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Dr. Nylla Shanthly Retires

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13



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Situations Vacant

Dr. Nylla Shanthly, Physician, Department of Nuclear Medicine, superannuated on 22nd April 2023, was born and raised in Neyveli. She joined CMC Vellore as a young MBBS student in the year 1974. After completing her bond and working for a few years in Kerala, she re-joined in the Department of Nuclear Medicine in the year 1994. Recognising the Institutional need, she took up the challenge of undergoing the DRM training at the Radiation Medicine Centre in Mumbai and joined back in the Institution.

Along with Dr. Regi Oommen and an able team of Physicists and Technologists, various milestones and landmarks in both diagnostic and therapeutic services were witnessed. From the early 1990s, CMC became a model of Nuclear Medicine-based healthcare in the country.

She was a skilled teacher and contributed immensely to the training and wholesome development of students for decades. Her guidance and creativity was indispensable to the various Research Studies carried out in the department. She was loved by all her patients who were touched by her genuine love for them. She always lent a helping hand to the underprivileged and was keen on offering concession in the treatment for deserving patients.

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She also handled various important responsibilities in the Institution in the Medical Superintendent Office and faithfully discharged her duties in the Women's issues committee. Her deep faith in God and her concern for others has always been inspirational. She is blessed with one daughter, Mrs. Sunitha Serena, who works in the Promotion & PTP Office.

The CMC family is grateful to God to have a role model like Dr. Nylla Shanthly. We wish her and her family, good health and favour of the Lord Jesus Christ in the next phase of her life.

Mock Court in CMC Vellore

The Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology (FMT) conducted CMC Vellore's very first "Mock Court" series for the medical students of 2020 batch and 2021 batch on 17th April, and 20th April, 2023 respectively. The objective of conducting the "Mock Court" sessions for the undergraduate medical students is to sensitize them to the process of receiving summons as well as the court proceedings in a medicolegal case.

Dr. Vinod Abraham (Vice-Principal-UG), Dr. K.P.P. Abhilash (Assoc. Medical Superintendent) and Mrs. Divya V. (Legal Officer), graced the occasion on 17th April, 2023.

MBBS batch of 2020 - Best Team performance: Team Iron Man; Best Individual performance: Nita Charlotte S. (Defence Lawyer - Team Captain America), Sakthi K. V. (Doctor - Team Iron Man), Khushi Shirodkar (Defence Lawyer - Team Spider-Man).

Dr. Vinod Abraham (Vice-Principal-UG), Dr. Felix Jebasingh (Dy. Medical Superintendent), Dr. Sukria Nayak (Prof. & Head of Trauma Surgery), Dr. Noel Walter (Former HOD, FMT), and Mrs. Divya V (Legal Officer), graced the occasion on 20th April, 2023.

MBBS batch of 2021 - Best Team performance : Team Batman; Best Individual performance: Jency Mary Rathna (Doctor - Team Shazam), Diya Lavina Picardo (Defence Lawyer - Team Batman), Darshan Enoch R. (Public Prosecutor - Team Batman).



Inpatient Electronic Medical Records (IP EMR) Services in P2 ward

CMC Vellore reached another significant milestone on the 2nd of May 2023, with the inauguration of the Inpatient electronic medical records (IP EMR) services in P2 ward. The IP EMR system is a fully online electronic chart based within the clinical workstation that replaces the traditional handwritten metal charts that have been used for several decades at CMC. The deployment of the IP EMR systems at CMC brings us closer to the vision of a fully paperless hospital system.

The system was formally launched with Surgery Unit-I at P2 ward being the first surgical unit to begin using IP EMR services, following a successful trial run in O5 East under Geriatrics over the past few months.



