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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Dr. Premila Abraham Retires



Dr. Premila Abraham retired on 9th September 2026, closing a career spanning more than three decades at CMC Vellore. Dr. Premila was born in CMC Hospital, Vellore, into a family devoted to service. Her father, Rev. Sudarsanam, was Headmaster of KAKM Municipal Higher Secondary School, Vellore, and a pastor; her mother, Ms. Jessie Sudarsanam, was a Professor of Nursing at the CMC Vellore, College of Nursing. Dr. Premila completed her schooling at Ida Scudder School and went on to earn a B.Sc. in Chemistry from Auxilium College, where she secured the tenth rank in the university. Her association with CMC Vellore began in 1987, when she joined the M.Sc. programme in Biochemistry. She secured the first rank in the university for the course, after which she joined the Department of Biochemistry to fulfil her service obligation, and then continued working in the department. She pursued a PhD training under the supervision of Dr. G. Wilfred, Professor of Biochemistry and Head of the Department at the time. Her doctoral research was on the role of oxidative stress in the pathogenesis of carbon tetrachloride-induced liver injury. She was awarded the PhD degree in 1999. Thereafter, she continued in the department as a faculty member and rose from Assistant Professor (1999-2006) to Associate Professor (2006-2008) to Professor (2008). She spent a year of sabbatical leave in Oman Medical College (2008-2009). During her time in Oman, she authored three handbooks for the students on metabolism, molecular biology and genetics, and on clinical biochemistry.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



January 1930:

Mobile clinics were operating four roads each week, and shortly after Ida's return, a fifth route was added.

The first day of each roadside clinic was always filled with excitement and uncertainty. Would people respond to the invitations that had been circulated? Would they be willing to accept treatment? How long would it take to build their trust and confidence?

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Her research career was mainly centred on the mechanisms of drug-induced organ toxicity, studying cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, and tenofovir. She also worked on gestational diabetes and biotin, and, more recently, on endometrial cancer stem cells. Her research work was supported by extramural funding stretching back to 2005. A grant from the Department of Science and Technology - Science and Engineering Research Council (DST-SERC) supported her early studies on nitrosative stress in cyclophosphamide-induced hemorrhagic cystitis. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) funded her work on mitochondrial dysfunction in methotrexate-induced intestinal damage and on tenofovir-induced renal injury. With further support from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) she extended her studies on cyclophosphamide-induced kidney and urothelial damage. These studies continue today, through ongoing CSIR, ICMR and Department of Science and Technology - Science and Engineering Research Board (DST-SERB)-funded projects on methotrexate-induced mucositis and the protective effects of ebselen. Her body of work resulted in over 60 peer-reviewed publications, more than 2,000 citations, and a h-index of 26. Dr. Premila's research contributions have been recognised with a string of honours. The Tamil Nadu Young Women Scientist Award (2004) and the Shakuntala Amirchand Prize from the ICMR (2005) came early in her career. The National Women Scientist Award (2010) from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) followed, for her work on the protective effects of aminoguanidine against cyclophosphamide-induced hemorrhagic cystitis. She was also awarded a DBT Crest International Fellowship (2011) and a Senior Training Fellowship (STF) by CMC Vellore (2012). Most recently, she received the Pharma Medical Sciences Development Society (PMSDS) Excellence in Research Award (2021) for her outstanding contribution to medical biochemistry. Dr. Premila has also been a part of medical undergraduate teaching programmes for more than 30 years, taking lectures and contributing to small group discussions, case discussions, problem-based learning, and practical and viva-voce examinations. MBBS students will remember her for enabling them to understand protein metabolism, a challenging topic in Biochemistry. Several postgraduates (MD and MSc) trained under her guidance over the years. She has been the supervisor for 6 PhD students. At the institutional level, she served on the Institutional Review Board (Blue IRB) at CMC Vellore, from 2019 to 2024 and on the B.Tech curriculum committee at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT). Colleagues will remember her for her extensive knowledge of Biochemistry and her cheerful presence in the department. She was known for submitting reports and documentation well ahead of deadlines. Her witty remarks and approachable, good-humoured presence in the department will be missed. As she steps back from active service, she leaves behind a department she has contributed significantly to through her decades of teaching, her steady output of basic science research, and the students and colleagues she trained along the way. The Department of Biochemistry thanks Dr. Premila Abraham for her many years of teaching, research, and service, and wishes her a fulfilling and well-earned retirement.

MOU signed with the Xavier Institute of Management University (XIM), Odisha



Christian Medical College Vellore in collaboration with XIM University, Odisha has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for conducting joint Leadership and Executive programmes on 21st September, 2026. The MOU signing ceremony was held at CMC Vellore where the dignitaries of both institutions signed the MOU, namely Dr. Biju George, Director, CMC Vellore and Fr. Dr. K.S. Casimir, Vice Chancellor, XIM University, Odisha.

