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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

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The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the Robotic and Virtual Reality Lab and an Analytical Toxicology Lab at the Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore, Tamil Nadu on 20th January, 2024.

Building on India's innovation, its vibrant private sector and its engaged diaspora, USAID is unlocking opportunities to leverage finance and technology for greater development impact. The Robotic and Virtual Reality Lab will support patients with complex neurological disabilities such as strokes, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries. The Lab will also promote appropriate behavior to reduce road accidents, which are responsible for the majority of these injuries. The Analytical Toxicology Lab will play a crucial role in addressing poison incidents. It will also raise awareness about the safe usage of pesticides and provide mental health support to reduce the rate of suicides. This partnership between USAID and CMC Vellore will strengthen the health system and provide high quality care.

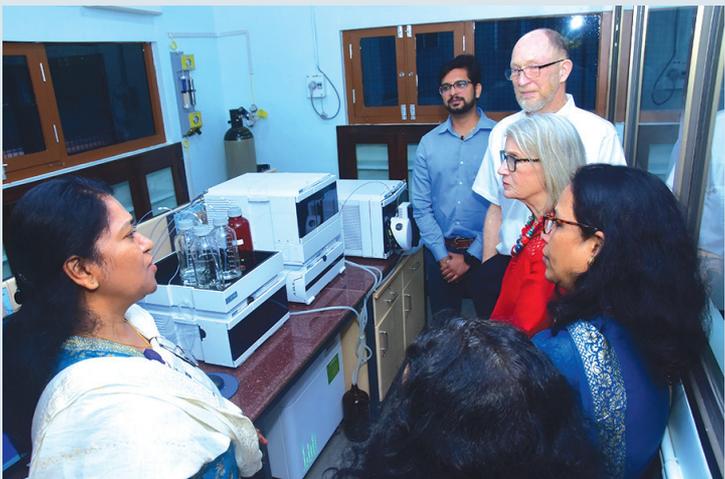
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USAID / India Health Office Director, Michelle Lang-Alli said, “USAID works with the Government of India, the private sector, and the civil society to identify, pilot, and scale cost-effective, digital health technologies and Artificial Intelligence-powered tools to boost India’s healthcare sector. With this catalytic grant that has facilitated the setting up of the Robotic and Virtual Reality Lab and an Analytical Toxicology Lab at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, USAID aims to increase the commitment and capacity of locally-led institutions and providers to offer high-quality, integrated health care.”

Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, CMC Vellore, said “The USAID grants are a catalyst for bringing a change in healthcare services. USAID has funded the setting up of a Robotic and Virtual Reality Lab and an Analytical Toxicology Lab which support our education, service, research and outreach objectives.”

These cutting-edge facilities are supported by USAID’s \$1.5 million grant through its American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) program. ASHA helps build bridges of understanding and friendship between the people of the United States of America and India. Since 1982, USAID has provided over \$12.5 million for infrastructure, equipment, and other needs to CMC Vellore. ASHA provides assistance to overseas schools, libraries, hospitals, and centers of excellence to catalyze collaboration between citizens of the United States and other countries and create self-sustaining local institutions.



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Groundbreaking Ceremony of Pharmacy College

The groundbreaking ceremony of Pharmacy College was held on Friday 19th of January 2024 at Bagayam Campus. The meeting started with the prayer by Mrs. Saramma Kuruvilla, Chaplain, Department of Chaplaincy. Dr. Ronald Carey, Head, Pharmacy Services, welcomed the guests and reminded everyone that the pharmacy college is only a continuation of CMC's tradition of providing outstanding pharmacy education. Mr. Reni Charles, General superintendent of CMC Vellore, gave an overview of the project. Mrs. Anuvinda Varkey, Chairperson, CMC Vellore Association, congratulated the pharmacy team for initiating the historic venture. Dr. John C. Oommen, Vice-chair, CMC Vellore Association reminded the audience that excellence should always be coupled with relevance. Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, thanked everyone who worked hard to bring the project to this level. Rt. Rev. Dr. H.Sharma Nithyanandam, Bishop in Vellore, offered the prayer of blessing. The groundbreaking was done by the chief guests, administrators, council members, former heads, Head & Assoc. Head of Pharmacy, retired staff, pharmacy alumni association office bearer, Pharmacy Office bearers and the senior pharmacists. Dr. Selvamani B, Associate Director for Finances and former Head of pharmacy services, thanked all the teams and individuals who had helped and worked hard towards the project. The college will have three floors, classrooms, laboratories, central instrumentation room, library, seminar hall etc. The project is expected to reach completion in fifteen months.



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Dedication and Inauguration of the Fitch Hostel Extension

The Fitch Hostel extension was dedicated on January 19, 2024, in the presence of the members of the Christian Medical College Vellore Association and Council. The extension involved a common hall and 31 new rooms on three floors which can accommodate 66 girls. The inauguration began with a prayer by Ms. Priscilla Abraham and a welcome by Ms. Hannah, General Secretary of Fitch hostel. She expressed her thanks to the CMC Administration and Council for making this possible. Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal spoke words of appreciation for the GS office and the construction team and expressed his gratitude for this much-needed new facility. The prayer of dedication was led by Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. J. Priestly Balasingh and the extension was inaugurated by Ms. Anuvinda Varkey, Chairperson of the Christian Medical College Vellore Association and Council, in the presence of Dr. John C. Oommen, Vice Chairperson and Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director. On behalf of the students Ms. Feba Paul, former General Secretary of Fitch Hostel, expressed their gratitude and were extremely happy with the new facility.



