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*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*

## CMC Vellore, Ranipet Marks World Thalassemia Day



The Department of Haematology, CMC Ranipet Campus, organised a Thalassemia Awareness Programme on May 8, 2026 to commemorate “World Thalassemia Day”. The event was held in the A-Block foyer with the theme; “Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed, Supporting the Unseen.” The programme was initiated by Dr. Aby Abraham, Head of Department, along with Dr. Sharon Lionel Professor, Dr. Eunice Sindhuvi, Professor; Mrs. Lillian Percy Kujur, HOU Speciality Nursing and coordinated by Mrs. Gomathi Joseph, Senior Social Worker. The aim was to emphasise the importance of creating Thalassemia awareness and Stem Cell Transplants among the general public. Inauguration was hosted by Dr. Eunice Sindhuvi; the event began with prayer by Mr. Ebenezer, Chaplain. Dr. Biju George, Director, delivered the felicitation address and highlighted that thalassemia is curable in children. The curative approach involves prevention is possible through screening and prenatal diagnosis. Currently, stem cell transplantation is the only curative option available. In the future, gene therapy may also become an option.

## 125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025



Dr. Victor Clough Rambo, former head of ophthalmology (1947-1957) is recognised as the first person in the world to conduct large-scale eye camps; taking mobile cataract surgery programmes directly to villages and restoring sight to thousands of people. His pioneering outreach model transformed community eye care and inspired similar programmes across the globe.

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Dr. Vikram Mathews, Senior Professor motivated the public and thanked Coal India and Thalssemics India for the transplant programme. He mentioned that social workers and the entire team was present to inform the public about the work done by each team. He requested that the public can learn from each team and take this knowledge to explain the function of each team and educate others in their local communities.

Dr. Aby Abraham, Head, emphasised the need for awareness of thalassemia, prevention and stem cell transplantation as a curative for thalassemia. He also mentioned that the first stem cell transplant for thalassemia in India was performed at Christian Medical College 40 years ago.

Dr. Anu Korula, Professor, whose participation helped make the day memorable for everyone involved.



The awareness stalls were inaugurated by Dr. Biju George by cutting the ribbon. At the Physician stall, Dr. Jat Neelam Kumari Ramdayal, Assistant Professor, addressed clinical aspects of thalassemia and clarified queries from the public. The staff from the Blood Bank explained the importance of blood donation to save someone's life. Mrs. Dhanalakshmi, Clinical Assistant, was helping the volunteers. The Laboratory stall was led by Mr. Neelagandan K, Sr. Technician and his team, including Ms. Shankari Devi, Senior Technician. They covered thalassemia screening, prenatal screening, and hemoglobinopathy. Carrier screening was conducted for 20 individuals.



The Nursing stall, organised by Mrs. Margaret Devadanam, highlighted the role of nurses in thalassemia care. Her team used posters to educate the public on causes, signs, symptoms, and consequences of thalassemia. Nursing Coordinators, Mrs. Devakirubai Mohan, Mrs. Beulah Augustine, Mrs. Manjula M, Mrs. Philomena B, and Ms. Devakirubai N conducted multiple puppet shows to explain thalassemia, screening, and treatment options were most highlighted and admired by the children and families. Announcements in Hindi were made by Clinical Assistant- Ms. Arifa. Arrangements and decorations were managed by Mrs. Gomathi Joseph and Mrs. Kavitha Raju Senior Office Facilitator, including special decorations to attract children with a balloon stand and selfie stand.



The caps were organised by Mrs. Gayathri Priya, distribution of pamphlets and caps was undertaken by Social Workers- Mrs. Rizwana A and Mrs. Jenitta J. Children's games were conducted by Mrs. Vijayanthi, Play Therapist, along with Ms. Sangeetha T, Coordinator and Ms. Mansy.P, Assistant Counselor. The games were very impressive and many children won prizes. Mr. Kannadasan, Volunteer (Rtd. MCTT), helped in gathering the public. Dr. Aby Abraham HOD thanked all the staff for their contribution to this successful event.