The Memorandum of Understanding brings together two leading institutions in healthcare and higher education to strengthen management excellence in the healthcare sector. The collaboration will enable the joint development and delivery of high-quality, industry-focused management development programmes designed to address the evolving leadership, managerial and professional needs of healthcare organisations. Through this partnership, a range of programmes will be developed across healthcare management and related disciplines, providing healthcare professionals with opportunities to strengthen their managerial capabilities and leadership skills. Leveraging the clinical expertise of the hospital and the academic and management expertise of the University, the collaboration will offer industry-relevant learning that connects academic excellence with real-world healthcare challenges, help in building healthcare management professionals.

6th Certificate Course-Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship

The 6th certificate course on IPC & Antimicrobial Stewardship was successfully conducted from 14th to 18th September, 2026 by the Hospital Infection Control Committee. 18 delegates took part in the course comprising a mélange of clinicians and microbiologists from medical colleges, mission hospitals and private hospitals from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Nagaland, and Punjab.



The course commenced with an inaugural function with invocation by infection control nurses followed by prayer by Ms. Janospher Priscilla, Chaplain. Dr. Rajiv Karthik, the Deputy Chairman of HIC welcomed the gathering, while Dr. Hema Paul, Organising Secretary & Senior HIC Officer, laid out the overview of the course. The gathering was felicitated by Dr. Biju George, Director, Dr. I Rajesh, the Medical Superintendent and Chairperson HICC, along with Mrs. Alice Sony, Nursing Superintendent, who also emphasised the need for strict adherence to infection prevention and control practices and the role of antibiotic stewardship in preventing healthcare associated infections. Dr. Cheryl Lynnette, Junior HIC Officer, proposed the vote of thanks.

The objective of this course was to equip doctors in areas of infection control and antimicrobial stewardship with tools and resources required for combating healthcare associated infections and to enable those actively involved in infection control to freely exchange ideas and knowledge.

Participants gained valuable insights into the essential tools and resources necessary to combat Health Care Associated Infections (HCAIs). The five-day course featured diverse sessions covering specific aspects of hospital infection control, including patient safety, healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial resistance and stewardship, infection control in specialised environments, and healthcare safety. This year we had three external faculty members to enrich our learning.

Dr. Adimai Siromany Valan, Public Health Specialist specialising in Infectious Diseases at the CDC, National office in New Delhi explained the steps involved in conducting an outbreak investigation through case studies and group discussions.

Dr. Malini R Capoor, Professor Microbiology VMMC & SJH, new Delhi, who took an online session highlighting the management of Biomedical Waste (BMW), including radioactive and e-waste.

Dr. Manisha Biswal, Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, discussed the 'use of care bundles' and 'prevention of CAUTI in clinical practices'.

During the course the participants had the opportunity to visit the ICUs, CSSD, wards in Town and Ranipet Campus', Laundry and CBMWTF Kandipedu. On day four afternoon was the participants went through skill stations, to demonstrate competencies in hand hygiene, Bio Medical Waste (BMW) segregation and donning & doffing of PPE. Skills such as handling and dressing of central and peripheral lines, aseptic techniques while drawing a blood culture were demonstrated. Participants learnt the technique of drawing blood samples using Leur Adapter & Needle, Central and Peripheral line dressing ably demonstrated by the line nurses' team.

Laboratory visit to the Clinical Microbiology lab was organised where the methods of doing AST and environment surveillance were demonstrated by Faculty from the Department of Clinical Microbiology. The workshop concluded on the 18th September, 2026 with a valedictory ceremony. The ceremony started with a prayer song by the HIC team and prayer by Mrs. Sonia P Abraham, Addl. Joint Secretary HIC. The report of the certificate course was presented by Dr. Hema Paul, following which feedback of the course was given by three participants, Dr. Ahikam Devadason (Mission Hospital), Dr. Rajeshwarie (Government Hospital), Dr. Soumya J S (Private Hospital). Dr. Felix Jebasingh, Associate Medical Superintendent felicitated the gathering and Dr. John A Jude Prakash, Secretary HIC along with Mrs. Sonia P Abraham, Addl. Joint Secretary HIC distributed certificates to the participants for completing the course. Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Freddy Jabez, ICN.

Department of Gynaecological Oncology celebrated Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month

As September is observed as the Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month, The Department of Gynaecological Oncology, Christian Medical College Vellore, conducted a series of activities aimed at increasing awareness, promoting early detection and prevention, and supporting women living beyond cancer.

