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Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." – Psalm 31:24

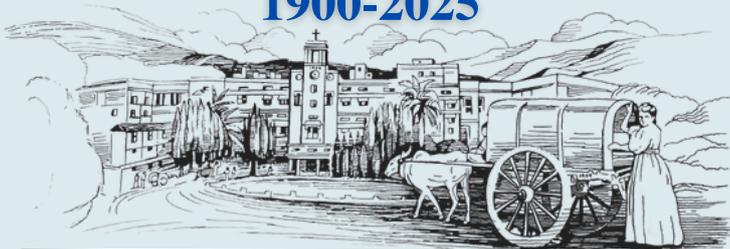
Life-changing cochlear implant surgeries for profoundly deaf children



March 12, 2026 – The LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation has transformed the lives of profoundly deaf children and their families by providing free cochlear implants, giving them the opportunity to hear and communicate. Shri. K. Murlidar, Zonal Manager, LIC of India, Southern Zonal Office, Chennai, inaugurated the plaque for the cochlear implant surgeries project.

Children born with congenital deafness fail to develop speech and are often labelled as deaf-mute. While hearing aids help those with mild to moderate hearing loss, children with profound deafness require advanced rehabilitative devices such as a cochlear implant. A cochlear implant is an electronic medical device that bypasses the damaged parts of the inner ear to provide a sense of sound to these children. Once the children begin to hear, they gradually start speaking with the help of intensive therapy. This intervention can transform their entire course of life, enabling them to integrate into regular schools and become functional members of society.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Reeve Hawkins Betts established the first Cardiothoracic Surgery Department in India at CMC Vellore (1948), and the department went on to perform India's first open heart surgery in 1962

The Department of Otolaryngology at CMC Vellore has performed cochlear implantation surgeries for 17 deserving children, providing them with a life-changing opportunity. With the generous support of LIC of India, which covered the cost of the implant, surgery, and therapy, these children were able to access this state-of-the-art technology that might otherwise have been beyond their reach.

Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, CMC Vellore, said, “We are deeply grateful to LIC of India for their generous support, which enables us to provide this life-changing treatment at subsidised cost and brings hope to many children and their families. With early identification and timely rehabilitation, these children can look forward to a life of normalcy and opportunity.”

Rehab Mela 2026 (Rehab Annual Medical Camp)



Rehab Mela is more than an event, it is a tradition of care, continuity, and community at department of PMR, CMC Vellore. Since 1994, when the first Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Mela was initiated under the leadership of Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji, this annual gathering has brought together persons with spinal cord injury for comprehensive follow-up and fellowship.

Inspired by the pioneering vision of Dr. Mary Verghese, founder of the Rehabilitation Institute at Bagayam, the mela was designed as a lifelong support platform blending medical review, peer encouragement, education, and social reintegration. Over the decades, Rehab Mela has evolved into a unique and inspiring model of holistic rehabilitation in India, where healing extends beyond hospital walls into hope, dignity, and empowerment.

Continuing this legacy, the 23rd Brain Injury Mela was organised on February 14th, followed by the 33rd SCI Mela from February 20th to 22nd. These events served as a vital platform for individuals with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) to receive comprehensive medical assessments, including blood tests, ultrasound, cystoscopy, and CMGs. A total of 93 ABI follow-up patients and 235 SCI individuals benefited from these evaluations. The Psychiatry team also played a crucial role in assessing and planning interventions for neuro-behavioral sequelae following brain injuries.

The mela was enriched by peer interactions and professional guidance from nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, and social workers. Participants shared their challenges and successes, offering mutual encouragement. The Prosthetic and Orthotic team, in collaboration with Neo-Motion, provided essential maintenance for mobility aids and orthotic devices.

