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When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalms 56:3

National Safe Motherhood Day



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On the occasion of National Safe Motherhood Day, which is observed every year on April 11th, the College of Nursing at CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus, along with the Obstetrics & Gynecology unit of CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus, conducted a Health Awareness Programme organised by Ms. Sophia J, faculty, at the College of Nursing, The programme was conducted between April 8th and 13th, 2024, at the OPD patient waiting area and postnatal ward of the Chittoor Campus, targeting antenatal women, postnatal mothers, and the general public.

Throughout the week, fourth-year BSc Nursing students from CMC Vellore, Chittoor campus, displayed posters and models on perinatal care. They also performed role-plays to create awareness among the audience. Patients and their relatives attending outpatient services could participate in the programme and benefit from the educational activities. On April 11, 2024, fourth-year BSc Nursing students from CMC Vellore's Chittoor Campus conducted an outreach programme in Rasanapalli village and Bommasamudram PHC, Chittoor, A.P.

During the programme, the students educated antenatal mothers through a skit that emphasised the six pillars of Safe Motherhood, including family planning, antenatal care, obstetric care, postnatal care, post-abortion care, and control of sexually transmitted diseases. The students also exhibited various charts and models and provided explanations to the mothers attending the programme.



National Fire Service Week



National Fire Service Day is observed on the 14th of April to honour the brave firefighters who sacrificed their lives to protect people and property from fire accidents. The 2024 theme is 'Ensure Fire Safety, contribute to Nation Building, focusing on creating awareness on fire safety practices and crucial services provided by the Fire Department. During the fire safety week, the Fire Department at CMC Vellore conducted demonstrations and classes about the types of extinguishers, fire hydrants, and evacuation of patients from critical areas. The National Fire Service programme was observed on 16th April 2024 at Ranipet Campus. Mr. G. Sathyanarayanan, B. Tech, ADFE(NFSC), Joint Director, State TNFRS Training College, Tambaram, Chennai & Deputy Director (FAC), North Western Region, HQrs, Vellore, Tamilnadu was the Guest of Honour.



The programme began with a prayer led by Dr. Rev. Rachita Rout, CMC Vellore. Mr. Natarajan, Chief Fire Officer, welcomed the gathering and presented the services rendered by the Fire Department at CMC Vellore. Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, CMC Vellore welcomed the Chief Guest and felicitated the gathering. During his address, he expressed his happiness over increasing the strength of the fire team and their effective functioning in all CMC Campuses.

Dr. Lallu Joseph, who holds positions as Quality Manager, Fire Safety Convener, and Associate General Superintendent at Ranipet Campus, discussed the importance of fire safety measures and patient evacuation in hospitals. She commended the Engineering and Fire Teams for their efforts in facilitating these measures, and for winning the Fire and Life Safety Winner Award on a national level at the CAHOCON 2024 conference in Kolkata. Mr. Joseph Selvaraj, the Deputy General Superintendent and Head of Supporting Services at Ranipet Campus, spoke about the significance of National Fire Service Day.

During the event, Mr. G. Sathyanarayanan, Joint Director, gave a special address on the importance of National Fire Service Day and National Fire Service Week. He also highlighted the excellent services provided by CMC Fire Department. Mr. D. Niranjana Kumar, Fire Officer, CMC Vellore gave the vote of thanks. Later, the Chief Guest inaugurated a blood donation camp, where 20 fireguards donated blood to commemorate the occasion. The Chief Guest appreciated the fireguards' efforts and motivated them. Finally, the Chief Guest visited the Ranipet Campus Central Command Centre and expressed his appreciation.



College Day - 2024

College Day was celebrated on 20th April 2024 in the College of Nursing CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus. The theme chosen for this year was 'Aionia' which means 'to go forever' or 'everlasting life'. As the College Flag was hoisted by the Principal Mrs. Nirmala Margaret P., the student body sang the College Anthem reminiscing the rich heritage behind 'silver and blue'. Mr. John Wesley, MSc., nursing Tutor closed the session with a prayer.



The inaugural function began with a prayer song by the SNA Cabinet Members followed by scripture reading by Ms. Adlyn Dolly, RAC Chairperson, and devotion was led by Rev. Giftus Joshua, Chaplain. Mrs. Nirmala Margaret. P, Principal, College of Nursing CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus welcomed the gathering.

All the dignitaries joined the lighting of 'Kuthuvilakku' that symbolises the radiance of light over darkness and ignorance. This luminous start went forth with the inspiring speech by the Chief Guest Dr. Vinitha Ravindran, Dean College of Nursing, CMC Vellore.

