



Christian Medical College Vellore

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For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Dr. D.J. Christopher's Superannuation: A Legacy of Vision, Service, and Faith

The Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore, honours the legacy of **Dr. D.J. Christopher** at his superannuation. He is a pioneer in pulmonology in India, a visionary leader, and has given exemplary service and unwavering commitment to the institution. Through a life of distinguished service, he has left an enduring legacy across generations of students, colleagues and countless patients,

Early Life and Training:

Dr. Christopher completed his schooling at TVS Lakshmi Higher Secondary School and was admitted to the MBBS course at CMC Vellore, in 1980, and became part of the twin batch of 1979-80. After completing MBBS, he fulfilled his service obligation at the CSI Kalyani Hospital, Chennai (1986–1988). He went on to pursue his DTCD at Madras Medical College (1989–1991) and subsequently joined the Department of Chest Diseases at our institution under Dr. Debidas Ray. He appeared for the DNB exam in 1992 and was the second person in the state to be awarded the DNB degree in Respiratory Diseases.



125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



DID YOU KNOW?

Surgeon. Mountaineer. Olympic Gold Medalist-Dr. Theodore Howard Somervell.

Dr. Theodore Howard Somervell, former Associate Professor of General Surgery, was an Olympic gold medalist in mountaineering at the 1924 Chamonix Games.

Building a Department and a Discipline:

When Dr. Ray retired in 1992, the Department of Chest Diseases was amalgamated with Medicine Unit-II, under the headship of Dr. A M Cherian. Over the next 34 years, he would go on to rebuild, redefine, and firmly establish Pulmonary Medicine as a leading discipline within the institution and the country. Since 2014, multiple rankings have consistently placed the department as the 3rd best after AIIMS, Delhi and PGIMER (Chandigarh) and the best in the private sector in the country.

After working in the Medicine unit -II for 5 years, he proceeded on study leave (1997–2000). He first went to the United Kingdom to undertake a fellowship in interventional pulmonology under Dr. Jeremy George at University College London Hospitals. He then joined the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at the University of Adelaide, South Australia, and completed advanced training in Respiratory Medicine. While he was there, for his contribution to teaching and research, he was awarded the clinical title of ‘Lecturer, University of Adelaide’, which is seldom offered to those in training.

Upon his return in 2000, he led the revival of the Department of Pulmonary Medicine, establishing it on robust clinical foundations, academic excellence, and a clear long-term vision. The department grew in stature, and in 2019, it was divided into 2 departments. The department of Respiratory Medicine, with its MD programme serving the needs of the Vellore town campus, and the department of Pulmonary Medicine, moved to the Ranipet campus.

Professional excellence:

As a clinician, Dr. Christopher was known for his astute judgment and compassionate care. He leads multidisciplinary discussions in patient management and is a widely sought-after speaker. He has delivered numerous guest lectures in conferences, symposia and workshops. In recognition of his contributions, he was awarded the Dronacharya award for exceptional CME contributions in the field of Pulmonary & Respiratory medicine by the health minister of the central government during the CME Excellence Summit & Awards organised by the Integrated Health & Wellness council. He has delivered several orations in major conferences. He has been an examiner in several premier institutions, including AIIMS, New Delhi. During department building, his approach, strengthening fundamentals before expanding into advanced subspecialties, led to consciously delaying the establishment of interventional pulmonology services until 2009, even though he had received international training in this field. He is a skilled interventional bronchoscopist and thoracoscopist. He has trained and mentored generations of pulmonologists, many of whom attribute their procedural skills to his teaching and guidance. He has been a member of 14 National guidelines committees covering: Pneumonia, Interstitial lung disease, Asthma, COPD, COVID-19, Spirometry, Bronchoscopy, Thoracoscopy and EBUS. He chaired the pleural diseases guidelines committee, and this exercise was hosted at CMC, Vellore. He has so far received Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Indian Association of Paediatrics and the Coimbatore Respiratory Society.

