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Graduation Ceremony - Allied Health Sciences

*I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which
God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14*



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The AHS Graduation Ceremony 2023 was held at Scudder Auditorium on 8th May 2023. Dr. George A. D'Souza, Dean St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, addressed the 2023 graduates from 43 different courses.

The Chief Guest Dr. George D'Souza congratulated the students on their graduations and said that they as allied health professionals constitute more than 60% of workforce in the hospital and are the backbone of health care. He advised the students to make the right choices as they end their undergraduate training and start their professional careers. He quoted Hemingway saying "At the most important crossroads in our life, there are no signposts". He also told them to be ready to adapt to the rapidly changing healthcare scenarios. He encouraged them to make full use of the opportunities to help and make a difference in the lives of their patients and thus, make a positive change in the world we live in.

Director Dr. Vikram Mathews chaired the function, and the Principal Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar awarded the degrees and diplomas. The prize winners received their awards from the Chief Guest. Dr. Joy Sarojini Michael, Vice Principal (AHS) gave the Charge to the graduates. Mr. Stanis Arun Jaff, Student Vice President, (ASHA), felicitated the graduates and Ms. Tanukula Satya Surabhi and Ms. Persis Varghese responded on behalf of the graduating students.

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Graduation Ceremony - Allied Health Sciences

The Allied Health Sciences (AHS) Baccalaureate Service was held on Sunday 7th May 2023 at the Scudder Auditorium, College Campus and was based on the theme 'Grace Unmeasured'. The solemn service was attended by the graduates, parents, staff and students. Dr. Abi Manesh S., Associate Professor, Department of IDTRC, gave an inspiring message exhorting the young graduands to rededicate their lives to work in the spirit of Christ, who is always by their side .

The success of the AHS Baccalaureate Service and Graduation Ceremony was due to the wholehearted support and effort of all our faculty and students.



National Skill Development Corporation Non-Funding Skill Certification Programme



RUHSA Department is proud to announce the certification of the first batch of Field Technician-Air Conditioner students under the **NSDC Non-Funding Skill Certification Programme**. RUHSA Community College now offers seven courses under this programme. Mr. Reni Charles, General Superintendent, distributed the certificates in the presence of Dr. Ravish Sanghi Raju, Associate Medical Superintendent; Dr. Biswajit Paul, Head, RUHSA Department; Dr. Shantidani Minz, Senior Professor and former Head, RUHSA; Mrs. Rajeshwari Siva, Professor, Community Health Nursing Department and Mr. Sundaram, Chief Security Officer in an event held on 29th March, 2023. RUHSA thanks the institution and the administration of CMC for continuing support for its vocational training programme which provides opportunities to young people in Vellore to make a change in their lives.

International Day of the Midwife celebrated

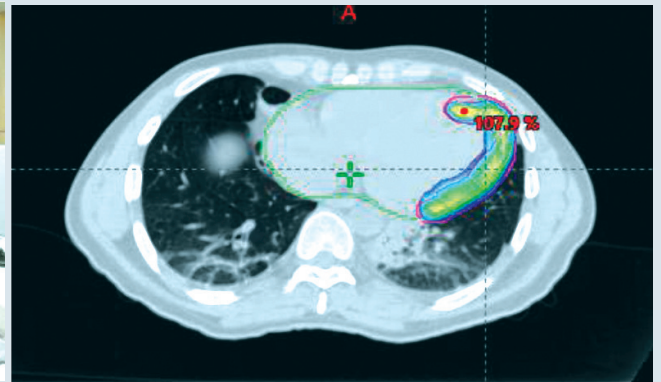
The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) has been celebrating 5th May globally as '**International Day of the Midwife**' since 1992. The theme for 2023 was 'Together Again: From Evidence to Reality'. The focus was to garner attention for the life-enhancing work and to ensure that midwives have the resources to fulfill the full scope of midwifery care, and includes voices from outside the midwifery workforce in promoting and celebrating midwifery, especially the voices of women and families being cared for. This year is designed to encourage everyone to contribute to the advocacy efforts of midwives.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Nursing, CMC Vellore, organised the celebration of the International Day of the Midwife on 5th May, 2023 at Rachel Fillebrown Hall, Staff Nurses Hostel. The programme started with prayer and devotion by Chaplain Ms. Christina. Mrs. Annie Jarone, Professor of OBG Nursing Department welcomed the gathering. Dr. Jiji Mathews, Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department, Mrs. Lucy Samuel, former faculty of Maternity Nursing and Mrs. Nirmala Manoharan, retired Professor from OBG Nursing Department offered their greetings to all the midwives. The chief guest Mrs. Rajakumari Ravi, former Professor and Head of the Department of Maternity Nursing, CMC Vellore, congratulated the establishment of evidence-based practices in midwifery at CMC in her address, and emphasised the Mother-Friendly Hospital Initiatives in her address. Following this a debate was held on the topic: Independent Midwifery Practitioner (can versus cannot function independently). Retired Professor and former Head of the Department of OG Nursing, Mrs. Ebenezer Ellen Benjamin, moderated the debate. She reiterated the importance of independent practice for the Midwifery Nurse Practitioner and the development of a futuristic vision to empower midwives towards independence in their practice. The highlight of the day was the cake cutting to mark the camaraderie of the midwives fraternity. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions that were held in the department. The Midwives' Oath was taken as a solemn declaration of loyalty to the profession. The programme came to an end with thanksgiving and prayer. The culmination of celebration was a Midwives' Day Out to Rajathoppu the next evening.

