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*O! Lord our God, as for all the abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your holy name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. 1 Chronicles 29:16.*

It was a solemn and a significant occasion on 9<sup>th</sup> February when the Directorate at CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus was dedicated to the glory of the Lord. The programme began with an opening prayer by Rev. Finney Alexander, Chaplain. Following which Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director welcomed the gathering present and expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all those who were responsible for bringing the Office of the Directorate into completion. He thanked the engineers and the planning teams for their tireless efforts and meticulous planning which has led to the fruition of this administrative floor.

After the welcome address by the Director, there was a special song rendered by the Directorate staff followed by a Bible reading by Ms. Chellammal.

The Directorate was officially inaugurated following the ribbon cutting by the Director and Team. Rev. Dr. Arul Dhas, Head of Chaplaincy blessed the office with a prayer of dedication and declared the space open for service.

The programme came to an end with a vote of thanks by Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj, Associate Director, Ranipet Campus.

## Training of Department Quality Managers (DQMs)

Quality Management Cell and Safety Cell organized the training programme for the Department Quality Managers (DQMs) on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 in Scudder Auditorium, Bagayam. About 210 DQMs participated in the training programme.

The programme began with a prayer, led by Ms. Saramma Kuruvilla, Chaplain.

The training was centred around the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the NABH accreditation standards for hospitals and the key institutional requirements and policies. Parallely, focused sessions were organized in the New Examination Hall, Bagayam for different groups like pharmacists, human resources, administrative officers, legal, infection control team, engineers and maintenance teams.

The eminent speakers for the sessions were Dr. Suneel C. Mundhkur, Professor, Department of Paediatrics, Manipal Hospitals, Dr. Parivalavan Rajavelu, Consultant Surgeon, Sundaram Medical Foundation, Ms. Gracy Mathai, CEO, Baby Memorial Hospital, Dr. J. Jayalakshmi, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, KMCH, and Mr. Vinod Kumar K.B., Consultant FMS, Rajagiri Hospital, Dr. Binila Chacko, Deputy Director, Quality and Professor, MICU, Dr. Benny Paul Wilson, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Dr. Lallu Joseph, Quality Manager & Associate General Superintendent and Ms. Sophia Vijayanand, Professor, College of Nursing.

Quiz programmes were organized as part of the training and winners were acknowledged. This is an important exercise as the institution gears up for the NABH assessment.



## Training of Outsourced Personnel (TOP) – 2023 CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus

The Department of Hospital Management Studies and Staff Training and Development (DHMSSTD) conducts training programmes for various categories of CMC staff. With the increasing numbers of outsourced personnel, the training requirements have been repackaged based on their job descriptions into a comprehensive training programme entitled as Training of outsourced personnel (TOP). TOP is comprised of two components TECH & TOUCH. TECH covers CMC history, vision and mission, HICC, chemical safety and fire safety. TOUCH covers soft skills training. The TOP programme is a one-day programme wherein TECH is covered in the forenoon session and TOUCH is covered in the afternoon session.

The first TOP was held in Ranipet Campus on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The programme began with prayer and message by Rev. Benniamin, Chaplain followed by the programme inauguration and overview by Dr. Samuel N.J. David, Head of DHMSSTD.

The TECH session was conducted in the morning. Rev. Benniamin, Chaplain talked about CMC history, vision & mission. Mr. Loganathan, HICC, Ranipet Campus took a session on hand hygiene and Bio-medical waste disposal. Dr. Eunice, Chemical Safety Officer, handled a session on safe handling of chemicals at workplace. Mr. Joseph Selvaraj, Deputy General Superintendent, Ranipet Campus took a session on lost and found mechanism and CMC services for patients. Mr. Thomas, Supervisor (PCA and MPA), took a session on lifestyle diseases. Mr. Edwin Pierre, Lecturer took a session on basic life support. Mr. Niranjan, Fire Officer handled a session on fire safety.

The TOUCH component started in the afternoon with a session on human dignity by Ms. Janet Jayakumari A, Jr. Administrative Assistant, DHMSSTD. Mr. Anbu, Supervisor for QUESS and Ms. Thilagavathy, Office Facilitator, Ranipet Campus handled a session on basic etiquette, ethics and staff grooming. Mr. Ronald Simon, G.M. Officer spoke briefly about CMC's Ranipet patient service. Mr. Rozario David, Assistant Manager and In-Charge, Info Reception took a session on compassionate care and hospitality culture. Rev. Joseph Devaraj, Chaplain handled a session on stress & anger management. Ms. Jacinth, Management Trainee, DHMSSTD took a session on integrity & social behaviors. The final session was taken by Ms. Sonia Valas, Deputy General Superintendent Assistant Manager, GS Office on conflict management.