### **CMC Vellore's Sleep Lab and NIV Services Recognised with ISSR Accreditation**

The Sleep Lab and NIV Services at the Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Christian Medical College Vellore, Ranipet Campus, has been granted Accreditation Status by the Indian Society of Sleep Research (ISSR) following a comprehensive evaluation of its facilities, clinical protocols, and sleep medicine practices. This accreditation recognises the centre's adherence to nationally accepted standards in sleep diagnostics and therapeutics, patient safety, polysomnography services, evidence-based clinical care, and quality assurance processes. The accreditation reflects the department's continued commitment towards excellence in sleep medicine, multidisciplinary patient care, academic development, and continuous quality improvement in the field of sleep health.

### **Tamil Nadu Association of Neurological Surgeons (TANS) 2026**



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference, convened under the aegis of the Tamil Nadu Association of Neurological Surgeons (TANS), was successfully hosted by the Department of Neurological Sciences, Christian Medical College Vellore, Ranipet Campus, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Bagayam Campus. The conference stood as a testament to the institution's enduring commitment to academic excellence, clinical innovation, and collaborative progress in the field of neurosurgery.



The academic proceedings were preceded by a meticulously organised pre-conference workshop focusing on skull base and spine surgery, conducted in collaboration with the Department of Anatomy, CMC Vellore, at the Bagayam Campus. This workshop offered participants an immersive experience in surgical anatomy and technique, blending didactic instruction with hands-on cadaveric dissection. It served as a vital platform for refining operative skills and deepening anatomical understanding, particularly for trainees and early-career neurosurgeons.

The conference itself was exceptionally well attended, drawing a vibrant assembly of senior faculty, junior consultants, postgraduate trainees, and residents from across the region and beyond. The scientific programme was thoughtfully curated, encompassing a wide spectrum of contemporary neurosurgical topics. Plenary lectures, panel discussions, free paper sessions, and case-based deliberations were marked by intellectual rigor and clinical relevance. The exchange of ideas was dynamic and enriching, rendering the conference a true academic feast that stimulated both critical thinking and professional growth. A defining highlight of the event was the conferment of the TANS Lifetime Achievement Award for Neurosurgical Excellence upon Dr. Ari George Chacko and Dr.V.Rajshekhar former Head of the Department of Neurological Sciences, CMC Vellore. This honor recognised their pioneering contributions, steadfast leadership, and lasting impact on neurosurgical practice and education in India. This felicitation was a moment of collective pride and reflection, inspiring both contemporaries and the next generation of neurosurgeons.

The seamless execution of the conference was underpinned by exemplary teamwork and coordination. All neurosurgical units of CMC Vellore worked in close synergy, demonstrating a shared vision and unified commitment to excellence. This collaborative effort was further strengthened by the invaluable support of the Medical Superintendent's Office, the Principal's Office, and the General Services Office, whose logistical precision and administrative guidance ensured the smooth conduct of all proceedings.

In sum, the conference not only fulfilled its academic objectives but also reinforced the spirit of collegiality and interdisciplinary collaboration that defines the neurosurgical community. It leaves behind a legacy of knowledge exchange, professional camaraderie, and renewed enthusiasm for advancing patient care and surgical science.

## College of Nursing Graduation 2026

**“To God be the Glory, Great things He has done”**

**They will sparkle in His land like jewels in a crown. Zechariah. 9:16**



The Nursing Graduation Ceremony 2026 was held on the 21st April 2026 at the Scudder Auditorium. Dr. Shankar Shanmugam, Registrar, The Tamilnadu Nurses and Midwives Council, Chennai graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The ceremony started with the procession of the proud and accomplished graduates walking past the jasmine garland chain with the traditional graduation music playing at the background filling the air. Dr. Biju George, Director, CMC Vellore presided over the function.

In his inspiring address, the Chief Guest congratulated the Graduates for being successful on their academic journey embarked upon to reach this point. He emphasised on being professionally excellent, compassionate and ethically sound individuals who would serve as leaders within health teams and communities. He motivated the graduates to realise their unlimited potential, and motivated them to pursue continued growth in their professional career. Mrs. Shandril Gnantheebam, Dean, College of Nursing in her charge to the graduates emphasised the need to imbibe the qualities of excellence in knowledge, commitment, patience, and love for the profession to provide compassionate wholistic care. She charged them to pursue excellence with unwavering determination that is engraved with values of love, truth, integrity and respect.