Cardiac Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT)

The Departments of Radiation Oncology, Cardiology and Radiology together as a team could deliver Cardiac Radiosurgery/ Radioablation (CRS/CRA) to relieve a patient with Refractory Ventricular Tachycardia (VT). This patient was already on treatment for metastatic soft tissue malignancy.

This treatment has been carried out and reported from Germany, Switzerland, and USA since 2019. It is a relatively non-invasive technique offered to patients who are not fit for traditional invasive catheter ablation. CMC is the second centre in the county to offer this treatment and the first to do it in a patient who has an underlying malignancy. The patient successfully underwent Cardiac Radiosurgery on 26th April, 2023 and has been VT free thereafter till date.



Students' Association and National Service Scheme of CMC organised a Medical Camp

The Students' Association (SA) and National Service Scheme (NSS) of Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore, organised a medical camp among the gypsy colony in Vandranthangal village of Katpadi on the 15th April, 2023 in association with St John's Church Fort, and the Departments of Community Health, Community Ophthalmology and Child Health, CMC Vellore. The gypsies had been displaced due to the previous year's monsoons and currently live in tents made out of tarpaulin sheets.

More than 90 MBBS students participated in organising the camp through which 90 adults and children benefitted. Eye screening was done for 47 individuals, all adults were screened for diabetes and hypertension and all children who needed supplementation were given supplements, free of cost. Referral slips were also given to those who needed care at a higher centre. Health education was given by the students to both children and adults alike regarding water, sanitation and hygiene. The students also brought clothes, toys, footwear & other items for the community. They enjoyed playing with the exotic birds and pets that the community took care of.



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The SA Social Service Secretaries Akhil Jiwanmall and Elizabeth George co-ordinated the activities from the students' side. Dr. Anika Amritanand (Professor and Head of Community Ophthalmology) addressed the students and encouraged them. Dr. Aashish Chandy (Child Health), Dr. Sherin, Dr. Rajkumar (CHAD), Dr. Abishek Kevin Pandian (CHAD), Dr. Vivek (Child Health), Mr. Hitlar (Social Worker), Dr. Princy (Intern) and a team of Optometrists and drivers from Community Ophthalmology were present. Dr. Jackwin Sam Paul G (NSS Program Officer) thanked the Principal, various departments, students and the community for their active participation. The community extended their thanks to CMC Vellore and St John's Church Fort, Vellore.



Developmental Paediatrics Unit organised Workshop and Symposium on Practical Approach to Diagnosis and Management of Autism

Autism is the most prevalent neurodevelopmental disorder and is rapidly on the rise. In this context, the Developmental Paediatrics Unit organised a Workshop on 28th April, 2023 on 'Practical Approach to Diagnosis and Management of Autism'. The workshop was designed to provide a hands-on experience to teachers, parents and professionals who regularly look after children with autism. Faculty for the workshop included Mrs. Rachel Beulah, Mrs. Hannah Grace (Psychologist), Ms. Pavithra Baskar (Speech Therapist), Mrs. Anu Abraham and Mrs. Rhema Anu (OTs). The chief guest was Dr. Mary Antony Acharya, a senior paediatrician from Kolkata.

