions to enhance both theoretical understanding and technical competency.

The programme concluded with a valedictory function during which certificates were awarded to participants by, Head, Dr. Rani Diana Sahni. This initiative was supported by the CMC Vellore Mission Network Grant 2023 and the Australian Alumni Grant 2023.

With the completion of this fourth workshop, the GRACE programme has now successfully trained 45 participants representing 39 mission hospitals across 23 states in India and Nepal. The initiative received positive feedback, with participants expressing sincere appreciation for the opportunity to strengthen their diagnostic expertise and contribute more effectively to their laboratories, NGO organisations, and the communities they serve. The Department of Clinical Microbiology is pleased to announce that the next GRACE Training Workshop is scheduled for November 2026, continuing its commitment to capacity building and sustainable laboratory development across mission and rural healthcare networks.

Founders Day Staff Sports Table Tennis

Founders Day Staff Sports Table Tennis took place on 27th January, 2026.

Dr. Sridhar Gibikote, Professor of the Radiology Department, was the chief guest and distributed the prizes to the winners of Table Tennis.

Results:

Table Tennis

Singles-Winner: Dr. D.J. Christopher, Pulmonary Medicine

Runner-up: Dr. M.J. Paul, Endocrine Surgery

Doubles

Winners : Dr. DJ Christopher, Pulmonary Medicine & Dr. M.J. Paul, Endocrine Surgery

Runners-up : Mr. Sunil Kumar R, Occupational Therapy & : Mr. Staines Jayaraj, Occupational Therapy.



Staff Sports Carrom Tournament



Results:

Men's Single

Group A

Winner: Mr. Suresh Babu, Critical Care

Runner-up: Mr. Srinivasan, Pharmacy

Group B

Winner: Mr. Gunasundaram, MTS

Runner up: Mr. Sampath Kumar, ALC

Group C

Winner: Mr. Anand, Main OR

Runner up: Mr. Ramesh, Hosp. Maintenance

Group D

Winner: Mr. Sarath, L Ward

Runner up: Mr. Kiran Kumar, O Block

Mens Doubles

Group A

Winners: Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Neuro, RPT

Mr. Bharath, PM Office

Runners up: Mr. Suresh Babu, Critical Care

Mr. Vijay, LCECU

Group B

Winners: Mr. Venkatesan, Hosp. Maintenance

Mr. Ravi, Hosp. Maintenance

Runners up: Mr. Sampath Kumar, ALC

Mr. Harikrishnan, ALC

Womens Single

Winner: Ms. Rishanundkhar, Clin. Path.

Runner up: Ms. Padmapriya, Pharmacy

Womens Doubles

Winners: Ms. Meenakumari, Pharmacy

Ms. Padmapriya, Pharmacy

Runners up: Ms. Rishanundkhar – Clin. Path.

Dr. Nirmala Devi, Micro

Mens Doubles

Group C

Winners: Mr. Jones, Main OR

Mr. Anand, Main OR

Runners up: Mr. Venkatesan, Pharmacy

Mr. Paul Lenin, Pharmacy

Group D

Winners: Mr. Sarath, L ward

Mr. T.G.S. Divakaran, Virology

Runners up: Mr. Sudhakar, Rpt

Mr. Raja, Rpt

Mr. Sudhagar, Former GSB Secretary and Dr. Balaganesan, Physical Director, were the chief guests and distributed the prizes to the Winners of the Carrom Tournament for the year 2025 – 2026 on 23rd December 2025. Mr. Suresh, hospital recreation club secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

Special Prayers: February 22 - 28, 2026

Cardiology : Dr. Viji Samuel Thomson and Staff

Dr. John Jose E. and Staff

Dr. Anoop George Alex and Staff

Dr. John Roshan Jacob and Staff

Mrs. Jabin Khaja and Staff

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery :

Dr. Korah T. Kuruvila and Staff

Dr. Madhu Andrew Philip and Staff

Dr. Ravi Shankar and Staff

Mrs. Jabin Khaja and Staff



Cardiac Anaesthesia : Dr. Balaji K. and Staff

Mrs. Jabin Khaja and Staff

CSI Kanyakumari Diocese

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. S. Christopher Vijayan

Dr. S. Rajesh Sathya

Hospital : CSI Mission Hospital, Neyyoor, Marthandam and others.

