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I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Psalm 34:1

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Mr. Denzil Ranjitsingh Gnanamani, Treasurer superannuated on 27th July 2023 after 32 years of sincere and dedicated service to the institution. He is a commerce graduate, holds a university rank in his post-graduation, and is a Qualified Cost and Management Accountant. He is a fellow member of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of India and a member of The Institute of Certified Management Accountants of Australia. Mr. Denzil joined CMC in 1991 and served in the capacity of treasurer for two terms from 2004 to 2014 and resumed the position in February 2023. After superannuation in July 2023, he was reappointed as Treasurer for a year.

As part of his continuous professional development, he completed an extensive top managerial development programme at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management in Ahmadabad. In addition, he has received fellowship training from various esteemed institutions, including the University of Georgia in the United States, the Health Foundation in Singapore, Europa Media in Hungary, and the CMA programme in both London and Paris.

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The contributions made by Mr. Denzil during his tenure at the institution were substantial and noteworthy. These included the introduction and implementation of online billing across all campuses with the assistance of the CHIPS department. Additionally, he established several trusts, including SSSB, CSSB, and Gratuity, to ensure the security of staff superannuation funds. As part of staff welfare measures, he streamlined PF payments and worked with CHIPS to successfully migrate the software from FOXPRO to ORACLE for both billing and accounting. This was done in light of the increasing volume of transactions. He also created separate books of accounts and ensured the smooth functioning of the accounting process for newly established hospitals in Chittoor, Ranipet, and FCRA, which was mandated as part of statutory compliance. Furthermore, Mr. Denzil facilitated the implementation of various internal controls and processes to ensure the effective functioning of the system and also played a pivotal role in the implementation of dynamic QR and the integration of POS machines with the institution's systems.

Mr. Denzil made notable contributions to our organization, not only through his dynamic professional work but also through his ability to lead and motivate his team toward achieving collective goals. We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for his valuable service and wish him the very best.

Ambassador Nirupama Rao Delivers the Luminary Lecture



On the 22nd of November, as part of the Luminary Lecture Series, the former Foreign Secretary of India, Ambassador Nirupama Rao, IFS, delivered an insightful lecture on 'India's Role in a Changing World Order', at the Scudder Auditorium. She was welcomed by the Director, Dr. Vikram Mathews and honoured with the traditional ponnadai by Dr. Geeta Chacko, Senior Professor of Pathology

Ambassador Rao was the first woman spokesperson (2001-02) of the Ministry of External Affairs. She served as India's first woman High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Sri Lanka (2004-2006) and the People's Republic of China (2006-2009). She was also the Ambassador of India to the United States from 2011 to 2013. She retired as the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India.

In her lecture, Ambassador Rao offered a compelling narrative of India's ascendancy in a rapidly changing global world order. Her highly articulate and nuanced dissection of this complex topic unpacked the geopolitical, cultural, and economic contexts that India is enmeshed in today. Ambassador Rao engaged the audience in a lively interactive session immediately following the lecture, moderated by Dr. Priya Abraham, Senior Professor of Virology. The interactive session saw her and the audience discuss topics ranging from the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict to Taiwan, to the Indian media.

The lecture was well attended by students from different academic streams, faculty and retired staff, as well as visitors from in and around Vellore.

The next Luminary Lecture, scheduled for March 2024, will be delivered by the renowned Carnatic vocalist and Ramon Magsaysay awardee 2016, Mr. T.M. Krishna.



Adolescent Health Week Celebrations

Adolescent Health Week was celebrated from November 14 to 20, 2023 by Project YUVA, Adolescent Medicine, Paediatrics Unit III and Paediatric Nursing Departments; under the auspices of the Adolescent Health Academy chapter and the Indian Academy of Paediatrics. The theme for this year was 'Empowering the Paediatrician on Adolescent Health'. The events of the week were conducted by a team consisting of doctors, nurses and health educators under the guidance of Dr. Mona Basker, Head of Adolescent Medicine and Dr. Mary Anbarasi, Head of Paediatric Nursing. Health education was conducted in both government and private schools. About 1000 attended the programme.

The following topics were discussed during the event:

- A healthy lifestyle with adolescent nutrition
- Physical activity
- Sleep hygiene
- Road safety
- Substance abuse
- Sexual and reproductive health

Each session comprised a skit, followed by a PowerPoint presentation and an interactive session with 'Q & A' time with students. The participants were handed a pamphlet about a healthy lifestyle at the end of the programme.



