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Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you: 1 Peter 5:6–7

Dr. Rabin K. Chacko Super Annuation: A Legacy of Excellent Dental Practice and Leadership



Dr. Rabin K. Chacko’s retirement marks the close of an extraordinary chapter of faithful service, visionary leadership, and lasting impact within the institution and beyond. Fondly known to many as “Rabin Sir,” he has been far more than an accomplished surgeon and educator, he has been a mentor, guide, innovator, and source of inspiration to generations of students, colleagues, patients, and the wider community. Widely respected as an exceptional maxillofacial surgeon, Dr. Rabin’s journey has been marked by consistent excellence from the very beginning. During his BDS training, he ranked among the top students in the university each year and later completed his MDS in Oral Surgery with distinction. Pursuing further advanced training in the United Kingdom, he earned prestigious qualifications from the Royal Colleges in Edinburgh and Glasgow, both with distinction, at a time when such expertise was rare in India.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025

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Rev. Ben Rottschaefer, an American Arcot missionary, clergyman, builder, engineer, and architect, designed the Hill and Town Sites of CMC Vellore. His work included the Main Hospital (1920s), the Main College buildings (1930s), and hostels (1953). He also started a motor repair course and trained a driver for the Medical School.

Despite opportunities abroad, Dr. Rabin chose to return home to CMC with a heart to serve. Since then, he has devoted himself wholeheartedly to strengthening dental surgery services and education within the institution. Under his leadership, the dental department flourished, growing not only in size but also in academic depth, clinical excellence, ethical practice, and patient-centred care. He played a pivotal role in establishing systems rooted in sterility, safety, professionalism, and surgical precision, helping raise the standard of dental care to nothing less than excellence. Dr. Rabin, a passionate educator taught students how to think. He consistently encouraged them to ask “why,” to understand disease at its roots, and to practise with insight, responsibility, and compassion. For many students, learning under him extended far beyond textbooks and clinical training. He imparted lessons in leadership, ethics, professionalism, and integrity, shaping not only skilled clinicians but also responsible and compassionate individuals. Under him the training for dentists, assistants - certificate and fellowship courses in dentistry at CMC began and continue to thrive.

Dr. Rabin was also known for his remarkable spirit of innovation and resourcefulness. In an era before widespread computerisation, he independently developed systems and software solutions such as an internal electronic medical records and access data base systems for departmental functioning, demonstrating both foresight and initiative. He has quietly worked to build efficient and safe clinical systems even within significant resource limitations, always ensuring uncompromising standards of patient care and infection control.

Yet beyond his professional accomplishments, it is Dr. Rabin’s character that has left the deepest impression on those around him. Known for his humility, gentleness, calmness, and approachability, he created an environment where students and colleagues felt encouraged, supported, and valued. He showed an entire generation that work itself can become a calling and that every patient is not merely a case, but a person deserving dignity, compassion, and excellence in care.

His calm presence during difficult situations, willingness to help colleagues across departments, and readiness to serve wherever needed earned him deep respect and affection within the institution. Patients and families experienced firsthand his compassion, gentleness, and extraordinary attention to care. Many remember not only his clinical skill, but also the dignity, reassurance, and comfort he brought to those under his care. He has also been involved in networking the dental departments across mission hospitals across India and abroad. Sensing the need for support that mission dentists need and the lack of resources for training he started the training of trainer’s programme to impart knowledge and close gaps for mission dentists. As a result of which many dentists have been blessed across mission networks and their practices are thriving.

At the heart of his life and work was a deep and unwavering faith. Dr. Rabin exemplified what it means to integrate faith with profession, demonstrating through both word and action that service, integrity, and compassion are central to true leadership. His clinics often began with prayer, and his approach to patients, students, and colleagues reflected genuine servanthood and Christ-like care. Beyond the department, he was also a pillar within the church community, quietly influencing many lives through his example, wisdom, and faithfulness. Dr. Rabin Chacko is married to Dr Shirley Chacko who works as the head of department at the department of Ophthalmology, at the Scheiffelin Institute of Health research and Leprosy Centre at Karigiri. They are blessed with two sons Dr Ruhel Chacko and Dr Vinay Chacko. Dr Ruhel also an ophthalmologist is married to Dr Bethany who is a gynaecologist and they are serving at the Prem Jyothi Mission hospital, Bihar and Dr Vinay is currently completing his bond obligation at CMC.

His life beautifully reflects the words of Jeremiah 17:8: “He will be like a tree planted by the water... its roots go deep... it does not fear when heat comes... its leaves are always green, and it never fails to bear fruit.”

As he enters this new season of life, the institution and our department of dentistry expresses its heartfelt gratitude for his years of dedicated service and invaluable contribution. Though retiring from active responsibilities, his legacy lives on in every student mentored, every patient cared for, every colleague inspired, and every life shaped by his example.

We thank Dr. Rabin K. Chacko for his unwavering faith, humility, excellence, innovation, and commitment to service. We wish him and his family, God’s abundant blessings, good health, joy, and continued fruitfulness in the years ahead.