Dr. Pastin Pushpa Rani. P, Vice Principal presented the events of the college. A sense of exhilaration among students kicked off when the dignitaries gave away prizes for the winners of various cultural and sports events and the release of the second and third editions of student magazine 'Vidyarthula Srishti'. This was followed by words of appreciation by Dr. Kenny S David, Associate Director, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus.

A thoughtful note of thanks was delivered by Mrs. Bindhu. P, professor College of Nursing CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus. With the closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Giftus Joshua, the inaugural session came to an end.

Following the inaugural session, the cultural programme highlighted the College Day theme 'Aionia' through poetry, dance, music and martial arts.





Diploma in Hospital Administration (DHA)



Fifth Contact Programme
Diploma in Hospital Administration – Distance Education (5th Batch)
 04th March to 16th March 2024



Conducted by: Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development,
 CMC Vellore & CMAI, New Delhi



Standing 1st Row:
(Left to Right)

Sitting (Chair):
(Left to Right)

Sitting (Floor):

Mr. Vineet Daniel Meshramkar, Dr. Nishant Samuel Nanda, Mr. Praveen, Mr. Wesley,
 Mr. Shinto Mathew, Mr. D. Shantha Kumar, Mr. Deepjyoti Das, Mr. M. Papa Rao,
 Mr. Vinay Kumar, Ms. Jancy Rani J, Ms. R. Christy Dayana, Ms. Jhoney T, Ms. Rugaina,
 Ms. Sharmila, Mr. Balaparameswaran

Mr. Thomas D, Dr. N. Sathish Kumar, Ms. Shrilatha, Ms. Elsy Thomas, Mr. Reni Charles,
 Dr. Vikram Mathews, Ms. Sonia Valas, Ms. Karunya, Mr. Richardson Asir R
 Ms. Janet, Ms. Jacinth, Ms. Jeevitha, Ms. Monisha, Ms. Keran

The Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development (DHMSSTD), Christian Medical College Vellore in collaboration with the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI), New Delhi started the Diploma in Hospital Administration (Distance Education Programme) course from 2019. This course was designed mainly for those working in mission hospitals willing to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to become efficient managers and leaders while continuing to serve their institutions. It will help them integrate theoretical and scientific frameworks with their own experience to implement best practices in their hospitals, which would allow them to deal with a range of management issues. The fourth group of participants attended a mandatory contact programme from March 4th to March 16th, 2024. The programme began with a prayer and a welcome address by Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director & Head of DHMSSTD, along with Dr. Anila Chacko, the Academic Officer.

Each day, the participants began with a prayer and attended detailed classes on eight subjects, including Basic Principles of Management, Basic Accounting and Finance, Materials Management, Managing Patient Care and Hospital Facilities, Hospital Information Systems, Human Resources Management, Hospital Governance and Statutory Requirements, and Quality and Safety in Healthcare. These classes were taught by various intramural and extramural faculty members. Additionally, the participants visited various departments and gained practical administrative knowledge about their functioning. The contact programme was attended by 14 participants which includes medical doctors, nurses and administrators representing nearly 12 mission hospitals across the country. During the programme, the participants were taught about the theoretical and practical aspects of Hospital and Health Systems Management through interactions, department visits, presentations, group discussion, etc. The programme was well appreciated by all the participants through their lively participation and feedback.

Admissions for the 6th batch is expected in July 2024. For more details, kindly contact the Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training, CMC Vellore through stafftraining@cmcvellore.ac.in or 0416-228 3535 / 6099 / 6098.

American Heart Association - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (AHA ACLS) Provider Level Course



The **AHA-ACLS** provider level course was held on the **23rd & 24th April 2024**. This 2 day course was designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics) who initiated advanced life care in acutely ill adults, beyond basic life support, through the stabilization or transport phases of adult emergency. This Advanced Cardiac Life Support Course is accredited by the American Heart Association and is valid internationally. The number of participants is strictly restricted to 24 as per AHA guidelines. The ACLS faculty were Dr. Ekta Rai, Dr. Bernice, Dr. Anand Babu, from Department of Anaesthesia. Dr. Priya G from Emergency Medicine and two faculty were under monitoring Dr. Naveen S and Dr. Andrew Solomon. Nineteen delegates had actively participated in this ACLS course.