Shield and Certificate of Appreciation Awarded to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology & Family Welfare

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology & Family Welfare was awarded a Shield and Certificate of Appreciation by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Tamilnadu State for the best performance (maximum number of sterilizations) among voluntary organisations. The award ceremony was held on 20th November 2023 at IOG, Egmore, Chennai. The award was presented by Thiru. Ma.Subramaniam Honorable Minister for Health & Family Welfare. The department received the first prize for the year 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 and CHAD Hospital, Bagayam received second and third prizes for the same category. The award was received by Dr. Reeta Vijayaselvi, MD, DGO., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Mrs. Jayasudha, social worker, Mrs. Merlyn Nixon and Mrs. Beulah Isaac, Charge Nurses from the CHAD Hospital, Bagayam.



Heritage Plaques Celebrating the Gift of the College Campus

A hundred years ago, on 8th/9th November 1923, the governing council of the Missionary Medical School for Women decided, after much debate, to have two campuses: the medical school campus near College Hill, and the teaching hospital in Vellore Town. To commemorate the historic decision that gave us the gift of this verdant College Campus, 'Heritage Plaques' were dedicated in the domed entrance to the Sunken Garden on College Day, 11th November, 2023.



College Day started with the thanksgiving service in the College Chapel by the MBBS Batch of 2019, after which students and staff gathered around the lily pond. Dr. Reena George explained the significance of the plaques, which contain excerpts from eyewitness accounts of the 1932 inauguration of the College Campus, with its beautiful buildings built in grey granite. Sculpting an institution—or a life—can be a long and painful process. But hard work, conflict and pain created a beautiful movement which has transcended the vision and the lifetime of the founder and has shaped our own lives, vocations and families. Dr. George also shared the links to two songs – 'The Touch Of An Infinite Love', written by Dr. Jessie Findlay and put to music by Mr. Santosh Poonnen, and 'Father, Whose life is within me...', a favourite prayer of Dr. Ida Scudder, put to music by Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar.

The Director, Dr. Vikram Mathews, and the Principal, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, cut a white and blue jasmine chain to the domed entrance, after which, Reverend Arul Dhas said the prayer of dedication. The College Flag was hoisted by Dr. Elizabeth Tharion, to the singing of the College Song that celebrates this, our alma mater, 'girded round by her strong ageless mountains'.

The Touch Of An Infinite Love

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xsioyu0FruKDKN5qy40jAGkxF_MazwwP/view?usp=drive_link

A Favourite Prayer of Dr. Ida Scudder

https://drive.google.com/file/d/QKSwlJOxdCZqKAavJFKOMQD9MA58Jpd/view?usp=drive_link



World Diabetes Day Report

The College of Nursing CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus commemorated the World Diabetes Day on 14th November, 2023. Mrs. Grace Angeline and Mr. John Wely, Faculty, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus organised a series of events to create awareness among the public and the health care workers.

The rally and diabetes screening camp was conducted on November 10, 2023 at Iruvaram, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Reginald Alex Senior Consultant, Chittoor Campus and Mr. Ashok, Corporator were the Chief Guests. Students of the College of Nursing presented a roleplay on the prevention of Complications in patients with Diabetes Mellitus. An awareness rally was held by the 2nd year B. Sc Nursing students, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus. Mr. Ashok, Corporator of the urban community Iruvaram flagged off the rally. Following the inauguration, Dr. Sri Vidhya, Junior Registrar, Mrs. Grace Angelin and Mr. John Wesly, Faculty of College of Nursing provided consultation to patients along with staff of the Community Health Nursing Department and the 2nd year B.Sc. Nursing students. They supplied medicines for acute ailments and for known diabetic patients. A total of 105 members attended the camp from in and around Iruvaram.

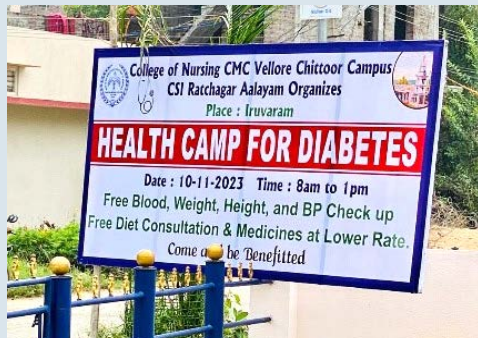


The poster and short film competition took place on November 13, 2023 on the topics; 'Trends in Diabetes Management' and 'Lifestyle modifications in the prevention of diabetes mellitus' respectively.

A seminar was organised for the staff and students on 'Diabetic Foot Care'. Dr. Felix Jeba Singh was the resource faculty. Nursing staff and students attended the seminar and were benefitted.

The concluding event was the public awareness meeting which was organised on November 14, 2023, at the patient waiting area in the CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus. Dr. Nihal Thomas, Senior Consultant & Professor, Department of Endocrinology was the Chief Guest who in his address provided practical tips to stay fit and to prevent diabetes. Prizes were distributed to the winners of poster and short film competitions. Dr. Kenny David, Associate Director, Chittoor Campus, Mrs. Anbarasi S, Associate Nursing Superintendent and Mrs. Nirmala Margaret P, Principal, College of Nursing offered felicitations.





