



Christian Medical College Vellore



Newsline
July 07, 2025

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33*

Observance of World Vitiligo Day 2025



The Department of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy, in collaboration with the Dermatology Nursing Unit, organised a Patient Awareness Programme in commemoration of World Vitiligo Day on 25th June 2025 at the CMC Vellore Town Campus. The theme for this year's observance was 'Innovation for Every Skin,' highlighting the importance of inclusive and forward-thinking approaches in the dermatological care of vitiligo.

The nursing staff and faculty from the department organised a range of informative and interactive stalls, including displays on phototherapy units, live demonstrations of phototherapy techniques, a puppet show, and a counselling station. These exhibits aimed to educate patients and attendees about current treatment modalities while also offering psychosocial support. Additionally, a special stall called *Jus' Beads* by Karunai Illam showcased handmade jewellery and crafts created by marginalised and underprivileged communities from the Vellore and Tiruvannamalai regions.

In addition, various competitions were organised, such as the 'Healthy Food' Competition and the Poster and Slogan Writing competition. The healthy food competition was organised to promote the importance of nutrition and overall well-being, featuring an impressive array of both sweet and savoury dishes, attracting enthusiastic participation and fostering a spirit of camaraderie among attendees.

The programme was formally inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Myla Jacob, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Mrs. Daisy, Associate Nursing Superintendent, and Rev. Christina, Chaplain. The event was well-received and successfully met its objectives of raising awareness, promoting patient education, and celebrating advancements in the care and management of vitiligo.



World No Tobacco Day



To commemorate the 125th anniversary of CMC Vellore and World No Tobacco Day, the Tobacco Cessation Centre, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, organised a series of events. These included competitions for both staff and students, centred around the themes:

- Benefits of Quitting Smoking
- Ill Effects of Smoking
- Steps to Quit Smoking

Additionally, an awareness programme highlighting the harmful effects of tobacco and promoting healthy lifestyle choices was held at the Ranipet campus on 30th May, 2025.

The programme commenced with a prayer song led by the Pulmonary Medicine team, followed by a welcome address from Dr. Aswith, Assistant Professor. Dr. D. J. Christopher, Senior Professor, Pulmonary Medicine Department, gave an introductory note highlighting the significance of World No Tobacco Day.

The gathering was further honoured with felicitations from Dr. Ruben Thomas Kurien, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Mr Joseph Selvaraj, Deputy General Superintendent and Mrs. Reena George, Associate Nursing Superintendent. A powerful mime performance by the nursing team captivated the audience and conveyed the serious health risks associated with tobacco use and the benefits achieved after quitting. This was followed by a prize distribution ceremony recognising the winners of the short film and reel competitions, which were conducted to promote the anti-tobacco message among staff and students.

The following stalls were put up as part of the awareness programme:

- Health education counters
- CO breath analysis
- Referral to Tobacco Cessation Clinic
- Physician consultations
- Nurse educator station for personalised counselling.

The event concluded with a prayer and benediction delivered by Rev. Romith followed by a vote of thanks by Dr. Vignesh.

Prize Winners:

- Short Film Competition:
First Prize : Main OR Team
Second Prize : K-Ward & Team
Third Prize : C302 ward & C601 ward
- Reels Competition :
First Prize : Surekha(B502)
Second Prize : Dr. Gokul and Mrs. Anitha (B502)
Third Prize : Preethi P. (B001 Ward)

The awareness programme saw enthusiastic participation from around 50 individuals, including patients, students, and faculty members, who actively took part in the activities and benefited from the services provided. The event successfully fulfilled its mission of spreading awareness and inspiring action against tobacco use. The Department of Pulmonary Medicine extends heartfelt thanks to all staff, students, and guests who made the programme a meaningful and memorable one.

Basic Course in Medical Education workshop for In-house CMC faculty-group



Christian Medical College, Vellore.
NMC Nodal Center for National Faculty Development Programme
Department of Medical Education
Basic Course in Medical Education (BCME)
Date : 24th - 26th June 2025



The National Medical Commission's 15th Basic Course in Medical Education [BCME] was conducted for In-house CMC faculty from 24th to 26th June 2025 in the Nodal Centre, Medical Education Department (MED), CMC, Vellore. We had 30 participants (1 Professor, 3 Associate Professors, 26 Assistant Professors) benefiting from this course.