The following day (29th April), the Unit along with the Indian Association of Paediatrics, North Arcot district, organised the symposium on 'Practical Aspects of the Diagnosis and Management of Autism'. Over 120 delegates attended the symposium. Faculty included Mr. Pradeep Jeyatilak (parent and Founder, Autism Residential Centre), Dr. Roopa Srinivasan (Director, Ummeed Child Development Centre, Mumbai), Dr. Pushparani (Erode), Dr. Lucy Radhika (Oddanchatram), Dr. Shwetha Nair (Mumbai), Dr. Shinika (Salem), Dr. Shwetha Madhuri (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry unit, CMC), Dr. M.C. Mathew (MOSC, Kolencherry), as well as Drs. Sowmiya, Srinivasa Raghavan, Beena Koshy and Samuel Philip Oomme, Mrs. Caroline (Psychologist), Mrs. Preethi (Speech Pathologist) and Mrs. Anu Abraham from the Developmental Paediatrics Unit. Dr. Maya Thomas, Head of Paediatric Neurology, was the Guest of Honour.

During the symposium, the Unit also brought out a 300-page book on 'Practical Approach to Autism' under the editorship of Dr. Samuel Oommen. Copies of the book may be procured by writing to devpaed@cmcvellore.ac.in. The workshop, symposium, and book were much appreciated by the delegates.



May 21 - 27, 2023

Special Prayers This Week



Clinical Haematology: Dr. Aby Abraham and Staff
Mrs. Amalorpavamari Lucas and Staff

Medical Oncology : Dr. Ashish Singh and Staff
Mrs. Amalorpavamari Lucas and Staff

Centre for Stem Cell Research :
Dr. Alok Srivastava and Staff

CSI Madhya - Kerala Diocese
Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. Sabu K. Cherian
Rev. Dr. Shajan A. Idiculla

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

CSI Madurai - Ramnad Diocese
Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Jeyasingh Prince Prabhakaran
Rev. J. Rajan

Hospital : CSI Christian Mission Hospital, Madurai

Welcome

- **Dr. Aparna Williams**, Professor, Department of Anaesthesia, on her return from study leave.
- **Dr. Karen Ruby Lionel**, Associate Professor, Department of Neuro Anaesthesia, on her return from study leave.

Laurels and Recognitions

The **Medical Oncology Department** participated in the Tamil Nadu Medical and Paediatric Oncologist Society (TAMPOS) Annual Conference held in Madurai 27th to 29th January 2023 and the following doctors won awards:

Dr. Ajoy Oommen John won the 1st prize for oral paper presentation (Session II) and 2nd prize for poster presentation.

Dr. Josh Thomas Georgy won 1st prize for oral paper presentation (Session I) and 3rd prize for poster presentation.

Dr. Prashant Jambunathan won the 1st prize for poster presentation.

Retirements

• **Mr. Ranga Rao N**, Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, ISSCC OPD, retired on 11th March, 2023. He joined in the year 1982 and has rendered 42 years of dedicated service to CMC under various Departments.

His wife Mrs. Sayammal is working in the Vellore corporation. They are blessed with two daughters and three sons. Their elder daughter Mrs. Venkateswari, HHKA in the Directorate; younger daughter Mrs. Nandhini, HHKA in Q1 west ward; elder son Mr. Saran kumar, HHKA in A-Block; second son Mr. Varun Kumar, -HHKA in PMR and younger son Mr. Vijaykumar, HHKA Ranipet Campus.



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• **Mr. Karunakaran**, Senior Hospital Attendant, Electricals, retired on 16th March, 2023 after 39 years of dedicated service to our institution. He has worked in Neurology Department (7 years), Radiology Department (28 years) and in Electrical Department (4 years).

His wife Mrs. Violet Suganthi is a home maker. Their son, Mr. Alwin Richardson is working as a Graduate Trainee in Ranipet Campus and their daughter, Ms. Sowmiya Beromica completed B.Sc., in Anaesthesia and is working in a private hospital.



• **Mrs. Premakumari**, Sr. Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, Maternity Ward retired on 17th March, 2023 after 35 years of dedicated service to our institution. She joined in the year 1988 and later in 1991, she moved to Maternity Nursing Department and worked there till her retirement.

She has two daughters and one son. Her elder daughter Mrs. Swapna is working as Hospital Housekeeping Attendant in Q Block, younger daughter Mrs. Sunitha is working as Hospital Housekeeping Attendant in Ranipet Campus. Her son Mr. Vikash is also working as Hospital Housekeeping Attendant in SICU. She is blessed with three grandchildren.

• **Mr. Manickam S**, Artisan (Non ITI), Engineering Civil retired on 9th April, 2023 after 39 years of service to this Institution. He worked in Town campus, residential areas, KPTR and Schell eye hospital. He sincerely attended the emergency repair work in several buildings during the rainy season.

He is married to Mrs. Anandi. They are blessed with two daughters and one son. Elder daughter Mrs. Kavitha is married and settled in Bangalore. His second daughter Ms. Poongodi is a Staff Nurse in PHDU, younger son Mr. Kishore is a Hospital Attendant in Microbiology Department Ranipet Campus.