One of the most heartwarming highlights of the mela was the residential stay of several SCI participants and their caregivers at the Mary Verghese Trust campus, transforming the event into a true community gathering rather than just a medical camp. An exhibition showcasing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities from Dr. Reddy's Foundations, Youth for Jobs, Amazon, and Green Way Trust added a forward-looking dimension, emphasising independence and economic empowerment. The first day concluded on a vibrant note with a talent show by SCI alumni, celebrating creativity, resilience, and confidence. The evening was further enriched by an inspiring keynote address from Dr. Selvamani, Associate Director (Finance) at CMC Vellore, who praised the spirit and determination of the participants.



Day two featured sports and games at the Oval Ground, encouraging confidence and active participation. Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Sujatha, Mayor of Vellore Corporation, and Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal, CMC Vellore. An awareness session titled “Our Voice, Our Right: PwDs in Local Governance” for patient alumni was led by Mr. J. Yesudoss, Head and Faculty from the District Resource Centre for Panchayats, highlighting pathways for rehabilitation alumni to actively participate in local governance. An awareness session on “Kitchen Gardening in the Backyard” for caregivers led by Dr. S. Manigandan, Assistant Director of Horticulture, highlighted sustainable livelihood opportunities. Creative competitions such as rangoli, pot breaking, and drawing showcased participants’ talents. The evening's valedictory function featured Chief Guests Dr. I. Rajesh, Medical Superintendent, CMC Vellore, and Dr. Ronald Carey, Professor and Head of Pharmacy Service, presenting prizes to art competition winners. It ended in an energetic talent show by rehab alumni, in-patients, and paediatric participants, plus a cultural performance by rehab staff and students.

The final day focused on reflection and renewal, including a group discussion on the theme “Broken in Body, Strong in Spirit,” health education sessions by rehab staff. Together, the Brain Injury and SCI Melas became far more than annual follow-up events; they created a vibrant space for reconnecting, rebuilding friendships, sharing lived experiences, addressing socio-economic concerns, accessing essential resources, and celebrating hidden talents.

The seamless conduct of these melas reflects the enduring legacy of Dr. Mary Verghese and the unwavering dedication of the PMR family to holistic, lifelong rehabilitation, empowering individuals not just to survive, but to thrive with dignity and hope.

HD Conclave 2026



The Department of Nephrology, CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus successfully organised the Second Dialysis Conclave 2026 on February 21st, 2026, at the Ranipet Campus.

The one-day academic conference focused on “Advancing Kidney Care through Innovation and Collaboration”, reflecting the institution’s continued commitment to excellence in renal medicine.

Inaugural Ceremony: The conclave commenced with a formal inaugural ceremony. Dr. Vinoi George David, Professor and Head of the Department of Nephrology, served as the Programme Convenor. The Organising Secretaries, Dr. Joseph Johny, along with Mrs. Geetha T., Mr. Ruben B. and Mr. Indurajan P., efficiently coordinated the event proceedings.

The Convenor delivered the welcome address, setting the tone for the academic deliberations. The inaugural prayer was offered by Reverend Lalthanzuala Chongthu, followed by an address from Dr. Suceena Alexander, Vice Principal of Christian Medical College Vellore, who emphasised the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation in renal care.

Academic Highlights: The Second Dialysis Conclave 2026 continued the institution’s mission to advance standards in renal replacement therapy and dialysis practice. The scientific programme aimed to broaden the scope of clinical learning, research, and technological innovation by bringing together nephrologists, dialysis technologists, researchers, and healthcare professionals involved in renal care.

Key sessions focused on:

- Dialysis in a Warming World: Strategies for a Greener Tomorrow
- Every Molecule Counts: The Flux Decision in Hemodialysis
- Good Access Isn't an Option: It is the Foundation
- Quality First: Transforming Dialysis Care Standards
- When the cure is a challenge in itself, are we equipped for the dialysis dilemmas?
- Spin It or Filter It - Does that determine outcomes?
- Pill Burden in HD: When the Tablets Outweigh the Therapy
- Industry Sessions: RCA in CRRT: Physiology, Protocols, and Practical Pitfalls
- The New Middle Ground in High Performance Dialysis- Bridging the Gap Between HD and HDF
- Filtering beyond dialysis - When Dialysis Meets Immunoabsorption
- Future and Challenges of Dialysis
- Technology in India - The Road to Efficient, Affordable, and Equitable Care.