A Monumental Leap in Genomics: CMC Vellore Inks Historic MoU for Centralised NGS Facility



In a significant stride toward advancing precision medicine, CMC Vellore formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Anderson Diagnostics Services Ltd. (ADSL) on June 23, 2026, to establish a Centralised Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) Facility. Held in the MS Office Conference Room, the event featured addresses by Dr. Biju George, Director of CMC, and Dr. Srinivasaraman, Director of ADSL, emphasising a shared vision of advancing healthcare through collaboration. The facility will be under the headship of Dr. Rajesh I, Medical Superintendent. Along with 12 departments which are part of the Core NGS labs, the facility is expected to be fully functional in four months. Driven by an institutional mandate to standardise workflows and ensure strict data security, the new facility transitions CMC from fragmented departmental operations to a unified genomic powerhouse. Utilising an innovative partnered model, ADSL is bringing top-tier sequencers (including Surfseq 5000 and Ion S5 plus) and expert personnel; providing NABL compliant advanced laboratory space. This approach provides immediate genomic capacity with zero capital expenditure for the institution. This new initiative will benefit our faculty and patients to a great extent. The facility enforces a strict 48-hour backup rule to ensure seamless turnaround times for critical diagnostics, such as oncology and pathogen profiling. Most importantly, all patient data and intellectual property remain securely within the CMC digital ecosystem.

Beyond diagnostics, this partnership is an academic engine. This will facilitate hands-on rotational training in bioinformatics. Led by Dr. Suceena Alexander, NGS Core Facility Lead, Dr. Mary Purna Chacko, Germline Testing Co-Lead, Dr. Poonkhulazhi, Somatic Testing Co-Lead and Dr. Mahesh Moorthy, Pathogen Testing Co-Lead, the Centralised NGS Facility is slated to be fully operational within four months, equipping CMC to minister to patients with the most advanced genomic tools available today.

The Urology Masterclass 2026: Advancing Excellence in Urological Education



The Department of Urology, Christian Medical College Vellore, successfully conducted the 13th Annual Urology Masterclass from 12th to 13th June 2026, bringing together 230 delegates from medical colleges and teaching institutions across India. Over two days, the programme offered a dynamic platform for academic exchange, interactive learning, and professional networking, reaffirming its position as one of the country's premier educational events for postgraduate urology trainees. Initiated by Prof. Dr. Nitin S. Kekre, former Head of the Department of Urology, CMC Vellore, the masterclass has evolved into one of the most respected postgraduate urology workshops in the country.

This year's programme featured an outstanding panel of nationally renowned faculty including Dr. Amlesh Seth, Dr. Anup Kumar, Dr. Ninan Chacko, Dr. Ganesh Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Ravindra B. Sabnis, Dr. L. N. Dorairajan, Dr. Arabind Panda, Dr. Shivam Priyadarshi, Dr. Arun Chawla, Dr. Keshavamurthy R, Dr. Maneesh Sinha, Dr. Sujata Patwardhan, Dr. Karunamoorthy R, Dr. Amitava Mukherjee, Dr. G. Chengalvarayan, Dr. Abhishek Singh, Dr. Arun Jacob Philip George, and Dr. Karthikeyan A, together with faculty members from the Department of Urology, CMC Vellore, including Prof. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Dr. J. Chandrasingh, Dr. Nirmal T. J., Dr. Rajadoss M., Dr. Santhosh N., Dr. Selvin Theodore Jayanth, Dr. Sadanala Madhuri E., Dr. Deepak David C., and colleagues.

A hallmark of the Masterclass is its emphasis on structured, case-based learning. The scientific programme covered a broad spectrum of contemporary urological practice, including renal cell carcinoma, prostate cancer, genitourinary trauma and tuberculosis, bladder cancer, germ cell tumours, complex stone disease, reconstructive urology, paediatric urology, upper tract urothelial carcinoma, vesicovaginal fistula, renal artery stenosis, and benign prostatic enlargement. Residents and trainees presented carefully curated cases before expert moderators, fostering analytical thinking, evidence-based decision-making, and practical problem-solving.

Complementing the case discussions were focused lectures delivered by invited national experts and CMC faculty. Topics included machine perfusion in renal transplantation, sacral neuromodulation, advances in endourology, next-generation sequencing in urologic oncology, PSMA PET imaging, contemporary bladder cancer management, and critical appraisal of randomised controlled trials. These sessions provided participants with valuable updates on emerging technologies and evolving clinical evidence.

A particularly popular session was the Instruments Workshop conducted by Dr. Ninan Chacko, which offered practical insights into the evolution, selection, and application of urological instruments. The interactive format and wealth of clinical experience shared during the session were highly appreciated by delegates.

Another highlight of the programme was the Uro Quiz, which brought together delegates in a lively and intellectually stimulating competition. Testing participants on clinical scenarios, current guidelines, and key concepts in urology, the quiz generated enthusiastic participation and healthy competition while reinforcing important learning objectives in an engaging manner.

The success of the 2026 Urology Masterclass reflects the Department of Urology's enduring commitment to excellence in education, service, and research. The Department gratefully acknowledges the leadership of the Organising Secretaries, Dr. Rajiv Paul Mukha and Dr. Nirmal T. J., the invited faculty, resident presenters, delegates, and members of the organising committee whose dedication and enthusiasm made the event a resounding success.