The objectives of this programme were 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
- Apply innovative methods in teaching & assessment of AETCOM (Attitude, Ethics and Communication) modules.

Dr. Margret Shanthi F. X. started the day with a word of prayer & welcomed the members present. Resource persons from various departments in CMC Vellore facilitated the most active sessions. Dr. Prakash S. S. proposed the Vote of thanks on the third day. The Department of Medical Education gratefully thanks, Dr. Margaret Shanthi F. X., Dr. Reena G., Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Dr. Vinod Abraham, Dr. Sathishkumar T., Dr. Vinay Oommen, Dr. Tripti M. Jacob., Dr. Vandana K., Dr. Prakash S. S., Dr. Divya Elizabeth Muliylil., Dr. Srujan Lam Sharma, Dr. Deepak V. Francis, Dr. Supraja S., Dr. Latif Rajesh and Dr. Audrin Lenin for all their contributions towards the successful conduct of the Basic Course in Medical Education [BCME].

Special Prayers : July 06 - 12, 2025

Gastrointestinal Sciences : Dr. Joseph A.J. and staff
Mrs. Sumathy and Staff

Medical Gastroenterology : Dr. Sudipta Dar Chowdhury and staff
Dr. Ebby George Simon and staff
Dr. Reuben Thomas Kurien and staff
Mrs. Sumathy and Staff

Hepatology : Dr. Ashish Goel and Staff
Mrs. Sumathy and Staff

Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory : Dr. Sitara Swarna Rao A. and Staff

Clinical Genetics : Dr. Sumita Danda and Staff

Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Bidhan Kumar Nayak
Dr. Sunil Jiwanmall

Hospital : Christian Hospital, Nabarangpur and Bissamcuttack.

Church Mission Society

Council Members : Mr. Stephen Edison and Ms. Rhena Clouston



Welcome

- **Dr. D.J. Christopher**, Professor, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, on his return from sabbatical leave.
- **Dr. Ananth P. Abraham**, Associate Professor, Neurosurgery Unit-II, on his return from study leave.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Sangeetha Yoganthan**, Professor in Paediatric Neurology Unit received the 2025 Subspeciality Trainee award (**Dr. William Logan award**) for Excellence in Clinical teaching in the Division of Neurology, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada.
- **Dr. Varun Kumar**, Senior PG Registrar, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was recently awarded the second prize for the Endocrine Wise Owl at the Endocrine Enrichment Programme 2025 - held at Kolkata between 21st and 22nd June, 2025.
- The following candidates who were successful in the Postgraduate **MD / MS** Examinations held in **May 2025 (University results published on 18.06.2025)**.

MD Anaesthesia : Borna Das

MD Anatomy : Afna Jayash J.S.

MD Family Medicine : Srividhya

MD General Medicine : Namrata Mathew and Brightlin J.

MD Paediatrics : Anu Anna Binny, Pritom Daimari and Jasmine Priscilla D.

MD Psychiatry : Ancy A., Mabel Raj M, Preethi Emily Mary P., Samuvel Sekar and Sujith Kumar S.

MD Radiodiagnosis : Amisha Tanya Deeban

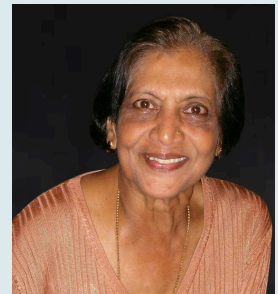
MD Transfusion Medicine : Bosco Premkumar S. and Salve Abhineet Ashok.

MS Obstetrics and Gynaecology : Abisha V.B. and Kirthana Rebecca Jacob.

MS Orthopaedics : Allen Prabakaran P.

Obituaries

Dr. Prema Sachdeva (née Srinivasan) (MBBS batch of 1958-59) passed away on 29th June, 2025. Dr. Prema Sachdeva (née Srinivasan) passed away peacefully in Toronto, Ontario, at Sunnybrook Hospital after a brief illness. Dr. Prema was born in Pune, India, on October 20, 1938, the youngest of six children to Mr. R.S. Srinivasan, Deputy Assistant Controller at the Ministry of Defence, and his wife, Mrs. Swarupini. Due to her father's work, Dr. Prema's early years were spent in various parts of India before the family eventually settled in Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, where she completed high school.



