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The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Psalm 85:12

By the immense Grace of God, the inauguration of the Department of Laundry at CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus was held on 11th January 2023 at 12 noon. The programme started with a prayer of dedication by Rev. Finney Alexander, Chaplain and the ribbon was cut by Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj, Associate Director, Ranipet Campus and Er. David Chandran former General Superintendent. Mr. Antony Silvester, Technical Officer & In-Charge, Laundry Department welcomed the gathering. Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj, Er. David Chandran and Dr. Lallu Joseph, Associate General Superintendent offered their felicitations and highlighted this significant milestone achieved by our institution.

The laundry facility is a modern and efficient facility which is a completely automated system of washing huge volume of clothing and linen in an effective and efficient manner. CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus is the first hospital in India to setup this fully automated 'batch washer system with flatwork finishing'.

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Associate General Superintendents, Deputy General Superintendents, Deputy Nursing Superintendents, Heads of Engineering Services, Heads & In-charges of support services and staff from various departments gathered and graced the occasion. Key representatives from Vega, Ecolab and Supershine teams also graced the occasion with their presence.

Ms. Sonia Valas, Deputy General Superintendent proposed the vote of thanks by remembering the Lord's abundance in establishing the system. The contribution of current administrators and former administrators for envisaging such a massive setup; Chaplaincy Department for their prayer support; all the heads and key people of engineering team and the project team for executing the envisaged plans into reality and embarking a new milestone; all support service heads and their teams; staff of laundry department specially Mr. Solomon Dhivakar for managing CMC Ranipet Laundry Unit and the Vega team, Ecolab team, Supershine team for installation and operation support.

Rev. Finney concluded with closing prayer and benediction. After which the facility was declared open for the Glory of God and service of patients. The Department of Laundry is extremely grateful to the Lord Almighty and CMC administration for setting up the state-of-the-art laundry facility at CMC Ranipet Campus.



Cancer Awareness Programme 2023



The Departments of Medical Oncology Nursing and Hemato-Oncology Nursing, organized a "Cancer Awareness Programme" in commemoration of the World Cancer Day-2023. The awareness was organized on 4th February 2023 on the theme, "Close the Care Gap: Uniting our Voices and Taking Action". The programme began with prayer by Rev. Romith followed by a prayer song. Dr. Divya Bala Thumathy, Associate Professor, Department of Medical Oncology welcomed the gathering. Dr. Bala Seetharaman, Nursing Superintendent, CMC Vellore, Chief Guest of the programme

emphasized the importance of cancer prevention and early detection. Dr. Deepak Selvaraj, Associate Director Ranipet Campus, in his felicitation explained about the importance of cancer awareness and reiterated the need for early detection of cancer. Dr. Aby Abraham, Deputy Medical Superintendent, in his felicitation mentioned the magnitude of cancer and appreciated the effort taken to organize the programme. Dr. Ashish Singh, Head, Medical Oncology offered his felicitation by emphasizing the importance of creating cancer awareness among the general public. He explained how everyone, collectively or as individuals can do their part to reduce the global burden of cancer.

E-Poster and E-Slogan writing competitions were conducted. There was active participation from different departments of the institution. The following were the prize winners :

E- Poster competition:

I prize : Mrs. Vanitha S. (Chemotherapy Nurse Coordinator)
II prize : Ms. Malavika A. S. (Diabetic Educator),
Ms. Latha S. (II year PBBSc(Nursing) student).

E-Slogan writing competition:

I prize : Ms. D.G.S. Komathi (NTICU)
II prize : Mrs. Merolin Inba Jeba Kani (Medical Oncology Day care).
III prize : Mr. Mubarak Ali N (Neuro Theatre).



Stalls, video shows and puppet shows were organized to create public awareness. A stall on health education on risk factors and prevention of cancer was put up, video shows on breast self-examination & testicular self-examination, cervical cancer assessment and screening, treatment modalities of cancer, role of diet in cancer prevention, palliative care, importance of physiotherapy in cancer and puppet show was organized on cancer prevention. The stalls were visited by many patients, patient attendants and local community. Cervical screening test positive cases were referred to Gynaecology. The awareness programme was beneficial to many. We thank God Almighty for His enabling grace.



