



# Christian Medical College Vellore

## NEWSLINE



JANUARY 01, 2024

### New Year Message

It is the time of the year when we look back and are grateful for all the blessings we received as an institution and to look forward in anticipation of the challenges and the work to be done. We go forward into the new year assured of God's presence and blessings and the knowledge that together, there is nothing we cannot do.

Over the past 123 years, CMC Vellore has consistently served the poor and needy; the vision of our founder has been preserved through the ages. Dr. Ida had made it her life purpose and identity to provide health care to those without access to it. Outreach, charity, education, and empowerment have been her identity ever since. We derive our purpose and identity by following our calling and in the footsteps of our founder.

This New Year, let us be aware and reaffirm our identity and what we mean to others as individuals and as a community to serve and not expect to be served. We are here by design, and our purpose here is divinely crafted. In the face of all challenges and adversity, may we be blessed to stay true to this calling.

In I Corinthians 12:27, we are identified as part of the body of Christ. Let this new year also be an opportunity to refresh and renew. A newly refurbished self with a renewed vigor to fulfill the purpose of another year that God has added to us.

With this renewed awareness and resolution, I wish you all a blessed and joyous new year!

With Regards,

Dr. Vikram Mathews  
Director

## Department of Vascular Surgery Moves to Ranipet Campus

The Department of Vascular Surgery shifted to Ranipet campus on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. There was a prayer of dedication and we were fortunate to have Dr. David Sadhu, Professor and former Head of Vascular Surgery to inaugurate the new outpatient department, wards and operation theatre.



## Third Phase Curriculum Implementation Support Programme (CISP 3) Workshop for CMC faculties



The Medical Education Department conducted its 1<sup>st</sup> Third Phase Curriculum Implementation Support Programme (CISP III) on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. Thirty faculty members from different specialties participated in this workshop. The National Medical Commission (NMC) has implemented the CBME (Competency Based Medical Education) curriculum for medical students from 2019. This workshop has been initiated by NMC to sensitize the clinical faculties on the changes made in the medical curriculum.

## Third Phase Curriculum Implementation Support Programme (CISP 3) Workshop for CMC faculties

The workshop provided a comprehensive understanding of the framework for implementing an aligned and integrated curriculum across all three phases. Concepts such as electives, early clinical exposure, and the AETCOM module were discussed in detail. The GMER training methods, along with the Student Doctor methods of clinical teaching, were also explored. In addition, the workshop highlighted the importance of competency acquisition in skills training, principles of assessment, and ways to draft teaching and assessment schedules. Participants were also made aware of the significance of record maintenance and curricular governance.

Dr. Margaret Shanthi started the day with prayer and meditation, Dr. Vinod Abraham, Vice Principal (UG), welcomed the participants. At the end of the workshop Dr. Sudha Jasmine proposed the Vote of Thanks. The sessions were facilitated by the Curriculum committee members from various departments in CMC Vellore who made it informative with active participation.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Dr. Shantidani M., Dr. Vandana K, Dr. Reeta V., Dr. Sowmya S., Dr. Vinod A., Dr. Prakash S.S., Dr. Latif J., Dr. Audrin L., for imparting their knowledge to the participants. Overall, the workshop was an excellent opportunity for participants to gain valuable insights into the effective implementation of a comprehensive curriculum.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Basic Course in Medical Education

The National Medical Commission's 5<sup>th</sup> Basic Course in Medical Education [BCME] was conducted for In-house CMC faculty from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in the Nodal Centre, Medical Education Department (MED), CMC Vellore. There were thirty participants (3 Professors, 3 Associate Professors and 24 Assistant Professors) who benefitted from this course.

The objectives of this programme was to:

- Sensitize the participants to understand the Principles of learning
- Frame specific learning objectives for a competency
- Enumerate various interactive learning methods in a large group or a small group
- Choose the right assessment method for the competency
- Give timely feedback to the students
- Apply innovative methods in teaching & assessment of AETCOM (Attitude Ethics and Communication) modules.

Dr. Margret Shanthi F. X. started the day with a word of prayer, The Vice-Principal (UG) Dr. Vinod Abraham welcomed the members present. Resource persons from various departments in CMC Vellore facilitated the most active sessions and Dr. Margaret Shanthi F. X., proposed the Vote of thanks on the third day.

The Medical Education Department gratefully thanks, Dr. Margaret Shanthi F. X., Dr. Reena G., Dr. Surekha V., Dr. Shantidani M., Dr. Sowmya Sathyendra, Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Dr. Vinod Abraham, Dr. Sathishkumar T., Dr. Reeta Vijayaselvi PR., Dr. Prakash S. S., and Dr. Latif Rajesh for all their contributions towards the successful conduct of the Basic Course in Medical Education [BCME].