As the Urology Masterclass enters its second decade, it continues to inspire and equip future generations of urologists while carrying forward a tradition of academic excellence that has become synonymous with the Department of Urology, CMC Vellore.

World Food Safety Day 2026

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." – Proverbs 2:6
From Burden to Solutions: Building a Healthier Future Through Safe Food



In commemoration of World Food Safety Day, the Food & Beverages Section of the GS Office, under the leadership of Mr. C. Reni Charles, General Superintendent, organised a series of awareness and educational programmes, from 10th to 12th June 2026 across the CMC Town Campus under the global theme, "From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere." Through community engagement, expert-led discussions, and practical health education, the observance sought to transform awareness into action and inspire healthier choices within the CMC community.

Bringing Food Safety to the Community

The celebrations commenced on 10th June 2026 with a World Food Safety Day awareness programme held at the Town Campus. The programme began with an opening prayer by Rev. Dr. Finney Alexander, Head, Chaplaincy Department. The event was graced by the Chief Guests, Dr. V. Prabhakaran, Designated Officer, FSSAI, Vellore, and Mr. Rajesh, Food Safety Officer, Vellore. The gathering was welcomed by Mr. Dinesh R., Deputy General Superintendent and In-charge, Food & Beverages Section. Felicitations were delivered by the Chief Guests, along with Mr. C. Reni Charles, General Superintendent, and Mr. Joseph Selvaraj, Deputy General Superintendent. In her vote of thanks, Mrs. Sonia Valas, Deputy General Superintendent, appreciated the progress made by the Food & Beverages Section and acknowledged the contributions of Mr. Simon Peter, Mr. Jonathan Raju Galla, Mr. Samson Ponraj and Mrs. Jonath Evelyn towards the section's continued growth and development.



As part of the observance, awareness stalls were organised to engage staff, students, patients, and visitors in conversations around food safety and healthy living. The stalls showcased healthy food and beverage options, dietary guidance, educational materials, and interactive activities that encouraged participants to reflect on the impact of their everyday food choices. The exhibits served as a reminder that food safety begins long before a meal reaches the table and that informed choices have the power to influence both individual and community health.

Understanding the Burden

In today's world, rising rates of lifestyle diseases, unhealthy dietary habits, stress, and sedentary living continue to place an increasing burden on individuals and communities. Recognising these challenges, the Food & Beverages Section organised a two-day Hybrid Educational Series on 11 & 12 June 2026. The educational series opened with a powerful reminder that some of today's most common health problems begin with seemingly harmless daily habits. Dr. Sibu Simon, Professor and Head, Department of Dentistry and Unit of Prosthodontics, highlighted the often-overlooked consequences of excessive sugar consumption through his session, "The Cost of Sweetness: Understanding Sugar and Oral Health." This was followed by Dr. Henry Prakash M., Associate Medical Superintendent, Professor and Head, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, who explored the science of healthy ageing through "Science of Healthspan – Food, Fitness, and Functional Longevity."

His presentation emphasised that longevity is not merely about living longer but about maintaining strength, mobility, and independence throughout life. The day concluded with Ms. Benita Albert, Junior Psychologist, Developmental Paediatrics Unit, whose session, "Stressed Minds, Unhealthy Lives: The Psychology of Modern Life," examined the growing impact of stress, emotional well-being, and behavioural patterns on overall health. Together, the sessions encouraged participants to look beyond symptoms and recognise the deeper lifestyle factors contributing to modern health challenges.

Discovering the Solutions

Dr. Esther Inbarani, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine and Lifestyle Medicine Unit, opened the day with “Dopamine Overload: The Lifestyle Crisis of Modern Youth.” Her presentation challenged participants to reflect on how technology-driven lifestyles, instant gratification, and behavioural habits influence physical and mental well-being. Building on this foundation, Dr. Nitin Kapoor, Professor and Head (Unit I), Department of Endocrinology, delivered “Food Fundamentals for Metabolic Fitness.” Through evidence-based insights, he demonstrated how informed dietary choices can play a crucial role in preventing obesity, diabetes, and other metabolic disorders. The educational series concluded with Mrs. Jayalakshmi K., Senior Lecturer, Department of Dietetics, whose session, “Balance Your Plate, Energise Your Life,” translated scientific knowledge into practical action. Participants were encouraged to adopt balanced eating habits and sustainable lifestyle practices that support long-term health and wellness.

Collectively, the sessions reinforced a powerful message: many of today's health challenges are preventable, and lasting change often begins with informed choices made one meal, one habit, and one decision at a time.

The Journey Ahead: From Awareness to Action

The Food & Beverages Section expresses its sincere gratitude to the Chief Guests, speakers, moderators, participants, volunteers, and technical support teams whose contributions ensured the success of the programme. Special appreciation is extended to the leadership of the General Superintendent's Office for their continued guidance and support.

As we reflect on this year's theme, “From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere,” may we continue to transform awareness into healthier choices, knowledge into action, and responsibility into lasting change, building a future that is safer, healthier, and more hopeful for all.



