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The Lord bless you and keep you; Numbers 6:24

Dr. Anna Simon Retires

Dr. Anna Simon retired on 3rd April, 2026 after 32 years of dedicated service at Christian Medical College Vellore - a journey marked by clinical excellence, leadership, and an enduring commitment to teaching and patient care. She completed her undergraduate medical training from Alappuzha Medical College and pursued her postgraduate training in Paediatrics at the Institute of Child Health, Madras, before joining the Department of Paediatrics at CMC Vellore in 1994. Over the years, she went on to play a pioneering role in establishing and advancing the subspecialty of Paediatric Endocrinology at CMC. At a time when this field was still evolving in India, her sustained commitment and quiet perseverance helped shape a strong, patient-centred programme that has since become an integral part of paediatric care at the institution. A gifted clinician, Dr. Anna Simon has been widely respected for her sharp diagnostic acumen, thoughtful approach to complex endocrine disorders, and unwavering compassion towards her patients and their families. Her clinical practice has not only impacted countless children but has also set high standards for evidence-based, ethical, and empathetic care.

Known for her clarity of thought and ability to simplify complex concepts, she has shaped the learning experiences of countless undergraduate and postgraduate students. Many young trainees have benefited from her meticulous teaching in outpatient clinics, where she seamlessly combined her extensive subject knowledge with practical wisdom. Her trainees often speak of her as a mentor who not only taught medicine but also instilled values of integrity, humility, and lifelong learning. Her contributions extended well beyond her subspecialty. As Head of the Department of Paediatrics, Dr. Anna Simon provided steady and progressive leadership during a period of significant growth and transformation. She fostered a culture of academic rigor, collaboration, and mentorship, ensuring that the department continued to thrive in clinical service, education, and research. As she steps into retirement, Dr. Anna Simon leaves behind a lasting legacy at CMC Vellore through the systems she helped build, the colleagues she mentored, and the many young lives she touched through her clinical care. Beyond her professional accomplishments, she is supported by a close-knit and accomplished family. Her husband, Dr. Simon Rajarathnam, who also served at CMC and has since retired, is currently working in Australia. Their elder son, Andrew, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Paediatrics, while their younger son, Alex, is an architect based in Melbourne. As Dr. Anna Simon embarks on this new chapter, she does so with the admiration and gratitude of colleagues, students, and patients alike.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



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KNOW?

Ms. Aleyamma Kuruvilla, CMC Vellore alumna and first Indian Dean of the College of Nursing (1961–1979) transformed nursing education by reorganising nursing services and education and initiating the Post-Diploma Nursing Programme, a landmark step in advanced nursing education in India.

A Gift from the Heart: Mr. Magendiran's Farewell Contribution



More Precious Than Gold

After 41 years of dedicated service at CMC Vellore, Mr. Magendiran G, retired from the Medical Records Department, leaving behind a legacy of commitment, enthusiasm, and generosity. At his farewell programme, he made a memorable gesture. Traditionally, retiring staff are presented with a gold coin or ring as a token of appreciation. However, Mr. Magendiran requested that instead of purchasing a gift, the amount be donated to the Person-to-Person (PTP) for patients who cannot afford the cost of their treatment. Not stopping there, he personally added to the amount so that the donation supports more patients. About 3% of CMC staff members contribute regularly to PTP, making supporters like Mr. Magendiran especially valuable. His generosity exemplifies the spirit of service and compassion that defines CMC. We thank Mr. Magendiran for this golden gesture of generosity towards PTP and wish him every blessing in his retirement.



PTP Champion: Director Dr. Biju George presenting Mr. Magendiran with a PTP badge

Special Prayers: June 07 - 13, 2026

Paediatrics : Dr. Sneha Deena Varkki and Staff
Dr. Magdalenal R. and Staff
Dr. Sathish Kumar T. and Staff
Dr. Winsley Rose and Staff
Dr. Ebor Jacob Gnananayagam and Staff
Dr. Debasis Das Adhikari and Staff
Dr. Mary Anbarasi Johnson and Staff

Developmental Paediatrics : Dr. Samuel Philip Oommen and Staff
Dr. Mary Anbarasi Johnson and Staff

Paediatric Surgery : Dr. Ravi Kishore B.S.S. and Staff
Dr. John Mathai and Staff
Dr. Sundeep M.C. Kisku
Dr. Mary Anbarasi Johnson and Staff

United Mission to Nepal

Council Member : Mr. Paul Chhetri

Hospital : United Mission Hospital, Tansen and Okhaldhunga Community
Hospital.