She went on to attend Vellore Medical College, graduating as a medical doctor in 1964. While in Vellore, she met Dr. Ramesh Sachdeva (MBBS batch of 1957), who would become her husband and life partner for 61 years. After their marriage in 1964, Dr. Prema joined Dr. Ramesh in Kenya. The couple later moved to the United Kingdom for further training, where Dr. Prema specialized in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

They returned to Kenya in 1968, and Dr. Prema worked as an obstetrician in a government hospital. During this time, Dr. Prema and Dr. Ramesh welcomed their daughters, Mala Sachdeva, CPA, and Dr. Preeti Sachdeva. The family later moved to Lusaka, Zambia, where they lived and worked until 1974. That year, they immigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba, which became home for the rest of Dr. Prema's professional career. She retrained in both General and Anatomical Pathology, worked as a pathologist at Victoria General Hospital, and later served as Director of Pathology at Concordia General Hospital until her retirement in 2005.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Dr. Prema was a devoted wife, loving mother, and grandmother to her grandson, Jai Mehta. She was a gifted cook with a specialty in Indian cuisine, an avid gardener, and a passionate golfer during her years in Winnipeg.

In 2007, following retirement, Dr. Prema and Dr. Ramesh moved to Toronto to be closer to their grandson Jai. She cherished her later years, spending time with her family, learning about sports from Jai, staying engaged in politics and world affairs, and giving back through volunteer work and charitable contributions. Dr. Prema is survived by her husband, Dr. Ramesh; her daughters, Mala and Preeti (Rahul Mehta); her grandson, Jai; and her brother, Wg. Cdr. S. Sumukadas (IAF Retired) and many extended family members. Following the private funeral, which took place on July 4, 2025, prayers will be held on July 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Arya Samaj Temple in Mississauga (405 Watline Avenue).

In place of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Daily Bread Food Bank in Honouree name, Prema Sachdeva, <https://www.dailybread.ca/>

For those who would like to get in touch with the family, the contact detail of her son-in-law, Mr. Rahul is given below: Email: rmehta@clublink.ca

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

- **Mr. Joseph**, father of Mr. Daniel J, Sr. Housekeeping Attendant, MRD, passed away on 2nd July, 2025. Let us uphold his son, Mr. Peter Kondiah, Retd. HHKA, Mr. Daniel J, HHKA, MRD, Mr. Yacob, HHKA, EMG lab, daughter Ms. Mariamma, HHKA and the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. J. David**, father of Mrs. Shantharani D., Sr. Sel. Gr.I Pharmacist, Pharmacy Department, passed away on 2nd July, 2025. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Upcoming Event : CMC - AHS Entrance & NEET Coaching Classes

Staff children who are in their 12th standard (2025-2026) are eligible to enroll. Classes will be held every Friday and Saturday from 5:30 PM to 8:45 PM at Wheeler Hall, AHSA Building, Town Campus.

Subjects covered:

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Botany
- Zoology

Faculty:

- Mr. Rajaganapathy, Pharmacist, CMC Vellore
- Mr. Suresh, Ida Scudder School
- Dr. Saranya, Spark School
- Mrs. Jaya Ruby Helkal
- Mr. Naveena Krishnan S.

Staff members are encouraged to enrol their children to help them prepare confidently for their exams.

Important:

Children of staff members currently in the 12th standard are requested to collect the enrolment form from the Personnel Department on or before **12th July, 2025**.

For forms or queries, please contact:

Mr. Christuraj D.
Welfare Officer
Phone: 2867 / 2524

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. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD (Paediatrics) with 2 years Fellowship in Developmental Paediatrics (CMC only) for the Developmental Paediatrics Unit

Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognised teaching institution for applying for Assistant Professor job.

Salary : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

Applications to be done only through an online application system. Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx> Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **July 16, 2025.**

2. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD / DNB (Paediatrics) with 1 year experience in Paediatric Emergency Medicine for the Department of Paediatric Emergency Medicine

Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognised teaching institution for applying for Assistant Professor job.

Salary : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

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3. Jr. Special Teacher (Term Post) for the Department of Psychiatry (Nambikkai Nilayam)

Qualification : M.A. Psychology / M.Sc. Psychology / Masters in Rehabilitation Science (MRSc) / M.Ed (Special Education).