The service was inaugurated by Dr. Rajesh I, Medical Superintendent, in the presence of Dr. Joy Mammen, Associate Director, Dr. Prasad Mathews, the former Medical Superintendent, Dr. Benny Paul, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Mrs. Alice Sony, nursing superintendent, Mrs. Sophia Vijayanathan, Additional Deputy Nursing Superintendent, Dr. Pranay Gaikwad, and the Surgery Unit-I team and Ms. Anisha Macaden and the CHIPS team. The laptops and IP EMR services were prayed over and dedicated by Rev. Saramma from Chaplaincy.

With the initiation of the IP EMR network, doctors and nurses can now access the entire IP chart from anywhere in the CMC hospital network instantly. The system provides instant access to real-time patient data from anywhere in the hospital—from vital signs, intake/output values, and ongoing medications, to being able to create and edit medications and treatment orders, to being able to view and generate clinical notes and records.

The fully digitized IP chart provides a permanent record and solves the problem of illegible handwritten notes and promotes better documentation and efficiency by seamlessly integrating medical information from across the entire breadth of clinical services in the CMC network.

Access is restricted only to those with workstation privileges for that patient, thus helping the institution to be ready for compliance with upcoming Indian privacy regulatory requirements. The IP EMR services will also reduce healthcare costs by eliminating the need for paper chart storage, record keeping and maintenance expenses.

The speakers from different wings of the administration spoke about the years of work and collaboration across multiple teams that was needed to bring this project to fruition. A recurring theme was the importance of ensuring that the human touch was always maintained, irrespective of how advanced our systems may become. As the service rolls out to more and more wards, the benefits of this system will be felt by patients, health care workers and the institution, in the continuing quest to uphold the legacy of excellence in patient care that began with Dr. Ida Scudder.



Event for children with ASD organised by CAP & Nambikkai Nilayam

In accordance with this year's theme for World Autism Month – 'Transforming the narrative', the team in the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry & Nambikkai Nilayam unit organised a fun-filled program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families on the 27th of April 2023, in collaboration with student volunteers from the medical, nursing and allied health fields.

Children once diagnosed with ASD, are often excluded from other children, and access to schooling becomes challenging. Social inclusion is key to progress. To improve social awareness and inclusion, the month of April is celebrated as 'World Autism Month' and the 2nd of April as 'World Autism Awareness Day'.

About 35 children along with their family members participated in the recently held event for Autism Month. Activities like ball-sorting games, bouncy castle, face painting and musical chairs were conducted. A 'Community Tree' was made with handprints of the children, parents, staff and students.

Student volunteers were assigned to each child to guide them with the process and with interactions. The students also conducted action songs for the children and events for the parents. A highlight of the evening was a special song by Mr. Samuel Ashish Marcus titled *Accept me as I am* and inspiring messages from Mr. Marcus' mother and another parent of a child with ASD.

The unit would like to specially thank the Principal, Dr Solomon Satishkumar, for his whole-hearted support for this initiative and all the students for their enthusiastic participation. The event was graced by Chief Guest, Dr. Vinod Abraham, Vice Principal of the College and other members of the CMC community.

ASD is a neurodevelopmental disorder, characterized by qualitative impairment in social interaction, communication and repetitive and stereotypic patterns of interests and activities. The condition has significant impact throughout the life of the individual and is now considered as a priority mental health condition that needs to be addressed early in life. The World Health Organisation in 2023 estimated that about 1 in 100 children worldwide have an autism spectrum disorder. An INCLIN study conducted across five States in India in 2021 found that the ASD prevalence was as high as 1 in 125 children between 2-6 years age group, and 1 in 80 among children between 6-9 years age, with an overall prevalence of 1 in 89. Early diagnosis and therapy greatly improve the trajectory of children with ASD.

We hope that this event would be a step towards improving awareness and acceptance among young health professionals, to further support and help in 'transforming the narrative' for children with ASD.