Retirements

Mr. Vilvanathan. N, Hospital Attendant Grade I, Relief Pool, retired on 2nd June 2026 after completing 38 years of dedicated service at Christian Medical College Vellore. Mr. Vilvanathan joined the institution in 1988 as a Casual Attender in the Dietary Department. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he was known for his sincerity, commitment, and active involvement in his responsibilities. His dedication to duty and positive attitude earned him the respect and appreciation of his colleagues and supervisors.



He is blessed with a loving family. His wife, Mrs. Anjali, is a homemaker. His elder daughter, Mrs. Vithya, and younger daughter, Mrs. Vijaya, are homemakers. His son, Mr. Vijayakumar, is serving as a Hospital Attendant in the Laundry Department at CMC. As he concludes his active service, we express our heartfelt gratitude for his many years of faithful and dedicated contribution to the institution. We wish Mr. Vilvanathan good health, happiness, and a peaceful, fulfilling retirement.



Mr. Sudesh Kumar S, Hospital Attendant Grade I, retired on 3rd June 2026 after rendering 38 years of dedicated service to Christian Medical College Vellore. He began his journey in the institution as a Casual Attender in the Dietary Department in 1988 and, through his sincerity, commitment, and hard work, served the institution faithfully throughout his career.

Mr. Sudesh Kumar is widely known as a sincere, hardworking, and active person who carried out his responsibilities with diligence and care. His dedication and positive attitude earned him the respect and appreciation of his colleagues and supervisors alike.

He is blessed with a loving family. His wife, Mrs. Senthilvizhi, is a homemaker. They have three daughters and one son. Their eldest daughter, Ms. Vinodhini, completed Critical Care Technology at CMC and is presently working in Singapore. Their second daughter, Ms. Aswini, completed Radiology & Imaging Technology at CMC and is serving as a Radiographer at CMC.

Their youngest daughter, Ms. Sugasini (Suhasini), completed Anaesthesia Technology at CMC and is currently working at Naruvi Hospital. Their son, Mr. Agilan, completed a Diploma in Hand and Leprosy Physiotherapy and is working in the Department of Trauma Orthopaedics at the CMC Ranipet Campus. As he retires from active service, we express our heartfelt gratitude for his long and faithful contribution to the institution. We wish Mr. Sudesh Kumar good health, happiness, and a peaceful retirement in the years ahead.

Mrs. Bakkialakshmi I, Hospital Housekeeping Attendant Grade I, Relief Pool, retired on 3rd June 2026 after completing 31 years of dedicated service at Christian Medical College Vellore.



Mrs. Bakkialakshmi joined the institution in 1995 as a Sweeper in the Personnel Department. During her years of service, she was known for her sincerity, dedication, and hardworking nature. She carried out her responsibilities with commitment and was appreciated by her colleagues and supervisors for her dependable service and positive attitude.

She is blessed with a loving family. Her husband, Mr. Prabhakar, is employed at Mamaz Lodge, Gandhi Road. Her elder daughter, Ms. Jessy, is working in HKA, Q1 West, CMC. Her younger daughter, Ms. Jaivarthini, B.Sc., is serving in the Critical Care Neuro ICU at the Ranipet Campus.

Her youngest daughter, Ms. Priyadharshini, B.Sc. Microbiology, is pursuing her professional career. As she retires from active service, we express our heartfelt gratitude for her long and faithful contribution to the institution. We wish Mrs. Bakkialakshmi good health, happiness, and a peaceful, fulfilling retirement in the years ahead.



Mr. Anbazhagan K, Hospital Attendant Grade I, RUHSA, retired on 4th June 2026 after completing 32 years of dedicated service at Christian Medical College Vellore. Mr. Anbazhagan joined the institution in 1994 as a Casual Attender in the CSSD Department. Throughout his career, he demonstrated exceptional dedication, sincerity, and commitment to his work. Known for his hardworking nature and willingness to go beyond the call of duty, he carried out his responsibilities with diligence and earned the respect and appreciation of his colleagues and supervisors.

Over the years, his dependable service and positive attitude contributed significantly to the smooth functioning of the department. His dedication to the institution and his cooperative spirit made him a valued member of the CMC family.

He is blessed with a loving family. His wife, Mrs. Selvi, serves as an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) in A3 Ward, CMC. His son, Mr. Abhishek, B.Sc., MLT, is currently pursuing his internship at Adukambarai Government College. His daughter, Ms. Anbuselvi, is pursuing B.Sc. Nursing (3rd Year) at Scudder Memorial Hospital.

As he retires from active service, we express our heartfelt gratitude for his long and faithful contribution to the institution. We thank him for his 32 years of dedicated service and wish him good health, happiness, and a peaceful, fulfilling retirement.