As part of this month-long initiative, the department organised key activities – starting with a Celebration of Life Meet, awareness programmes in colleges, and awareness activities in the community and in the OPDs and finally ending with Gynae Cancer awareness programme in the Main Campus, CMC Vellore.

The Cancer Survivors Meet, held on 5 September 2026 at the VIP Hall, VGS Canteen, was organised with the theme “Grace, Gratitude, Growth: Celebrating Life Beyond Cancer.” The programme celebrated the strength and resilience of cancer survivors and provided an opportunity for them to come together, share their experiences and inspire others. The programme included a session on Long-Term Survivorship Care, survivor testimonies under “My Journey Beyond Cancer,” and sessions on fitness and nutrition focusing on healthy living after cancer treatment. The Department of Gynaecologic Oncology also conducted a slogan and poster competition with the same theme for which the prize winners are as follows:

Slogan Competition:

1st Prize : Sneha R, Staff Nurse, G4west

2nd Prize : Shatheeswaran, Dept of P&O

3rd Prize : Rahul Rajan, Specialty 7 Nursing

Poster Competition:

1st Prize : Femina Jasmine C201 ward (RPT Campus)

2nd Prize (Tie) : Dhashna M, B.Sc. Respiratory Therapy (2nd year), and N. Mubarak Ali.

As part of the awareness initiative, an awareness and screening camp was conducted at Pootuthaku, taking cancer awareness and early detection services into the community. The camp provided an opportunity to engage with the local population, create awareness about gynaecological cancers and promote the importance of appropriate screening and early medical evaluation.

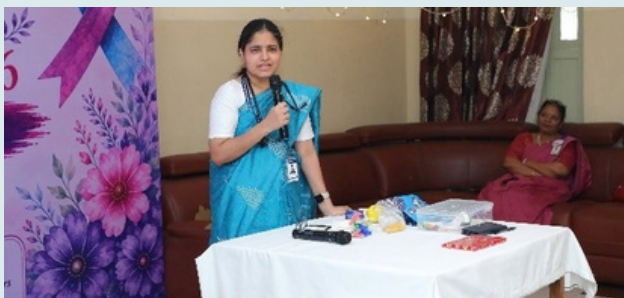
In addition, educational programmes were conducted in college, reaching young adults with messages on gynaecological cancer prevention, risk factors, warning signs, HPV vaccination and the importance of seeking timely medical care.

Awareness activities were also conducted in the OPDs, both in Ranipet and GONC OPD providing an opportunity to engage with patients and attendants and share information on prevention, early detection, screening, healthy lifestyle practices and available cancer care services.

Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Programme was organised by the Departments of Gynaecological Oncology and Radiation Oncology, Unit-I, CMC Vellore, on 3rd October 2026 at the ISSCC Foyer, CMC Main Campus. The programme included sessions on the burden of gynaecological cancers in India, symptoms and prevention of gynaecological cancers, nutrition and women’s health, and physical activity.

As part of the programme, interactive awareness stalls were set up by the Radiation Oncology nursing team, Stoma nursing staff, Dietary and Physiotherapy teams, Palliative Care team, and Gynaecological Oncology team. These stalls provided participants with practical information on cancer care, nutrition, stoma care, rehabilitation, palliative care and prevention. The programme provided an opportunity for patients, families, staff and visitors to improve their understanding of gynaecological cancers and reinforced the importance of prevention, early detection, healthy living and holistic cancer care. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Through these initiatives, the department sought to extend cancer awareness beyond the hospital setting and engage survivors, students, patients, families and the wider community. The activities reflected the department’s commitment to promoting awareness, prevention, early diagnosis and holistic care, while celebrating the journey of those who have moved beyond cancer treatment.



ASIAPACON 2026: A Celebration of Knowledge, Innovation and Global Collaboration

ASIAPACON 2026 - the annual international conference of the Asian Society of Paediatric Anaesthesiologists, in collaboration with the mid-term meeting of the Indian Association of Paediatric Anaesthesiologists, endorsed by the prestigious World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists, held from 10 -12 September 2026, marked a perfect collaboration of anaesthesiologists from far and wide, who got together for a common goal – sharing and imparting knowledge for development of the field of Paediatric Anaesthesiology. The conference was organised by the Department of Anaesthesiology and chaired by Dr. Ekta Rai. The conference was held in the lush, serene, rustic and historic campus of the Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore and brought together healthcare professionals, academicians, researchers and experts from across the world for an enriching three days. With 587 registrations, 91 faculty members, including 38 international faculty, the conference truly reflected its international character and spirit of academic exchange. The theme for ASIAPACON was “One Vision, One Goal : A Collaborative Approach to Safety”.