201 Undergraduates and 102 Post Graduates students were presented with the certificates by the Dean and Mrs. Alice Sony, the Nursing Superintendent, presented the College pins to them. Dr. Solomon Sathish Kumar, Principal, CMC, Vellore distributed the special prizes and Dr. Shankar Shanmugam, Chief Guest gave away the special awards. Ms. Varsha.R was awarded the Gold medal for the Best Outgoing Student in Diploma Nursing and Mr. Abishiek Daniel was awarded the Best All Round Student in the Diploma Nursing Programme. Ms. Manisha was awarded the Best Academic Student in BSc Nursing, Ms. Sherlyn Jasper was awarded the Best Outgoing student in BSc Nursing, Ms. Rekha V was awarded for the Best outgoing student in Post Basic BSc Nursing Programme.

Mrs. Beulah Prakash, Former Dean College of Nursing, CMC, Vellore was awarded the Alumni Award for the year 2026 for her dedicated service and significant contributions to nursing education combined with her enduring faith and servant leadership qualities. Rev. Dr. Finney Alexander, Head of Chaplaincy offered the prayer of dedication to bless the graduates and gave benediction at the end of the ceremony.

The Graduation Ceremony was preceded by the Baccalaureate Service on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in the Scudder Auditorium. Our alumnus, Dr. Justin Benjamin, Associate Professor, Nuclear Medicine Department was the speaker.

The Graduation Ceremony was a great witness of depicting the success of the Graduates, a reflection of the verse from the Bible “He who called you is faithful and will see to completion”.  
Three cheers for the silver and blue!



## Winter Symposium on Airway Disorders and ALLERGOCON 2026



The Departments of Pulmonary Medicine and Respiratory Medicine at Christian Medical College, Vellore, hosted the Winter Symposium on Airway Disorders and ALLERGOCON 2026 from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, bringing together leading global experts, clinicians, and researchers for three days of rigorous academic exchange. This symposium was planned to honour the legacy of Dr. D.J. Christopher, a pioneering pulmonologist, visionary leader, and devoted servant of the institution. His life and work have left an indelible mark on generations of patients, trainees, and peers. The event drew a diverse audience of medical students, postgraduates, researchers, consultants, and allied health professionals.

The symposium featured world-renowned authorities, including Dr James D. Chalmers, Dr Shyamali Dharmage, Dr Jerry Krishnan, Dr Amelia Shoemark, Dr Raja Dhar, Dr Sundeep Salvi, and Dr Sally Singh, who delivered cutting-edge presentations spanning bronchiectasis, COPD, asthma epidemiology, and pulmonary rehabilitation. The scientific programme was enriched by challenging case discussions and engaging panel discussions that fostered interactive learning. **The Winter Symposium oral presentation winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Dr Jewell Joseph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Dr Subiksha, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Dr Priyanka.**

ALLERGOCON 2026, themed "From Bench to Bedside," featured the prestigious Shelden Spector Oration delivered by Dr Saibal Moitra on "The Allergy Practice in India: Past, Present and Future." The scientific program encompassed sessions on diagnostic testing, drug allergy, food allergy, skin disorders, and inborn errors of immunity. Interactive workshops offered hands-on training in allergy skin testing, component-resolved diagnostics, pulmonary rehabilitation, and lung oscillometry. ALLERGOCON oral abstract presentations, judged by Dr. Vinay Mehta, Dr. M.T. Krishna, and Dr. Saibal Moitra, showcased vital ongoing research. **The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Dr. Arya Gopi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Dr Sivatheertha V.S, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Dr. Mosam Maroo.**

The event served as a vital platform for inspiring young clinicians and fostering innovation in tackling airway and allergic disorders. A memorable highlight was the dedicated session honouring the legacy of Professor D.J. Christopher.

The session featured representatives of his students (Dr Nishanth Sinha), mentees (Jefferson Daniel), colleagues (Dr. T. Balamugesh), and the Indian Chest Society leadership (Dr Raja Dhar), who paid tribute to his enduring leadership and national impact on respiratory medicine. The occasion was further distinguished by the presence of the entire leadership of the Indian Chest Society—Dr. Amita Nene, Dr. Rajesh Swarnakar, Dr. Radha Munje, Dr. Raja Dhar, and Dr. Sundeep Salvi—who had travelled to participate in and honour him.