Special Prayers This Week

May 05 - 11, 2024

CHIPS : Mr. Ebinezer Sundarraj and Staff

United Methodist Church of America, USA

Council Member : Dr. Arvind Roop Kumar

Voluntary Health Association of India

Council Member : Mr. Alok Mukhopadhyay

Vellore Christian Medical College Foundation Inc. USA

Council Members : Dr. Margaret K. Kumar and Mr. John A. Riehl



Memorandum

- **Dr. Deena E**, Associate Professor in Paediatric Nursing, is appointed as Additional Deputy Dean with effect from 13.7.2023 for a four year term.

Retirements

Mrs. Marthammal D, Sr. Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, Relief Pool, retired on 6th March 2024, after 36 years of dedicated service to our Institution. Mrs. Marthammal's husband, Mr. George T., is involved in church ministry. They have three children - a daughter named Mrs. Kiruba and two sons named Mr. Sam Dinakaran and John Michal Raj. She is also a proud grandmother to two grandchildren. The CMC family expresses gratitude to Mrs. Marthammal for her valuable service and wishes her a happy retired life.



Mr. Subbaiah J, Sr. Hospital Housekeeping Attendant, Q Block, retired on 6th March 2024, after 36 years of dedicated service to our Institution. His wife, Mrs. Salomie, works in B-Ward. They have one daughter named Ms. Shanthosh Kumari and two sons named Mr. Antony and Mr. Samuel. Antony is a HHKA in the Relief Pool, G.S Office and Samuel is a HHKA in O Block. The CMC family expresses their gratitude towards Mr. Subbaiah for his service and wishes him a happy and fulfilling retired life.

Mr. Wilson Thomas. A, Hospital Attendant Gr. I, Relief Pool, retired on 10th March 2024, after 26 years of dedicated service to our Institution. Mr. Wilson Thomas has been a valuable member of the CMC Institution. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Teena, who is a homemaker, and his three daughters: Ms. Jenifer Christina, Ms. Roseline Ann Mary, and Ms. Mabline Dhaliya. The CMC family is grateful for his service and wishes him a happy, peaceful, and productive retirement.





Mr. Murugesan R, Sr. Hospital Attendant, Relief Pool, G.S. Office retired on 15th March 2024, after 38 years of dedicated service to our Institution.

His Wife Mrs. Vasanthavalli is a homemaker, they have 2 children, a daughter Ms. Dhanalakshmi and son Mr. Lokesh Kumar. The CMC family is thankful to Mr. Murugesan. R for his service in this Institution and wish him a happy, peaceful and productive retirement life

Mr. Murali Kumar. T.S, Sr. Secretary, Secretarial Pool, P.M. Office, retired on 4th April 2024, after 34 years of dedicated service to our Institution. His wife Mrs. Dhanalakshmi, works as a Sub-Postmaster in Sathuvachari. They have a son named Mr. Gowtham and a daughter named Dr. Anushree. The CMC family expresses gratitude to Mr. Murali Kumar T.S. for his valuable service and wishes him a happy, peaceful, and productive retirement life..



Mr. Thamarai Selvan. K, Sr. Hospital Attendant, CSSD, retired on 9th April 2024, after 39 years of dedicated service to our Institution. He is married to Mrs. Shanthi, who is a homemaker. They have two sons, Mr. Rajesh and Mr. Vijay, and a daughter, Ms. Jeevetha. The CMC family wishes Mr. Thamarai Selvan a happy, peaceful and productive retirement life.

Obituaries



- **Dr. Gandam Samuel Jayakar** (MBBS batch of 1956) passed away on 8th April, 2024. Dr. Jayakar was born on October 7, 1934, in Chirala, a small town outside of Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, India. He was the oldest of six siblings. His beautiful and loving mother, Janaki, took care of his disabled father and all six children on a school teacher's salary. She was a devout Christian and raised all her children to become medical doctors. Dr. Jayakar's mother had a tremendous impact on his character and helped promote strong values of being in service of others.

Before immigrating to the United States in 1970, he and his wife, Dr. Saroja, worked as Christian missionary physicians in the rural areas of southern India. His dedication to serving as a healer in the name of Christ laid a strong foundation for all of his talent, work and accomplishments.

With an unwavering commitment to medicine, he was a surgeon for over 50 years and served as a medical corps major in the United States Army Reserves. He obtained his medical degree from Christian Medical College Vellore in India and completed his surgical residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit. Dr. Jayakar was on staff for many years at Saratoga Hospital where he was the Vice-Chief of Surgery, Holy Cross Hospital, and St. John Hospital. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons. His love for teaching was evident in the many years he spent imparting his knowledge to surgical residents at St. John Hospital in Detroit, medical students at Wayne State University's anatomy lab, as well as his youngest son, Dr. Shaun Jayakar, and his granddaughter Catalina who is finishing her third year of medical school.