**December 31, 2023 - January 06, 2024**

**SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Plastic Surgery :**

Dr. Shashank Lamba and Staff  
Dr. Ashish Kumar Gupta and Staff  
Mrs. Regina Xavier and Staff

**Vellore Good Samaritan Canteen :**

Ms. K.L. Jhenefer and staff

**Men's Intern Quarters**

**Warden :** Dr. Myla Jacob and staff

**Ladies' Intern Quarters**

**Warden :** Dr. Suma Susan Mathews and staff

**Kolhapur Church Council**

Council Members : Mr. Dinanath Vijay Kadam  
Mr. Uday Anand Bijapurkar

**Miraj Medical Centre, Maharashtra**

Council Member : Dr. Mrs. Prabha S. Quraishi



**Memorandum**

**Dr. Ronald Albert Benton Carey**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Pharmacy Services with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for a four year term.

**Laurels and Recognition**

**Dr. Hafees Abdullah Perumbally**, Post Doctoral Fellow in Rhinology, won the second position in the Neena Saharia Junior Consultant Award at "RHINOCON 2023 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of All India Rhinology Society", which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at Saradar Patel Medical College, Bikaner.

**Retirements**

• **Mrs. Julius Udayavanan**, Sr. Gr. Office Facilitator Gr.I, O Block, retired on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, after 37 years of dedicated service to our Institution. She is married to Mr. Udayavanan who runs his own business. They have one daughter and two sons. Their elder daughter Mrs. Reena Jenifer is doing B.Sc Nursing, second son Mr. Nelson Clement is a Staff Nurse and younger son Mr. Giftson Prince completed B.Sc. Neuroscience.



• **Mr. A. Raja**, Sr. Housekeeping Attendant, ISSCC Facilitation retired on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, after 41 years of dedicated service to our Institution. His wife Mrs. Chinnamariamma, is working as HHKA in Hospital Maintenance. They have one daughter and one son, Mrs. Dhanalakshmi and Mr. Rajkumar.

• **Mrs. V. Gangabai**, Sr. Staff Clerk, Clinical Microbiology, retired on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023, after 18 years of dedicated service to our Institution.

Her husband Mr. Valarivan is a retired government school teacher. They have two daughters. Their elder daughter Mrs. Shamugapriya is working in a private company in Chennai and younger daughter Mrs. Divya is working as Technical Officer in FSSAI, Chennai.



• **Mr. V. Kannan**, Sr. Hospital Attendant, Electrical department, retired on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, after 37 years of dedicated service to our Institution. He was a sincere and hardworking person. His wife Mrs. Pushpa is a Homemaker.

## Obituaries

• **Dr. Kiran Sarkar (nee Das)** (MBBS batch of 1963), passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. Dr. Kiran, a cherished alumnus of CMC Vellore (1963 Batch), left an indelible mark in the hearts of all who knew her. Her batchmates and roommates in the women's hostel remember her fondly as a fun loving person, a great companion and an affectionate friend.



She started her career at the then Dichpalli Leprosy Hospital, before returning to CMC Vellore for training in Leprosy Reconstructive Surgery (RCS), under Dr. A.J. Selvapandian (Orthopaedics).

Dr. Kiran's journey at CMC Vellore was not just an academic pursuit; it was a cherished chapter of her life, filled with friendships and memories that she fondly recounted to family and friends ever after.

Dr. Kiran Das married Mr. Prakash Sarkar, a resident of Purulia, on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1974. She was then posted at TLM Purulia for the next 10 years (with brief deputations to TLM hospitals at Naini, Jhalda and Kothara). During her time, she transformed the lives of several thousand Leprosy affected, correcting their various deformities and treating their wounds. With Dr. Kiran's dedication, Purulia came to be known as the main Leprosy Surgical Centre for the whole country.

Dr. Kiran, thereafter, spent 2 years at TLM Bankura, before taking a break from TLM (1985 to 1990), to be with her family in Purulia. However, Dr. Cornelius Walter (batch of 1958-59), the then director of TLM, visited Purulia and persuaded Dr. Kiran to come back to TLM at Purulia in 1990.

Dr. Kiran continued performing hundreds of reconstructive surgeries for leprosy each year, not just at Purulia but as a visiting surgeon to many other TLM and Govt. hospitals all over India, till her retirement in 2004.

She continued providing medical services to the local community in Purulia until the onset of the Pandemic in 2020.

Dr. Kiran's faith, family and her work for The Leprosy Mission was a cornerstone of her existence. She is now in the arms of Jesus, experiencing the peace and joy of the life beyond.

We invite all who knew Dr. Kiran to join us in celebrating her remarkable life and legacy. Her laughter and joy will continue to live on in those who were fortunate enough to know her.

As we bid farewell to Dr. Kiran, we remember her not with sorrow, but with gratitude for the time we shared and the impact she had on our lives. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

The contact details of the family is given below for anyone who would like to get in touch with the family.

