



Christian Medical College Vellore

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Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

CMC Vellore Signs MoU with Panacea Medical Technologies



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Christian Medical College Vellore, and Panacea Medical Technologies Pvt. Ltd. was signed on Saturday, 4th April 2026. The MoU was signed on behalf of CMC Vellore by the Principal, Dr. Solomon Sathiskumar, who congratulated the teams from Panacea Medical Technologies and the Department of Radiation Oncology for spearheading this unique initiative. Panacea Medical Technologies is an India-based company engaged in the development and manufacture of radiation therapy and diagnostic radiology technologies, contributing directly to the national Make in India initiative.

This academia–industry partnership is built on shared core values, a strong commitment to patient-centred care, and a common vision of making advanced medical treatments more affordable and accessible.

Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram, Head of the Department of Radiation Oncology, noted that by combining Panacea’s technological expertise with CMC Vellore’s world-class clinical excellence, the collaboration aims to launch multiple transformative initiatives in the field of Radiation Oncology.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



Dr. Hilda Lazarus was the first Indian woman inducted into the Women’s Medical Service and later became the first Indian Principal and Director of CMC. She also served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Medical Service during wartime before going on to lead Lady Hardinge Medical College as its Principal.

World Asthma Day 2026 Celebrations at CMC Vellore



The Department of Respiratory Medicine, Christian Medical College Vellore, commemorated World Asthma Day 2026 with a series of engaging activities aimed at raising awareness about asthma and its management among healthcare professionals and the community. The celebrations were held on Tuesday, 5th May 2026, at the ISSCC Building Foyer. The event was inaugurated by Dr. David Mathew, Deputy Medical Superintendent; Dr. Jennifer Prabhu, representing the Directorate; Mrs. Annie Jerome, Associate Nursing Superintendent; and Chaplain Pastor Priscilla, whose prayerful presence lent a spirit of purpose and dedication to the occasion. The programme was organised under the leadership of Dr. Richa Gupta, Senior Professor and Head of the Department of Respiratory Medicine.

The theme for World Asthma Day 2026, “Access to Anti-Inflammatory Inhalers for Everyone with Asthma – Still an Urgent Need” served as the cornerstone of the day’s activities. In keeping with this theme, the department set up awareness stalls where patients and visitors were offered pulmonary function testing (PFT) screenings, educational sessions on asthma and its management, and informative poster displays covering key aspects of the disease. As part of the celebrations, the department organised a poster competition and a short film competition, both centred around the World Asthma Day theme. In the poster competition, Ms. Femina secured the first prize and Ms. Persia (Staff Nurse) was awarded the second prize. The short film competition was won by the team from K Ward, who were recognised for their creative and impactful portrayal of the theme.

The World Asthma Day 2026 programme was well attended and successfully highlighted the urgent need for equitable access to anti-inflammatory inhalers, benefiting both the healthcare community and the patients they serve. Dr. Ashwin Oliver A., Dr. Ashwini Kesavalu and team organized the entire activities related to world asthma day celebrations.

Ranipet Campus Tennis Summer Camp - April 2026



SUMMER TENNIS CAMP - 2025 Net Masters Tennis Academy



The Ranipet Campus recently concluded a one-month Tennis Summer Camp during April 2026. The camp was conducted by the enthusiastic coaches from Net Masters Tennis Academy, with the lead coach S.K. Amir and team training and encouraging students to participate and excel at tennis. It was very heartening to see both children and adults take part in the event with full gusto playing multiple exciting singles and doubles category matches across all age groups. The chief guest, Dr. Mohan S. Kamath, extolled the benefits of regular outdoor exercise for doctors and handed the trophies to all the proud winners. The camp was conducted in the new tennis court which was donated to the campus by the batch of 2000, as part of their 25th reunion project.

Special Prayers : May 10 - 16, 2026

Department of Medicine : Dr. Sowmya Sathyendra and Staff

Dr. Krupa George and Staff

Dr. Vignesh Kumar C. and Staff

Dr. Sudha Jasmine S. and Staff

Dr. Ronald Albert Benton Carey and Staff

Dr. Ramya I. and Staff

Mrs. Bharathy and Staff



Geriatric Medicine : Dr. Benny Paul Wilson and Staff
Mrs. Bharathy and Staff

Medical ICU and HDU : Dr. Binila Chacko and Staff
Mrs. Bharathy and Staff

Clinical Epidemiology Unit : Dr. Vignesh Kumar C. and Staff

Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology : Dr. Ruchika Goel and Staff

Acute Medicine : Dr. Priya and Staff

Poison Control Centre : Dr. Krupa George and Staff

CSI North Kerala Diocese

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Kurian Peter and Dr. Jairaj Periyar

Hospital : CSI Mission Hospital, Codacal and others.

Welcome

Dr. Anitha Thomas, Surgeon, Gynaecological Oncology, on her return from sabbatical leave.

Memorandum

Dr. Edmond Jonathan G, Professor & Ag. Head, Neurosurgery Unit-III is appointed as Deputy Medical Superintendent (Surgical) Ranipet Campus with effect from 4th May 2026 for a four year term.