The conference offered a vibrant blend of clinical learning, research, innovation and networking. A total of 13 workshops provided participants with valuable opportunities for hands-on learning, clinical knowledge sharing and skill enhancement. The availability of a wide range of advanced equipment and learning resources enriched the practical hands-on experience and encouraged participants to exchange ideas and techniques. The programme also embraced emerging areas at the pinnacle of healthcare innovation, with AI-based workshops and sessions on contemporary research and technology adding a futuristic dimension to ASIAPACON 2026.

One of the defining features of the conference was the discipline and punctuality. Sessions adhered closely to the scheduled timings, allowing participants to make the most of the extensive scientific programme. At the same time, the conference maintained a warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The interactive nature of the sessions was evident from the enthusiastic participation, with halls consistently filled with engaged delegates. Positive feedback from participants reflected their appreciation of the academic content, organisation, hospitality and opportunities for interaction.

The conference engagement with delegates commenced eight months prior to the main event through an online Brain Teaser initiative. Designed not merely as a competitive activity with opportunities to win prizes, but also as an educational platform, the initiative encouraged participants to expand their knowledge through thought-provoking questions. Detailed explanations and learning resources related to each quiz were made available on the conference website, thereby extending the educational experience beyond the activity itself. This sustained interaction also provided an opportunity for the host teams to establish meaningful connections and build a sense of familiarity and engagement with delegates well before their arrival at the conference.

Further strengthening the academic engagement, the P-POP pre-conference workshop, held on 29th August 2026, was conducted as an extension of ASIA-PACON 2026. The workshop provided participants with an additional platform for focused learning, practical knowledge sharing and professional development, thereby setting the academic tone for the main conference.

The conference experience extended beyond the scientific programme. The decor of the conference and dining area were enhanced by our fun filled mascots welcoming guests, in various banners. The dining experience, featuring a wide variety of cuisines, was particularly appreciated, with a distinctive South Indian touch adding local flavour and cultural warmth. The relaxing faculty lounge provided a comfortable space for faculty members to unwind, connect, exchange ideas and build professional relationships.

ASIAPACON 2026 featured several talks from world leaders in the field of Paediatric Anaesthesiology, including three remarkable keynote addresses from doyens in the field – Dr. Nicola Disma, Dr. Rebecca Jacob and Dr. Faye Evans. Apart from the main conference venue, parallel Special Interest Group sessions also further boosted the scientific content of the conference. Scientific abstract presentations were a key highlight of ASIAPACON, with over 100 entries for the competition. Adding an element of fun and spontaneity, Brain Teaser quiz programme was conducted in the conference, bringing participants together in an enjoyable and memorable way.

The Entertainment and Gala Dinner were another unforgettable highlight. The evening was filled with a wonderful blend of national and international culture, with representatives from different countries showcasing their heritage through lively country presentations. Elegant dance performances and melodious singing created an atmosphere of celebration, friendship and cultural exchange.

As the conference concluded, participants departed after three intensive and enriching days, carrying with them new knowledge, professional connections and, most importantly, beautiful memories of an international gathering marked by learning, laughter, innovation and friendship. ASIAPACON 2026 was not merely a conference, it was a celebration of the global healthcare community coming together at CMC Vellore.





World Pharmacist Day Commemorated with Focus on 'Empowering Pharmacists for Healthier Futures'

The Department of Pharmacy Services organised a special programme to commemorate the annual "World Pharmacist Day" on 25th September at the Jacob Chandy Hall. Reflecting this year's global theme, "Empowering Pharmacists for Healthier Future," the event celebrated the role of pharmacists within the healthcare ecosystem. The valedictory programme commenced with an opening prayer by Mr. Dev Anbu Manoharan, Sel. Grade Pharmacist II, followed by a scripture reading by Mrs. Jebapriya Sr. Sel. Gr. Pharmacist III.

Dr. Ronald Carey, Head, Department of Pharmacy Services, delivered the welcome address. He shared a brief note on the vital role of clinical pharmacists, highlighting their contributions across various clinical and intensive care units, and expressed his gratitude to all department staff for their tireless service.

The event's Chief Guest, Dr. Binila Chacko, Professor and Head, MICU, addressed the gathering and commended the pharmacists for their high-quality work. In her address, she emphasised the "4S Principles" necessary for maintaining patient safety:

- **See:** Notice what is happening around you, including potential risks
- **Speak:** Communicate clearly and raise concerns actively
- **Stewardship:** Take personal responsibility to care for patients
- **Safeguard:** Provide help and back up your team to sustain a safe environment

To mark the occasion, a series of themed competitions were organised by Dr. S. Annadurai, Professor, Department of Pharmacy. More than 75 pharmacists and pharmacy trainees from all CMC campuses enthusiastically participated in events including a Flashcards Contest, Dumb Charades, a Pharmacists' Skills Contest, and a Quiz Contest. The certificates and prizes were awarded to the winners by the Chief Guest, Dr. Binila Chacko, and Dr. Ronald Carey, Head of Pharmacy Services.