### **19<sup>th</sup> Diploma in Allergy and Asthma – Graduation Ceremony**

The Department of Pulmonary Medicine at Christian Medical College, Vellore, celebrated the 19th Graduation Ceremony of the Diploma in Allergy and Asthma (DAA) program on the evening of 30 January 2026. With India facing a growing burden of asthma and allergic diseases, the DAA program continues to play a pivotal role in training specialists equipped to deliver high-quality allergy care across the country.

Dr Jerry A. Krishnan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Population Health Sciences and Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Illinois Chicago, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. A renowned physician-scientist with deep expertise in asthma and COPD, Dr Krishnan's presence underscored the program's international standing. Principal Dr Solomon Sathishkumar presided over the ceremony, officially conferring degrees upon the newest cohort of allergy specialists and encouraging them to carry forward the institution's commitment to excellence in patient care.



The academic achievements of the graduating batch were recognised with two prestigious awards. The Dr. Henry Claman Gold Medal for first place in the overall proficiency assessment was presented to Dr. Mohana Balamurugan V, and the Dr. Harold Nelson Silver Medal for second place was awarded to Dr. Shameer Ahamed H, both having excelled in the one-year distance education programme with four weeks of onsite training that concluded in December 2025.

In keeping with CMC's cherished tradition, the ceremony featured the iconic jasmine chain procession, adding a touch of warmth and solemnity to the occasion. Graduating candidates were joined by their family members, and the incoming batch of DAA students also took part, making it a truly memorable evening that celebrated both achievement and new beginnings.

A deeply moving highlight was the special tributes to Dr. D.J. Christopher, who retires this year, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the DAA programme and to the field of allergy. Alumni, faculty, and students of the DAA came together to honour his enduring mentorship and his profound impact on pulmonary medicine and allergy education in India.

## CME on Oncosurgery and Anaesthesia

The Department of Anaesthesia conducted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on Oncosurgery and Anaesthesia on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, featuring faculty from various national institutes in India and departments involved in surgical cancer care in CMC. The event brought together specialists from multiple disciplines to discuss advances and collaborative approaches in perioperative oncological care. The occasion also marked the inauguration of the Vellore chapter of the Society for Oncoanaesthesia and Perioperative Care, a national body dedicated to advancing anaesthesia and perioperative practices in surgical oncology.

The office bearers of the newly inaugurated Vellore chapter are:

- Dr. Tony Chandy – President
- Dr. Sathish Kumar- Vice President
- Dr. Amit Mathew – Secretary
- Dr. Samuel Chandran – Treasurer

Other notable members involved in the initiative included Dr. Bernice Theodore, Dr. Nitish Vijayanand, and Dr. Preethi Kuryan. The CME was a major success, with approximately 170 delegates attending in person, reflecting the growing interest and importance of multidisciplinary perioperative cancer care.



## Cochrane Systematic Reviews, GRADE & Evidence to Decision & Guideline Development Workshop

The Cochrane India, CMC Vellore Affiliate conducted a two-and-a-half-day workshop on “Cochrane Systematic Reviews, GRADE, and the Evidence-to-Decision (EtD) Framework” from 05 to 07 May 2026. This was followed by a one-and-a-half-day workshop on “Guideline Development,” organised by the Technical Resource Hub under the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the CHTC Lecture Hall, Bagayam Campus, Christian Medical College Vellore. The inauguration ceremony of the Cochrane systematic reviews, GRADE, EtD & Guideline Development Workshop commenced with a word of prayer by Rev. Vanisha, Chaplain, followed by the Chief guest’s address by Dr. Jacob John, Additional Vice-Principal Research, CMC Vellore and welcome address by Dr. Mohan S. Kamath, Director, Cochrane India Affiliate, CMC Vellore and Principal Investigator of the Technical Resource Hub CMC Vellore, Head and Senior Professor, Department of Reproductive Medicine & Surgery, welcomed the participants and provided a brief introduction about the Cochrane unit and the workshop. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Mohan S. Kamath.



The workshop was conducted over four days, covering key concepts of systematic review, Meta-analysis and practical applications of GRADE and Evidence to Decision for an interventional study design. The following concepts were covered:

#### **Day 1: Foundations of Systematic Reviews**

Sessions focused on the fundamentals of systematic reviews, with the introduction to randomized controlled trials (RCTs) as the building blocks for systematic reviews, components of systematic reviews, development of systematic review protocols, and literature search strategies. Participants also engaged in hands-on training on search strategies and sessions on screening and data extraction.