Transforming Education and Training:

His contributions to education have been transformative. He initiated and nurtured multiple academic programs at CMC, including the PG Diploma in Advanced Respiratory Therapy (2004), DNB Respiratory Diseases (2006), the highly rated Diploma in Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (DAA) (2006, 20 batches have graduated), Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Pulmonology (2009) and in Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (2011), MD Respiratory medicine (2011), BSc Respiratory Therapy (2014), and DM Pulmonary Medicine (2019). The diploma in allergy and asthma (DAA) has become one of the most important initiatives, leading to the establishment of ‘Allergy’ as a subspecialty in the country. Recognising the lack of opportunities for focused allergy updates in the country, for those who pass out of the

DAA course, he conceived the Allergocon conference, which has now become the annual national conference of Allergy and Asthma, and seven successful conferences have so far been held. He also led nationally impactful training initiatives in spirometry, bronchoscopy, and thoracoscopy, including a unique 5-day hands-on course that he conceptualised.

Service Beyond CMC: Mission Hospitals

He was passionate about supporting the mission hospitals. He was instrumental in commencing pulmonology services at several mission hospitals—most notably at the Kotagiri Medical Fellowship Hospital. Through his vision and initiative, the department today regularly supports five mission hospitals. This commitment has now become ingrained in the DNA of the junior faculty and trainees, resulting in a culture of care and concern for the mission hospitals.

Research contributions:

Dr. Christopher has performed research across the spectrum of respiratory diseases, but TB research was his passion. His work in clinical trials and translational research has led to global collaborations, such as the RePORT consortium, a collaborative venture between the NIH, USA, and DBT, India, of which he was the Indian Chair. Global Burden of Disease studies. He has done pioneering work in Indian healthcare worker TB and novel TB diagnostics. He is a steering committee member of the R2D2 (Rapid research in diagnostics development) consortium, which is globally the most prolific group in TB diagnostics. He currently serves as Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT), Chennai, and thus plays a key role in guiding TB research in India. He has over 300 peer-reviewed publications with over 1,40,000 citations. He has been consistently listed among the top 2% of scientists globally by Stanford University in the field of pulmonology (since 2022).

National Leadership & contributions:

He is a member of the ICMR committee that drafted the Standard Treatment Workflows on Management of Respiratory Disorders and Acute Respiratory Illnesses. He is a technical expert on the committee tasked with creating Health Benefit Packages under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). He has been a member of multiple ICMR and DBT committees. He was a member of the World Health Organisation (WHO) COVID-19 Respiratory Support Working Group and the COVID-19 Clinical Management and Characterisation Research group.

His influence extended nationwide through his roles in various national societies. He was the founder President of the Indian Association of Respiratory Care (2005). He was deeply passionate about and was instrumental in advancing the role of respiratory therapists nationally, helping shape the Indian Association of Respiratory Care (IARC), which is a vibrant society today. He was the zonal chairman of the Indian Chest Society for 2 terms and then its President.

During his tenure as president, the society advanced substantially, and he was instrumental in revising its constitution after 50 yrs. At the request of the current leadership, he currently serves as its Research Chair. To advance respiratory research in India, he signed an MOU on behalf of the Indian Chest Society with the American Thoracic Society to bring the coveted MECOR (Methods in epidemiologic, clinical and operational research) programme to India.

The ATS–ICS MECOR India program is an initiative of the American Thoracic Society that creates a platform for training young professionals in high-quality respiratory research. Dr Christopher currently serves as its Course Director, a role he has held for the past five years, during which time it has become the most successful MECOR programme globally. He is also a member of the governing council of the Indian Association of Bronchology.

Centre of Excellence and departmental recognition:

Under his leadership, the department achieved significant academic recognitions. The department was recognised as an ICMR Collaborating Centre of Excellence in Tuberculosis Research, designating him as the PI. The World Allergy Organisation (WAO) recognised the department as a Centre of Excellence in Allergy under the directorship of Dr D J Christopher. This is the first such recognition for an Indian centre. This has placed the department on the global allergy map.

Institutional Leadership and Administration:

Dr. Christopher also made significant contributions to the CMC administration. He was appointed as Deputy Medical Superintendent (2006-10) for the new campus initiative, to plan the Kannigapuram campus. This was perhaps the first administrative position created for the Ranipet campus. During his tenure, preliminary plans for the campus and the departments to be moved were finalised. As Associate Director (Human Resources) from 2012 to 2016, he was instrumental in setting up several important HR initiatives, such as: creation of parallel hospital promotional avenue for medical faculty affected by cadre crunch, creating parity of faculty with DNB degrees with those MD/MS degree, increase of the duration of maternity leave and creation of part-time employment for medical faculty, During his tenure the policies for study leave and other funded overseas training opportunities were revised and the eligibility was extended to more staff categories. He was assigned to oversee the Quality Management Cell for 9 months, during which the institution received the first NABH accreditation in the country. He was instrumental in establishing Occupational Health services, believing that both patient safety and occupational health are important in a healthcare facility. He has served on the Scientific Committee of the Institutional Review Board at CMC for over 15 years and contributed to the quality and governance of research in CMC.