Later in the programme, Dr. Annadurai delivered an insightful talk on the significance of World Pharmacist Day. He summarised how clinical, hospital, and community pharmacists serve as trusted points of contact to minimise medication errors, provide expertise on adherence, and ensure safe access to medical devices. He said that the pharmacists' roles have been shifted to clinically-focused and patient-oriented care providers rather than dispensing medicines alone. This evolution has led to improvements in patient safety, treatment effectiveness, chronic disease management, and health system efficiency. Further, he highlighted that the following three critical steps are required to transform pharmacists' into recognised primary-care roles globally, also unparalleled accessibility into population-wide health benefits.

- **Advanced Training:** Integrating education across preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, and digital services
- **System Alignment:** Adjusting scopes of practice and payment structures to formally recognise pharmacists as primary-care providers
- **Dedicated Research :** Prioritising long-term studies to prove cost-effectiveness and secure sustainable funding models. These steps would empower pharmacists with extended role for healthier futures

Dr. Annadurai concluded his address by administering the traditional "Pharmacists' Oath," a collective vow to uphold professional standards and serve humanity.

The event concluded with prayer and benediction by Chaplain Mrs. Abisha. The Department Vice-secretary, Mr. Stalin Selvaraj proposed the vote of thanks. The successful arrangements for the programme were coordinated by Department Secretary, Mr. Sadrock Kingsley, alongside department treasurers, Mr. Thomas Vijayaprakash and Mrs. Caroline Sheeba.

Prize Winners of Competition Events
Conducted on the Occasion of World Pharmacist Day 2026

Sl.No	Name of the Participants	Prize Won
A	Pharmacy Flashcards Contest – Held on 17.09.2026	
1	Mr. Syed Nishar Ali, J	1 st Prize
2	Mrs. Mangalam Rebekkal Hannah	2 nd Prize
3	Mr. Harish, V	3 rd Prize
B	Dumb Charades Contest [2 per team] – Held on 18.09.2026	
1	Mr. Paul Lenin, P	1 st Prize
	Ms. Mohana	
2	Mrs. Shadhiya, B	2 nd Prize
	Mrs. Evelyn Indra, F	
3	Mr. Syed Nishar Ali, J	3 rd Prize (shared by 2 teams)
	Ms. Narmadha	
4	Ms. Keerthana, V	
	Ms. Kalaivani, M	
C	Pharmacists’ Skills Assessment Contest – Held on 21.09.2026	
1	Mr. Walter Issac, A	1 st Prize
2	Mrs. Mangalam Rebekkal Hannah	2 nd Prize
3	Ms. Sriranjani, R	3 rd Prize
D	Pharmacy Quiz Contest [3 per team] – Held on 22.09.2026	
1	Ms. Sriranjani, R	1 st Prize
	Mrs.Mangalam Rebekkal Hannah	
	Mrs. Komathi, N	
2	Mr. Purushothaman	2 nd Prize
	Mr. Gokul Raj, M	
	Mr. Arshad H	
3	Mr. Harish, V	3 rd Prize
	Mrs. Selvarani	
	Mr. Vignesh	
4	Mr. Pandiyarajan,	Consolation Prize



Sports News

Founders Day Staff Sports track and field events will be held on 7th November, 2026 (Saturday) at 2.00 p.m. at the CMC Vellore, Oval Ground, Bagayam.

The events as follows:

Men	Women
1. 100 mts.	1. 100 mts
2. 200 mts.	2. 200 mts
	3. 400 mts
3. 400 mts.	4. Long Jump
4. 1500 mts.	5. Discus Throw
5. Discuss Throw	6. Shotput
6. Javelin Throw	7. 800 mts
7. Shot put	8. 4 x 100 mts. Relay
8. Long jump	<u>Above 40 years Events</u>
9. 4 x 100 mts. Relay	1. 100 mts.
	2. Shot put
	3. Walking race

Interested staff members are requested to contact the staff members listed below to register for the events. Spot entries will also be accepted. Note: Each individual may participate in a maximum of four events, excluding relay events.