18th Basic Course in Medical Education [BCME]



The National Medical Commission's 18th Basic Course in Medical Education [BCME] was conducted for the Deans / Curriculum committee Members / MEU Resource Person of the affiliated Medical Colleges from 8th to 10th June 2026 in the Nodal Centre, Medical Education Department (MED), CMC Vellore. We had thirty participants (3 Deans, 11 Professors, 12 Associate Professors and 04 Assistant Professors) benefiting from this course. The objectives of this programme was to sensitise the participants to understand the Principles of learning, frame specific learning objectives for a competency, enumerate various interactive learning methods in a large group or a small group, choose the right assessment method for the competency, give timely feedback to the students and to apply innovative methods in teaching & assessment of AETCOM (Attitude Ethics and Communication) modules. Dr. Margaret Shanthi F. X. started the day with a word of prayer & welcomed the members present. Resource persons from various departments facilitated the sessions and Dr. Prakash S.S., proposed the Vote of thanks on the third day. The Medical Education Department gratefully thanks, Dr. Margaret Shanthi F. X., Dr. Reena George, Dr. Sowmya Sathyendra, Dr. Tripti M. Jacob, Dr. Vinod Abraham, Dr. Sathishkumar T., Dr. Vinay Oommen, Dr. Deepak Vinod Francis, Dr. Rajat Raghunath, Dr. Divya Elizabeth Muliyl, Dr. Prakash S. S., Dr. Supraja Srivatsava, Dr. Dorothy Lall, Dr. Latif Rajesh Johnson and Dr. Premila Wilfred for all their contributions towards the successful conduct of the Basic Course in Medical Education [BCME].

American Heart Association - Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (AHA ACLS) Provider level course

The **AHA- ACLS provider level course** was held on the **19th & 20th June 2026**. This 2-day course is designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics) who initiate advanced life care in acutely ill adults, beyond basic life support, through the stabilization or transport phases of adult emergency. This Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Course is accredited by the American Heart Association and is valid internationally. The number of participants is strictly restricted to 24 as per AHA guidelines. The ACLS faculty were Dr. Ekta Rai from Department of Anaesthesia & Dr. Naveen Kumar Suda from Department of Cardiac Anaesthesia , Dr. Anjali R from Emergency Medicine and Dr. Ramya I from Medicine . 16 delegates had actively participated in this ACLS course.



CMC Retired Staff Prayer Fellowship - May, 2026

The Retired Staff Prayer Fellowship was held on 23rd May 2026 with the participation of 54 retired staff members. The gathering provided an opportunity for fellowship, learning, and spiritual encouragement among the CMC retired staff community. The programme featured two informative and engaging sessions. The first session on "Healthy Nutrition" was conducted by Mrs. Teresa Gnanakumari, Staff Nurse, Dept of Geriatrics who highlighted the importance of maintaining a balanced diet, healthy eating habits, and nutritional requirements during the aging process. The session was well received and encouraged participants to adopt healthier lifestyle practices.

The second session on "Government Schemes for Aging" was led by Ms. Arul Mary Vinciya, Tutor, College of Nursing. She provided valuable information on various government welfare schemes, benefits, and support services available for senior citizens. The participants actively interacted during the session, seeking clarifications and sharing their experiences.

Both sessions were highly informative, interesting, and interactive, generating enthusiastic participation from the attendees. The CMC Retired Staff fellowship concluded with a time of prayer led by Rev. Benniamin, followed by the benediction. The gathering was a meaningful and enriching experience for all the retired staff members who attended. They returned happily after enjoying fellowship lunch with their colleagues.



Special Prayers: June 28 - July 04, 2026

Engineering Civil	: Mr. V. Sankar and staff
Engineering Planning	: Mrs. Nirmala Samuel and staff
Engineering Mechanical	: Mr. Madhu Prabhuraj and staff
Engineering Electrical	: Mrs. Bindu Paul and staff
Engineering Air Conditioning	: Mr. Eswaran and staff
Environmental Engineering	: Mr. Caleb A. and staff
Engineering Biomedical	: Mr. Arockiaraj Arul Prakash and staff
Engineering Communications	: Mr. Dinesh R. and staff

CSI Rayalaseema Diocese :

Council Member : Dr. K.P. Raveendra

Hospitals : CSI Arogyavaram Medical Centre, Arogyavaram
MLL Hospital, Madanapally and others
CSI Campbell Hospital, Jammalamadugu



Welcome

Dr. Thomas Varghese Attumalil, Associate Professor II, Department of Cardiology, on his return from study leave.

Memoranda

Dr. Winsley Rose, Sr. Professor, Paediatric Unit-III will be the Addl. Dy. Chairman - Paediatrics for Hospital Infection Control Committee with effect from 29th June, 2026 till further notice.

Dr. John Fletcher G, Professor, is appointed as Deputy Director (Promotion & Publicity) with effect from 1st July, 2026 for a four year term.

Laurels & Recognitions

Dr. George Paul, second-year Physiology postgraduate, won the first prize in the Gastrointellect PG pedagogy competition held at SRM Medical College, Chengalpattu on 12th June, 2026.

Retirements

Mrs. Josephine Prasath, Sr. Gr. MPHW, retired on 16th May, 2026 after completing 31 years of service at our institution. She completed the Multipurpose Health Worker course at the School of Nursing, CSI Hospital, Ikkadu, in July 1992 and joined the institution in January 1995 after completing one year of bond service and one year of experience at CSI Kalyani Hospital, Chennai. She served in the Neurology wards and ICU until December 2000 and was later transferred to ISC OPD, where she worked in various OPDs until her retirement.