The programme included expert lectures by distinguished faculty from across Tamil Nadu and various parts of India. Special panel discussions and structured debates enriched the academic discourse, encouraging evidence-based dialogue and critical appraisal of contemporary practices in nephrology.

Participation and Conclusion: The conclave witnessed the participation of approximately 300 delegates from across Tamil Nadu and various regions of the country, reflecting strong academic engagement and interest in advancing kidney care. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by the Organising Secretary, marking the successful completion of the Second Dialysis Conclave 2026. The conclave reaffirmed the institution’s dedication to fostering innovation, collaboration, and excellence in the delivery of comprehensive renal care.

4th Annual International Bone Marrow Failure Symposium (IBMFS 2026)



The Department of Haematology, Christian Medical College Vellore conducted the **4th Annual International Bone Marrow Failure Symposium (IBMFS 2026)** on **6th and 7th March 2026**. The symposium was attended by haematologists, paediatricians, physicians, scientists, and basic science students.

This symposium provided updates on the most recent research related to the biology and clinical management of bone marrow failure disorders, including **aplastic anaemia, Fanconi anaemia, diamond-blackfan anaemia, myelodysplastic syndrome**, and other rarer bone marrow failure syndromes. Bone marrow failure is a relatively common disorder seen in Asia, including India, yet it remains a neglected disease.

National and international clinicians and researchers delivered talks on the latest advances in the diagnosis, genetics, pathology, and treatment options for these diseases. There were over 39 national and international speakers, and more than 145 online and 164 in-person delegates, including participants from CMC, who took part in this meeting.

As part of the symposium, Poster Presentation sessions were also conducted, providing an opportunity for young researchers and students to present their work. The winners of the poster presentations are as follows: Poster Presentation – Clinical 1st Prize: Dr. Evans Sylvia Reeba, Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai.

Poster Presentation – Laboratory

1st Prize : Dr. Porkizhi Arjunan, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore

2nd Prize : Miss Sevanthi Suresh, Manipal College of Medical Sciences, Manipal

2nd Prize : Miss Abinayakumari M, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore

3rd Prize : Miss Niriksha Varadaraj, Christian Medical College Vellore

4th Prize : Mr. Mitul Sachin Oswal, Christian Medical College Vellore

4th Prize : Ms. Nehakumari Mayura, ICMR-National Institute of Immunohaematology, Mumbai.

The overall goal of this symposium was to facilitate the translation of research findings into clinical practice and improve the care of patients with bone marrow failure disorders. The programme included a mix of didactic presentations and case discussions highlighting the recognition, diagnosis, and management of rare bone marrow failure diseases. The presentations also provided background on the **aetiology, pathogenesis, differential diagnosis, and important treatment options** for these conditions.

National Science Day Celebration at CSCR

The Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR), celebrated National Science Day on 27th February 2026 paying tribute to commemorate Dr. C.V. Raman and his groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect on 28th Feb 1928. For this groundbreaking achievement, Dr. Raman became the first Asian to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

To celebrate the event, school children from various schools in and around the Vellore were invited to participate in scientific activities at CSCR. The event was organized with the objective of promoting scientific awareness and inspiring young minds and to develop an enquiring and problem-solving attitude in the students. A total number of 98 students

from various schools such as Ida Scudder, Springdays, Spark, Vanividhyalaya, Shrishti Vidhyashram and Freedom Concept school participated in the scientific activities at CSCR. Students participated very actively with great enthusiasm to explore the research facilities and asked thought-provoking questions.



Programme Highlights :

The program commenced with introductory remarks by Professor Nihal Thomas, who highlighted the significance of National Science Day and emphasized the importance of scientific thinking, innovation, and research in nation-building. He encouraged students to cultivate curiosity and develop a questioning attitude towards understanding the natural world.