1. Mr. Naveena Krishnan,	Physical Director, CON	- 7016	- 9994023416
2. Mr. Walter Nixon	X-Ray department	- 2822	- 9843182611
3. Mr. Prakash	MCTT	- 6033	- 9944902637
4. Mr. Wilson	Elect. Dept	- 2045	- 9244316222
5. Dr. Balaganesan	Physical Director	- 4478	- 9443628333

Special Prayers: October 11 - 17, 2026

Transfusion Medicine and

Immunohaematology : Dr. Joy John Mammen and Staff

The Salvation Army - India South Western Territory

Council Members : Colonel Prakash Chandra Pradhan
Lt. Colonel N.D. Joshua

Hospitals : Evangeline Booth General Hospital, Ernakulam and
The Salvation Army Medical Centre, Kottayam

The Salvation Army - India Western Territory

Council Members : Commissioner John William Polimetla
Lt. Col. Zothanmawia

Hospital : Evangeline Booth Hospital, Ahmednagar and others

The Salvation Army - India South Eastern Territory

Council Members : Lt. Colonel Yacob Selvam
Dr. Sathish Prem Anand

Hospital : Catherine Booth Hospital, Nagercoil.



Welcome

Ms. Mahasampath Gowri S, Lecturer (NM) I, Department of Biostatistics on return from sabbatical leave.

Memorandum

Dr. Edmond Jonathan G, Professor, is appointed as Head, Neurosurgery Unit-III with effect from 4th October 2026 for a four year term.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Sanita Korah, Senior**, Professor and Head, Unit 2, Department of Ophthalmology won the Second Prize for her poster titled – A Neuro-Ophthalmic Masquerade: Bilateral Occipital Contusions Simulating Altitudinal Visual Field Loss – A Case Report presented at the 13th Conference of the Asian Neuro Ophthalmology Society in association with 8th Annual Conference of the Indian Neuro Ophthalmology Society, held in New Delhi, from 2nd to 4th October, 2026.
- **Dr. Smitha Jasper**, Professor and Head, Unit 3, Department of Ophthalmology won the Second Prize for her poster titled – Clinical Patterns of HLA B27-related ocular inflammation in people living in the Indian Subcontinent presented at the 27th Annual Conference of the Uveitis Society of India (USICON 2026) held in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, from 25th to 27th September 2026.
- **Dr. Brunda K**, Senior Resident Neurology won the Best Platform Presentation award at the Annual Neurology Conference SHINE 2026 held at Chennai between 11th to 13th September 2026 for her paper titled "Paralytic Rabies: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Blindspots in a potential GBS mimic".
- **Dr. Adeline Hephzibah**, Postgraduate Registrar in Neurosurgery, Department of Neurological Sciences, has secured the second prize in the National Spine Surgery Quiz representing our Institution at the NSSA conference at the NSSA Conference held in Chandigarh from 24th to 26th September, 2026.

Retirements

The Department of Nephrology bids farewell to **Mr. Rajasekaran**, whose retirement marks the completion of more than three decades of dedicated service to the department and the Dialysis Unit. Mr. Rajasekaran began his professional journey in the Department of Nephrology in January 1996, when he joined as a Graduate Technical Trainee. After completing his training, he joined as a Graduate Technician on 2nd March 1997, beginning a long and fulfilling career as a Dialysis Therapist at CMC Vellore.



Over the years, Mr. Rajasekaran has witnessed and contributed to the remarkable growth and evolution of dialysis services. His technical expertise, commitment to patient care, and willingness to adapt to advances in renal replacement therapy have been valuable assets to the department. He developed expertise in advanced therapies including Double Filtration Plasmapheresis (DFPP), Sustained Low-Efficiency Dialysis (SLED), and Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT), contributing to the delivery of specialised care to critically ill and complex patients.

As a senior therapist, he played an important role in training and mentoring junior members of the dialysis team. He was particularly instrumental in helping colleagues develop confidence and competence in arteriovenous fistula cannulation, sharing his practical experience and encouraging a culture of safe and skilled practice. He was an experienced team member giving meticulous attention to dialysis safety, maintaining high standards in water quality and endotoxin monitoring. Mr. Rajasekaran has also been known for his readiness to support colleagues and share his knowledge. His calm and dependable approach, particularly during challenging clinical situations, earned him the trust and respect of the dialysis team. His contribution has extended beyond technical responsibilities. He has nurtured and guided successive generations of dialysis therapists. To the juniors, he was a good senior loved by all. He was a good friend and respected by his peers.