Dr. Jayakar and his wife, Dr. Saroja Jayakar, established a thriving medical practice, from the ground up, in southeast Michigan, including the construction of their medical office building which is actively in practice today by his family.

Dr. Jayakar was known for his devotion to God and the church, and he was a dedicated member of Grosse Pointe Baptist, now Crosspointe, and a founding member of Faith Asian Christian Fellowship. Through his generous contributions, he supported the construction of Rockwood Memorial Telugu Baptist Church in Andhra Pradesh and helped many others in need with his time, talents, and financial support.

Dr. Jayakar had a deep love for music, particularly for gospel, old Bollywood and classic country music.

He was known for his competitive spirit and enjoyed playing tennis. He passed his passion for tennis onto his children where he was their built-in coach. His bigger-than-life personality was infectious. Dr. Jayakar's circle of friends spanned diverse cultures, religions, and backgrounds. He loved to travel with his family to various parts of the world. He passionately debated politics with his family and always ended these lively debates with a good hearty laugh.

Dr. Jayakar was instrumental in supporting many extended family members to immigrate to the U.S. and settle in the Detroit area. This family fabric that Dr. Jayakar created will remain one of his many lasting legacies. He instituted two awards in CMC Vellore in his parents and brother's names: Mrs. Janaki & Edward Gandham Medal in Surgery and Dr. Emmanuel Sunderraj Memorial award for a surgeon who works in a mission hospital.

Dr. Jayakar is survived by his beloved wife, Dr. Saroja Jayakar (MBBS batch of 1958); three children Sanjit, Sandra (Michael), and Shaun (Arunima); and grandchildren Elise, Olivia, Samuel, Catalina, Thomas, Sonya, Shyla, Sabina, Noah, Luke, and Emmanuel; his siblings Dr. Mithra (Beulah), Dr. Shymala (Dr. Jeyasurya), Dr. Vasantha (Vinod) and their families. Predeceased by his three siblings Dr. Nirmala (Dr. Ravi), Dr. Sulochana (Arun), and Dr. Emmanuel (Dr. Grace). His funeral service was held on Thursday, April 11th at CrossPointe Christian Church in Grosse Pointe Woods at 10 AM.

For those who would like to get in touch with his family, the family contact details are given below:

Dr. Saroja Jayakar (spouse), Mobile: +1313 407 6583, Email: saroja.jayakar@yahoo.com

Dr. Shaun Jayakar (son), Mobile: +1313 4076580.

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

Dr. Mary Parimala Samuel (MBBS batch of 1969) passed away on 23rd April, 2024. Dr. Mary Parimala Samuel was born on 10 December 1950. She joined for her MBBS course in CMC, Vellore in the year 1969. She then served in Karigiri and Ambur Bethesda Lutheran Hospital. She later became a distinguished Anaesthesiologist at the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune. Dr. Samuel's illustrious career in the AFMC spanned more than three decades, during which time she imparted invaluable knowledge and skills to countless students.



Throughout her illustrious career, Dr. Samuel's unwavering dedication and passion for patient care influenced and inspired countless anaesthesiologists in the armed forces medical services of India. After her tenure at AFMC concluded in 2011, she joined Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapith Medical College, Pune and continued to work there as Head of the Department of Anaesthesiology.

Her passion for excellence, lively and humorous way of conversation with junior residents, and unwavering commitment to her patients earned her the admiration and love of colleagues and students alike. Dr. Mary Samuel loved music and was a great alto in the choirs at CMC and in Pune churches. She was involved in many committees in leadership position and steered them to work with the poor and disadvantaged. She died in Command Hospital Pune, a few weeks after a cancer surgery. Her legacy as a mentor, healer, and compassionate individual will forever remain an inspiration to us all. While we mourn her loss, we take comfort in knowing that Dr. Mary Samuel's contributions and the impact she made on so many lives will never be forgotten. She will be profoundly missed yet fondly remembered.

The recording can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASXvw5WYEIA>

For those wishing to extend their condolences or offer support to the family, contact details are provided below: Vijay Samuel (brother) - Mobile no: 9960054507. Gloria Samuel (sister) - Mobile no: 7550015521.