CSI Karimnagar Diocese

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. Prof. K. Reuben Mark

Rev. Dr. K. Priscilla Parimala Reuben

Friends of Vellore - Germany

Council Members : Mr. Gerd Winkler

Mr. Thomas Oesterle

Memoranda

- **Dr. Anish Jacob Cherian**, Professor & Head, Department of Endocrine Surgery is appointed as Head, Endocrine Surgery Unit-I, with effect from 9th February 2026 until further notice.
- **Dr. Krupa George**, Associate Professor and Ag. Head, Department of General Medicine Unit I, is appointed as the Occupational Health Coordinator with effect from 2nd January 2026 for a four year term.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Jenifer Jeba**, Sr. Professor and Head, Department of Palliative Medicine, has won the first prize for oral presentation titled “Comprehensive needs assessment and outcomes of palliative care integration in patients with severe ILD: a prospective observational study” at the 33rd International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care held from 12th to 15th February 2026 in Hyderabad. The study is part of the ICMR-funded project, "Palliative Care Needs and Integration in COPD / ILD: a mixed methods study", an interdepartmental collaboration between the Department of Palliative Medicine and Department of Pulmonary Medicine, CMC Vellore.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Jyothsna Kuriakose**, Assistant Professor, Department of Palliative Medicine, was awarded the IJPC Best Reviewer Award 2025 by the Indian Journal of Palliative Care at the 33rd International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care held from 12th to 15th February 2026 in Hyderabad.
- **Dr. Shadhikha K.**, DNB 2nd year Resident, Department of Palliative Medicine, has won the third prize in the “Clinical Conundrums” Quiz competition at the 33rd International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care held from 12th to 15th February 2026 in Hyderabad.
- **Dr. Shadhikha K.** and **Dr. Aby John Thampi**, DNB 2nd year Residents, Department of Palliative Medicine, have been selected for the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) Grant in collaboration with the Indian Association of Palliative care (IAPC) for the participation in the 33rd International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care held from 12th to 15th February 2026 in Hyderabad.
- The following members of the Department of Orthopaedics received awards at the recently concluded 59th Annual TNOA Conference, held in Tenkasi from 13–15 February 2026.
 - **Dr. Prabhas Ranjan Kumar**, postgraduate in Orthopaedics received the second prize in the TNOA PROF. Ramakrishnan Gold medal exam and is awarded the TNOA NELLAI ORTHO CLUB TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP for the year 2026.
 - **Dr. Lokesh Murali** was honoured with the Dr. Radhakrishnan Gold medal for foot and ankle for his paper "Ankle arthrodesis using a cost-effective external fixator - THE RC FIX".

Retirements

- **Mr. Chinnaraji**, Accounts Officer Grade I, retired on 19th February 2026 after completing 29 years of dedicated service in our Institution. He commenced his service as a Junior Assistant Accountant-cum-Cashier. In the early years, he was entrusted with overseeing the accounts of the Materials and Pharmacy Stores. Subsequently, he was assigned to the Payment Voucher Processing Section, where he carried out his responsibilities with diligence and integrity.



In recent years, he was given the important responsibility of scrutinising and processing approved pharmacy purchase payments for the Town Campus, Ranipet Campus, and Chittoor Campus. He also actively participated in the weekly Purchase Committee meetings, contributing meaningfully to institutional processes. His wife, Mrs. Loganayaki C is a homemaker. They are blessed with two sons. Their elder son, Mr. Sanjay Prakash C., has completed B.E. (Electronics and Communication Engineering) and is preparing for competitive examinations. Their younger son, Mr. Gokula Kannan, is currently pursuing B.Sc. in Computer Science. The CMC community expresses its heartfelt gratitude for Mr. Chinnaraji’s long years of faithful service, dedication, and commitment to the Institution. We wish him good health, happiness, and God’s abundant blessings in his retired life.



- **Mr. R. A. Sudarsanam** joined the institution in 1991 as a Junior Computer Operator and was appointed as MCTT in 1993. Throughout his long and dedicated service, he has made a lasting impact through innovation, and integrity to patient care and institutional growth. He has been instrumental in several key initiatives, including repurposing condemned nursing trolleys into mobile payment counters; replacing the manual bank remittance challan process with a computerised system; introducing online registration for medical, higher specialty, and nursing students' medical check-ups in place of manual forms; implementing barcode scanners at all MCTT and MRO counters to prevent hospital number errors; and introducing the immunisation package system for the Well Baby Clinic.