During his more than 30 years of service, Mr. Rajasekaran has been part of the many changes and developments that have shaped the Dialysis Unit. His dedication has contributed to improving the quality and safety of dialysis care and has positively influenced the lives of numerous patients, students, trainees, and colleagues. On his retirement, the Department of Nephrology gratefully acknowledges his dedicated service, professional commitment, technical expertise, and contribution to the growth of the dialysis programme. He leaves behind a legacy of knowledge, mentorship, and cherished memories built over three decades of service. Mr. Rajasekaran has always demonstrated a strong commitment to family and community. His wife, Mrs. Devi Bala is a housewife. He has two children, a son and a daughter. His son Master Prathamesh is studying in Class 5 and his daughter Selvi Thanishka is studying in Class 2. The Department of Nephrology extends its warmest wishes to Mr. Rajasekaran and his family for good health, happiness, and a fulfilling retirement.



Ms. Mahalakshmi, joined CMC Vellore Vellore, on 3 January 1993 as a Clerk Typist and underwent a six-month Orientation Programme. She subsequently joined as an MCTT Trainee on 3rd May 1993 and has served the institution with dedication and commitment throughout her career. She is married to Mr. J. Anantha Murthy, who served as a Depot Material Superintendent with Southern Railways and retired on 30 May 2025. They are blessed with two children. Their daughter, Ms. A. Swetha, completed her MS in Information Technology from Arizona State University and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Information Systems while working as a Senior Data Engineer at EXL Services, USA.

She is married to Mr. Kaushik, who holds an MS in Industrial Engineering and works as a Senior Manager at Walmart, USA. Their son, Mr. Sourav A., completed his M.Tech in Software Engineering from VIT, Vellore, and works as a Senior Software Engineer at Vitrana, a Parexel company, Bengaluru. The department is thankful for her sincere and dedicated service & wishes her a peaceful, healthy retired life.

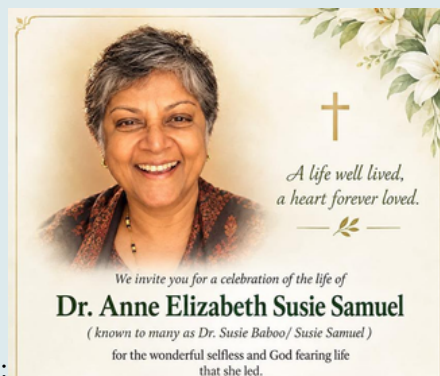


Ms. Saramma Kuruvilla, Senior Chaplain Gr.I retired on 11th October, 2026 after serving around 26 years of dedicated and commendable service to Christian Medical College Vellore. After completing her primary schooling in Malaysia, she continued her education in Kerala. After her theological education and seven years ministry with the Mar Thoma Church Ms. Saramma Kuruvilla joined CMC Vellore for one year Diploma in Pastoral Healing Ministry course in 1998. In 2000 she was appointed as Chaplain. She provided pastoral care to patients in Medicine including Isolation and Medical Intensive Care Unit, Child Health and Maternity wards. She provided pastoral care to staff and students through Bible studies, prayer, counselling and conducting retreats.

She served for 7 years as Honorary Resident Warden for Fitch Memorial Hostel and also as foster parent for medical and AHS students. She was instrumental in training numerous students in the field of Counselling through Verbatim classes and other Counselling related classes. She was the Chaplain of Kindergarten School in Bagayam for 2 years; Coordinator of Clinical Pastoral Education for 7 years; Treasurer of the College Hill Chapel Committee for 9 years; Coordinator of Competency Based Training Nurses program for 4 years; Coordinator of Sponsored Students Meeting for 2 years; Acting Head of Chaplaincy for one month, August 2023. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Saramma Kuruvilla discharged her responsibilities with sincerity, commitment, and a strong sense of duty. In her role as a Chaplain, she provided spiritual guidance, pastoral care, comfort, and support to patients, their families, and staff members. Her compassionate approach, devotion to service, and respectful conduct earned her the appreciation and goodwill of those associated with her. We thank God for shaping her life and career through the ministry in CMC Vellore and for making her a blessing to many. On the occasion of her retirement, we place on record our sincere appreciation for her valuable contributions and devoted service. As she plans to get settled in Vellore with her mother and siblings, we wish her good health, happiness, peace, and a fulfilling life in the years ahead.

Obituaries

- Demise of **Mr. Govindhan**, father of Mr. Prakash, Urology Technician on 5th October 2026. Let us uphold his son Mr. Prakash and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- Demise of **Dr. Anne Elizabeth Susie Samuel** (MBBS batch of 1964) on 7th October, 2026. Let us uphold her husband Dr. Narsappa Mathew Samuel, daughter Dr. Rekha Samuel (former Professor in the Dept. of Pathology, CMC Vellore, son Mr. Anish Mathew Samuel, son-in-law Mr. Nitil Prasai, daughter-in-law Mrs. Vidhubala Anish, grandchildren Ashish Samuel, Rohan Samuel and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.