#### **Day 2: Quality Assessment & Evidence Synthesis**

Focused on meta-analysis and risk of bias assessment, interactive sessions on the principles of meta-analysis along with hands-on exercises. risk of bias assessment in randomized controlled trials, including the ROB 2 tool, followed by practical hands-on training.

#### **Day 3: Interpretation, Reporting & Application**

Emphasized interpretation and application of evidence in healthcare guideline development. The sessions by Dr. Pradhap Tharyan included the assessment of certainty of evidence using the GRADE approach, preparation of Summary of Findings (SoF) tables, and practical exercises. Participants were also introduced to the process of guideline development, formation of Guideline Development Groups (GDGs), topic prioritization, framing of clinical questions, and the use of systematic reviews for guidelines and policy development.

#### **Day 4: Guideline Development**

Focused on translating evidence into guideline recommendations. The sessions by Dr. Pradhap Tharyan included the EtD framework, practical examples of GDG EtD frameworks, and translating evidence into recommendations using examples such as the Index TB Guidelines and malaria treatment recommendations. Participants also engaged in practical exercises using GRADEpro/GDT to develop Summary of Findings tables, evidence profiles, and EtD frameworks. Additional sessions addressed stakeholder engagement, declaration and management of conflicts of interest, and communication of guideline recommendations to diverse stakeholders. The workshop concluded with discussions, feedback, and closing remarks.

The workshop faculty team included Dr. Pradhap Tharyan (Adjunct Faculty, CEU), Dr. Mohan S. Kamath (Professor, RMU), Dr. Vignesh Kumar (Professor, CEU). The sessions were highly interactive, encouraging active participation from attendees.

A total of 21 participants attended the workshop, including 3 participants from other institutions across India. The participants expressed appreciation for the well-structured sessions and showed keen interest in attending future workshops organized by the department.

The department extends its gratitude to all resource persons, the Principal's Office for their support, and the Telemedicine and Online Teams for ensuring the smooth conduct of the workshop.

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Badminton Summer Coaching Camp for Children of CMC staff

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Badminton Summer Coaching Camp for children of CMC staff was conducted at the Badminton Club, Oval Ground, Bagayam, from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Eight children actively participated in the camp this year. The Managing Committee of the Badminton Club would like to thank the coach, Mr. Vijay, for his excellent work. Staff members who are interested in sending children for regular coaching (2 days per week throughout the year) may fill in the Google Form below AND contact the coach at the Badminton Club between 5-7 pm on weekdays. <https://forms.gle/cVzJWjtVXCmCdJyi7>



## Summer Sports Coaching Camp for Staff Children



A Summer Sports Coaching Camp for the children of staff members was conducted successfully from 1st April 2026 to 4th May 2026 at the Kagithapattraai Campus and College Campus. The camp offered coaching in Basketball and Football and witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 200 children. The valedictory function at the Kagithapattraai Campus was held on 2nd May 2026, during which Dr. Balaganesan, Physical Director, distributed certificates to the participants. At the Bagayam Campus the valedictory programme was conducted on 5th May 2026, where Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal, addressed the children and distributed certificates, appreciating their active participation and sportsmanship throughout the camp.

## Special Prayers: May 24 - 30, 2026

**Clinical Haematology** : Dr. Anu Korula and Staff

Mrs. Lillian Percy and Staff

**Medical Oncology** : Dr. Ashish Singh and Staff

Mrs. Lillian Percy and Staff

**Centre for Stem Cell Research** : Dr. Nihal Jacob Thomas and Staff

**Paediatric Emergency** : Dr. Debasis Das Adhikari and Staff

Dr. Mary Anbarasi Johnson and Staff

**Paediatric ICU** : Dr. Ebor Jacob Gnananayagam and Staff

Dr. Mary Anbarasi Johnson and Staff



### **CSI Madhya - Kerala Diocese**

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. Sabu K. Cherian

Rev. Jiji John Jacob

Hospitals : Rev. George Mathen Mission Hospital and  
Bishop Jacob Memorial Hospital.