During her years of service, she provided good patient care, worked efficiently in Orthopedic and Dental OPDs, and assisted skillfully in procedures in HLRS and Dental OPDs. She maintained good communication and interpersonal relationships with team members, accepted supervision and correction positively, and willingly relieved other OPD staff whenever required.

Her husband, Mr. Kirubanath Prasad P., is engaged in his own business. Her son, Mr. Andrew Blesson Paul K., completed BOT at SRM University, Kattankulathur, and is working in Chennai as an Occupational Therapist. Her daughter, Ms. Princy Beulah K., completed BOT at Saveetha University, Chennai, and is working as an Occupational Therapist at CMC Vellore.

The institution gratefully acknowledges her long and dedicated service and wishes her a peaceful and fulfilling retired life.



Mrs. Santhi Mani, Sr. Gr. Nursing Auxiliary, retired on 19th May, 2026 after completing 37 years of service at our institution. She completed the Hospital Auxiliary Course at CMCH in 1989 and joined the institution in May 1989 as a Hospital Auxiliary. She served in SICU until 1994, worked in P1 Ward from 1994 to 2008, and was later transferred to CSSD in August 2008, where she continued to serve until her retirement.

She was cooperative and dependable in her work, guided junior staff members, communicated well with colleagues, and accepted assignments willingly. She received corrections positively, completed her responsibilities on time, supported fellow staff members in their work and maintained good interpersonal relationships within the team.

Her husband, Mr. Subramani P., is a retired District Health Educator in Vellore. Her daughter, Ms. Agilandeswari, completed B.Sc. Nursing at CMC, worked in Community Health and Fundamentals of Nursing departments, and is currently working as an Assistant Professor at Jerusalem Engineering College, Chennai, is married to Mr. Vinoth, who is working as a Manager at Capgemini, Chennai. Her son, Mr. Prasanna, completed MBBS at Kanyakumari Medical College, Asaripallam, Nagercoil, and is currently pursuing MD Emergency Medicine at MMC, Chennai. She is blessed with two grandchildren.

The institution gratefully acknowledges her long and dedicated service and wishes her a peaceful and fulfilling retired life.

Mr. Magendiran G, Selection Grade Medical Record Technician Gr.II retired on 29th May, 2026 after 40 years of dedicated service at Christian Medical College Vellore for over four decades.

Mr. Magendiran started working in CMC Vellore as a casual wage labourer in AC section in July 1985 until March 1987. He then worked as Hospital Attendant in CHIPS for 7 years between 1988 and 1995. Following this he underwent the 1-year Medical Records training and joined Medical Records Department as Graduate Technician on 18.10.1996. He has worked in several outpatient clinics including; Child Health, Medicine, OG and Urology.



Since 2000, he has worked in several areas in the MRD- inpatient section. Mr. Magendiran has contributed actively and has been a sincere and hardworking staff member. His wife Mrs. Amutha Magendiran, is Staff Nurse Gr. I in HPB / Vascular OR in CMC Ranipet campus. Their daughter Ms. Nisha is a CMC alumna (Batch of 2016 - BASLP course) who then pursued MASLP in AIISH and is currently working as Speech Therapist in Twins Paediatric Clinic, Bangalore. Their son Mr. Nikhil Magendiran is doing MBA in Business Analytics in VIT, Vellore.

The CMC community is thankful for his dedication and commitment to the institution and wishes him a blessed retirement.



Mr. Louis Rajkumar, Sel. Gr.I Medical Laboratory Technician, has rendered 36 years of dedicated and wholehearted service to the Department of Immunohaematology & Blood Transfusion, since joining the institution in 1990. His wife, Mrs. Suseela Rajkumar, Charge Nurse in the Urology Day Care Ward, Ranipet Campus, and has been faithfully serving the institution since 1990. Their elder daughter, Ms. Grace Priscilla, is currently pursuing M.Sc. Nursing (2025 Batch). Their younger daughter, Dr. Jerusha Carmel (MBBS 2018 Batch), is serving in the Cardiothoracic Department, as a Junior Clinical Assistant.

Mr. Rajkumar is known for his sincerity, commitment, and exemplary work ethic. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he has carried out his responsibilities with diligence, professionalism, and a spirit of service. His calm demeanor, reliability, and willingness to support colleagues have earned him the respect and affection of all who have had the privilege of working with him.

We thank Mr. Louis Rajkumar for his faithful and invaluable contribution to the CMC family over the past three and a half decades. We pray for God's abundant blessings upon him and his family as he enters this new chapter of life, and wish him good health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Mrs. Gnanaselvi J., Instructor Graduate Medical Laboratory Technician, has rendered 37 years of dedicated, faithful, and wholehearted service to the Department of Immunohaematology & Blood Transfusion, Christian Medical College Vellore, since joining the institution in 1989.



Her husband, Mr. Baskar, is a retired officer from BSNL. Together, they have been blessed with a loving family comprising two sons and one daughter.