Leadership, Faith, and Legacy:

A visionary leader, Dr. Christopher believed in building systems and people. He believed in people and offered them opportunities to develop; consequently, a strong second-line leadership was in place. This culture was extended not only to the medical staff, but to all groups, such as nurses, respiratory therapists, etc. He understood that everyone had aspirations for their future, and this should not be overlooked. His openness to listen and ability to provide timely solutions earned him deep respect and trust.

Beyond his professional achievements, he is remembered for his deep faith in God and for reminding his teammates of the need to trust God during difficult times. Thus, integrity in action, a commitment to truth, justice, and equity, became part of the work life of the department. His concern for the underprivileged found expression in departmental outreach, including annual Christmas visits to orphanages to share the love of Christ with the less privileged.

Family:

Mrs. Manju Christopher, his wife, serves the institution as the Hospital Operations Manager at CMC. They are blessed with three children: Dr. Shona, a pulmonologist trained at CMC and is currently settled at Bengaluru with her husband Mr. Johnny Peter, the Principal Software Engineer at India Satcom Limited, Bengaluru; Mr. Johan Jesudas Christopher, their son is a Senior Manager at Shriram Finance Limited, Chennai, and is married to Mrs. Gabriela Shiny, Senior Project Controller at TÜV NORD Group; and Ms. Surina Christopher works in HR consulting with Artifex, Chennai. They are also blessed with two granddaughters, Anna Christelle Johnny and Shiona Chrisselle Johnny.

As Dr. D.J. Christopher steps into retirement, the CMC community celebrates not just a distinguished career but a life lived with purpose, humility, and faith. His legacy continues in the department he built, the institution he served, the people he mentored, and the countless lives he touched.

We thank God for his life and service and wish him and his family a blessed and fulfilling season ahead.

“Well done, good and faithful servant...” — Matthew 25:23

The Lenten Musical Eve - 2026 at CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus

The Lenten Musical Eve, held on 21st March 2026 at the College of Nursing Ground, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus, was planned to bring together our CMC Staff and families from across all the CMC Campuses – an Inter-campus-fellowship initiative. It aimed at bringing various CMC Campus choirs to sing and lead in reflection on the Lenten season's theme. It also brought together the wider CMC Vellore community to witness the larger work of CMC in the Chittoor Campus.

The programme began with an instrumental introit by the Ensemble. Dr. Uday Zachariah, Associate Director, Chittoor Campus, extended greetings to the gathering. The evening featured a series of Lenten-choral presentations from the College Choir (Bagayam), ASHA, the Town Campus choirs (English, Tamil, and Telugu), the College of Nursing Choir (KPTR), the Ranipet Chapel Choir, and the Chittoor Chapel Choir. Each choir brought its own expression to the Lenten theme, creating an atmosphere of contemplation and devotion. A free-will offering was received towards the building of the College of Nursing Chapel. The event concluded with a note of thanks and a closing prayer by Rev. Dr. Finney Alexander, Head of Chaplaincy.

This solemn moment was followed by a joyful fellowship dinner, allowing the community to build connections in love. The beauty of the evening reflected the strong inter-campus collaboration and the dedication of all involved, leaving the community enriched by a shared experience of faith, worship and unity.

The event was organised jointly by the Chaplaincy, the College of Nursing (CON) Chittoor, and the Admin, the staff and students of Chittoor Campus.



Magnetic resonance guided focused ultrasound in CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus

Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore has achieved a landmark milestone by successfully performing Magnetic Resonance-guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) for the treatment of Parkinson's disease for the first time at this institution. Two patients underwent this advanced, non-invasive procedure and are reported to be doing well. This achievement marks a key milestone for the Centre for Advanced Neurotechnology (CAN) at CMC Vellore, established through a generous grant from the Vattikuti Foundation.