### **CSI Madurai-Ramnad Diocese**

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Jeyasingh Prince Prabhakaran

Rev. T. Samuel Ravindra Victor Singh

Hospital : CSI Christian Mission Hospital, Madurai.

## Laurels & Recognitions

The following awards were won at the Presidential Award ceremony during the World Resuscitation Congress (December 4–7, 2025) held in Madurai, as well as at NAPEM 2026 held in Hyderabad.

### **Laurels and Recognition from Paediatric Emergency Medicine**

Heartiest congratulations to **Dr. Debasis Das Adhikari** on receiving the Presidential Award in recognition of his exemplary service and immense contributions to the field of *Paediatric Emergency Care*.

This prestigious honor was conferred by **Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan**, Honorable Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, at the *World Resuscitation Congress (December 4–7, 2025)*.

We are also delighted to share that:

- **Dr. Seles James Martin (PG Paediatrics)** secured **Third Prize** in the Oral Presentation category, and
- **Dr. Ajay Sundaraj (PG Paediatrics)** won **Third Prize** in the *Poster Competition* at *NAPEM-(National Assembly of Paediatric Emergency Medicine) on March 28–29, 2026 at Hyderabad*.

Congratulations to **Dr. Shwetha Ann Philip** on receiving the **Gold Medal** in the *IAP PEM PDCC 2025 Fellowship Exit Examination at NAPEM 2026, Hyderabad*.

Once again, heartiest congratulations to **Dr. Debasis Das Adhikari** on receiving the **Pioneering Recognition Award** for his outstanding excellence and dedicated service in the field of *Paediatric Emergency Medicine at NAPEM 2026 (March 28–29, 2026), Hyderabad*.

## Welcome

**Dr. Femina Sam J.P.**, Asst. Professor-I, Anatomy, on her return from study leave.

## Memorandum

**Dr. Ravikar Ralph**, Professor, is appointed as Head, General Medicine Unit-I with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 for a four year term.

## Retirements

**Mr. James Christopher**, Staff Grade II Senior Accountant in the Finance & Accounts Department, retired on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 after completing an extraordinary 39 years of dedicated service at CMC Vellore.



He began his journey with the institution in 1987 as an Accounts Clerk in the Accounts Department. Over the decades, he carried out his responsibilities with sincerity, dedication, and unwavering commitment. Known for his active spirit, dependable nature, and professional approach to work, Mr. Christopher earned the respect and appreciation of colleagues and supervisors alike.

His positive attitude and willingness to support others have been a source of inspiration to many within the institution.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. James Christopher is blessed with a loving family. His wife, Mrs. Amutha James, serves as a Staff Nurse at SSSH, CMC. His elder daughter, Mrs. Lincy Benyl, is a Physiotherapist, currently working in the Alumni Office at CMC, while his younger daughter, Ms. Sharon Fiona, M.Tech., is associated with VIT. As he steps into retired life, we express our heartfelt gratitude for his long and faithful service to the institution. We wish him good health, happiness, and a peaceful, fulfilling retired life ahead.

**Mrs. Swartha**, Hospital Housekeeping Attendant Gr.I, Ophthalmology Department, retired on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 after completing 35 years of dedicated service at CMC Vellore



She joined CMC in the year 1991 in the Personnel Department. Over the years, she became known for her sincerity, diligence, and unwavering commitment to her responsibilities. Her active involvement, willingness to go beyond the call of duty, and dependable nature earned her the admiration and appreciation of colleagues and supervisors alike.

Beyond her professional life, Mrs. Swartha is blessed with a loving family. Her daughter, Ms. Komathi, continues the legacy of service as a Social Worker at the Ranipet Campus, CMC.

As she steps into retirement, we express our heartfelt gratitude for her invaluable contribution to the institution. We wish her good health, happiness, and a peaceful, fulfilling retired life ahead.



**Mr. Tamil Selvan. E**, Hospital Attendant Gr.I, CSSD Department, retired on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 after completing 33 years of dedicated service at CMC Vellore.

He joined the institution in 1993 and faithfully served in the CSSD Department with sincerity, dedication, and commitment throughout his career. Known for his hardworking nature and dependable service, he carried out his responsibilities with diligence and care. His positive attitude and steadfast commitment made a significant difference to the department and earned him the respect and appreciation of colleagues and supervisors.

