

Ms. Anna Jacob, CMC's first Indian Nursing Superintendent, passes away at 103

Ms. Anna Jacob, the first Indian Nursing Superintendent of CMC Vellore and one of the first trained nurses in the country, passed away on the 17th of November, 2017, at the age of 103.

Ms. Jacob came to CMC in 1932 to join the first batch of Diploma Nursing, a decision she made after hearing an inspiring talk by the then Nursing Superintendent Ms. Vera K. Pitman, who had visited her school to recruit students for the new nursing programme.



After her studies, she joined the Nursing Service at CMC as Acting Nursing Superintendent in 1949



A young Ms. Jacob

and went on to become the first Indian Nursing Superintendent of the institution, serving in that capacity till 1974, when she retired after 38 years of service.

Ms. Jacob maintained high standards of nursing care in the

hospital, leading and working with patience, wisdom, integrity and commitment. Working alongside Dr. Ida Scudder, she shouldered the responsibilities of the post of Nursing Superintendent during a time of rapid expansion and significant changes.



With former Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Dr. Ida Scudder and former General Superintendent, Rev. Sanjeevi Savarirayan

For eight years, she also served as president of the Trained Nurses' Association of



India, and has represented the country at various international meetings.

As a resident of Vellore and the oldest alumnus of CMC till last week, Ms. Jacob took an active interest in the institution till the very end and was willing to get involved in its events whenever a request came her way.

Ms. Jacob inaugurating the bricklaying ceremony at Kannigapuram, CMC's new campus, in January, 2017

The CMC community thanks God for the life and legacy of Ms. Anna Jacob.