Scientific Talk :

Dr. Gurbind Singh delivered an insightful talk on stem cells and gene therapy. The lecture provided valuable insights into scientific advancements in biology and precision medicine. The session was highly interactive, and students actively participated by asking thoughtful questions and sharing their perspectives.

Scholars' Perspective:

Dr. Sowmya and Mr. Riswan presented scholars' perspectives covering current trends and key areas of Stem Cell Research.

Technical Talk:

Dr. Sandya Rani delivered a talk on Advanced Microscopes and Related Activities.

Visit to CSCR Facilities:

CSCR student volunteers and research staff including Dr. Sandya Rani B, Dr. Vigneshwar, Mr. Rajesh, Mr. Mohanashankar, and Mr. Augustine Thambaiyah along with technical staff Ms. Esther Rani, Ms. Aleya Thabasum, Ms. Pavithra, Ms. Chitra, Ms. Praveena, Ms. Farzana, Mr. Ashok, Mr. Abdul, Mr. Joel, Ms. Farzana guided students through various state-of-the-art facilities such as Advanced Imaging, Flow Cytometry, Molecular core facilities, Cell Culture, Histopathology, and Good Manufacturing Practice

facilities (GMP). The facility experts and technical staff explained the functioning of major equipments and demonstrated how these technologies support cutting-edge. The visit provided the students with practical exposure to real-time research environments and enhanced their understanding of science.

The National Science Day celebration at CSCR was an enriching and experiential learning event that fostered scientific curiosity and enthusiasm among the participating students. The program served as an excellent platform to connect with young students and inspire them to be the next generation of scientific persons and contribute to the development of our nation.

Evolving Role of Dietitians and Exploring Opportunities in Nutritional Science & Dietetics



The Department of Dietetics, CMC Vellore, successfully organised a one-day pre-conference workshop titled “**Evolving Role of Dietitians and Exploring Opportunities in Nutritional Science & Dietetics**” on 25th February 2026. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO), under the aegis of the Clinical Dietetics Forum (CDF). The programme witnessed an overwhelming response, with over **360 participants** in attendance, including **more than 60 delegates who joined virtually** from various institutions across the country, reflecting the wide academic interest and national reach of the event. This brought together experts, academicians, clinical dietetics practitioners, and healthcare leaders to deliberate on contemporary challenges, innovations, and emerging opportunities in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics within quality-driven healthcare systems.

Inaugural Session

The programme commenced with a solemn Opening Prayer by Rev. Christinal, invoking divine guidance for the academic deliberations. This was followed by a melodious Prayer Song rendered by the students of Dietetics, symbolising unity, dedication, and professional commitment. The Welcome Address was delivered by **Ms. Manimegalai Sakthivel**, Chief Dietitian, CMC Vellore and Secretary – CDF CAHO. She highlighted the objectives of the workshop and emphasised the expanding and evolving role of dietitians in evidence-based, patient-centred, and quality-focused healthcare environments. The formal inauguration featured the traditional **Lamp Lighting Ceremony**, symbolising enlightenment, ethical practice, and knowledge dissemination. Participants joined in the CAHO Anthem, reaffirming their collective commitment to patient safety, accreditation standards, and excellence in healthcare delivery.

Felicitation of Dignitaries

A Felicitation Ceremony honoured distinguished dignitaries for their invaluable contributions to healthcare quality and clinical nutrition: **Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj**, Associate Director, **Dr. Suceena Alexander**, Vice Principal PG, **Dr. Bala Mukesh**, Associate Medical Superintendent, **Dr. Lallu Joseph**, Associate General Superintendent, CMC Vellore & Secretary General CAHO, **Mr. Joseph Selvaraj**, Deputy General Superintendent, **Dr. Deivasigamani Revathi**, Head, Department of Foods & Nutrition, Muthurangam Government Arts College, Vellore. Their presence added academic depth, institutional support, and inspiration to the proceedings.