Drivers Training Programmer (DTP)

The Department of Hospital Management Studies and Staff Training and Development (DHMSSTD) conducts various training programmes pan institutionally. Owing to the shifting of a number of specialities to the Ranipet Campus recently, CMC initiated transportation services for users throughout the weekdays and weekends on a scheduled basis through the Transport Department. In view of the increased movement of users, CMC also uses outsourced providers on a contract or need basis. As these services may not necessarily provide the needed training for their personnel i.e., drivers, the training need for provision of uniform training for these drivers was identified by the department and accordingly, the Drivers Training Programme was conceptualized by the department. The purpose of the DTP is to provide training to outsourced drivers as well as our institution Drivers of Transport Department in various aspects of road safety, emergency handling and professional behaviour in order to provide safe transport services in a consistent manner. The content and dissemination models were developed by the department based on the job descriptions of the drivers as well as the institutional requirements. In order to ensure attendance by drivers and avoid programme clashing with their work schedules, the DTP was scheduled for Saturday afternoons.

The first DTP was conducted on the 28th January, 2023 followed by a second DTP on 4th February, 2023 both of these DTPs covered the entire employee driver strength (48 drivers) of our institution. A third DTP was held on 16th February for outsourced bus service drivers (16 drivers).

The proceedings of the first DTP held on 28th February, 2023 were as follows: The DTP began with the prayer by Rev. Benjamin, chaplain. Dr. Samuel N.J. David, Associate General Superintendent and Head, Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development gave the welcome address to the drivers emphasizing the importance of drivers in hospital. Mr. Durai Jasper, Deputy General Superintendent and Public Relations Officer covered a detailed session on CMC's history, vision & mission, patient's rights and responsibilities and grievance redressal cell. Mr. Anbarasan, Asst. Manager, Chittoor Campus gave a session on basic traffic rules and legal aspects, followed by a session on the role of drivers in a hospital setup and the commensurate skills required by Mr. Edin Decoster Lawrence, Asst. Manager, Transport. Mr. Thiagarajan Asst. manager, OPD, took a session on appropriate behaviour when dealing with patients, work ethics, hospitality culture, employee engagement and involvement. The Penultimate Session was covered by Ms. Krushna, Jr. Lecturer on personality development, awareness of infections, alcoholism, smoking, communicable diseases and their management, team work, integrity, effective communication and stewardship. The final session of the programme was taken by Ms. Anitha Edward, Management Asst. on HIC covering the aspects on hand hygiene and bio-medical waste disposal. At the end of the programme, feedback on the programme, content, delivery and other aspects were collected from the drivers. Overall, the feedback from the drivers was excellent.

DTP will continue to be conducted in future to cover the entire outsourced driver population towards optimal driver effectiveness.



May 07 - 13, 2023

Special Prayers This Week



Department of Medicine :

Dr. Samuel George Hansdak and staff
Dr. Anand Zachariah and Staff
Dr. Thambu David Sudarsanam and Staff
Dr. Sudha Jasmine S. and Staff
Dr. Samuel George Hansdak and staff
Dr. I. Ramya and Staff
Mrs. Sophia Vijayanandhan and Staff

Geriatric Medicine :

Dr. Gopinath K.G. and Staff
Mrs. Sophia Vijayanandhan and Staff

Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology:

Dr. John Mathew and Staff

Medical ICU and HDU :

Dr. Kishore Kumar Pichamuthu and Staff
Mrs. Sophia Vijayanandhan and Staff

Clinical Epidemiology Unit :

Dr. Thambu David Sudarsanam and Staff

Acute Medicine : Dr. K.P.P. Abhilash and Staff

Poison Control Centre : Dr. Anand Zachariah and Staff

CSI North Kerala Diocese

Council Members: Rt. Rev. B.N. Fenn
Dr. Jairaj Periyar

Hospital : CSI Mission Hospital, Codacal and others.