6th Annual Renal Symposium and 15th Renal Clinical Conference, Organised



The 6th Annual Renal Symposium (Genetics and Kidney Diseases) and the 15th Renal Clinical Conference were held on 20th and 21st of January, 2023 in the New Examination Hall, College campus, Bagayam. The objective of the symposium was to provide postgraduate trainees and consultants in Nephrology, Medicine, and Paediatrics with a comprehensive and updated approach to evaluation and management of patients with genetic kidney diseases.

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The clinical conference was aimed at nephrology DM and DNB trainees preparing for their practical exit examination. It involved case work up and presentations by the trainees to the faculty with extensive interactive discussions as well as sessions on renal histopathology and role of DSA testing in renal transplantation. The international faculty were Prof. Christie P Thomas from University of Iowa, Dr. Meshach G. Kirubakaran from Adelaide, Dr. Madhivanan Sundaram from Brisbane and Dr. Basu G. from Melbourne.

The national faculty were Prof. M. Sreelatha from Kozhikode, Prof. N. Gopalakrishnan and Prof. Edwin Fernando from Chennai, Prof. Narayan Prasad from Lucknow, Prof. Arpita Ray Chaudhary from Kolkata, Prof. Sishir Gang from Nadiad, Prof. Anuradha Raman and Prof. Pradeep Deshpande from Hyderabad, and Prof. Sreejith Parameswaran from Puducherry. Our intramural faculty for the programme were Prof. Sumita Danda, Medical Genetics, Prof. Dolly Daniel, Transfusion Medicine, Dr. Suceena Alexander from Nephrology and Dr. Sanjeet Roy, Pathology. The 2 days' programme was endorsed by the Indian Society of Nephrology and carried 20 CME credit points from the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University. The event started with prayer at 10:30 am by Rev. Dr. Hminga Pachuau and felicitations by Dr. Vinoi G David, head of Nephrology department, Prof. Meshach G. Kirubakaran former head of department of Nephrology, Dr. Sowmya Sathyendra Associate Director, Dr. Tripti Jacob Vice-Principal and Dr. David Mathew Deputy Medical Superintendent. It was very well attended by about 200 delegates from different parts of India.

We were blessed to have Prof. Chrisite P Thomas spending an extra day with us (19th January 2023) teaching and training postgraduates and faculty through case based discussions on genetic kidney diseases. Dr. Christie an ex-alumnus of the MBBS batch of 1975 at CMC Vellore, having finished his graduation did his further training in internal medicine and nephrology first at Sunderland UK and subsequently in Cleveland Ohio. He is presently the Professor of Medicine at the University of Iowa College of Medicine. Dr. Christie has a special interest in genetic kidney diseases and has mentored numerous fellows and people pursuing their PhD in different aspects of Renal Medicine. We thank everyone who supported and enabled us to host this unforgettable event once again. Above all, we praise God for His guidance and blessing throughout this time.



February 19-25, 2023

Special Prayers This Week



Cardiology :

Dr. Paul V. George and Staff
Dr. George Joseph and Staff
Dr. Oommen K. George and Staff
Dr. David Chase and Staff
Mrs. Rosaline Rhenious and Staff

CSI Kanyakumari Diocese

Council Members: Rt. Rev. Dr. A.R. Chelliah
Dr. S. Rajesh Sathya

Hospital : CSI Hospital, Neyyoor and others.

CSI Karimnagar Diocese

Council Members: Rt. Rev. Dr. Prof. K.Reuban Mark
Rev. K. Priscilla Parimala Reuben

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery :

Dr. Madhu Andrew Philip and Staff
Dr. Korah T. Kuruvila and Staff
Dr. Roy Thankachen and Staff
Mrs. Rosaline Rhenious and Staff

Friends of Vellore - Germany

Council Member : Dr. Peter Albrecht

Welcome

Dr. V.T.K. Titus, Professor, Orthopaedics Unit-II, on his return from sabbatical leave.

Memorandum

• **Dr. David Chase**, Professor, appointed as Head of Cardiology Unit-IV, (Cardiac Electrophysiology and Pacing Unit) with effect from 9th March 2022 will complete his four year term as Head of this unit at the close of 8th March 2026.