Keynote Address

The keynote session was delivered by **Mr. Sudip Dey**, CDF Mentor who reflected on the journey of clinical dietetics within CAHO. Ms. Charu Dua, North Zonal Head, CDF, CAHO, Chief Dietitian, Amritha Hospital, Faridabad, felicitated the gathering virtually. They outlined the evolution of the profession, its integration within accreditation frameworks, and its direct impact on improving patient outcomes across healthcare institutions. The speakers encouraged participants to pursue continual professional development to meet the dynamic demands of modern healthcare systems.

Scientific Career Development & Practical Learning Sessions:The conference featured seven well-curated scientific sessions addressing core areas in clinical nutrition:

- 1. A Tapestry of Wellness: Nutrition & Dietetics:** Ms. Jayalakshmi K, Senior Lecturer, Department of Dietetics, CMC Vellore.
- 2. The Loom of Restoration: Malnutrition & Nutritional Carer:** Ms. Manimegalai Sakthivel, Chief Dietitian, CMC Vellore

3. **The Blueprint: Nutrition Care Process:** Ms. Vijayasree, Chief Dietitian, MGM Healthcare, Chenna
4. **A Symphony of Safe Creation: Ensuring Safety & Efficacy in Hospital Food Service:** Ms. Yamini Prakash, Chief Dietitian, Kauvery Hospital, Chennai
5. **Digital Wellness: AI in Nutrition:** Ms. Sujatha Stephen, Chief Dietitian, Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad
6. **Navigating the Career Maze: An Academician's Perspective:** Dr. Deivasigamani Revathi, Head, Department of Foods & Nutrition, Muthurangam Government Arts College, Vellore.
7. **Hands-On Training: Case Series - Speakers:** Ms. Kavitha K, Ms. Anitha M, Ms. Samundewari S, Dietitians from Dept of Dietetics, CMC Vellore.

Kahoot Quiz was organised by Ms.Sangeetha, Demonstrator during the sessions. All the participants enjoyed the quiz and participants were awarded during the Valedictory session.

Valedictory Session

The conference concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Lallu Joseph who reflected on the rich academic deliberations of the day. She emphasised interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation, and continuous professional development as essential pillars for advancing dietetics practice within tertiary care hospitals.

Conclusion

The workshop successfully reinforced the vital role of dietitians within multidisciplinary healthcare teams and highlighted emerging opportunities in clinical nutrition, quality assurance, digital innovation, and academia. The Department of Dietetics, CMC Vellore, remains committed to fostering academic excellence, professional development, and evidence-based practice in Nutrition and Dietetics.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr.Reni Charles ,General Superintendent for his continuous guidance and support and being a great motivator for our team. Truly grateful for all the speakers, dignitaries, organising members, participants. Lastly, thankful to all our senior, junior dietitians and our students who are the pillars of strength to the success of this academic initiative.

Retired Staff Prayer Fellowship

The Retired Staff Prayer Fellowship took place on 28th February 2026.

Highlights from the event:

- **Spiritual Message:** Bro. T. S. Ravikumar's reflection on "The Crown of Christ" encouraged perseverance and faith, reminding participants of the eternal rewards of a Christ-centered life.
- **Health Awareness:** Dr. Asha Solomon and the Surgical Nursing Team's session on GI Cancer provided crucial insights into early detection, preventive measures, and recognising symptoms—empowering retired staff with knowledge that could directly impact their well-being.
- **Fellowship:** With around 70 retired staff members present, the event fostered reconnection, mutual encouragement, and a sense of belonging.

It's inspiring to see how the programme combined spiritual reflection with practical health education, ensuring that participants left both uplifted and informed.