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

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4. Assistant Professor with DM Cardiac Anesthesiology / DrNB (Cardiac Anesthesiology) for the Department of Cardiac Anaesthesia

Salary : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

Applications to be done only through an online application system. Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx> Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **July 19, 2025.**

5. Assistant Professor with DM Neuroanaesthesiology & Neurocritical Care for the Department of Neuro Anaesthesia

Salary : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Subject to Availability).

Applications to be done only through an online application system. Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx> Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **July 12, 2025.**

6. Project Research Scientist II (NM) for the Department of Reproductive Medicine & Surgery

Job Code : 1609

Qualification: First Class PG Degree, including the integrated PG Degree with three years' experience or PhD / second class PG Degree, including integrated PG Degree with PhD and 3 years' Experience.

Experience: Experience in statistics or Data management.

External Salary: Rs.67,000/- (Consolidated) + 10% HRA.

Age Limit : 40 Years.

Gender : Male or Female.

Job Description : To manage clinical trial data and data capture and cleaning and involve in data analysis. To communicate with PI / Co – PI and the statistician for statistical results and interpretation. Also to help with preparing the Annual report.

Job Preference : Preference will be given to those with Statistics / Bio – Statistics background who can handle data management.

Nature of Job : Data Management in Clinical Trial Setting.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

Applications to be done only through an online application system. Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>. *Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by July 16, 2025.*

7. Project Research Scientist II (NM) for the Department of Reproductive Medicine & Surgery

Job Code : 1610

Qualification : First Class PG Degree, including the integrated PG Degree with three years' experience or PhD / second class PG Degree including integrated PG Degree with PhD and 3 years' Experience.

Experience : Experience in Clinical Research Study / Setting or Research Co – Ordination or Genetics.

External Salary : Rs.67,000/- (Consolidated) + 10% HRA.

Age Limit : 40 Years.

Gender : Male or Female.

Job Description : To Co – Ordinate the trial at the site and will be responsible for screening, randomization, consent process, data capture / entry and coordinate with PI / Co – PI for day-to-day trial conduct. To help with preparing the Annual report and Utilization Certificate.

Job Preference : Preference will be given to those with Clinical Research experience as the post for trail coordinator.

Nature of Job : Trial Co – Ordination in Clinical trial setting.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

Applications to be done only through an online application system. Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>. *Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by July 16, 2025.*

8. Staff Grade II Perfusionist for the **Department of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications : B.Sc., with PG Diploma Cardio Pulmonary Perfusion Care Technology Course (with 1 year internship) / B.Sc., in Cardio Pulmonary Perfusion Care Technology (with 1 year internship) from any recognized university and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Jr. Graduate Perfusionist (Term Appointment) or equivalent only need to apply.

Salary Scale : Rs.15318 - 613 – 30643 + DA & HRA as per rules.

Age Limit : 35 years.

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

Job Description : Managing Cardio Pulmonary Bypass, IABP, ECMO, Cell saver. Taking care of Heart Lung Machine, ECMO machine, Ventilators, Monitors and ECHO machine. On call duties involves covering transplants ICU and OR emergencies, duties on weekends and night on rotation. Teaching / Training B.Sc., Cardio Pulmonary Perfusion Care Technolgy Students.

Applications are 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 to be done before July 14, 2025.*

9. Receptionist Trainee in OP Services

Qualifications : Any Degree (Preferably Science background) with good communication and multilingual skills. Fluency in English is must.

Only Female candidates need to apply.

Stipend : Rs.8,800/- **Age Limit :** 30 years.

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

Job Description : To guide patients in the Outpatient Department – Help Desk, Call Centre, Triage counter and other areas.

Applications are 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 to be done before July 21, 2025.*

10. Project Technical Support Gr.II (External – Project) for the Department of Reproductive Medicine & Surgery

Qualification : 12th in Science + Diploma (MLT / DMLT) + 5 Years experience in relevant subject / field or B.Sc., MLT (Preference will be given to those with proficiency in computer basics including data entry processes as well as andrology).

Age Limit : Below 30 years. **Consolidated :** Rs.20,000/-

Job Description : Andrological work and data management of the lab.

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

Applications are 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 to be done before July 21, 2025.*

11. Content Developer (Project) for the Office of Communications

Qualifications : Under Graduate / Post Graduate Degree in English Literature, Communicative English, Mass Communication, Multimedia, Media Studies, Animation, Digital Media, Visual Communication or related.

Salary : As per institutional norms.

Age Limit : 35 years and below.

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.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system. Apply on or before **July 16, 2025.**

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