• **Mrs. Kalaiarasi. P**, Sr. Hospital Attendant, Department of Pharmacy retired on 14th April, 2023 after 37 years of dedicated service to the Institution. She joined the Institution in the year 1987 worked in the Medical wards then moved to Pharmacy in the year 2009. She is a hardworking, energetic, God fearing and kind person.

Her daughter Mrs. Rachel, Staff Nurse is working in O-Block, Son-in-law Mr. Robin works in Neonatology.

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

• **Mr. Vijayakumar**, Senior Paramedical Worker, retired on 10th May, 2023 after completing 37 years of meritorious service to the institution. He joined as a Leprosy Paramedical Worker on 15th May 1986 and worked on various other projects related to neurocysticercosis, non-communicable diseases and tribal health during his career. He also managed outpatient services in CHAD hospital over the last few years. He is the last Leprosy Paramedical Worker for the Institution.



Mr. Vijayakumar is considered an expert in identifying Hansen's disease and has been involved in training hundreds of clinicians and para-medical staff in screening for Hansen's over the last 3 decades. His knowledge of the landscape of Jawadhi hills is unparalleled and he was instrumental in creating the mobile clinic schedule in the tribal region. He is one of the few individuals who has travelled the length and breadth of the Jawadhi hills, many times on bicycles and tractors. Mr. Vijayakumar has played a stellar role in curbing Hansen's disease in Jawadhi and Kaniyambadi, which was considered a public health priority in these areas, at the start of his tenure.

Mr. Vijayakumar was also an avid reader and teacher. He interacted freely with all cadre of staff and his conversations were always knowledgeable and informed. He lent a helping hand to anyone in need and was a source of wise counsel. He served as a General Service Board member for two years, and the Community Health Department Staff Welfare Committee treasurer for more than five years till his retirement.

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Mr. Vijayakumar's wife, Mrs. Uma is a homemaker and they have two children, Mr. Jeevanandam, a software engineer working in Sweden and Mrs. Tharani, a software engineer in Chennai. Both children are married and have one child each. The Department of Community Health thanks Mr. Vijayakumar for his indispensable services to the Community Health and Development (CHAD) programme over the last four decades and wishes God's richest blessings as he steps into the next phase of his life.

Sports News

Dr. Sajin Tito, Asst. Professor, Psychiatry and Dr. Athul Thomas, Ass. Professor, Nephrology, are in-charge of the Tennis Club in CMC College Campus.

College Tennis Club, Bagayam, with **International Tennis School conducted the Annual Summer Tennis Camp** in the month of April 2023. In total, 28 children had enrolled. The coach, Mr. Muthu helped the children learn the basic and advanced tennis lessons. There was a tennis tournament held for various categories which was contested actively. The prize winners and participants were felicitated by Dr. Vinay M. Rao, Dept. of Cardiothoracic Surgery, who presided over the function. For the staff children who are interested to join year-round coaching, please contact : Dr. Athul Thomas - 9787020341 or Dr. Sajin Tito - 9847907488.

Results :

Red Ball category (Junior)- Winner- Advitha , Runner up- Tara

Red Ball category (Senior)- Winner- Anugraha, Runner up- Ethan

Green Dot Ball category (Girls)- Winner- Keziah, Runner up- Gifta

Green Dot Ball category (Boys)- Winner- Jacinth, Runner up- Timothy

Regular Ball (Girls)- Winner- Akansha, Runner up- Aradhana

Regular Ball (Boys)- Winner- Anugrah, Runner up- Neal

Regular Ball (Advanced)- Winner- Harinandhan, Runner up- Nishan

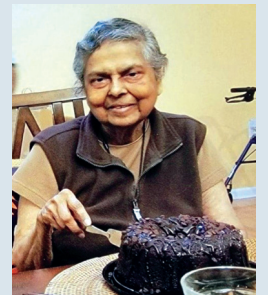
Parent- Child Team- Winner- Dr. Sajin Tito & Mishael, Runner up- Dr. Santosh Benjamin and Arpan



Obituary

Dr. Lilian Thambidurai (nee Theresa Rukmini) (MBBS batch of 1950) passed away on 12th May 2023, after a massive stroke, in Florence, New Jersey, at the age of 90.