CME on Common ENT Infections

The Department of ENT and Department of Continuing Medical Education organised a CME on Common ENT Infections on 7th March, 2026. The programme was moderated by Dr. Suma Susan Mathews, Professor and Head, Department of ENT. The speakers, Dr. Rajan Sundaresan V., Dr. Shilpa Susan Mathew, Dr. Ranjeetha Racheal Inja, Dr. Manju Deena Mammen, and Dr. Preethi Rose Gurushekar discussed skull base osteomyelitis, paediatric airway infections, infections of the nose and paranasal sinuses, middle ear infections, and deep neck space infections. The program was attended by over 145 participants from 12 states and several departments in CMC. The CME Department thanks Dr. Suma Susan Mathews, speakers, and Telemedicine Department, for making the CME possible.

Sports News

- The **5th Annual Badminton Summer Coaching Camp for children of CMC staff** will be conducted at the Badminton Club, Oval Ground, Bagayam.

Dates : 13 April to 8 May, 2026 (Mon-Sat 4 weeks)

Timing : Batch A : 9.00 - 10.30 AM; Batch B: 10.30 am to 12.00 pm

Fee : Regular club members: Rs.1200/-; Non-members: Rs.1500/-

Age : 8 to 16 years.

Please use the link below to register: <https://forms.gle/F5p4ABtih9Y5Pdfx6>

For further information, please contact:

Dr. Joe Varghese (9843243682)

Dr. Latif Rajesh Johnson (9488484161)

Dr. Balu Krishna (9626262296).

- Dr. Tarun Jacob, Paediatric Surgeon, Department of Paediatric Surgery was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners of **Badminton staff tournament for the year 2025-26** on 5th March, 2026.

Results :

Badminton (Men)

Singles : Winner : Mr. Gopinath G., Transfusion Medicine

Runners-up : Mr. Ravi, Civil Engineering, Ranipet Campus

Doubles : Winners : Mr. Gopinath G., Transfusion Medicine : Mr. Kiran Kumar, O Block.

Runners - up : Mr. Ravi, Civil Engineering and Mr. Bibin Mathai, GS Office.

Veterans Single : Winner : Mr. Magendiran G., Medical Records.

Runners - up : Mr. Ramesh Krishnan, CHAD.

Veteran Doubles : Winners : Mr. Ramesh Krishnan, CHAD, Mr. Rajini, Radiology

Runners - up : Mr. Balaji V., Medical Records and Mr. Srinivasan S., Schell Hospital.



- Allied Health Sciences students performed extremely well in the **Para Medical Sports 2026** organised by Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai among Para Medical Students from 18th to 21st February, 2026.

Results :

Basket Ball (Men) - Runners up.

Basket Ball (Women) - Runners up

Throw ball (Men) - Runners up

Throw ball (Women) - Runners up

Table Tennis (Men) - Winners.

Athletics :

Relay (4X100 mts.) - 2nd place

800mts womens -1st place - Ms. Aksa S. Kalarickal (Batch of 2024 B.Sc. Accident and Emergency Care Technology).

Long Jump - 3rd place - Ms. Aksa S Kalarickal (Batch of 2024 B.Sc. Accident and Emergency Care Technology).



Special Prayers: March 15 - 21, 2026

Division of Clinical Radiology : Dr. Shyamkumar N.K. and Staff

Interventional Radiology : Dr. Shyamkumar N.K. and Staff

Radiodiagnosis : Dr. Anu Eapen and Staff

Malaysia Union Mission of SDA

Council Member : Dr. Evelyn Chan Kam Yeen

Hospital : Penang Adventist Hospital.