Mr. Tamil Selvan has been an example of kindness, discipline, and faithfulness in service, always extending support to those around him and contributing meaningfully to the institution.

He is blessed with a loving family. His wife, Mrs. Valarmathi, is a homemaker. His elder daughter, Mrs. Usha, continues the family's legacy of service as a Hospital Attendant at RUHSA, while his younger daughter, Mrs. Vidhya, is married and a homemaker.

The CMC family expresses our heartfelt gratitude for his invaluable contributions and long years of faithful service to the institution. We wish him good health, happiness, peace, and a joyful retired life ahead. May God's grace and blessings be with him and his family always.

**Mrs. Devaki Gopala Krishnan**, Staff Gr. Asst. Engineer I, Engineering Planning Department, retired on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 after completing 30 years of dedicated service at CMC, Vellore. Mrs. Devaki Gopala Krishnan served the institution with sincerity, dedication, and integrity throughout her career. During her years of service, she was known for her hardworking nature, disciplined approach, and commitment towards her responsibilities. Her contributions and faithful service made a significant impact on the department and the institution, earning the appreciation and respect of her colleagues and supervisors.



She has been an example of diligence, dedication, and dependability, always carrying out her duties with care and professionalism. She is blessed with a loving family. Her husband, Mr. Gopala Krishnan, is running his own provision shop. Her son, Dr. Chandraseker, PhD in Bio-Informatics, is working as a Scientist at ACS International India Ltd. As she retires from active service, we express our heartfelt gratitude for her invaluable contributions and dedicated service to the institution. We wish her good health, happiness, peace, and a joyful retired life ahead. May God's grace and blessings be with her and her family always.

## Obituary

**Mr. Johnson Rathanam**, Husband of Mrs. Epsi Margaret, Attender in the Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, CMC Vellore. Let us uphold his wife, daughter and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

## Upcoming Events

**CME on Updates in Paediatric Infectious Diseases to be held at Christian Medical College Vellore on June 27, 2026.**

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**WHO CAN ATTEND?**

- ✓ Paediatricians
- ✓ Fellows & Postgraduates
- ✓ GPs & Medical Officers
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- ✓ Antimicrobial Resistance
- ✓ mNGS in Paediatric Infections
- ✓ RSV Infection
- ✓ Invasive Fungal Infections
- ✓ Updates in TB diagnostics

VENUE: CMC, VELLORE

### **Coaching Facilities for NEET & CMC-AHS Entrance Year Long coaching class June 2026 to March 2027.**

Coaching classes are being organised for the children of staff members studying in Class XII (2026–2027 batch). These classes are designed to support students preparing for the NEET and CMC-AHS entrance examinations. The coaching programme includes the following sessions: **Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology**

Staff are encouraged to enroll their children to these coaching classes to attend the exams confidently. Staff children pursuing their 12<sup>th</sup> standard are requested to collect enrollment forms from Christuraj, Welfare Officer **Personnel Department @ 2867 on or before 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 12 noon.**

Please note the following

- Coaching classes will be for 2 days a week (Friday & Saturday).
- Time : 05:30 pm to 08:30 pm (with break)
- Venue : Wheler Hall, Asha Building, Town Campus.

## Situations Vacant

Click the following link to view the vacancies  
<https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmcappp/listapplication.aspx>

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

### 1. Optometrist (Project) for the Department of Ophthalmology Unit-VI

**Qualifications :** B.Sc., Optometry / H.Sc (+2), with Diploma in Optometry.

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

**Job Description :** To work in the vision Centre Ophthalmology Department & Outreach Services (Jawadhi Hills – Jamunamarathur).

**Accommodation** will be provided there.

**Consolidated Pay :** As per institutional rules.

**Age Limit :** 30 Years.

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

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

Applications will close on **June 08, 2026.**

### 2. Clinical Research Co-Ordinator (External – Project) for the Department of Medical Oncology

**Qualifications :** B.Pharm / M.Pharm / B.Sc / M.Sc / Pharm.D / MHA / Bachelor's / Master's in Biological Sciences.

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

**Consolidated Pay :** As per institutional rules.

**Accommodation :** Not provided.

**Age Limit :** 35 years.

**Job Description :** To co-ordinate research activities in the department – Data entry, patient coordination, source document maintenance.

**Nature of Job :** Assistance in Clinical Research.

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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

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

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