Dr. Lilian Thambidurai was born in 1932 in Rangoon, Myanmar, and grew up in Trichy. She graduated from CMC in 1955; she was a good student and an excellent pianist. She played the piano and organ for chapel services, and sang in the choir. She married Dr. T. J. Thambidurai, (MBBS batch of 1949). After graduation she did DGO in Madurai Medical College. They worked in Munnar for the next 17 years at a tea estate hospital, following which they went to Kuwait where they worked until 1980, she was in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and he was in Anaesthesiology. They were very active in their church choir, and participating in Gilbert and Sullivan productions. They then immigrated to the US where, changing specialties, she did a residency in Psychiatry, and practiced as a psychiatrist in West Virginia until she was in her 80s. They continued to be active in the church choir until they moved to New Jersey to be close to their children. She is pre-deceased by her husband who passed away in 2018. She was a devout Christian, loving mother, and doting grand- and great grandmother.



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Drs. John and Lilian had 2 sons, Philip and Peter, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Those who wish to get in touch with the family may contact :
Dr. Jeyaseelan Noble (brother, batch of 1954) at jayshanta1@verizon.net
Dr. Rebecca Thomas (daughter-in-law, batch of 1976) at rebeccathomasmd@gmail.com
Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

Notice

- **The Florence Taylor Memorial Library, College of Nursing will remain closed for Annual Inventory from 5th to 10th June, 2023.**
- As per the Government Order **CMC Employees Co-Operative Thrift & Credit Society** announced that CMC Main Campus employees of Co-Operative Society members should submit their xerox copy of Smart Card (Family Card) and Aadhar Card to CMC Main Campus Co-Operative Society, on or before **31st May, 2023.**

Situations Vacant

1. Occupational Therapist for the Department of Nuclear Medicine

Job Code : 1473

Age : Less than 35 Years.

Qualification : BOT

Job Description : We are seeking a skilled and compassionate occupational therapist to join our team for a DST-funded study of cognitive functions in patients with Mild cognitive impairment. In this role, you will have the opportunity to test, follow up, and monitor patients while maintaining accurate records of clinical and neuroimaging data. As a research officer for this study, you will have the unique opportunity to learn clinical and neuropsychological research techniques and pursue a career in cognitive neuroscience. You will work closely with patients, helping them to improve their cognitive abilities and achieve their goals. The ideal candidate for this position will have a strong interest in cognitive functions with a background in occupational therapy, as well as a passion for helping others. This post will give you an excellent opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of patients while gaining valuable experience in the field of cognitive neuroscience.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not provided.

Applications to be done only through online application system.

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

Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **June 03, 2023** for Item 1.

2. Staff III Radiographer for the Department of Radiodiagnosis

Qualifications : H.Sc. with two years CMAI Diploma in Radiodiagnosis Technology / B.Sc. in Radiology & Imaging Technology recognized by the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University and who have four years experience as Jr. Radiographer or equivalent only need to apply.

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : 35 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 **June 05, 2023** for Item 2.

3. Field Worker Gr.V for LCECU Department

Qualification : + 2. Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

Age Limit : 35 years and below. Preference : 4 years experience as Jr. Field Worker in CMC.

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: "Field Worker Gr.V".

Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered. Apply on or before **May 30, 2023** for Item 3.

4. Jr. Engineer Gr.IV (Civil) for Engineering Civil

Qualification : Diploma in Civil Engineering. Salary : As per institutional norms.

Age Limit : 35 years and below. Preference : 4 Years experience as Jr. Engineer in CMC Vellore. *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: "Engineer Gr.IV".

Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered. Apply on or before **May 30, 2023** for Item 4.

5. Non-Technical Assistant (TERM) for Personnel Department

Qualification : Any Degree + 1 year CMC Training passed. Salary : As per institutional norms. Age Limit : 35 years and below.

Preference : Those who are completed one year training program in CMC & Typewriting passed. **Note: Only Regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted.**

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Link: General - "Vacancies". Tab: "Non-Technical Assistant (TERM)".

Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered. Apply on or before **May 30, 2023** for Item 5.

6. Non-Medical Technician Gr.IV for Communication Engineering

Qualification : Any Degree + 1 yrs CMC Training passed.

Salary : As per institutional norms. Age Limit : 35 years and below.

Conditions : 4 years experience as NTA in CMC.

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: "Non-Medical Assistant Gr.IV".

Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered. Apply on or before **May 30, 2023** for Item 6.

7. Management Trainee for the Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development

Qualification : MBA/ MHA/ B.E/ Master in any science discipline/ PGDHA.

Stipend : As per institutional norms. Age Limit : 30 years and below.

Preference : Healthcare degree at the UG level with an interest in teaching will be given preference.

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 Trainee".

Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered. Apply on or before **May 30, 2023** for Item 7.