'Dia-Quiz' on Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders

'Dia-Quiz' on Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders for the nursing students at the College of Nursing, CMC Vellore was organised on November 17, 2023 by the department of Diabetes and Endocrinology. Dr. Vinitha Ravindran, Dean of, the College of Nursing was the Chief Guest for the day. A total of 192 students participated in the preliminary written test and 4 teams qualified for the final round.

The following were the Prize Winners:

First Prize - **Iswarya. Y, Jenithaa D, Elakiya V. and Sureka R.**

Second Prize - **Marbanaylla Rikynti Sawian, Rosemary Sajan, Abishek Daniel. D. and Prathibha K.**

Third Prize - **Jebagnanam Ebenezer, Blessy Rajan, Dhanalakshmi P. and Priscilla S.**

Click the link below for more pictures of the event:

<https://www.cmcendovellore.org/world-diabetes-day-celebration-2023/>



'Dia-Quiz' on Diabetes and Endocrine Disorders

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Special Prayers This Week

Urology : Dr. Chandrasingh J. and Staff
Dr. Santosh Kumar and Staff
Dr. Nirmal T.J. and Staff
Dr. Rajiv Paul Mukha and Staff
Mrs. Reena Santhosh and Staff

The Leprosy Mission Trust India
Council Members : Dr. Premal Das
Dr. Famkima Darlong



Welcome

Dr. Sirish Chandra Srinath P, Associate Professor, Cardiology Unit-IV on his return from study leave.

Retirements

• **Mr. Saravanan**, Sr. Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, Engineering Civil, retired on 29th October 2023 after 41 years of dedicated service to the Institution. He is married to Mrs. Thulasiamma, a Housekeeping Attendant in OPD Services. They have three sons, Mr. Vinoth Kumar running his own business; Mr. Srinivasan and Mr. Sakthivel are working in our Institution.



• **Mr. Yesudoss**, Sr. Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, Surgical wards, retired on 12th November 2023 after 40 years of dedicated service. His wife Mrs. Mariamma, is a Housekeeping Attendant in O Block. They have two sons and two daughters. Their elder son Mr. Prabhu Johnson and second daughter Mrs. Baby are working in CMC Vellore. The third daughter Ms. Shanthakumari completed BCA and the younger son Mr. Joseph Raja is studying B. Sc Nursing in Ramachandra Hospital, Chennai.

Sports News

Adult Tennis Coaching Camp for staff November 2023

The College Tennis Club, CMC, Bagayam in association with the International Tennis School (ITS) conducted the first Adult tennis coaching camp for beginners and intermediate category from November 1 to 15, Mondays through Saturdays from 5.30-6.30 am.

This was an initiative for the physical and mental well-being of oneself through tennis meant for the staff and students of CMC. The camp was attended enthusiastically by 12 members representing various departments and age groups and was held in the two adjoining courts of the Tennis Club in Bagayam. The camp itself was preceded by sessions on:-



- Strength and conditioning - Mr. Lenny and Ms. Sharanya (PMR Department)
- Basics of sports nutrition - Mrs. Jayalakshmi (Dietary Department)
- Importance of sleep and Recovery- Dr. Sujith Thomas Chandy (Asso. Professor, Department of Respiratory Medicine)
- Goal setting & positive self-talk - Mr. Joseph Noel (Clinic. Psychologist, MHC Bagayam).

Certificates on successful completion of the program were handed over by Mr. Shankar, head coach and director of ITS.

We'd like to thank God almighty for providing us with a window with minimal rain interruption for the completion of this camp.

On account of the overwhelming response and queries, similar camps are being planned in the future.

For those interested, kindly contact :

Dr. Athul Thomas - 98954 20341 (Asso. Professor, Department of Nephrology)

Dr. Sajin Tito - 98479 07488 (Asst. Professor, Department of Psychiatry).

Obituaries

• **Mr. Ganesan V**, father of Dr. Priya G., Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, passed away on 28th November, 2023.

Let us uphold his wife, Mrs. Sagirani G., daughters, son-in-law, Dr. Sridhar M, grandsons Mr. Ragava Jyotsnav, Mr. Naveen Karthik and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mr. Ravi Kumar**, husband of Mrs. Ruby Chitra, Staff Nurse, W-ward (Plastic Surgery), passed away on 1st December, 2023.

Let us uphold his wife, Mrs. Ruby Chitra, daughter Ms. Blessy and Son Mr. Blesston (1st year student in Radiotherapy, CMC, Vellore) and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Situations Vacant

1. Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

Job Code : 1503

The Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR), [a unit of inStem Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology (Government of India) and the Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore] invites applications for the Junior Research Fellow to work in the area of cell and molecular biology related to stem cell research.