Feedback was collected from the participants towards improvement of the programme for effectiveness, in aspects of training content and its delivery. Overall, the feedback from the participants were good.



February 12-18, 2023

## Special Prayers This Week

*Chaplaincy* : Rev. Dr. T. Arul Dhas and Staff

*Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI)*

Council Member : Dr. Priya John

*CSI Dornakal Diocese*

Council Members : Rt. Rev. K. Padma Rao and Rev. K. Vijaya Padma Rao

Hospitals : CSI St. Mary's Mission Hospital, Khammam and  
Bishop Whitehead Hospital and others.



## Welcome

**Dr. Pradeep Mathew Poonnoose**, Professor, Othopaedics Unit-II, on his return from sabbatical leave.

## Memoranda

- **Dr. Santosh Joseph Benjamin**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Unit-V, with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for a four year term.
- **Mrs. Anne Jarone**, Professor in Nursing, is appointed as Associate Nursing Superintendent with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 for a four year term.
- **Mrs. Arockiaseeli Mabel Annarani I**, Associate Professor in Nursing, is appointed as Deputy Nursing Superintendent with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 for a four year term.
- The appointment of **Dr. Lallu Joseph** as Associate General Superintendent (Acting) is extended with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 for one year.

## Sports News

• **Founders Day Staff Athletic Meet** was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022 at Oval Ground. Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal, CMC inaugurated the meet and Dr. Vinod Abraham, Vice Principal (UG) distributed awards for the prize winners and the overall championship awards which were distributed on Founder's Day, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

### Results :

Overall Championship	:	Nursing Services
Individual Championship (For Men)	:	Mr. Isaac Newton (CHAD)
	:	Mr. Raj Kumar (Nursing Services)
	:	Mr. Nelson J. (Nursing Services)
Individual Championship (For Women)	:	Ms. Shetal Devdas (Nephrology).



• The **Staff Tennis Tournament** was held from 15<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 with enthusiastic participation from the various campuses. Dr. K. Venkatesh, Professor, Spine Surgery was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners and runners up held at hospital campus on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Winners :** Dr. Ajith George, Dr. Partho, Dr. Bhim Bahadur and Dr. Rohan Thomas **Runners Up :** Dr. Ashish Goel, Dr. Reuben Kurien and Dr. Rajiv Karthik.



## Obituaries

• **Dr. Ranjitham Muthiah Prakasam** (MBBS batch of 1966) passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in Belize, Central America after several months of illness. Ranjitham Nesamony Prakasam nee Muthaiah, who belonged to the Batch of 1966, expired in Belize City, Belize in Central America on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2022. Ranju as she was known to her classmates was born on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1943 in Pune. The family later relocated to Pune. Ranju's father was a Seventh Day Adventist Pastor. She had two siblings, a sister Rosalind and a brother Victor. She had a wonderful sense of humour and her classmates had a lot of good laughs over the years. She was a good musician and could play several instruments. She was also a good singer and teacher. She helped several groups at CMC in singing and sang in the language carol services as she was fluent in a number of languages. She was the Choirmaster for the batch of 66 and managed to get a large number of her classmates to sing together in parts and in tune.



She married Felix Prakasam, one year Senior to her and went to the US after her internship to join Felix. Unfortunately, her marriage was not a success and she left Felix to go to Loma Linda University to train in Public Health. From there, she went to Belize in Central America as she wanted to stay away from her previous life. She found work with the SDA community there. She was much loved and respected by her colleagues in Belize and she in turn, them. She made a lot of good friends there.

She ran the Ladyville Community Clinic, outside Belize city and formed part of the Medical Outreach Programme travelling to cyclone hit areas to help the outlying SDA communities during the cyclone season. She lived the very simple, frugal life of a missionary. She was described as being passionate about her work and selfless and caring to those whom she looked after in her work. She was a person who gave her all to do good to others, far away from her home. This despite having gone through the trauma of separation and later carcinoma of the breast, all of which she faced unflinchingly because of her deep faith. Ranju lost touch with most of her batchmates because she was in a place where, until recently, there was poor internet and phone access. It is only after her passing away that the batch gathered information about her work and life. We are proud that Ranju has lived a life which those she worked with and those she served admired and she was loved by them. She undoubtedly lived up to all the high values of CMC. We pray now may her soul rest in peace.