BMS World Mission

Council Members : Mr. Sumeet Nath

Dr. Sudhi Nath



Memoranda

- **Dr. Anitha Jasper**, Professor, is appointed as Academic Officer with effect from 8th March 2026 for a four-year term.
- **Ms. Hepsi R**, Professor of Nursing, will continue as Deputy Registrar, College of Nursing with effect from 24.02.2026 to 31.05.2026.
- **Ms. Sheeba J**, Associate Professor of Nursing, is appointed as Deputy Registrar, College of Nursing with effect from 1.06.2026 for a four-year term.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Santhosh R Benjamin**, Professor, Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic surgery has won the first prize in the E-poster category at the Annual Conference of Indian Association of Cardio-Thoracic surgeons (IACTSCON 2026) held from 26th February to 1st March 2026 at Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai.
- **Dr. Madhu Balaji Sivakumar**, Assistant Professor, Department of Cytogenetics, received the Best Oral Paper Award for his presentation titled “Does using a high-resolution chromosomal microarray improve diagnostic yield in the prenatal setting? A pilot study” at the 13th Annual Conference of the Molecular Pathology Association of India (MPAICON 2026) held from 26th to 28th February 2026 at Tata Medical Center, Kolkata.
- **Dr. Birla Roy Gnanamuthu**, Senior Professor, Department of Cardiothoracic surgery, delivered the prestigious Godrej Karai oration at the 72nd Annual conference of Indian Association of Cardiothoracic Surgery (IACTS) held at Mumbai on 28th February 2026, for his work in general thoracic surgery.

Retirements

Mrs. Mallikha Albert, Senior Grade Staff Nurse, Schell Operation Theatre, retired on 18th February, 2026 after completing 37 years of dedicated service in our institution. She had completed her General Nursing and Midwifery from Baptist Christian Hospital, Nellore, in 1988. After fulfilling her bond, she had joined our institution as a Staff Nurse in September 1989. She initially served in the Schell Eye Hospital wards for two years and was later transferred to the Operation Theatre, where she served faithfully until her retirement.

Mrs. Mallikha Albert was a pleasant, active, and hardworking staff member. She possessed sound clinical knowledge and skills and maintained good interpersonal

relationships with team members. She responsibly assumed charge in the absence of the charge nurse. She was prompt and timely in scrubbing for surgeries and demonstrated excellent assisting skills. She was proactive in anticipating emergencies and ensured that all necessary items were kept ready for procedures. She actively taught junior staff nurses and was always willing to learn new skills and procedures. She also demonstrated good patient assessment skills.

Her husband, Mr. Albert, was a retired Machine Operator from BHEL. Her elder daughter, Mrs. Merlin Sugi, had completed her B.Sc. Nursing at CMC and is working as a CART Nurse at the Ranipet Campus and is married to Mr. Sujin Edberg, who is working as a Community Health Nurse. Her younger daughter, Miss. Angelin Princy, completed her B.Sc. Nursing at CMC and is serving as a Toxicology Nurse Educator at CMC. She was blessed with two grandsons. The CMC family expresses its sincere gratitude to Mrs. Mallikha Albert for her efficient and dedicated service to the institution and wishes her God's abundant blessings in her retired life.





Mrs. Udayakumari Maran, Sr. Gr. Charge Nurse, CSSD (Main), retired on 4th February, 2026 after completing 39 years of dedicated service at our institution. She completed her General Nursing in July 1986 at the College of Nursing, CMC, Vellore, and began her career with us as a Staff Nurse, rejoining after Midwifery in August 1987. She served in E Ward, Isolation Ward, O3 East, and U Ward until December 2001. She completed PBBSc in May 1998 at the College of Nursing, CMC, Vellore, and became Ward Sister in August 1998. She was transferred to CSSD in January 2002 and continued her service there until retirement.

She was a hardworking and sincere Charge Nurse who planned and coordinated CSSD services efficiently and consistently kept her knowledge and skills updated. She was highly knowledgeable in sterilization processes and quality practices and served as a good mentor, guiding all disciplines efficiently. She managed critical situations and crises calmly, demonstrated emotional stability, and cooperated well with all cadres of staff.

Her husband, Mr. M. Maran, is a retired teacher from a private school. Her elder daughter, Ms. Priyadharshini, completed M.Sc. (Nursing) at CON, CMC, Vellore, and worked in the Specialty II Department. Her younger daughter, Ms. Jayasri, completed M.Sc. (Biochemistry) at Auxilium College and is working as an Assistant Professor at Sri Arcot Mahalakshmi Women's College. The institution gratefully acknowledges her long and dedicated service and wishes her a peaceful and fulfilling retired life.