Laurels & Recognitions

- The following urology postgraduates won all three prizes in the quiz programme conducted by TAPASU Midterm CME held in Chennai on 26th April, 2026.

Dr. Aneesh Muralidharan - 1st place

Dr. Dayasagar Hemanth - 2nd place

Dr. Naveen Kumar C - 3rd place.

Obituaries

- Mrs. Selena Magdalin**, wife of Mr. Stephen Dhakshanamurthy and mother of Ms. Sweety Priyanka, Department of Haematology), passed away on 6th May, 2026. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in prayer.

- Dr. Nittin R. Parkhe** (MBBS batch of 1971), passed away on 28th April, 2026. The Batch of 1971 has written fondly about their friend. Dr. Nittin Rattan Parkhe - Batch of 1971. Nittin came to Vellore from Pune. His father was a surgeon who had served in Christian Mission hospitals in Wai and Satara in Maharashtra. His mother was a Marathi teacher who also translated English books into Marathi. His father passed away before he came to Vellore. Being an only child, Nittin was very attached to his mother. Like his father, he also dreamt of being a surgeon one day.



Nittin was a gentle soul who always had a smile for everyone and never an unkind word for any person. He was very handsome, extremely charming, witty and a thorough gentleman. From slum days to internship, he was always a person willing to walk the extra mile for all his friends. Participating in night raids on the mango orchards of Bagayam, spending many evenings on College hill singing the music of the 70's under the stars, playing bridge, to spending late nights in exam preparations, his company was a source of joy to all of us. Having a soft melodious voice, we will always remember his wonderful rendition of the famous Kris Kristofferson song – Sunday Morning Coming Down.

During internship he married our classmate, Meera Khanna, after 3 years of dating. Following internship he completed his sponsorship obligation at Methodist Hospital, Mathura, and moved to UK and later to USA. Their two sons were born during this period. Nittin tried his hand at surgery, but felt drawn to Radiology. The family came back to India and both Nittin & Meera worked in St. Stephen's Hospital, Delhi. They were then sponsored for Post Graduation at CMC Ludhiana where Nittin completed his MD in Radiology.

He rejoined work in St. Stephen's in 1991 and was instrumental in setting up the first CT Scanner there. Over time he became extremely competent in CT reporting, a skill he continued to develop right through his career. He became Head of Radiology at St. Stephen's in 2009 and continued at St. Stephen's till his retirement in 2019. He then returned to Pune with his mother. He was very active on our Batch of '71 WhatsApp group and started a daily quiz program where he would hunt for and put up a daily quiz for us to solve. These became so popular that when he took a break we all felt a part of our daily life was missing. Little did we know that he was gravely sick with Chronic Renal Failure. This year was spent mainly in hospital and he sent us a final message saying he was being shifted to ICU, where he left us for his eternal rest. As we grieve as a batch at this time, we remember a person who embodied grace, a loyal friend, and – as his middle name says – a true Rattan. Farewell, dear Nittin. We will always cherish the years we spent with you. Our hearts go out to his two sons – Vineet and Vaibhav – and stand with them in this hour of bereavement.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.



Dr. Mary George (née Thomas) passed away on 19th April, 2026, peacefully at her home in Kottayam, Kerala—the heart of her family for 57 years. Following a courageous battle with her health during her final year, she died surrounded by loved ones at the age of 94. Born on November 19, 1931, Mary was the eldest of eight children born to M.C. Thomas, IAS, and Annamma Thomas.

She attended the Balikamadom School, where she excelled academically, before joining the CMC Vellore Batch of 1951.

It was at CMC that she formed lifelong friendships and became known for her gentle, soft-spoken nature. CMC held a special place in her heart; she frequently spoke of how those pivotal years defined her. Rooted in a strong Christian faith, the values of equity and service she acquired at home and at CMC became the core principles of her life. The premature death of her father, a distinguished civil servant, while Mary was still a medical student, fundamentally shaped her journey. Stepping into a matriarchal role, she became a steadfast source of guidance and support for her seven siblings—a bond of devotion that remained unbroken for over seven decades. Mary's professional journey was defined by a series of historic milestones. After completing her MBBS at CMC, she specialised in Anesthesiology at AIIMS, Delhi. She further refined her expertise in the United Kingdom before returning to Kerala as the state's first physician to hold an MD in Anesthesiology. She served as Kerala's first female Head of Department in Anesthesiology and later as its first Director of Anesthesiology. Her legacy is permanently cemented by her role in founding the Department of Anesthesia at Kottayam Medical College; upon her retirement, she left behind a department renowned for clinical excellence in anesthesia and critical care.

She was married to the late Dr. George Jacob, who retired as Professor and Head of the Department of Cardiology at Kottayam Medical College. Their marriage was characterized by complete devotion to each other and to their faith, a commitment that expressed itself in their love for their family and the community. Together, they were instrumental in building Kottayam Medical College from its infancy, mentoring generations of physicians who now serve across Kerala and around the world.