Mr. Prakash Sarkar (husband), Whatsapp : +91-9434304764 Email : [prakashsarkar5@gmail.com](mailto:prakashsarkar5@gmail.com)

Pritam (son), Whatsapp : +61-400101848. Email : [pree@switchmethod.com.au](mailto:pree@switchmethod.com.au); [pree@switchgears.io](mailto:pree@switchgears.io)

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

• **Mr. M. Samuel**, retired staff, Neurological Sciences Department, husband of late Mrs. Elizabeth Samuel, retired staff, Maternity ward, father of Dr. Reuban Samuel, MBBS Batch of 1983 and Mrs. Sheela Kalaiyaran, in-charge, CHAD Pharmacy, passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

Let us uphold his children, Dr. Reuban Samuel, Mrs. Sheela Kalaiyaran, Mr. Jacob Rajan, Mrs. Stella Rani Wilson, former staff nurse in CMC, granddaughter Mrs. Karen Blessy Priyadarshini, former OT staff in CMC and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

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• **Mr. V.S. Karthick**, husband of Mrs. D. Chitra, Office Facilitator, Nursing Superintendent's Office, passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Chitra, two sons and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mr. K. Kumar**, father of Mr. K. Loganatha Rao, Jr. Engineer, and father-in-law of Mrs. Sumithra S, Critical Care Technician, Neonatology Department, passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.

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

• **Mr. Sunny George**, (retired Sr. Selection Grade Driver and who served as the personal driver of Dr. Ida S. Scudder for several years), father of Mr.Sushil George, Mr.Thomas George, Mr.Jacob George and Mrs. Sheila George, passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

## Notice

CMC's Poison Control Centre has put together a planner for the New Year 2024. The proceeds from the sale of the planner will go towards supporting the Centre.

The Centre's Poisons Information Service runs a 24 x 7 free helpline that provides information on managing poisonings and snakebite to doctors across the country.

The service is also used by the public and receives 40 to 45 calls a day.

The cost of the planner is Rs.350/-

Where to buy? - ELS (Ranipet and Main Campus), Medicine-I Office and College Stores.

For delivery and WhatsApp orders contact : 9940787731 (Rs.60/- postage charges).

The advertisement features a large image of a white and black bird with long pink legs standing in shallow blue water. To the right, the text reads '2024 PLANNER A YEAR WITH BIRDS' and '₹ 350/-'. Below this, it states 'The proceeds from the sales of the planner will go towards supporting the work of the CMC POISON CONTROL CENTRE'. A collage of various colorful birds is shown in the middle, and at the bottom, it says 'POISONING DEATHS ARE PREVENTABLE YOU CAN HELP SAVE A LIFE' and 'www.poisoncontrol-cmcvellore.org'.

## Situations Vacant

**1. Senior Resident Gr.III** with NMC recognised Postgraduate degree in MD (Palliative Medicine / Anaesthesiology / Radiation Oncology/ Internal Medicine) for the Department of Palliative Medicine  
Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation: provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

**2. Sr. Demonstrator (NM)** with M.Sc. (Biostatistics) / M.Sc. (Statistics) for the Department of Biostatistics  
Experience : Those who have completed 4 years as Demonstrator (NM) (Term Post) in CMC only needs to apply.  
Job Description : Candidates should have experience in handling M.Sc. Biostatistics, Nursing & AHS classes and offer statistical consultation to PGs, faculties, etc.,

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

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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”.

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Applications will close by **January 06, 2024** for Items 1 and 2.

### **3. Assistant Professor with DM Critical Care Medicine for the Division of Critical Care Medicine (Medical ICU / HDU)**

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

### **4. Lecturer Gr.II (Embryologist) for the Department of Reproductive Medicine Surgery**

Qualification : As per Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), law 2021. MBBS or BVSc with M.Sc. in clinical embryology, with two years’ experience in IVF lab, B.Sc. in life sciences or Biotechnology with M.Sc. Clinical embryology with three years’ experience in IVF lab, / Ph.D in Reproductive Biology /clinical embryology with at least one year experience in clinical embryology / Postgraduate in life sciences or Bio Technology with one-year certified course in Embryology along with four years’ experience in IVF lab. The candidate should be able to perform independently ICSI and trouble shoot in IVF lab.

Salary : As per the institutional rules. Accommodation not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

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Applications will close by **January 13, 2024** for Items 3 and 4.

### **5. Junior Research Fellow for the Department of Respiratory Medicine**

**Job Code : 1507**

Qualification : M.Sc. (Life Sciences).

Job Description : To follow up all Patients enrolled in the study, enter the data in CRF and Computer to arrange for follow up of patients and maintain study records.

External Salary : Rs.28,000/- (Consolidated).

Age Limit : Up to 40 Years. Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not Provided.

### **6. Junior Research Officer for the Department of Respiratory Medicine**

**Job Code : 1508**

Qualification : MBBS (Post).

Job Description : To Supervise research project. Enrollment of the subjects for the research to take detailed clinical history and informed consent. To provide drugs after discussing with the PI.

External Salary : Rs.34,680/- (Consolidated). Age Limit : Up to 35 Years.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

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

Link : General - “Vacancies”. **Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted.** Applications will close by

**January 12, 2024** for Items 5 and 6.