MRgFUS is a cutting-edge, incision-free therapeutic technique that uses precisely focused ultrasound waves guided by real-time MRI imaging to target and treat deep brain structures responsible for the motor symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The procedure offers patients a safe and effective alternative to conventional surgical approaches, with minimal recovery time. It is additionally planned to be used for other movement disorders and some form of epilepsies and psychiatric disorders.

This achievement was the result of a truly collaborative effort by the Department of Neurological Sciences — encompassing Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Neuroanaesthesia — together with the Department of Radiology. The multidisciplinary team worked in close coordination to ensure the highest standards of patient care.

CMC Vellore now stands as only the fourth centre in India to offer this state-of-the-art facility, placing it among a select group of institutions at the forefront of advanced neurological care in the country. This development reflects the institution's ongoing commitment to bringing world-class, patient-centred therapeutic innovations to the people of India.

CMC Vellore congratulates the entire team involved in this historic achievement and looks forward to expanding access to this transformative treatment for patients with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions.

1st Onsite Course on Management of Medical Disorders in Pregnancy

The onsite contact course on management of medical disorders in pregnancy was conducted for the 1st batch of Blended Learning Fellowship in Obstetric Medicine candidates from 9th March to 31st March, bringing together 41 doctors from Government medical colleges and district hospitals across Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. The sessions were a collaborative effort by the departments of Medicine 3 & Obstetric Medicine, Distance Education, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Critical Care and Anaesthesiology, in partnership with the state governments of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

The course had a wide range of clinically relevant interactive sessions with case-based discussions focusing on real-world scenarios, multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings to foster collaborative care, workshops on communication skills and medical ethics, appraising evidence-based medicine to strengthen clinical decision-making and training in quality improvement initiatives. Participants received practical training in Point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), management of critically ill obstetric patients, use of non-invasive ventilation (NIV) and clinical exposure to patient care in authentic settings.

The course was marked by high levels of engagement and enthusiasm, with participants actively contributing to discussions and skill-building sessions. Feedback from attendees indicated that the training was both relevant and impactful, equipping them with valuable tools to improve patient care in their respective institutions. We thank the Lord and the collaborators who were key to making these sessions a success.



CME & Alumni Reunion 2026 for the Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy

The Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy at CMC Vellore, successfully conducted a two-day Continuing Medical Education program and alumni reunion on the 13th and 14th of February 2026 at the Bagayam campus.

The event commenced on 13th February with a Symposium on Cutaneous Infections: Navigating the Challenges in honour of Dr. Susanne Pulimood, featuring a comprehensive scientific program addressing diagnostic and therapeutic issues in dermatology. Sessions covered a wide range of topics, including vaccinations before biologics, complex cutaneous infections, infections in special populations, and advances in diagnostic techniques. The symposium brought together experts from various subspecialties.

A Dermatology Scientific Meeting and Alumni Reunion was conducted on 14th February, which included engaging panel discussions on contemporary dermatology practice, biologics versus conventional therapy, and the evolving landscape of aesthetic and clinical dermatology. Alumni across generations participated in reflective sessions, fostering meaningful academic and professional exchange.

A highlight of the event was a special session held in honour of Dr. Susanne A. Pulimood, celebrating her remarkable contributions to dermatology, medical education, and patient care. The tribute program featured addresses by institutional leaders, colleagues, students, and alumni, reflecting on her enduring impact as a mentor and clinician. The CME concluded with a thanksgiving service and fellowship activities, marking not only an enriching academic experience but also a celebration of legacy, learning, and community within the CMC dermatology family.



College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus Lamp Lighting Ceremony 2026



The Lamp Lighting Ceremony of the seventh batch of B.Sc. Nursing students (Batch of 2025) of the College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus was conducted with solemn dignity and professional significance on the 24th March 2026 in the Multipurpose Hall, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus. The programme began with a procession of the guests, faculty, and student nurses, symbolising their formal entry into the noble profession of nursing. A call to worship by Dr. Pastin Pushpa Rani P, Vice Principal, and the subsequent congregational hymn set the spiritual tone for the occasion. It was followed by Scripture reading by Ms. Annie K. Princy, RAC, President of the Student Nurses' Association, which reflected the essence of the Lamp Lighting Ceremony, reminding the nurses of their call to be a light to the needy and suffering. The Chief Guest, Dr. Vathsala Sadan, Former Dean, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, congratulated the nursing students who stepped into the profession of Nursing. In her address, she highlighted three unique characteristics of light: Showing the way, sacrificing the self, and brightness arising from the core, and encouraged students to apply these characteristics in their professional lives. She alluded to three core values: Commitment (what we owe to God), Competence (what we owe to ourselves), and Compassion (what we owe to the people under our care).