Mr. Lazarus Raj Premkumar joined CMC in 1990 and spent his initial four years contributing to ICMR projects and working in Clinical Biochemistry as part of the CHAD Hospital team. In 1994, he joined the Department of Dermatology as a Laboratory Technician, where he became an integral part of the department's daily functioning. During his tenure in Dermatology, Mr. Lazarus made significant contributions beyond his core laboratory responsibilities. He was actively involved in the department's academic activities, taking classes for MBBS students, nursing students, HLRS trainees, and participants of exchange programmes.



He also played an important role in conducting orientation sessions for Hospital Administration and Management trainees, a responsibility he carried out until 2014. Committed to safety and professional excellence, he served as the Safety Officer for the Department of Dermatology. Demonstrating his initiative and willingness to expand his expertise, he also trained in clinical photography in Bangalore, enabling him to capture high-quality clinical images for patient documentation and academic purposes.

Mr. Lazarus also contributed to institutional service through his leadership role as Secretary of the General Services Board from 2019 to 2021. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Lazarus is supported by his loving family, his wife Lydia Margaret and their two sons, Jeremiah and Jayden.

We are deeply grateful for his years of dedication, commitment, and service to CMC. Through his work, enthusiasm for teaching, and willingness to support the department in many capacities, he made himself an indispensable part of our team. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed as he enters this new chapter of retirement.

We wish Mr. Lazarus and his family every blessing, good health, and happiness in the years ahead.

Obituaries

- **Professor O.A. Cherian**, father of Dr. O.C. Abraham (Retd. Professor, Medicine), Dr. Vinoo Mathew Cherian (Retd. Professor, Orthopedics), father-in-law of Dr. Susanne Pulimood (Professor, Dermatology), Dr. Suja Kurien (Retd. Professor, Psychiatry), grandfather of Dr. Nithin Abraham (Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology) and Dr. Aleena Sara Mathew (Assistant Professor, Radiology), passed away on 5th March 2026 in Kerala. Let us uphold the bereaved family members in our prayers.
- **Mr. Devaskutty K.V.**, father of Ms. Resy K, Jr. Clinical Pharmacist, Pharmacy Department, passed away on 8th March 2026. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. Rajasekar Babu**, husband of Mrs. Pusalapati Badma, HHKA, M2 Ward, father of Ms. Archana, Staff Nurse, C Ward, passed away on 8th March, 2026. Let us uphold the bereaved family members in our prayers.
- **Mrs. Sophy Kuriakose**, wife of late Dr. E.T. Kuriakose, mother of Dr. Thomas Kuriakose (Retd. Professor, Department of Ophthalmology), mother-in-law of Mrs. Jenny John Thomas (Retd. Estate Manager, Christian Medical College Vellore), grandmother of Dr. Naveen Kuriakose Thomas (Asst. . Professor, Neurosurgery) and Dr. Nimmy Thomas (Asst. Professor, Ophthalmology), passed away on 9th March 2026 in Kerala. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. John Mathew**, father of Dr. John K. Mathew, Associate Professor, Anatomy Department, passed away on 11th March, 2026. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Mercy Mathew, sons Dr. John K. Mathew and Mr. Koshy K. Mathew, daughters-in-law Dr. Minu and Mrs. Angelina, grandchildren 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. Demonstrator (NM) (Term Post) with M.Sc. Food and Nutrition for the Department of RUHSA

Salary : As per Institutional Rules.

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 **March 21, 2026.**

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

2. AHS Medial Lab Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of Neurological Sciences (Neuropathology)

Preference will be given to candidates with work experience in Histopathology and Cytology techniques.

Qualifications : B.Sc., (MLT) from the Recognized University.

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : Below 30 Years.

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/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

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

Applications will close on **March 23, 2026.**

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

3. Electrician Gr.IV for the Department of Electrical Engineering

Qualification : SSLC + 2 years Govt. ITI certificate + B License.

Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit : 35 years and below.

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

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

Apply on or before **March 18, 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.*