Mr. Lakshmanan N, Sr. Gr-I Office Facilitator, Main Reception (PRO), retired on 4th June 2026 after completing 39 years of dedicated service at Christian Medical College Vellore. Mr. Lakshmanan joined the institution in May 1987, initially serving in the Nursing Service Office for two years. He was subsequently transferred to the Public Relations Office (PRO), where he faithfully served until his retirement. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he was known for his commitment, professionalism, and genuine concern for patients and visitors. A man of faith, integrity, and cheerful disposition, Mr. Lakshmanan brought warmth and positivity to the workplace.



His lively sense of humour, approachable nature, and willingness to help others made him a beloved colleague and a reassuring presence for countless patients and families who visited the Main Reception.

His outstanding service has been recognised on several occasions. During Hospitality Week 2004, he was awarded the “Most Courteous Employee over the Telephone” award for his exemplary communication and patient-friendly approach. He also received the Exemplary Service Award on Founders Day 2012 in recognition of his dedicated service to the institution. In 2016, he was honoured with the prestigious “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award” for his exceptional work and for efficiently handling patient services at the Main Reception. These recognitions reflect his unwavering dedication to excellence and his commitment to providing compassionate service. Over nearly four decades of service, Mr. Lakshmanan earned the respect and admiration of colleagues, supervisors, patients, and visitors alike. His dependable nature, positive attitude, and dedication to the mission of CMC made him an invaluable member of the institution.

He is blessed with a loving and supportive family. His wife, Mrs. Amudha, has been a constant source of encouragement throughout his career. Their twin children, Mr. Moses John and Ms. Elizabeth Roselin, have shared in and supported his journey of service and dedication. As Mr. Lakshmanan enters this new chapter of life, we express our heartfelt gratitude for his 39 years of faithful and dedicated service to CMC. We thank him for his invaluable contributions to the institution and the many lives he has touched through his work. We wish Mr. Lakshmanan and his family God's richest blessings, good health, happiness, and a peaceful, fulfilling retirement in the years ahead.

Obituaries

- **Mr. Puthenpurakal T. Abraham**, former Interserve Missionary, father of Mrs. T. Elizabeth Abraham (Distance Education Unit) on 3rd June, 2026. Let us uphold his daughters, Mrs. T. Elizabeth Abraham and Mrs. Sara David, sons-in-law, Mr. John Daniel (MUT Vellore) and Dr. Sam David and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

- **Mr. John Pancharatnam** graduated from Madras Christian College, completed Civil Engineering and a Master's in Structural Engineering at Guindy in 1961, and went on to serve the nation in the Indian Railway Service of Engineers (IRSE) for 22 years with distinction. He joined CMC in 1985, serving as General Superintendent from 1987 to 1994 and later as Superintending Engineer until retirement in 1998. He also served as ex-officio Secretary of the Administrative Committee and was a member of the Executive Committee, guiding governance and administration with wisdom and discipline. He oversaw the ASHA Educational building, new staff quarters, and the switch to electronic telephone exchanges.



He introduced solar water heating with TEDA and IREDA support, began computerisation of the Stores Department, and initiated a pioneering sewage treatment plant funded by ASHA, using recycled sullage and hard water for sanitation.

He also introduced welfare measures, maintained industrial peace, and encouraged staff training and succession planning. As a teacher, he enriched the M.Phil (Health Systems and Management), CAMS, and DHA courses, imparting knowledge in management, environment, and administration. His vision and mentorship prepared many for future responsibilities. Beyond his professional life, Mr. Pancharatnam and his wife, Dr. Sarojini — alumna of the 1957 batch and former Head of the LCECU— opened their home every Sunday for the Student's Evangelical Union, nurturing the spiritual life of students. Their children Mrs. Chitra Niranjana, Dr. Satya Sudhir & son, Dr. Divyan Paul Pancharatnam reflect the same values of dedication and achievement. We remember him as a man of vision, discipline, and compassion. His contributions are woven into the fabric of our institution, and his memory will remain a guiding light. On behalf of the institution, we extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Sarojini and the family. May God grant them strength and comfort. Mr. John Pancharatnam's life was a blessing, his service a gift, and his memory a treasure. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

- **Mr. Venugopal**, father of Mrs. Shanthi R, (Hospital Attendant in the Department of Plastic Surgery Unit-I, CMC Vellore), passed away on 5th June, 2026. Let us uphold his daughter Mrs. Shanthi, grandson Mr. Pradeep Kumar S R (Former Chips Trainee) and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

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. Assistant Professor for the Department of Pulmonary Medicine

Qualification : NMC recognized post graduate degree in DM (Pulmonary Medicine).

Salary : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

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 **June 13, 2026.**

2. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MS (General Surgery) for the Department of General Surgery-II (Colorectal Surgery) Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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Others

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

Qualifications : B.Ed. / Montessori / TTC. Preference will be given to female candidates - Who are fluent in English with strong computer skills and 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 **June 16, 2026.** For queries, please contact: **+91 9677511620**