The Charge to the lamp lighting batch was delivered by Mrs. Nirmala Margaret P, the Principal of the College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus, reminding them of their call to serve. The felicitation was delivered by the Guest of Honour, Dr. Vikram Mathews, Former Director, Christian Medical College Vellore. He encouraged the nursing students to pause and express heartfelt gratitude to the Lord, their parents, and teachers who made their professional journey possible. He alluded to the extraordinary care rendered by Florence Nightingale and reminded students of the indispensable role played by them in healthcare. He encouraged them to embody qualities of dedication, empathy, sincerity, and integrity that can sustain them throughout their careers. This was followed by the lighting of the Nightingale lamp by Dr. Vikram Mathews and the lighting of the college lamp by the faculty of the College of Nursing.



The most solemn moment of the ceremony was the presentation of the lamps to students by Mrs. Nirmala Margaret P, Principal, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus, and Prof. Alice Sony, Nursing Superintendent, Christian Medical College Vellore, symbolising the passing on of the knowledge, skill, and spirit of nursing. With a little lamp in their hands, students took a pledge and sang a song of dedication. Rev. Giftus Joshua, the Chaplain, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus, offered the dedication prayer, seeking divine guidance and strength for the students as they begin their clinical training and professional journey. The programme concluded with the recession, marking the successful completion of this meaningful milestone in the lives of the budding nurses.

The Lamp Lighting Ceremony 2026 served as a memorable and inspiring occasion, symbolising the transition of students into the nursing profession, committed to service, excellence, and compassionate care.

Trauma First Responder Programme (TFRP)

The Department of Trauma Surgery at Christian Medical College Vellore, under the aegis of Indian Society for Trauma and Acute Care, successfully conducted its Inaugural Trauma First Responder Programme (TFRP) on 12th February 2026. Organized in collaboration with the Department of Hospital Management Studies and Staff Training & Development, the programme saw enthusiastic participation from 50 in-house administrative staff members.

Building on this success, the Second TFRP was conducted on 24th March 2026 at the Ranipet Campus of CMC Vellore, with 30 administrative staff members participating actively. The session focused on Trauma response techniques, Emergency coordination, and life-saving interventions.

The training emphasized the life-saving significance of the Golden Hour, highlighting how prompt and appropriate action during trauma or accidents can make a critical difference. Through a blend of expert lectures and hands-on training, participants were equipped with:

- Essential first response skills
- Clear understanding of emergency do's and don'ts
- Confidence to act swiftly in critical situations



Workshop on GRADE & Evidence to Decision

The Clinical Epidemiology Unit (CEU) & Technical Resource Hub (TRH), CMC Vellore, Under Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), organised a two days' workshop on "GRADE & Evidence to Decision" from the 24th & 25th March, 2026 at the CHTC Lecture Hall, Bagayam Campus, CMC Vellore.

The inauguration ceremony of the GRADE & Evidence to Decision Workshop commenced with a word of prayer by Rev. Vanisha, Chaplain, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Vignesh Kumar, Professor, Coordinator, CEU. Dr. Thambu David, Senior Professor, CEU, welcomed the participants and provided a brief introduction about the CEU and the workshop. This was followed by Dr. Mohan S. Kamath, Principal Investigator of the Technical Resource Hub, Head and Senior Professor, Department of Reproductive Medicine & Surgery, and Director, Cochrane India Affiliate, CMC Vellore, who gave an overview of the Department of Health Research, Technical Resource Hub, its scope of activities, and the workshop. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Mohan S. Kamath

The workshop was conducted over two days, covering key concepts and practical applications of GRADE and Evidence to Decision for an interventional study design.

