

## 'The Week' ranks CMC as 3<sup>rd</sup> best hospital in the country

'The Week' magazine, in its November issue, featuring the top hospitals for the year 2017 as its cover story, ranks CMC Vellore as the third best in the country.

The issue also rates CMC as the third best medical college, the top private hospital in the South Zone, and the third best research institute in the country.

Earlier in the year, both 'Outlook' and 'India Today' magazines had ranked CMC among the top three in their national rankings for best medical colleges.

With the line 'Inside the legendary CMC Vellore' on the cover, the magazine takes the reader to the feature about CMC, which talks about CMC's history, its service to the nation and how it stays true to the original vision of its founder, Dr. Ida S Scudder.

In the magazine's ranking of medical specialities, CMC is in the top ten for Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Pulmonology, Neurology, Gastroenterology, Diabetic Care, Cardiology, Orthopaedics and Oncology.

**COVER STORY**

# LIGHTNING LIVES

HOW A MEDICAL COLLEGE STARTED IN VELLORE  
NEARLY 100 YEARS AGO MANAGED TO STAY  
TRUE TO ITS ORIGINAL VISION OF SERVICE

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**T**he year is 1918 and Dr Ida Scudder is sitting opposite Colonel Bryson, the head of the British Medical Department for the Madras region. "So, you are the woman who wants to build a medical school for women in Vellore?" he asked her. "You have no buildings, no money, and no staff. It would be ridiculous if it weren't so...so heroic." He expressed his doubt that Indian women could train to be doctors and compete against top Indian men from most of the systems set in place by her still exist. It might be part of what sets apart the doctors of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, but I knew there was something more. To find that out, we set out from the dusty town of Vellore to the CMC campus in Bagayam, seven kilometres away. (Other than the pre-clinical departments, the hostels and the principal's office, CMC's Community Health and Development or CHAD and Mental Health Centre are also located in Bagayam.) As we pressed on, the scene shifted. As though someone lifted the

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