Her elder son, Mr. Shyam Sundar, serves as Capability Lead at NTT DATA, Bengaluru, and is married to Mrs. Dona Salomi.

Her younger son, Mr. Vijay Sundar, serves as Regional Manager at Cipla Pharmaceutical Limited, Chennai, and is married to Mrs. Los Angel, who works as a Staff Nurse in the Department of Haematology at CMC Hospital, Ranipet. Her daughter, Mrs. Angeline Jerusha, Accenture, Mexico, and is married to Mr. Abel Palraj, Molex, Mexico.

Mrs. Gnanaselvi is also blessed with five cherished grandchildren: Kevin Isaac, Kathy Ivanna, Riya Celestyn, Kezia Celine, and Judith Abigail, who bring immense joy and pride to the family.

Mrs. Gnanaselvi is known for sincerity, commitment, and exemplary work ethic. Throughout her long and distinguished career, she has carried out her responsibilities with diligence, professionalism, and a spirit of service. Her calm demeanor, reliability, and willingness to support colleagues have earned her the respect and affection of all who have had the privilege of working with her. She also taught many students during her tenure.

We thank Mrs. Gnanaselvi for her faithful and invaluable contribution to the CMC family over the past three and a half decades. We pray for God's abundant blessings upon her and her family as she enters this new chapter of life, and wish her good health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Mrs. Narasamma, Senior Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, Medical Ward (E-Ward), retired on 20th June 2026 after completing 39 years of dedicated service at Christian Medical College Vellore.



Mrs. Narasamma joined the institution in 1987 as a Sweeper in the Nursing Service Office. Throughout her long and dedicated career, she served the institution with sincerity, commitment, and a strong sense of responsibility. Her hardworking nature, willingness to go beyond the call of duty, and positive attitude made her a valued member of the CMC family.

Over the years, she earned the respect and appreciation of her colleagues and supervisors through her dependable service and dedication to maintaining a high standard of work. Her quiet perseverance, humility, and commitment to excellence contributed significantly to the smooth functioning of the departments in which she served.

She is blessed with a loving family. Her daughter, Ms. Premakumari, is working as a Staff Nurse in Saudi Arabia. Her son, Mr. Prabhudoss, is employed as an X-ray Technician in a private laboratory.

As she retires from active service, we express our heartfelt gratitude for her 39 years of faithful and dedicated contribution to the institution. We thank her for her invaluable service and wish her good health, happiness, and a peaceful, fulfilling retirement in the years ahead.

Obituaries



Dr. Madan Kumar Daniel (MBBS batch of 1971), passed away on 12th May, 2026. Our dear friend and classmate Dr. Madan Kumar Daniel, “Madana” to many of us, passed away on the 12th of May in the early hours of the morning a few days short of his 72nd birthday.

A dutiful husband to Asha, a wonderful father to Rahul and Rithwik, a caring father in law to Aditi, a doting grandfather to Vivaan and Viya, a caring brother, a gracious host, a great friend; the list is endless.

A larger than life character, he impacted the lives of so many of us in different ways that it seems inconceivable that he is not amongst us anymore. Madan was someone you trusted to always be there for you, to support and appreciate you. He had a genuine interest in our lives, being often brutally honest but always giving a considered opinion when asked. He accepted us for who we were and generously gave of his attention, time and affection. What made him so immensely likeable was that he never judged you and though he may not have agreed with you (and often violently disagreed), he was never critical.

To most of us classmates he was the “Godfather” to whom we turned for advice, solace and shared joy.

In our physiology practical examination, Madan had a difference of opinion with a frog and an unsympathetic examiner saw him join the next batch along with Sabu and Renu. He was as beloved by his new batch mates though to us he was the one and only “Don of the Batch of 71”.

Madan was born in Nagercoil on 21st May 1954 to a bright civil engineer in the Tamil Nadu Government Service, Mr. John Samson Nathaniel Daniel and his wife Rukmani. Unfortunately he lost his father prematurely during our second year of college (1972) and had the responsibility of caring for and bringing up his four younger brothers. Fortunately his grandfather, the legendary Dr. M. Mathias of Kanyakumari district and an alumnus of Madras Medical College, was around at that time to guide Madan. Madan was a favorite of his grandfather and we all shared in the goodies he sent regularly from Nagercoil, including for many of us something unique - baskets of mangosteen.

Youngsters were drawn to Madan like a magnet and he had this special way of talking to them one on one, never patronising but frequently arguing vehemently as if they were his peers. He loved all children and they reciprocated his affection. His own two were of course special to him, as were his grandchildren who rejuvenated him on their arrival.

Madan had hordes of friends in college, from senior batches to juniors. Extramural friends like Ambi Harsha dropped by for many occasions. Colin, Vinay Kumar, GT, Dilip and Geetha Mathai, to name a few, were the seniors he fraternized with. Also Gowrishankar, Sitaram and others from the junior batch he joined became his friends.

Madan was a multifaceted personality, being knowledgeable about cricket, architecture, furniture design, wildlife, bridge, barbecuing and many more subjects apart from ophthalmology.

He was always solicitous of the welfare of ladies, always the perfect gentleman even though he hardly spoke with them. He always appreciated what people did for him, be it a good meal or a favour and he was very vocal in his praise of their efforts and help.