In recognition of his dedication to patient services, he received the Outstanding Service Towards Patient Care Award in October 2015. His contributions were further acknowledged during Hospital Day 2016, where he was awarded Third Prize in the Support Services Category. He is married to Mrs. Sujatha and is blessed with two sons. His elder son has completed an MBA and is working as an HR Manager, while also representing the state in cricket. His younger son is currently pursuing Chartered Accountancy. Mr. Sudarsanam's contributions will be remembered with deep appreciation as he enters the next phase of his life.

Obituary

Dr. Mary (aka Leela) Varkey (née Joseph) (MBBS batch of 1950), passed away on 7th February, 2026. August 29, 1933 – February 7, 2026, at London, Ontario, Canada.

Mary (aka Leela) Varkey (née Joseph), was born on August 29, 1933, to Sosamma and Thomas Joseph. Eldest of five children, she grew up in a home in Trivandrum, Kerala where Christian faith, education, music and sports were highly valued and encouraged. Following schooling and first two years of university in Kerala, all in girls' schools and college, she started her medical education in CMC in 1950, in a class of only 17 boys and 20 girls.



Her student days in Vellore were a very memorable and enjoyable period in her life, where she took full advantage of the opportunities for acquiring excellent medical and life skills, and enriching lifelong friendships. The value system she had acquired both at home and at CMC served as her moral compass for all her life.

After graduation in 1955, and acceding to her father's wish, she joined the Kerala Government Health Service, serving in Alleppey and Trivandrum. Her colleagues soon noticed her excellent clinical skills, high integrity, and Christian faith. She was known as the "Missamma who prayed before every operation"! She quickly came to be entrusted with the considerable responsibilities of Resident Medical Officer of the Hospital for Women and Children in the metropolis of Trivandrum. In 1961, encouraged by Dr. J.K.G. Webb, Professor of Paediatrics in Vellore, Mary returned to CMC, and joined the third batch of Diploma in Child Health (DCH) programme. A year later, she married her classmate George Varkey who, by then, had acquired postgraduation in Canada and become the chief of Anaesthesia in CMC's surging operating rooms. They were truly "made for each other" and the vivacious couple made their mark in the thriving community life in CMC.

In 1965, in response to a pressing institutional need, Mary gave up her plans for a career in Paediatrics and joined Dr. C.M. deRanitz, a short-term Dutch missionary, to set up and eventually take over the Staff and student Health Services Department.

Both children, Renu and Joe (Renju) were born in CMC. In 1971 the family moved to Canada when George accepted the invitation to join in developing the anaesthesia department at the new medical school in Sherbrooke, Quebec. What was meant to be a two-year stint ended up as a permanent transfer to Canada. The family moved to London, Ontario, where George joined the faculty of the present Western University, progressing to become a respected Professor of Anesthesiology. Faced with the implacable requirements of starting afresh as a raw foreign medical graduate, Mary made the very painful decision to renounce the possibility of a successful professional career in favour of being the devoted life partner and mother that she was determined to be. Mary played an active role in her church, her local community, as well as volunteering at the Cancer Institute in London, Ontario. More importantly, she provided an open house of generous hospitality for newly arrived immigrant families, anaesthesia residents, as well as students from various parts of the world who came to spend time in George's department. After George retired from the university in 1996 and decided to run a private pain clinic, Mary was a strong partner in helping with the setup and operation of the clinic. With her help, George continued to offer his expertise in this difficult and neglected field till he was 80. He passed away in 2021, aged 90.

Mary was truly a blessing to her husband, children and grandchildren. Her life was blessed, as well as a blessing to many, and well-lived. The family is profoundly grateful for her qualities and commitment to being a wonderful and loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. Everyone always looked up to her for advice and help. She was a loyal and faithful friend to many worldwide. CMC always remained special for the Varkeys and the chapel in the Rehabilitation Institute is a gift from Mary and her sisters in memory of their late brother. Sadly, the last 3.5 years of Mary's life were increasingly challenged by various health issues after she was diagnosed with interstitial lung disease in late 2022. She passed away peacefully with her children Renu and Joe by her side on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the local hospital. She is survived by Renu and Joe, as well as her beloved grandchildren Emily (Trace) and Liam, and a worldwide extended family of relatives and friends.