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**Eulogy from the family :** We are sorry to inform you that Dr. Nesamony Ranjitham Muthiah Prakasam went peacefully asleep in Jesus, on December 8, 2022 in Belize, Central America after several months of illness. Dr. Ranju (as she was called in country of Belize) was born on March 11, 1943 in Poona (Pune) Maharashtra State India. Her parents belonged to the Seventh Day Adventist church. Our father Pastor Muthiah had to wear "different hats", and was transferred to different places to work. Our family lived in Kolhapur, Lasalgaon, Poona and Bombay. The children spoke only Marathi at first.

Dr. Ranju joined the first English medium school in Bombay with her siblings so must have lost a year of school. However, she was very good with learning languages and learned the English language well. After completing the elementary school, she then joined the Spicer SDA high school boarding school with her siblings. She did very well and got the highest marks in D.S.L.C certificate awarded by the SDA organization. She went from Poona to Kerala along with other friends she knew to do her Premed Course at Mar Ivanios College. Following that she was selected for medical course at CMC Vellore and belonged to the batch of 1966. Dr. Ranju was well known to her family, friends and classmates as a person with a wonderful sense of humour (like our beloved parents). Her classmates had a lot of laughs over the years. Dr. Ranju was a good musician and played some musical instruments. She was a good singer too as well as a good teacher. She helped several groups at CMC in singing and sang in the language Carol Services as she was fluent in a number of languages.

Dr. Ranju married Dr. Felix Prakasam (alumni of CMC). He left for the East Coast of USA. We have several SDA hospitals in different places in India and around the world. Dr. Ranju went for short periods to Nuzvid, A.P., Nepal, and Ranchi and later flew to USA to join her husband. While in Vellore as a medical student and even when we were young children in Bombay, Dr. Ranju had a keen interest in doing missionary work (followed example of our God fearing parents). Our sister as the oldest in our family was a great example to us. I remember her talking to me about heaven. The Venkatesan Family (connected with CMC) said that Dr. Ranju took their two children along with others to our SDA Church in Bagayam, Vellore.

Dr. Ranju, though heartbroken, picked up courage and moved forward in life. She joined Master of Public Health School on the campus of our famous Loma Linda University. After completing her MPH Course, she still has the missionary zeal, and she contacted the SDA officials in USA. She decided to go as a missionary to the SDA hospital, Davis Memorial Hospital in Georgetown Guyana, South America. She served there faithful and brought honour to God's name while serving the suffering humanity for about Nine and a half years. Before flying to South America in August 1981, she requested the office to allow her to come to help us as we were expecting our second child at the same time. Her help was truly appreciated. I worried about her going to this new country but she would give me wonderful reports of her experiences there and later from other countries where she worked. She worked for about one year in Costa Rica. The rest of her years of service were in Belize Central America. She worked at the Ladyville SDA clinic and also was on the team with ADRA to help people in the community affected by hurricanes. She made lots of friends in the small country of Belize. Even people at the airport knew her since she would fly in and out of the airport to different countries and back to Belize.

Dr. Ranju was described as being passionate about her work and being a selfless and caring person. I know that she lived a "Simple and Frugal" life of a missionary. She was a person who gave her all to the good of others (Far from her own country of India). I am so very proud of my Big Sister lovingly called "Ranju Akka." Dr. Ranju loved children even though she did not have any of her own. However, God blessed her to be a blessing to many children in different places and she enjoyed them over the years. Few years ago she adopted a son (not legally). She called Jonathan her son. He had lost his own mother so was happy to have a new mother. He and his close family members who loved Dr. Ranju very much were the ones who cared for her when she got very ill in 2022. She knew that I could not travel to go and help her with multiple health challenges. It was truly God's Providence to have this adopted family in Belize to help her till almost the end of her life here on earth. Then she was taken to the hospital where she passed away. Ranju Akka used to emphasize to me that "God is in control" and that "God NEVER fails". That helped me to move forward with more courage. I wish to thank everyone who contributed information to compile this obituary to honour my beloved sister Dr. Ranju for her services to God and the suffering humanity and bring joy to everyone she met in different parts of the globe. We belong to a very large circle of relatives literally spread in different places around the world. So, several close family members have preceded Dr. Ranju in death. I will mention those closest to her. Parents: Pastor & Mrs Muthiah; Brother: Victor Muthiah; Cousin Brother: Dr. Jonathan Raju (CMC Alumni member); those who survived Ranju. Sister: Roseline (Rose Davy); Sister: Perin; Cousin Sister: Joycelyn; Sister-in-law: Janelle Muthiah; adopted son: Jonathan Reyes.