Laurels and Recognitions

- **Dr. Nitin Kappor**, Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism has received the President's award of Appreciation for the outstanding service to the Endocrine Society of India for the year 2022.
- **Dr. Kripa Elizabeth Cherian**, Associate Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism has received Best Review Article titled "Chronic Alcohol Consumption and its Bone and Metabolic Health – A Narrative Review".
- **Dr. Aneez Joseph**, Sr. Registrar, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism has received 1st prize in oral paper presentation for the paper "Expression Profile on Dopamine D2R, Somatostatin SSTR2 & SSTR5 Receptors in Growth Hormone Secreting Pituitary Adenomas not Cured by Trans-sphenoidal Pituitary Surgery.
- **Dr. Sandeep Nathanael David**, Assistant Professor, Emergency Department won the Future of Emergency Medicine competition at AEMECON (Association of Emergency Medicine Educators Conference) at Coimbatore on 3rd February, 2023.
- **Dr. Fazil Mohammed Izhar**, second year Paediatric Neurology Post-Doctoral Fellow, for having secured the first prize in platform paper presentation on 'Clinico Radiological Profile of Hypomyelinating Disorders' in the autoimmune and demyelinating disorders section at the 13th Annual Conference of the Association of the Child Neurology, India held from 2nd to 4th February, 2023 at Pune.
- **ENT-1 Skull Base team** was awarded the Australian Global Alumni Grant scheme for their proposal of developing a Skull Base training facility and implementing new innovative techniques at CMC, Vellore in partnership with **Prof. PJ Wormald & Prof. Alkis Psaltis** at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital under the University of Adelaide. The Australian Alumni Grants Scheme (AAGS) supports the application, sharing of knowledge and experience gained by India-based Australian alumni during their studies in Australia in support of the bilateral relationship. It aims to strengthen ties between Australia and India. It also supports alumni in their professional endeavours, recognising the investment they have made in an Australian education.

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- **Dr. Garima Upreti**, who completed Post Doctoral Fellowship in ENT Head & Neck and Skull Base Surgery in 2021 from our institution has won the RAF Cooper Award for the Best research work in ENT in the Annual Conference of Association of Otolaryngologists of India held at Jaipur from 2nd to 5th February, 2023. This research work was done in CMC during her fellowship period.
- The **Department of Vascular Surgery** doctors and nurses participated the VAICON 2023 (Venous Associations of India Conference 2023) held from 26th to 29th January at Kolkata and won the following prizes :
- **Dr. Samuel Prabhu Mitra**, Assistant Surgeon, won Young researchers award for the topic “Hands on practical trainer for endovascular surgery-H.O.P.E”.
- **Dr. Yeddula Gnanendra Reddy**, 3rd Year M.Ch. Vascular Surgery, won 1st Prize under the category of Free Paper for the topic-Does GSV diameter correlate with clinical severity of chronic venous disease?
- **Dr. Kiran George N**, 1st Year M.Ch. Vascular Surgery, won 2nd Prize under the category of Free paper for the topic - Prospective randomized controlled trial to compare the efficacy of thermal endovenous ablation Vs non thermal endo-venous ablation in patients with chronic venous insufficiency.
- **Ms. Nancy Florence D**, Vascular Nurse, P1 Ward won 1st Prize under the category of Best nursing paper presenters award (for nurses) for the topic - “Home care instructional module on knowledge of patients with Chronic Venous Disease”.
- **Ms. Angelin S**, Vascular Nurse, P1 Ward, won 2nd Prize under the category of Best nursing paper presenters award (for nurses) for the topic - “Effect of music on pain and anxiety in patients undergoing arteriovenous access surgeries”.
- **Mrs. Lakshmi Bai R.**, Radiographer Instructor Gr.I, was one of the senior radiographers, who had been given a Lifetime achievement award for their dedicated service as a radiographer by the Society of Indian Radiographers and Technologists and Adidhya Institute of Allied Health Science Coimbatore in the National Conference for Radiographers held on 16th and 17th July, 2022 at Adidhya convention center in Coimbatore-28.

Retirements

- **Mrs. Saral Edwin**, Sr. Gr. Nursing Auxiliary (OPD), retired on 11th January, 2023 after completing 36 years of service in our institution. She completed Nursing Auxiliary course in 1986 from CMC and joined as Nursing Auxiliary in August 1986. She worked in R ward, S ward, B ward, MTS2, M ward and OPD.