May she rest in peace and rise again in glory. On behalf of the family, son Joe Varkey may be contacted at: joevarkey@rogers.com. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

Situations Vacant

Click the following link to view the vacancies

<https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcapplistapplication.aspx>

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

1. Associate Research Officer for the Principal's Office (Research)

Qualifications :

- PhD in a science-related discipline
- Strong communication and organizational skills.
- Demonstrated ability to manage complex institutional processes.
- Experience in grant writing, research compliance, and project coordination.
- Preferred age: under 35 years.

Job Description : Associate Research Officer (Research Coordinator).

Location: Christian Medical College, Vellore

Reports to: Additional Vice Principal – Research

Position Summary.

CMC is seeking a dynamic and highly competent Research Coordinator to lead the refresh of its institutional research strategy. This individual will oversee the Research Office and play a pivotal role in supporting emerging and existing centres of research excellence. The ideal candidate will be a PhD-qualified researcher under the age of 35, with proven experience in grant writing, research management, and compliance.

Key Responsibilities

- **Strategic Support & Coordination**
 - Facilitate the development of research centres of excellence.
 - Conduct periodic reviews to identify and address gaps in the research ecosystem.
 - Support departments in navigating administrative, financial, and legal processes related to research.
- **Grant Management**
 - Assist researchers in identifying and applying for external grants.
- **Serve as liaison for major funders including ICMR, DBT, Gates Foundation, and Wellcome Trust**
 - Ensure compliance with grant requirements and institutional policies.
- **Administrative Oversight**
 - Collaborate with the finance officer to streamline grant management through a single-window system.
 - Simplify purchase and hiring pathways for externally funded research projects.
 - Coordinate with institutional committees for approval and compliance monitoring.

Desirable Attributes

- Ability to foster collaboration across departments.
- Familiarity with biostatistics, data management, and science communication.

Salary : As per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation: Not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the 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 **February 28, 2026.**

2. Junior Research Fellow for the **Department of Clinical Haematology, Christian Medical College Vellore, Ranipet Campus** to work on an **ICMR-funded research project.** **Job Code : 1647**

Qualification : Candidates must have a First-Class Postgraduate degree in Life Sciences. CSIR / DBT / ICMR / INSPIRE fellowship (Optional).

External Salary: Rs.28,000 + 10% HRA. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

Mode of Appointment : Project.

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

Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **March 02, 2026.**

3.Jr. Engineer GR. IV for the Department of Biomedical Engineering

Qualification: Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Salary: As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit: 35 years and below

Preference: Candidates who have Successfully Completed Jr. Engineer -4th year

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

Apply on or before **25th February, 2026**

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.

4.Data Entry Operator(Project) for the Department of Pathology

Project name: DHR-ICMR Advanced Molecular Oncology Diagnostic Services (DIAMOnDS)

Qualification: Graduate (B.Sc., Computer Science) + DCA / PGDCA + Jr. Typewriting

Salary: As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit: 35 years and below

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

Apply on or before **4th March, 2026**

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.

5.Electronic Mechanic GR. IV for the Department of Communication Engineering

Qualification: SSLC + 2 years Govt. ITI certificate

Salary: As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit: 35 years and below

Preference: Candidates who have Successfully Completed Jr. Electronic Mechanic - 4th year

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

Apply on or before **25th February, 2026**

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.

6.Fitter GR. IV for the Department of Mechanical Engineering

Qualification: SSLC + 2 years Govt. ITI certificate in fitter

Salary: As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit: 35 years and below

Preference: Candidates who have Successfully Completed Jr. Fitter-4th year

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Apply on or before **25th February, 2026**

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7.AC Mechanic GR. IV for the Department of AC & Refrigeration Engineering

Qualification : SSLC + 2 years Govt. ITI certificate in AC

Salary: As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit: 35 years and below

Preference: Candidates who have Successfully Completed Jr. AC Mechanic 4th year

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8 .Artisan (Welder) GR. IV for the Department of Mechanical Engineering

Qualification: SSLC + 1 year Govt. ITI 'Trade' certificate in welder

Salary: As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit: 35 years and below.

Preference: Candidates who have Successfully Completed Jr.Artisan(Welder) 4th year

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

1. **Dermatologist** - DDVL / MD (DVL)/ DNB
2. **Ophthalmologist** - MS / MD / DNB / DOMS (Ophthalmology)
3. **General Surgeon** - MS (Gen. Surg.)/ DNB
4. **Orthopaedic Surgeon** - MS (Ortho)

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

Last date for receipt of applications : **March 07, 2026.**