Beyond her clinical reputation, Mary was defined by an unwavering spiritual life. She was a blessing to her husband, children, and extended family. An exceptionally skilled cook who found immense joy in hospitality, she created a home that served as a haven for parents, siblings, nieces, and nephews, especially during times of need. She balanced the rigors of a demanding medical career with the quiet grace of a woman who prioritized the care of others above all else. Dr. Mary George is survived by her children: Deepa George and her husband George Paul; Dr. Thomas George and his wife Sneha; and Dr. Anila George Jacob (Batch of '86) and her husband Dr. Ajith John Thomas (Batch of '85). She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren—Neha, Noah, Nathan, Tarun, Nitin, Ranjit, and Rachel—as well as her siblings, whom she nurtured and loved with maternal devotion. Contact Information: For those wishing to reach the family, correspondence may be sent via her daughter, Dr. Anila Jacob, at athomas313@comcast.net.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

Notice

- **American Heart Association – International Training Centre (CMC, Vellore)**

Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) Provider Course (HeartCode® BLS – Blended Learning)

American Heart Association – International Training Centre (CMC, Vellore) Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) Provider Course (HeartCode® BLS – Blended Learning) The American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) – HeartCode® Provider Course will be conducted on the 4th June 2026 at Paul Brand Building, CMC Vellore. **HeartCode® BLS** is the American Heart Association’s blended learning pathway for BLS training. This modern format combines of a Self-directed online learning session and mandatory hands-on skills training & assessment. The course structure comprises of two parts. Participants will: 1. Complete an interactive online module covering core BLS concepts, supported by videos. 2. Attend an in-person session for 3 hours, which includes: hands-on practice with real-time guidance, a focus on high-quality CPR, the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), choking management for all ages (**Adults, Child & Infants**), and undergo a skills assessment session conducted by an AHA-authorized instructor in an approved simulation facility. This course is based on the latest 2025 AHA / ILCOR guidelines and designed for Doctors, Nurses, and Paramedics. Limited seats available with Registration Fee of Rs.3500/- (includes study materials). **Last Date to register is 20th May 2026.** For registration, please contact Mrs. Nitha & Mr. Ganesh Pediatric ICU, CMC Vellore (**Phone No.0416-228-3366 / 9952389812**).

- **Library Notice – Summer Timing 2026**

Library	Period	Time
Dodd Memorial Library	18 th May to 23 rd May 2026	07.00 am to 09.00 pm
Gault Library		08.00 am To 04.30 pm

Both the Libraries will remain closed for **Annual Inventory** from 25th May 2026 to 30th May, 2026. However, reference facilities will be available during the following timings.

May 25th Monday to 29th Friday: 08.00 am to 04.30 pm.

May 30th Saturday: 08.00 am to 12.00 Noon.

Your kind cooperation is much appreciated.

– Head, Department of Library Services, CMC Vellore

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

Qualifications :

- PhD in a science-related discipline is preferred, but a Master's degree with 5 years of research coordination experience can also be considered.
- 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. The age limit may be extended for suitable candidates.

Job Description : 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. This person is key to the Office of Research and will play a pivotal role in supporting emerging and existing centres of research excellence. The successful candidate will be instrumental in supporting grant applications, management, and coordination to advance the institution's research strategy.

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 with grant applications by identifying and applying for external funding.
 - Serve as a liaison for major funders, including ICMR, DBT, Gates Foundation, and Wellcome Trust.
 - Ensure compliance with grant management 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 Scale : Rs.22794-912-45594/-

Approximate : Rs.58,234/- **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>

Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close on **May 23, 2026.**

2. Project Technical Support III for the Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism

Qualification : Maters in Life Sciences / Biotechnology.

Job Code : 1656

Job Description : The Staff will be responsible for performing laboratory procedures, including RNA extraction, cDNA synthesis, ddPCR assays and sample processing and preservation. The role also involves assisting in the collection and collation of clinical, imaging, histopathological and molecular data for analysis. This position offers an opportunity to gain hands – on experience in molecular research techniques and exposure to multidisciplinary clinical research.

Experience : Applicants with lab experience will be given preference.

External Salary : Rs.33,600/- Consolidated. **Age Limit :** 35 Years.

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

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close on **May 18, 2026.**

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

3. Sr. Programmer Gr.V for the CHIPS

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

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

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. **Age Limit :** Below 35 Years. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

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

Applications will close on **May 18, 2026.**

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

4. Driver (Project) for the Department of Ophthalmology

Qualification: S.S.L.C. + HMV License. **Salary:** As per Institutional Norms.

Accommodation : Not provided. **Age:** 35 years below.

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

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

*Applications will close on **May 20, 2026.***

Others

5. Ida Scudder School Association (Established by the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore). Ida Scudder School (TN037) Affiliated to the CISCE, New Delhi - invites applications for the following post: **Officer Manager – 1 Post**

Qualification & Experience: MBA with Minimum 5 years of administrative experience in Educational Institutions, Preferably from Schools affiliated to CISCE. **Age Criteria :** 45 and above.

Interested candidates may apply with bio-data along with scanned copies of relevant certificates to:

correspondent@scudderschool.ac.in/ principal@scudderschool.ac.in

Last date for receipt of applications: 17th May, 2026.