Dr. Ranjitham's Memorial Service in Belize uploaded on Facebook and also in the Youtube for which the links are given below : <https://www.facebook.com/adventistbelu/> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BTWbNKSgdg>

Those who may wish to get in touch with the family, may do so as below:

Ms. Roseline (sister of Dr. Ranjitham Muthiah Prakasam) Mobile : +1 (321) 343-9749. Email : [rdavy603@gmail.com](mailto:rdavy603@gmail.com)

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

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## Obituaries

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• **Mrs. Saroja David**, mother of Mrs. Shakila Murali, Charge Nurse in Palliative Medicine Department passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

Let us uphold her daughter Mrs. Shakila, grand-son Mr. Kamalesh J, Jr. Admin. Asst. in CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus, grand-daughter Ms. Devapriya K, Jr. MRL in Medical Records Department and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mr. D. Manickam**, father of Mr. M. Sankar, Instructor-Perfusionist, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

Let us uphold his grand-son Dr. Nantha Kumar, Registrar in Emergency Department, grand-daughter Dr. Aishwarya, Registrar in MICU and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mrs. Aktharunnisa Begum**, mother of Mr. Abdul Latheef, Security Officer passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

## Admission Notice

• Online applications for admission for **Junior and Senior children in the College Hill Kindergarten (CHKG), College Campus, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002** will open on **16<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**.

**Start Date : 16.02.2023      Last Date: 17.03.2023**

**Admission Policy :** Minimum age for Admission

**Junior – Completed 2 Years on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023**

**Senior – Completed 3 Years on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023**

Required documents details are available in CMC Intranet page <http://172.16.11.221/home/default.html>

### • BALAVIHAR KIDS CORNER JUNIOR GROUP

**Balavihar Kids Corner Junior Group:** Children of CMCH staff, who have completed 2 years by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023 and not more than 3 years by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023, also can apply for junior class.

Application forms and prospectus for admission to Balavihar Kids Corner for the year 2023-2024 will be available at Balavihar on payment of Rs.200/- from **13<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 between 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.**

**NOTE : The last date for submission of completed application forms along with a photocopy of the child's birth certificate and your salary slip is 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 by 4.00 pm.**

## Situations Vacant

### 1. Assistant Professor with DM in Neurology for the Department of Neurology

Salary : As per institutional rules.      Accommodation Provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

### 2. Assistant Professor with DM (Infectious Diseases) / Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Infectious Diseases + one year experience in Infectious Diseases for the Department of Infectious Diseases

Salary : As per institutional rules.      Accommodation Provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

### 3(a) Warden (Full Time residential) with any Degree (Project-appointment) for the Men's Hostel

Preference will be given those who have prior experience working in hostels.

If selected, have to stay in the hostel (Only male candidates need to apply).

Salary : As per institutional rules.      Accommodation Provided inside the hostel.

### 3(b) Warden (Full Time residential) with any Degree (Project-appointment) for the Women's Hostel

Preference will be given those who have prior experience working in hostels.

If selected, have to stay in the hostel (Only female candidates need to apply).

Salary : As per institutional rules.      Accommodation Provided inside the hostel.

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## Situations Vacant

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 **February 18, 2023** for Item 1 and **February 25, 2023** for Items 2 and 3(a), 3(b).

#### **4. Asst. Social Worker (Project) for the Department of P.M.R (Rehabilitation Institute)**

Qualifications : M.S.W or M.A. Sociology.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Age Limit : 30 Years.

Job Description : Field Work and inpatient care.

The candidate must be willing to do extensive field work around 100 km radius from CMC which often warrant travel by motorbike.

**Note : Only from Recognized University / Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.**

#### **5. Asst. Social Worker (Project Mode) for the Medical Superintendent’s Office (Main / CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications : M.S.W / M.A., (Social Work / Sociology) / M.Sc., (Medical Sociology).

Only male candidates need to apply. Consolidated Salary : As per institutional rules. Age Limit : 35 Years.

Job Description : To coordinate in the Organ Transplant process, Deceased organ, Body donation activity, License and Documentation.

Selected candidate need to work around the clock and travel to various places during cadaver process.

**Note : Only from Recognized University / Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.**

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 27, 2023** for Items 4 and 5.

#### **6. Welfare Officer Gr.V for Directorate**

Qualification : MSW / M.A (Social Work / Sociology) / M.Sc. (Medical Sociology).

**Note only regular mode accepted, Correspondence not accepted.**

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation not Provided. Age Limit : 35 - 45 Years.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience in handling and supervising of primary school education system.

Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link: General - “Vacancies”.

Tab: "Welfare Officer Gr.V".

**Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered.**

Apply on or before **February 25, 2023** for Item 6.