Day 1 focused on the foundational concepts of guideline development and evidence appraisal. The sessions began with an overview of PICO, study designs, and the guideline development process. This was followed by a critical appraisal of randomised controlled trials and systematic reviews using standardised tools such as AMSTAR. The day further introduced the GRADE approach through CORE GRADE sessions, along with hands-on training in RevMan and GRADEpro software for evidence assessment and synthesis..

Day 2 emphasised the application of GRADE and the Evidence to Decision (EtD) framework in guideline development. The sessions included practical exercises using GRADEpro, critical appraisal of clinical guidelines using the AGREE II tool, and advanced CORE GRADE concepts focusing on EtD. Participants also engaged in practical sessions for EtD formulation, explored the use of GRADE for interventional study designs, and discussed the interpretation and conclusiveness of evidence, concluding with feedback and closing remarks.

The workshop faculty team included Dr. Thambu David (Senior Professor, CEU), Dr. Mohan S. Kamath (Professor, RMU), Dr. Vignesh Kumar (Professor, CEU), Dr. Tina George (Professor, CEU), Dr. Anna Paul (Associate Professor, CEU), Dr. Anuka Abraham and Dr. Hallel Reba (Assistant Professor, CEU). The sessions were highly interactive, encouraging active participation from attendees. A total of 32 participants attended the workshop, including 16 participants from other institutions across India. The participants expressed appreciation for the well-structured sessions and showed keen interest in attending future workshops organised by the department. The department extends its gratitude to all resource persons, the Principal's Office for their support, and the Telemedicine and Online Teams for ensuring the smooth conduct of the workshop.



Career Guidance Programme for Grade 12 Students

The Personnel Department successfully organised a Career Guidance Programme for Grade 12 students, children of staff members, at Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building. A total of 72 students participated in the initiative. The programme aimed to provide clarity and confidence as students prepare for entrance examinations and future career choices. Sessions focused on self-reflection, identifying strengths, and equipping students to face challenges with resilience. Highlights included sessions on personal excellence and career guidance. Students also received guidance on course options, focused study, and finding purpose in their career journey. The sessions were led by Col. Dr. Paul Prathap, HR Consultant, Chennai, whose engaging and thought-provoking delivery was highly appreciated. The programme was commended for its relevance and timely support in guiding students toward informed and meaningful career decisions.



Sports News

• Staff Sports Volleyball Tournament

Dr. Prakash SS, Professor, Department of Biochemistry was the chief guest and distributed the prizes to the winners of Volleyball staff tournament for the year 2025-26 on 21st March, 2026.

Results :

Winners : Paul Brand Ortho OR

Runners up : GS Office



- **Allied Health Sciences Sports Day**

AHS sports was conducted on 21st March, 2026, at Oval Ground. Dr Inian S, Professor and Head, General Surgery, was the Chief Guest in the AHS Sports day and distributed awards to the winners and addressed the gathering. Dr. R. Balaganesan welcomed and proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Results:

Overall Championship : Accident and Emergency Medicine

Individual Championship (For Men) : Mr. Prem Prakash, (Bachelor's in Optometry), Mr. Dheepak Raj, (B.Sc. Operation Theatre and Anaesthesia Technology)

Individual Championship (For Women) : Ms. Aksa S Kalarickal, (BSc Accident and Emergency Care Technology)



Special Prayers: April 05 - 11, 2026

Medical Superintendent's Office, Private Consultation Facility, Alpha Clinic, Information Reception & Main Enquiry, International Relations Office and Hospital Infection Control Committee : Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff



Welcome

- **Dr. Joy John Mammen**, Sr. Professor, Department of Immuno Hematology and Blood Transfusion, on return from sabbatical leave.
- **Dr. Subramani K**, Sr. Professor, Department of Critical Care Medicine, on return from sabbatical leave.
- **Dr. Rohit Ninan Benjamin**, Professor, Department of Neurosciences, on return from study leave.
- **Dr. Felix Jebasingh K**, Professor, Department of Endocrinology, on return from sabbatical leave.
- **Dr. Rohit Amritanand**, Professor, Spine Surgery, on return from sabbatical leave.

Laurels & Recognitions

The **Department of Dermatology** made a commendable mark at DERMACON 2026, securing several accolades. Dr. Jewett Paul was awarded the second prize in the IADV L PG thesis-based e-poster category under the guidance of Dr. Dincy Peter CV. Dr. Tessa, mentored by Dr. Dharshini Satish, secured the third prize in the same category. Dr. Dharshini was also awarded for the best published Letter to the Editor in 2025 in the International Dermatology Online Journal.