For some years he was in Chennai, first at the Government Ophthalmic Hospital training for his MS in Ophthalmology. Subsequently he joined Apollo Hospitals for a short time and then worked at Vijaya Hospital in the Eye Research Foundation. Madan returned to his hometown Nagercoil and started his private practice in 1989 and worked at Jeyasekharan Hospital. Subsequently he became a consultant at Bejan Singh Eye Hospital in the year 2008. The last few years he spent looking after his family estate, Balamore, where he was the Managing Director.

All his classmates will remember how, as far as possible, he went out of his way to meet them both in India and abroad and to attend their children's weddings and other functions even when he was very unwell.

In Nagercoil, his home territory, he was the consummate host. Balamore Estate was where his heart always was; it had a special place in his life. He took many of us to this enchanted forest in the mountains where we could share in his joy of the wilds. No one will ever forget his hospitality whenever any of us classmates and friends visited. So many others were also recipients of his generosity and kindness. He and our other classmate in Nagercoil, Devaprasath, vied with each other to be the most hospitable and generous.

Madan was a special person and treasured by all of us in the Batch of 1971. He will always be remembered and his memory cherished. He went the way he always wanted, dying in his sleep.

In the words of Asha, his wife: "There was never a dull moment when Madan was around, always full of noise and life. Yet beneath that loud and lively energy lay a man of profound integrity. He never flattered anyone, nor did he sugarcoat his words; he simply and steadfastly spoke the truth. You always knew exactly where you stood with him and it was that rare combination of a vibrant spirit and absolute honesty that made him such an unforgettable man and friend."

There can never be another man like Madan.

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

Mr. T. Rajaram, passed away on 23rd June, 2026. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Lakshmi, son Mr. R. Navien Kumar (Admin. Asst., Department of Haematology) and all the bereaved members of his family in our prayers.

Mr. G. Jeeva Mani, passed away on 20th June, 2026. Let us uphold his son, Mr. M. Daniel Sudarson (Radiotherapy Technologist, Radiation Oncology Department), daughter, Ms. Sudha (Staff Nurse, Neurology Department), daughter-in-law Mrs. Preetha Daniel Sudarson (Staff Nurse, Orthopaedics Department) and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Mr. Ramachandran, (retired Telephone Supervisor in the Telephone Exchange, Bagayam Campus), passed away on 20th June, 2026. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Dr. Michael Colin Ferdinands (MBBS batch of 1955), passed away on 19th June 2026. Michael was born in Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh to Mervyn and Irma Ferdinands on his father's birthday, January 29, 1934.

He went to Bishop Cotton's school in Bangalore where he won the Victor Ludorum gold medal for academics and sports.

Michael studied at La Martiniere College in Lucknow and attained his B.Sc in Chemistry.

He was selected in the 1955 batch at CMC Vellore.

Mike's record in Javelin throw still stands as the javelin went across the field and landed on the road between Men's Hostel and College.

Michael married his classmate, Pamela Sinclair (1955). They celebrated 64 year of marriage. They have 3 daughters, Lillian , Renuka and Shireen and 8 beloved grandchildren.

Mike completed his Boards in Plastic and Reconstruction Surgery and practiced in Moline Illinois. USA.

His interaction and care of his patients was the most fulfilling thing in his life. His love and devotion to his wife, children and specially to his 8 grandchildren completed his life.

Mike and Pam had 26 years of blissful retirement filled with travel, cultivating friendships, and getting to know and love Jesus.

We have received so much support from friends, family and compassionate medical team. Our cup overflows.

For those who would like to get in touch with the family, contact details of his wife Dr. Pamela Ferdinands (MBBS batch of 1955) is given below:

Email: mpferdinands@gmail.com

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

Situations Vacant

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

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

1. Project Research Scientist II (NM) for the Department of Biochemistry *Job Code : 1664*

Qualification, Skills and Expertise Required : PhD / M.Sc. in Any Life Sciences (including an Integrated master's Degree).

Candidates must have a first-class in the master's degree. Those with verifiable experience in recruiting subjects for clinical trials/clinical studies, experience in conducting randomized control trial (RCTs), and expertise and experience in wet laboratory benchwork involving molecular biology techniques, will be preferred. Fluency in Tamil is essential, and a strong academic background with skills and proficiency in statistical analyses and academic writing are also required. The person should be able to work independently, under guidance and in coordination with the principal investigator on the project.

Candidates with a master's qualification who meet the above requirements, who have completed PhD training, have submitted their PhD thesis and are awaiting viva voces, are also eligible to apply.



Job description : The person selected will be required to carry out and coordinate an RCT on pregnant women, follow them up until delivery and carry out collections of bio-samples at various time points. They will also be required to carry out wet laboratory benchwork.

External Salary : (Consolidated) Rs.67,000 + 10% HRA (Rs.6700) = Rs.73,700 per month.

Duration : 1 year to begin with (extendable for about 2 years in total) and co terminus with the project.

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 **July 04, 2026.**

2. Junior Research Officer (4 posts) for the Department of Pulmonary Medicine **Job Code : 1666**

Qualification : MBBS with or without MPH.

Job Preference : Opportunities to learn and to do original clinical research, present posters/publish papers & clinical experience.