She is cheerful and hardworking, skillful in assisting for ENT procedures, maintains good interpersonal relationship with team members. Communicates effectively with patients and relatives. She helps other staff in need willingly. Her husband Mr. Edwin is working in a private company. Her daughter Miss Salomi Evangelin completed B.Sc.(N) in Bangalore Baptist Hospital and now working in ‘R’ ward as staff nurse.



- **Mrs. Devakirubai Saleesan**, Sr. Gr. Staff Nurse (OR), retired on 13th January, 2023 after completing 34 years of service in our institution. She completed Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery in 1986 from SMH, Ranipet and joined as Staff Nurse in Schell Eye Hospital, CMC in March 1989. She worked in Schell OR, Main OR and in Day Care ward. She is active and hardworking, coordinates well with team members and guides the junior staff. She anticipates the needs of patients and ensures patients’ safety. She adapts to any changes related to the clinical area and patient care.

Her husband Late Mr. Saleesan was doing business. Her elder daughter Ms. Stephy Keziah, completed BOT in CMC and doing MOT in SRM, Kattankulathoor. Her younger daughter Ms. Tina Devaparthana doing fourth year B. Pharmacy in PSG College of Pharmacy, Coimbatore.

The CMC community is thankful for their years of dedication and commitment to the institution and wishes them God’s blessings in their retired life.

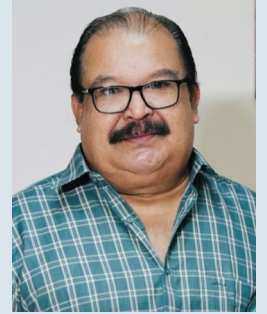
Obituaries

• **Mr. Alwyn Jaya Singh T**, father of Mr. Solomon A, Staff Nurse, Department of Radiology passed away on 16th February, 2023.

Let us uphold his son Mr. Solomon, daughter-in-law Mrs. Dorathy Solomon, Staff Nurse in MICU and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mrs. D. Alice**, mother of Mrs. Shalini Getsy, Lecturer in College of Nursing passed away on 16th February, 2023. Let us uphold her husband, Mr. Dhanaraj and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Dr. K.J. Abraham** (MBBS batch of 1979-1980) passed away on 4th February, 2023. The following obituary has been compiled by his batchmates. Dr. K.J. Abraham (affectionately called K.J. by his friends) was born on the 23rd of September 1957 into the Kanjirakkattu family of Pallikkara, Ernakulam district, as the eldest of the 4 children of Mr. K.A. Joseph and Mrs. Shoshamma Joseph. In 1960, the family migrated to Wayanad in North Kerala in pursuit of agriculture. It was after this migration that his brothers Mr. George K.J. (Retd. Manager, Urban Cooperative Bank, Sulthan Bathery), Mr. Paul K.J. (Former Panchayat President, Pulpally) and his sister Mrs. Saly K.J. were born.



His schooling was at Vijaya high school, Pulpally, Wayanad District. After his pre-degree course at St. Mary's College, Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad district, he joined for BSc Chemistry in 1976 and did the course in two reputed colleges - the Zamorin's Guruvayurappan College, Calicut and the Govt. Brennen College Thalassery. He finished with flying colours, securing the 6th rank that year in the University of Calicut.

K.J. joined CMC Vellore for his MBBS in 1979. In CMC, he was a hardworking and diligent student and he did extremely well in Physiology and Biochemistry. His Men's Hostel room was often a hub for combined study among his friends, in these subjects. His immense interest in physiology was probably what prompted him to choose a career in General Medicine later.

After finishing his MBBS, he started service at St. Mary's Mission Hospital, Manarcad, Kottayam district under the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Church. He wished to return to Wayanad but the Church did not have a mission hospital there. So, with the blessings of the local church, K.J. started a small mission hospital at Meenangadi, Wayanad district. He ran the hospital taking full responsibility for a couple of years and then handed it back to the Church when he secured admission for a post graduate course in medicine. Probably this experience in starting and running a small mission hospital was the guiding force behind his venture to start his own hospital in Wayanad years later.

From 1989 to 1991, he went on to pursue his MD in General Medicine at the reputed Government Medical College, Calicut, Kerala. After his MD, from 1991 to 2000, he spent almost 9 years in Sultan Bathery working as a physician in the Wayanad Hospital and the Priya Hospital there.