Dedication and Inauguration of the Renovated and Expanded Big Bungalow Annexe

The inauguration of the renovated and expanded Big Bungalow Annexe took place on 19th January, 2024. The annexe houses ten fully air-conditioned rooms with attached kitchen. The dedication began with opening prayer by Rev. Dr. Alexander Abraham, Inter Ashram Fellowship followed by welcome address by Dr. Joy Mammen, Associate Director(Medical). Dr. John C. Oommen, Vice Chairperson of the Christian Medical College Vellore Association and Council offered the prayer of dedication after which Dr. V.I. Mathan, former director inaugurated the facility by cutting the ribbon. Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director addressed the gathering and spoke about the significance of the various guest houses within the campus. Mr. Reni Charles, General Superintendent gave an overview of the Big Bungalow Annexe. Mrs. Sheby Rajiv, in-charge of Hospitality Services, proposed the vote of thanks.



January 21 - 27, 2024

Special Prayers This Week



Accounts : Mr. Denzil Ranjitsingh and Staff

Internal Audit : Mrs. Jainy John and Staff

Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Members : Mr. C.N.D Prakash
Mr. Moses Arnold Kollabathula

Hospitals: Baer Christian Hospital, Chirala,
Ruth Sigmon Memorial Lutheran Hospital,
Guntur and others

Arcot Lutheran Church

Council Members :
Rt. Rev. V. Samuel Kennady
Rev. A. Joshuva Peter

Hospital : Danish Mission Hospital, Tirukoilor and others

All India Association for Christian Higher Education

Council Member : Fr. Xavier Vedam S.J.

Australian Board of Vellore CMC

Council Member: Dr. Mahiban Thomas

Memoranda

- **Dr. Oommen K. George**, Professor, will continue as Head, Cardiology Unit-III with effect from 30th December 2023 until further notice.
- **Dr. Pamela Christudoss**, Professor (NM), is appointed as Head, Department of Clinical Biochemistry with effect from 8th January 2024 till her superannuation.
- **Dr. Balamugesh T**, Professor, will continue as Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine with effect from 14th January 2024 until further notice.
- **Dr. Krishna Prabhu R**, Professor, will continue as Head, Neurosurgery Unit-I with effect from 14th January 2024 until further notice.
- **Dr. Margaret Shanthy**, Professor, will continue as Head, Department of Medical Education with effect from 17th January 2024 for a four-year term.

Laurels and Recognitions

- **Dr. Ekta Rai**, Professor and Head, Department of Anaesthesia is selected as a Member of the Education committee in WFSA -World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists from 2024.
- **Dr. Shikhar Garg**, Senior Resident, Interventional Radiology won the first prize in the Neuro-Interventional Quiz, held at the 24th Annual conference of the ISVIR (Indian Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology) held from 11th to 14th January, 2024 at Jaipur.

Exemplary Awards 2023

We extend our appreciation to the following staff who have exhibited exceptional honesty and integrity in handling lost and found valuables, ensuring their safe return to PRO.

- **Mr. Vetrivel E.**, Sr. Accountant-cum-Cashier III, Care Section: found 2 lost gold rings worth Rs.8,400/-.



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- **Ms. Arulin Vedanayagi B.**, Staff Nurse, at Ranipet Campus Nursing Service, found a gold ring.



- **Ms. Deepa S.**, Staff Nurse, Nursing Service found a gold ring.



- **Mr. Velayudapani R.**, Sel. Gr. Medical Technician, Medical Records, found a gold bangle.

- **Ms. Hepsy J.**, Staff Gr. I Receptionist, Outpatient Department, found a purse containing 9700/- and two ATM cards.



- **Mr. Saravanan C.S.**, a Radiographer Instructor in X-ray, found a pair of gold bangles.

- **Mr. Ravindra Kumar T.**, MRO, Urology, found Rs.6,000/-.

- **Mr. Samuel Raja**, Sr. Librarian in charge, Gault Library, Bagayam, found an HP Laptop.



Situations Vacant

1. Senior Resident with MS (OG) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus (Obst. Gynae)

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

2. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD (Dermatology) for the Department of Dermatology Unit - I

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation: provided (Partly furnished, Depending on availability).

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL> Link : "Vacancies".

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.

Applications will close by **January 27, 2024** for **Item 1** and **February 03, 2024** for **Item 2**.

3. Clinical Researcher for the Department of RUHSA

Job Code : 1506

Qualification : Minimum Qualification is MBBS MD + Masters in Public Health is desirable.

External Salary : Consolidated Rs.50,000/-.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode. Accommodation not Provided.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link : "Vacancies". **Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.**

Applications will close by **January 27, 2024** for **Item 3**.

4. Junior Research Officer for the Department of Medicine Unit - I

Job Code : 1511

Qualification : MBBS.

Job Description : The Position involves attending phone calls at the CMC Poisons Information Centre, Providing poisoning – related information to callers.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not Provided.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link : "Vacancies". **Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.**

Applications will close by **February 16, 2024** for **Item 4**.

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

Qualifications : BASLP., /B.Sc., SLP (Preference will be given to those who know how to work with children).

Consolidated Pay : Rs.32,870/- Age Limit : 35 Years. Accommodation not Provided.

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

Nature of Job : Assessing and offering assistance to children with speech and language disorders.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link : General - "Vacancies". **Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.**

Applications will close on **February 05, 2024** for **Item 5**.

6. Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research & Leprosy Centre, Karigiri invites applications for the following post :

Medical Records Officer - B.Sc. MRSc. with minimum two years of teaching experience.

Apply with bio-data along with scanned copies of certificates and send to the director@karigiri.org and personnel@karigiri.org

Last date for receipt of applications is January 27, 2024 for Item 6.