The service can be viewed via the below link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/xBY1hwm2fSk> Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

- Demise of **Mrs. Annamma Chandy**, mother of Dr. Sunil Thomas Chandy, (Former Director, CMC Vellore), mother-in-law of Dr. Achamma Chandy (Retired Physician, Department of Reproductive Medicine & Surgery, CMC Vellore) and grandmother of Dr. Sujith Thomas Chandy (Associate Professor Gr.I, Department of Respiratory Medicine, CMC Vellore) on 9th October, 2026. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Upcoming Events

Advance Notification :

Medical Superspecialty and Fellowship Graduation	: 02 nd November 2026
Medical Undergraduate College Day	: 14 th November 2026
Medical Undergraduate Baccalaureate Service	: 15 th November 2026
Medical Undergraduate Graduation	: 16 th November 2026
Allied Health Sciences Baccalaureate Service	: 22 nd November 2026
Allied Health Sciences Graduation	: 23 rd November 2026

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. Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

Job Code : 1692

The Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR) [a unit of inStem Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (Government of India) and the Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore] invites applications for the Junior Research Fellow to work on a DBT-funded project in the area of stem cell and regenerative biology. The project involves advanced research in orthobiologics and cell-based regenerative therapies, including cartilage biology, immunomodulatory studies, molecular biology techniques, immunohistochemistry, histological staining and tissue analysis, gene-editing approaches, and preclinical in-vivo animal models for cartilage regeneration and osteoarthritis research.

Qualification : M.Sc. or M.Tech in any branch of Life Sciences with a minimum of 55% of marks. The candidates with DBT / CSIR/ UGC / DST-INSPIRE / ICMR / Any Government Fellowships and GATE will be preferred.

External Salary : Rs.37,000 + 9% HRA. (Consolidated)

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

For more details of the positions and the application forms visit

<https://www.cscr.res.in/research-opportunities/>

Please submit duly filled application with the copy of fellowship award letter, either by soft copy to cscredu@cmcvellore.ac.in or by hard copy to The Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore – 632 002, Tamil Nadu, India, on or before **October 22, 2026**.

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

2. Health Aide Gr.V for the Medical Superintendent's Office (Info Reception)

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

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. **Age Limit :** Below 35 years.

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

Applications will close on **October 19, 2026**.

3. Health Aide Gr.V for the Department of Neurological Sciences (Neurosurgery)

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

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. **Age Limit :** Below 35 years.

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Applications will close on **October 19, 2026**.

4. Jr. Speech Therapist (Term Appointment) for the Department of Developmental Paediatrics

Qualifications : B.A.S.L.P.

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

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

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Applications will close on **October 19, 2026.**

5. Jr. Physiotherapist (Term Appointment) for the Department of P.M.R. (Physiotherapy)

Qualification : B.P.T Graduate from IAP recognised College / University.

Candidate should have completed 6 months of compulsory rotatory internships and obtained provisional / degree certificate.

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : Below 30 years.

Note : *Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted.*

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

Applications will close on **October 26, 2026.**

6. Pharmacist Trainee for the Pharmacy Services

Qualification : D. Pharm / B. Pharm.

Appointment will be given only for Pharmacists who have registered in the State Pharmacy Council.

Candidates with Typing and Computer Skills will be preferred.

Stipend : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : Below 30 years.

Job Description : Dispensing section work as Trainee.

Note : *Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted.*

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

Applications will close on **October 26, 2026.**

7. Patient Navigator (External Designation – Project) for the Department of Medical Oncology (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Qualifications : B. Pharm / B.Sc., Physician Assistant / B.Sc., Biological Sciences.

Age Limit : 35 years.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Job Description : To guide and support cancer patients throughout their care journey, coordinate appointment and follow-ups, facilitate communication, maintain patient records and perform timely data entry in the study systems.

Nature of Job : A patient-facing healthcare coordination and data management role involving regular interaction with patients, caregivers, clinical teams, and hospital services along with documentation and study related data entry.

Note : *Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be 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 and emails will not be accepted.*

Applications will close on **October 26, 2026.**

Others

8. College Hill Kindergarten, Bagayam, is seeking applications for the position of **Teacher.**

Qualifications : Montessori / B.Ed. / TTC

Preference will be given to female candidates who

1. Are fluent in English with strong computer skills.
2. Have prior experience in handling kindergarten children.

Interested candidates may apply via:

Email: chkg.secretary@gmail.com

Hard Copy: Submit at the Kindergarten (between 9 am to 3 pm on weekdays).

Applications should be received on or before **October 21, 2026.**

For queries, please contact: +91 96290 85074.