- **Mr. S. Selvakumar**, Sel. Gr. Graduate Respiratory Therapist II, has been awarded the Third Prize in the "Oral presentation competition" held on 29th March, 2026 at ABIP conference-2026.
- **Mrs. D. Anusuya**, Sel. Gr. Graduate Respiratory Therapist I, has qualified the examination conducted by Indian Board of Sleep Medicine and has met the requirements of the Board for competence in all technical aspects of polysomnography and hereby enrolled as a Certified Sleep Technician (CST).
- **Ms. Josephine Mercy Rani**, Social worker, Grade 1, Department of Medical Oncology, was honoured with the Best Social Worker Award during the World Social Work Day celebration (March 21, 2026) organized by the PG & Research Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli.

Obituaries

- **Mr. Henry Rajendran**, Retd. Senior Pharmacist, CMC Vellore, passed away on 31st March, 2026. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Udayini Silvia, daughters Mrs. Deborah Rajendran, Ms. Hannah Rajendran and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. James Isaac**, father of Mrs. Juliet Mainson, (Charge Nurse, D 302 and D 304 in CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus) passed away on 2nd April, 2026. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Nancy, son-in-law, Mr. Mainson A. (Sr. Sel.Gr. Pharmacist) and all the family members in our prayers.
- **Mr. Ranjith Kumar**, husband of Mrs. R. Suganya, Staff Nurse, (Neuro ICU), CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus, passed away on 3rd April, 2026. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. R. Suganya, sons Prethesh, Keshan and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mrs. Mridula L. Tirkey**, mother of Dr. Amit Jiwan Tirkey, (Professor, Head and Neck Surgery Unit 2), passed away on 4th April, 2026. The funeral service will be held at Ranchi, Jharkhand on 7th April, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. Let us uphold her daughter-in-law Dr. Richa S. Tirkey, grandsons Rishan and Ayansh Tirkey, and all the bereaved family members in our prayers.

Upcoming Events

- **72nd Early Management of Trauma Course (EMTC) for doctors and nurses.** The course is scheduled on 11th, 12th & 13th May, 2026. As there has been a great demand for the same, seats are restricted to 30 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The registration fee is Rs.7000/-. For further details, contact. Mr. Senthil Kumar, Secretary, Department of Emergency Medicine - Phone No.2225.

For Registration : <https://forms.gle/fU7WASQL4B3Ew48R6>

- **10th Emergency Sonology Workshop (POCUS) for doctors.**

The workshop is scheduled on 14th May 2026 in Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore Campus. The entry is restricted to a maximum of 30 candidates on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration fee is Rs.3500/-.

For registration : <https://forms.gle/GBC7NYrAADrLQWjo9>

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

Situations Vacant

Click the following link to view the vacancies
<https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

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

1. Assistant Professor with DM / DrNB (Neonatology) for the Department of Neonatology

Salary : As Per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Subject to Availability).

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 **April 18, 2026.**

2. Associate Research Officer for the Department of Nephrology

Job Code : 1652

Qualification : MBBS / BDS / B.Sc. / M.Sc. (Life Sciences or Nursing) / B. Pharm / MPH / M. Pharm. (Regular) / from a recognized university.

Candidates must have at least 2 years' experience in bench research and diagnostics.

Salary : As per Institutional Rules. **Mode of Appointment :** Project Mode.

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 **April 15, 2026.**

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

3. Jr. Instrument Technician (Term Appointment) for the Chittoor Clinical Unit

Qualifications : H.Sc., with Two Year Diploma in Urology Technician Course (2 Years).

Preference will be given to those who have two years experience.

Age Limit : 30 years. **Consolidated Pay :** As per institutional rules.

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 **April 13, 2026.**

4. MCTT Gr.III in the OP Services

Qualifications: Graduate and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Jr. MCTT (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

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

Age Limit : Below 35 years. **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 **April 13, 2026.**

5. Jr. Molecular Genetic / Cytogenetic Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of Haematology

Qualification : B.Sc., Life science with 2 Year PG Diploma in Applied Molecular Genetic Techniques / Cytogenetics.