Qualification : M.Sc. and M.Tech. Life Sciences / Biochemistry / Biotechnology candidates with a minimum of 55% of marks. Preference will be given to the candidates with CSIR / UGC / DBT / ICMR / GATE junior research fellowships.

Situations Vacant

For more details of the positions and the Application forms visit <https://www.cscr.res.in/research-opportunities/> Please submit duly filled application mentioning Job Code, either by soft copy to cscredu@cmcvellore.ac.in or by hard copy to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore-632 002, Tamil Nadu on or before **December 15, 2023** for Item 1.

2. Staff III Graduate Technician for the Developmental Paediatrics Unit

Qualifications : Bachelor Degree in Science and those who have completed 4 years of experience as Asst. Graduate Technician (Term Appointment) in Developmental Paediatrics or equivalent only need to apply.

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

Only female candidates need to apply.

Salary Scale : Rs.12762 - 510 – 25512 + DA & HRA as per rules. Age Limit : 35 years.

Nature of Job : Assessing and offering assistance to children with developmental delay.

3. Sr. Programmer Gr.V in Principal's Office (Research) (Medical College Admin – Education IT Unit)

Qualifications : B.Tech. (I.T) / B.E. (Computer Science) / MCA / MCS / MS Computer Science / M.Sc. (Computer Science) and preference will be given those who experience as Sr. Programmer.

Job Description : We are looking for a candidate who has experience in website development and maintenance, installing, configuring and managing databases, publication software support, data analysis software support, mobile interface software development, server troubleshooting and maintenance, e-learning software use, clinical trials search strategies. Those with experience in CMS (Drupal), Zotero and Endnote will be preferred.

Job Condition : Responsibilities will include liaising internally with academic, research and administrative teams, providing technical support for faculty and students, generating custom reports, backup and recovery. Additionally, the candidate is expected to help with training staff on newly installed hardware and software systems, troubleshooting hardware, software and networking issues, responding to general IT requests, ensuring security software is kept up to date and filing monthly reports.

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

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

4. Asst. Social Worker (Term Appointment) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

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

Consolidated Pay: Rs.26,540/-. Age Limit : 35 Years.

Note : Only the above qualification on the regular mode will be accepted.

5. Jr. Emergency Care Technician (Term Appointment) for the Paediatric Emergency Services

Qualifications : B.Sc., (Accident & Emergency Care Technician Course).

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

Consolidated Pay : Rs.26,540/-. Age Limit : 35 Years.

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 **December 11, 2023** for Item 2, 3 and **December 18, 2023** for Items 4 and 5.

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6. Applications invited for the posts of **Professor Cum Principal, Professor cum Vice-Principal & Associate Professor for Nazarene Nurses' Training College (NNTC) attached to Reynolds Memorial Hospital & Affiliated Clinics (RMH), a Christian Mission Hospital located in Washim, Maharashtra** (jointly managed by CMC Vellore, Emmanuel Hospital Association & Church of the Nazarene) NNTC is under the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik.

Applications are invited for the following posts at NNTC with eligibility criteria based on the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Norms.

1. Principal cum Professor (Vacant post – 01)

Qualification : M.Sc. Nursing, Desirable: Ph.D. Nursing, with 15 years of experience, of which 10 years after M.Sc. in collegiate programme. Should have registered with or be willing to transfer their registration to the Maharashtra Nursing Council.

2. Associate Professor (Vacant Post – 01)

Qualification : M.Sc. Nursing in any speciality with 8 years of experience including 5 years of teaching experience of which 3 years should be after M.Sc. Nursing. Should have registered with or be willing to transfer their registration to Maharashtra Nursing Council.

3. Assistant Professor (Vacant Post – 01)

Qualification : M.Sc. Nursing in any specialty with 3 years of experience. Should have registered with or be willing to transfer their registration to Maharashtra Nursing Council.

4. Tutor (Vacant Post – 04)

Qualification : B.Sc. / PB.BSc.Nursing. Preferable: M.Sc. Nursing with 1 year of experience. Should have registered with or be willing to transfer their registration to Maharashtra Nursing Council.

Kindly send applications by mail along with latest CV with 2 references and covering letter, citing the post applied for, to ms_rmh@rmhindia.org on or before **16th December, 2023**. For shortlisted candidates from out of Maharashtra, zoom interviews will be an option. Contact No for queries : 89401 90697.

For any queries or further details about Reynolds Memorial Hospital & Nazarene Nurses Training College you may please contact ms_rmh@rmhindia.org / missionsoffice@cmcvellore.ac.in