Memoranda

- **Dr. Debasis Das Adhikari**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Paediatric Emergency Medicine, with effect from 1st May, 2023 for a 4 year term.
- **Dr. Regi Kurien**, Professor, is appointed as Head of ENT Unit-III (Rhinology & Anterior skull base), with effect from 1st May, 2023 for a 4 year term.
- **Dr. Ravish Sanghi Raju**, Professor, is appointed as Head of the Department of Hepato-pancreato- Biliary (HPB) Surgery, with effect from 1st May, 2023 for a 4 year term.
- **Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj A**, Professor, is appointed as Head of the Department of Vascular Surgery, with effect from 1st May, 2023 for a 4 year term.
- **Dr. Anika Amritanand**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Ophthalmology Unit-VI, with effect from 1st May, 2023 for a 4 year term.
- **Dr. Manish Kumar**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Neonatology Unit-I, with effect from 1st May, 2023 for a 4 year term.
- **Dr. Tony Thomson Chandy**, Professor, will continue as Head of Anesthesia Unit-I, with effect from 12th April, 2023 till 15th September, 2023.
- **Dr. Serina Ruth Salins**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Anesthesia Unit-II, with effect from 5th May, 2023 for a 4 year term.
- **Dr. Mark Rajan Jesudason**, Professor, will continue as Head of General Surgery Unit- II with effect from 24th June, 2023 until further notice.
- **Dr. Priscilla Rupali**, Professor, will continue as Head of the Department of Infectious Diseases till 31st May, 2026.

Laurels and Recognitions

- **Dr. Nihal Thomas**, Senior Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded the **Prof. Donald McLarty Memorial Lecture Award, at the 6th East African Diabetes Study Group Meeting**, for his contributions to research in Young Onset diabetes held in Dares Salam, Tanzania on April 27th, 2023. The meeting was attended by delegates from 26 countries, encompassing Sub-Saharan Africa, East Africa, Western Africa and South Africa.
- **Dr. Lallu Joseph**, Quality Manager and Associate General Superintendent, coauthored the book "CONVERT - Incident to Action", which was released during the "CAHOCON 2023" by the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organisations (CAHO).

Retirement

Mrs. K. Sripriya, Sr. Sel. Gr. Pharmacist retired (Voluntary Retirement) on 31st March, 2023 after 27 years of dedicated service to the institution. She has joined as a student in 1987 and completed her Diploma in Pharmacy and joined as a Junior Pharmacist in 1988, worked upto 1994, again she rejoined in the year 1996. She worked in various division of Pharmacy like Main Pharmacy, Ward Pharmacy, ISSCC General Pharmacy, OP Pharmacy and SSSHS Pharmacy. She was the supervisor for SSSHS Pharmacy from 2020 to 2023. She is a dedicated, sincere, hard working person with good organizing abilities. Her husband Mr. K. Kumar is working in MTC, Chennai. Her son Mr. K. Muralitharan, completed his B.Tech (IT) and working in Walmart, Chennai and her daughter Ms. K. Brindha, completed her B.Tech (IT) and working in Samsung, Chennai.



The CMC community is thankful for her years of dedication and commitment to the institution and wishes her God's blessings on her retired life.

Obituaries

- **Mrs. Nageswari Muthuraj**, former Ward Clerk, Neuro Department and Psychiatry Department, passed away on 19th April, 2023 in UK.

Let us uphold her husband Mr. Muthuraj, daughters Ms. Vaishnavi, former staff in REHAB, Ms. Priya Nandhini, former Charge Nurse in NTICU, Ms. Hemamalini and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

- **Prof. V.K.M. John**, husband of Dr. Leela John (MBBS Batch of 1957), father of Dr. Deepa John, Professor of Ophthalmology and father-in-law of Dr. Kurien Anil Kuruvilla, Professor of Neonatology in Ernakulam passed away on 3rd May, 2023.

Let us uphold Dr. Leela John, children, grandchildren and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

- **Mrs. Manju Hilda Bhattacharji**, mother of Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji, former Director, CMC, mother-in-law of Dr. Sara Bhattacharji, retired Professor of Community Health, grandmother of Shikha Bhattacharji, Development Office, passed away on 5th May, 2023 at Kolkata.