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.

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

Applications will close on April 20, 2026.

6. Project Technical Support III (External Designation – Project) & Lab Technician (External Designation – Project) for the Department of Haematology

Qualifications :

Project Technical Support III : B.Sc., MLT / Health Sciences / Life Sciences.

Lab Technician : B.Sc., MLT / Life Sciences.

Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will not be accepted.

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : Below 35 Years.

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

Applications will close on April 20, 2026.

7. Jr. Dietitian (Term Appointment) for the Chittoor Clinical Unit

Qualifications : PG Diploma in Dietetics / Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics / Food Science & Nutrition / Food Service Management & Dietetics. The candidates should have Dietetics / Food Science and Nutrition or Home Science degree at undergraduate level (or)

M.Sc., in Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics / Food Science & Nutrition / Food Service Management & Dietetic with B.Sc., degree in Nutrition & Dietetics / Food and Nutrition.

Note : *Only from Recognized University / Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.*

Consolidated Pay: As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : 30 years.

Job Description : To provide Nutritional care for patients.

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

Applications will close on April 13, 2026.

8 Jr. Administrative Assistant (Term) for the Department of General Services – Facility Management Section - CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus

Qualifications : Graduate + 1 year PGDHA (or equivalent) (or) 3 years of experience in CMC (Regular) (or) FHA (or equivalent) ie., FHQM, PGDCHM. PGDHEPFM).

Age limit : 30 years and below.

Consolidated Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

Job Description : The ideal candidate should possess a PGDHA (or equivalent) / FHA (or equivalent). The candidate must possess the capability to assist in the operations of all General Services effectively. Excellent communication skills are essential, alongside the ability to assist in organising and executing managerial decisions. The candidate should demonstrate proficiency in coordinating various administrative activities, managing personnel, and exhibiting strong interpersonal skills. Additionally, the individual must be adept at conducting audits, surveys, and assessments, as well as generating comprehensive reports.

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final Year Students are not eligible. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered.

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

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

Applications will close on **April 15 2026**.

9. Management Assistant (Term) for the Department of General Services

Qualification : Graduate / BE / B. Tech / MBBS + MBA* - Finance, HR, HA, MM & Others** / MHA / M.Phil HHSM*** / PG DM / PGDBA / PGDPM / PGDPM & IR 2-year full time course - approved by AICTE & Certified by AIU as equivalent to MBA & 2 years' experience.

Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit : 30 years and below.

Job Description : The ideal candidate should possess an MHA and have experience in hospital management functions. Must demonstrate the capability to manage the daily operations of General Services, including Facility Management, Transport, Logistics, Food and Beverages, Residential Management, Landscape Management, and Amenities Management. Strong communication skills are essential, along with the ability to solve problems effectively. The candidate should be proficient in planning, organizing, and executing managerial decisions, coordinating various administrative activities, managing personnel, and exhibiting excellent interpersonal skills.

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.

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

Applications will close on **April 15, 2026**.

10. Jr. Administrative Asst. (Term) for the Department of Prosthetic & Orthotic Service – PMR

Qualification : Graduate + 1 year PGDHA (or equivalent) (or) 3 years of experience in CMC (Regular) (or) FHA (or equivalent) ie., FHQM, PGDCHM. PGDHEPFM).

Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit : 30 years and below.

Job Description : To maintain the Prosthetic & Orthotic (P&O) Stores, ordering of materials, Inventory Management using software.

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.

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

Applications will close on **April 15, 2026.**

11. Jr. Engineer (Term) for the Department of Telemedicine Office

Qualification : Diploma in Electrical & Electronics.

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

Job Preference : Preference will be given to candidates with prior experience in hosting online meetings using various online platforms, experience in setting up, operating and troubleshooting videoconferencing (VC) systems for live events and hybrid conferences.

Job Description :

- Setting up the equipment in programme venue.
- Conducting the video conference.
- Ensure smooth functioning and trouble Shooting.
- Support the existing engineer in daily operation.

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.

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

Applications will close on **April 15, 2026.**

12. Jr. Driver (Term) for the Department of Ophthalmology

Qualification : S.S.L.C. + HMV License.

Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

Accommodation : Not provided.

Note : Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered.

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

Applications will close on **April 15, 2026.**