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

- **Mr. P. Rajamanickam**, former Head of Internal Audit, CMC passed away on 23rd April, 2024. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Helen M Rajamanickam, retired professor, Community Health Nursing, College of Nursing, son Dr. Timothy Rajamanickam, batch of 1986 (CMC Vellore) DM Nephrology, batch of 2005 (CMC Vellore) daughters Mrs. Persis Baskaran, former Head in Occupational Therapy, CMC, Mrs. Hepsibah Mathew, former Lecturer in College of Nursing, CMC and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mrs. R. Sarala Devi**, mother of Dr. Rajendra Benny K, Asst. Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology (MBBS batch of 2007), mother-in-law of Mrs. Sharon Gikku George, former Research Coordinator, Department of Radiation Oncology Unit - II, (BPT batch of 2011), CMC passed away on 3rd May, 2024. Let us uphold her children, grandchildren and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Situations Vacant

Vacancies under the Principal's Office - for queries contact the mentioned office

1. Senior Resident Gr.III with MS (Orthopaedics) for the Department of Orthopaedics Unit-III

Salary : As per institutional rules.

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

2(a) Jr. Special Teacher (Term Post) for the Department of Psychiatry (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit)

Qualification : M.A. Psychology / M.Sc. Psychology / Masters in Rehabilitation Science (MRSc) / M.Ed (Special Education).

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

2(b) Jr. Psychologist (Term Post) for the Department of Psychiatry (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit)

Qualification : MA / M.Sc. (Psychology) (Regular Course).

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. **Accommodation :** Not Provided.

3. Senior Resident with MD (Transfusion Medicine) MD (Pathology) for the Department of Transfusion Medicine & Immunohaematology

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 18, 2024** for **Items 1, 2(a), 2(b) and 3.**

4. Medical Lab Technician for the Department of Hepatology

Job Code : 1538

Qualification : M.Sc. Biotechnology with minimum 70% marks.

External Salary : Consolidated Rs.23,000/-

Job Description : To coordinate with clinicians for sample collection and perform basic molecular biology experiments (DNA and RNA isolation, PCR, ELISA, etc.). The project mainly involves collection of samples, separation of plasma, extraction of DNA and recording of clinical data. Candidates with prior experience working on research projects will be preferred.

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: General - "Vacancies".

Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **May 11, 2024** for **Item 4.**

5. Clinical Researcher (One post) for the Department of RUHSA

Job Code : 1506

Qualification : Minimum Qualification is MBBS / BDS / B. Sc. Nursing / OT / PT / Prosthetics – Orthotics with MPH.

External Salary : Salary scale between Rs.30,000 to Rs. 50,000 will be decided by the project PI based on the qualification and experience.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

6. Project Technical Support – III (Social Workers) – 2 Posts for the Department of RUHSA

Qualification : Masters in Social Work (MSW).

Job Code : 1537

External Salary : Consolidated Rs.30,520/- (Including HRA).

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: General - "Vacancies".

Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **May 18, 2024** for **Items 5 and 6.**

Vacancies under the office of Medical Superintendent-for queries contact the mentioned office

7. Medical Lab Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of RUHSA

Qualifications: H.Sc., with 2 Year CMAI or CMC Diploma in Medical Lab Technician.

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

Consolidated Pay: Rs.22,130/-.

Age Limit : 35 years.

8. Health Educator (External – Project) for the Department of Paediatrics Unit - III

Qualification: Post Graduate in any field.

Age Limit : Below 30 years.

Consolidated Pay: Rs.20,000/-

Job Description: Health Educator in Schools & Community.

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

Applications to be done only through online application system.

Please login 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 20, 2024** for **Items 7 and 8.**

9. Engineer Gr.IV for the **Department of Engineering Electrical**

Qualifications: B.E. / B.Tech. / B. Arch (Full Time).

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Age : 35 years and below.

Preference : With minimum 4 years relevant experience after qualification in CMC.

Please login to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> **Link:** “Vacancies”.

Icon : “Engineer Gr.IV”

Apply on or before **May 09. 2024** for **Item 9.**

Note : Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final year students are not eligible. Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered. Existing Staff (term or project or permanent) can apply only after getting necessary approval from Head of the Department.

10. Jr. Engineer (Term) for the **Department of CHIPS**

Qualifications: Diploma in Electronic and Communication Engineering, Diploma in Information & Technology & Diploma in IT & Communication.

Stipend : As per institutional rules.

Age : 35 years and below.

Experience : Networking and hardware maintenance.

Please login to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> **Link:** “Vacancies”.

Icon : “Jr. Engineer (Term)”

Apply on or before **May 19. 2024** for **Item 10.**

Note : Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final year students are not eligible. Applications should be made online.