In September 2000, as a result of his hard work and dedication, he was able to start his own hospital in the heart of Kalpetta town, the headquarters of Wayanad district - the KJ MEDICAL TRUST HOSPITAL with 40 beds, which eventually grew into the most sought after hospital in Wayanad district for Medicine, Gynaecology, ENT and Pediatric specialities, where more than 100 deliveries used to be handled on an average every month, over the years.

Later on, the hospital was shifted to a new building at Kainatty bypass junction in Kalpetta with a capacity of 50 beds. Now, K.J. Medical Trust Hospital is a multi-speciality hospital with general medicine, gynaecology, pediatrics, ENT and radiology with a visiting endocrinologist, having more than 50 staff members working there. His special areas of interest were internal medicine and diabetes.

In 1984, K.J. married Mini, the daughter of Mr. C. John and Mrs. Annamma John, Vythiri, Wayanad. Mr. C. John (aka Cadbury John) was a renowned tea estate manager in the 1980s and was very well known in the circles of Wayanad. His son Mr. Beni John is an architect who retired from BSNL. Mrs. Mini Abraham was always a great tower of strength for K.J.

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They were blessed with three lovely daughters, Ida Abraham who finished her MBA and married Mr. Alex George, Sr. Engineer, ADNOC, Abu Dhabi, Irene Abraham who did her B.Tech in Computer science and married Lt. Colonel Rahul, Indian Army and Dr. Evelyn Abraham who completed her MBBS from Dr. Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College, Karakonam, Trivandrum.

Ida and Alex have 2 boys Steve Alex (11 years) and Sam Alex (9 years).
Irene and Rahul have one girl Tanvi (9 years) and one boy Yuvin (3 years).

All who came into contact with Dr. K.J. Abraham will remember his jovial personality, his resonant voice and reverberating laugh as well as his gentleness of heart. He will be missed greatly by his family, friends, staff and patients.

Those who may wish to get in touch with the family, the contact details of his wife, Mrs. Mini Abraham is given below :
Mobile : +91-94953-77177.

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

• **Mrs. Christobel J. David**, beloved wife of late Mr. A.N.G. David, mother of Dr. Samuel N.J. David, Associate General Superintendent, CMC, mother-in-law of Mrs. Diana David, Professor, College of Nursing, CMC passed away on 18th February, 2023.

Let us uphold her granddaughters Dr. Joanne Lydia, Geriatric Department and her husband Dr. A.T. Prabhakar, Neurology Department, Dr. Daniella and Ms. Gabriella, 2nd year medical student, CMC, Great granddaughter Thiya Lilly and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mrs. Ellammal**, mother of Mr. Sarathi. G, Sel. Gr. II Pharmacist, Red Cross Pharmacy passed away on 20th February, 2023. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Upcoming Events

MEDICAL BOOK EXHIBITION

Date:
20.02.2023 to 25.02.2023

Time:
9.00am to 7.00pm

Venue:
Dodd Memorial Library,
PG Discussion Room,
ASHA Educational Building,
1st Floor,
CMC [Town Campus], Vellore



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Upcoming Events

• National Symposium on Health Data & AI

The Biomedical Informatics Unit is planning a two day symposium on Health Data and Artificial Intelligence.

The meeting will bring eminent International speakers in the domain to CMC to address a range of issues from ethics and confidentiality to demystifying AI and the basics of creating data bases for AI work.

Registration is mandatory. <http://ai.cmcvellore.edu.in/>

Dates: 17th - 18th March, 2023. **Venue : CMC College Campus.**

Organizing Committee (BMIU).

Situations Vacant

1. Registrar (Non PG) with MBBS for the Department of Infectious Diseases

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation Provided (Subject to Availability).

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 **March 04, 2023** for Item 1.

2. Staff III Optometrist for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

Qualifications: .B.Sc., Optometry Course / Diploma in Optometry (Preferably in CMC) and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Jr. Optometrist (Project Mode) or equivalent only need to apply.

Age Limit : 35 Years.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

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

3. Staff III Graduate Technician for the Department of Medical Genetics

Qualifications : Graduate from the Recognized University and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Asst. Graduate Technician (Project Mode) or equivalent only need to apply.

Age Limit : 35 Years.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

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

4. Sr. House Surgeon for the Hepato Pancreato Biliary (HPB) Surgery (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Qualifications : MBBS with Tamil Nadu State Medical Council Registration Number.

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

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 2, 3 and **March 06, 2023** for Item 4.