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

Notice

LIBRARY SUMMER TIMINGS - MAY 2023

Library	Period	Timings
Dodd Memorial	08 th to 20 th and 29 th to 31 st May, 2023.	7.00 am to 9.00 pm
Gault		8.00 am to 4.30 pm

Both the Libraries will remain closed for **ANNUAL INVENTORY** from **22nd to 27th May 2023**.
However, reference facilities will be available during the following timings.

Monday to Friday : 08.00 am To 04.30 pm

Saturday : 08.00 am To 12.00 noon

Your kind cooperation is much appreciated.

– Head, Department of Library Services, CMC.

Situations Vacant

1. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with M.S. (OG) for the **Department of Gynaecologic Oncology** Should have 3 years Special Training in Gynaecologic Oncology (includes 2 years Fellowship in CMC Only for applying Assistant Professor post).

Salary Scale : As Per Institutional Rules. Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

2. Tutor Gr.IV with BOT Graduate (Regular Course) IAP recognized College / University for the **Department of Psychiatry Unit - II**

Experience : Those who have completed 4 years as Occupational Therapist in CMC only needs to apply.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

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 **May 13, 2023** for Items 1 and 2.

3. Senior Resident Gr.III with MDS in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the **Department of Dental & Oral Surgery Unit - II**

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on 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 **May 15, 2023** for Item 3.

4. Senior Resident with M.D. (Pharmacology) for the **Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology**

The candidate should have finished MD Pharmacology within not more than two years. Candidates with higher degrees than MD are not required.

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

5. Senior Resident with MD (Microbiology) for the **Department of Clinical Virology**

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

6. Occupational Therapist (Term Post) with BOT for the **Department of CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus**

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

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 **May 20, 2023** for Items 4, 5 and 6.

7(a) AHS Medical Lab Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Qualification : B.Sc., (MLT). Age Limit : 35 Years. Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

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

7(b) Medical Lab Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Qualification : H.Sc., with CMAI Diploma in MLT or CMC DMLT. Age Limit : 35 Years.

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

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

8. Optical Dispensary Trainee for the Department of Ophthalmology

Qualifications : H.Sc. (+2)., with Diploma in Optometry. Preference will be given to candidates with good inter-personal skills and customer relationship.

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

Job Description : Will be trained in the running and management of optical dispensary to improve skills in marketing and sales of spectacles.

Stipend : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided. Age Limit : 30 years.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

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

Applications will close on **May 22, 2023** for Items 7(a), 7(b) and 8.

9. Staff Nurse B.Sc. / Diploma to work in a project on term appointment basis. The project will be implemented under the Department of Community Health

Qualification : B.Sc. Nursing / General Nursing and Midwifery.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

Applications should be submitted online through the link : <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/News.aspx> (under "vacancies").

Only online applications will be accepted, Hard copies will not be accepted.

On or before **May 13, 2023** for Item 9.

In case of difficulties in applying online please contact us through email : deancon@cmcvellore.ac.in

10. Management Assistant (Term) for Directors Office - CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus

Qualification : Graduate / B.E. / B.Tech / MBBS+MBA*-Finance, HR, HA, MM & others**/ MHA / M.Phil HHSM***/ PGDM / PGDBA / PGDPM / PGDPM & IR 2 year full time course - approved by AICTE & Certified by AIU as equivalent to MBA & 2 years' experience.

Salary : As per Institutional Norms. Age : 30 years and below.

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

Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link: General - "Vacancies". Tab: "Management Assistant (Term)".

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

Apply on or before **May 19, 2023** for Item 10.

11. College Hill Montessori, CMC Campus, Bagayam, for the post of Administrative Assistant

Male candidates with excellent communication skills in English from any educational background may apply. Preference will be given to candidates capable of multitasking, event management, familiarity with photography / video editing and an eye for detail.

Interested candidates may apply through the Google form below on or before **May 15, 2023**.

Google application form : <https://forms.gle/zsz4SMELY1ffYmjWA> Phone : 93453 02552.