Job Timings : Working Hours: 8 am to 4.30 pm, No On-call responsibilities.

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 **July 11, 2026.**

3. Project Technical Support III for the Department of Community Medicine, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus **Job Code : 1667**

Qualification : MPH / B. Pharm. / Pharm. D / MBA Health Care.

Experience : Experience with Public health delivery systems, research.

Age Limit : 35 Years.

External Salary : Consolidated Rs.30,520/- (with HRA).

Job Description : To conduct project activities at public health facilities in Chittoor District. This ICMR Project aims to improve the service delivery and care for patients with NCDs in the public health delivery system. The role will involve travel to public health facilities across the district and liaising with teams in the public health delivery system to motivate the teams for implementation at the health facilities. Data collection will also be done.

Job Condition : Implementation research project in Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh.

Job Preference : Those with fluency in Telugu will be given preference. Experience in Research Projects, data collection, qualitative research, health systems research and familiarity with the government public health delivery system is desirable. Ability to use excel, word and other apps is desirable.

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 **July 11, 2026.**

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

4. Optometrist (Project) for the Department of Ophthalmology Unit-VI

Qualifications : B.Sc. Optometry / H.Sc (+2)., with Diploma in Optometry.

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

Job Description : To work in Ophthalmology Department & Outreach Services (Community Ophthalmology). **Consolidated Pay :** As per institutional rules. **Age Limit :** 30 Years.

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 **July 13, 2026.**

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

5. Administrative Assistant Gr.V for the Department of G.S.Office – Campus Cleanliness

Qualification : Graduate + 1-year PGDHA (or equivalent) or 3 years of experience in CMC (Regular).

Salary : As per institutional norms. **Age Limit :** 35 years and below.

Job Preference : Preference will be given to candidates with prior experience in handling Housekeeping and Maintenance in a Hospital setting.

Job Description : Key Responsibilities:

- Prepare and manage daily/weekly staff duty rosters and work schedules.
- Coordinate meetings, departmental activities, inspections and calendars.
- Supervise housekeeping operations and conduct spot inspections.
- Allocate staff duties and monitor timely completion of assigned work.
- Handle telephone calls, emails, visitors and departmental correspondence.
- Prepare reports, presentations, maintain records and perform data entry.
- Coordinate procurement, inventory, office equipment and resource management.
- Liaise with various departments for projects, events and operational support.
- Manage work requests and ensure timely follow-up.
- Conduct staff meetings, maintain confidentiality and resolve work-related issues.
- Perform any other duties assigned by the General Superintendent.

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

Applications will close on **July 04, 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. Existing Staff (term or project or permanent) can apply only after getting necessary approval from Head of the Department.

Others

6. Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research (CIHSR), Chumukedima , Nagaland, North East India, is a 219-bedded multidisciplinary hospital accredited by NABH and NABL, committed to excellence in healthcare, education, and research. Established as a joint venture of Christian Medical College Vellore, Emmanuel Hospital Association, and the Government of Nagaland, CIHSR continues to serve with a mission-driven approach to compassionate and quality care. For more details, visit www.cihsr.in

As a vibrant campus community with a heart for healing, CIHSR invites applications for the following position:

(a) Junior Accountant

Junior Accountant with strong accounting knowledge and experience.

Qualification: B.Com / M.Com

Experience: B.Com with 10+ years or M.Com with 5+ years in accounting.

Skills: He should possess a strong understanding of accounting principles, financial reporting, direct and indirect taxes and working knowledge of Tally, bank reconciliation, AP/AR management, and audit support. This role will involve assisting in various accounting tasks to support the financial operations of the Institute.

(b) Senior Manager – Finance & Accounts

Experienced finance professional to lead accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, treasury, compliance, internal controls, and financial analysis functions for a hospital.

Key Requirements:

- CA / CMA / MBA Finance / M.Com / equivalent qualification
- Strong experience in finance, accounting, budgeting, audits, taxation, and statutory compliance
- Experience in healthcare/hospital finance preferred
- Excellent leadership, analytical, and reporting skills

Experience: 10 to 15 years of experience

Role Highlights: Financial Reporting | Budgeting & Planning | Treasury Management | GST, TDS & Statutory Compliance | Audit Coordination | Hospital Revenue & Receivables Management | Team Leadership.

(c) Nuclear Medicine Technologist

Qualification Requirements:

- Degree or Diploma in Nuclear Medicine Technology from an institute recognized by the AERB
- Mandatory Radiation Professional Registration with active eLORA ID
- 1–3 years of relevant experience in Nuclear Medicine Technology is preferred; however, freshers may also apply.

Role highlights:

1. Perform SPECT and PET/CT imaging and assist with nuclear medicine therapies per department protocols.
2. Prepare and administer radiopharmaceuticals, maintain radiation safety and QC, and keep accurate patient/procedure records.
3. Collaborate with physicians and healthcare teams to deliver safe, efficient, high-quality patient care.

Last Date to Apply: 8th July, 2026

For enquiries: 03862-242555 (Extn. 7011 / 7012 / 7013)

How to Apply

1. Download the prescribed CIHSR application form from the website
2. Submit the completed application to hrd@cihsr.ac.in

Submission along with an updated CV is preferred.