



Christian Medical College Vellore Newsline



February 03, 2025

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4*

Dedication of Vascular Surgery Hybrid Theatre



The Vascular Surgery Hybrid Theatre was dedicated on 29th January 2025 on the 6th floor of the Ranipet Campus. This innovatively designed operation theatre, one of the largest of its kind in India, was inaugurated by CMC Council vice chairperson Dr. John C Oommen and Dr. Daryl Teague (Adelaide, Australia) in the presence of Mrs. Anuvindha Varkey, Chairperson of the CMC Council, Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director, Administrative officers, Council members and staff. This unique Vascular Hybrid Theatre is one of the few in the country.



The Director appreciated all the people who were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition, including the Vascular Surgery department, engineering and allied teams, nursing, and vendors (Siemens and Getinge). Getinge was responsible for constructing the hybrid theatre, and Siemens installed the Artiz Zee machine. The ceiling-mounted design is the first one by the company in India.

With this theatre, Vascular Surgery will be able to perform complex endovascular and open procedures for the treatment of aortic aneurysms, peripheral arterial occlusive diseases, carotid lesions, mesenteric vascular diseases and arterio-venous fistula salvage (for renal failure patients). In addition, Intravascular ultrasound imaging can be used in real-time along with the angiography images. Previously done CT angiograms can be superimposed on the imaging, reducing the patient's contrast load. Carbon dioxide-based angiography and treatment are also enabled, which tremendously benefits patients. The theatre is also equipped to handle emerging vascular technologies and can integrate multiple specialties dealing with vascular diseases.



Urban Medical Camp – Anna Nagar



As part of the Urban Community Health and Development Programme, the Department of Community Medicine in liaison with the local government organised a general medical camp on November 30, 2024. The event was held at Park Avenue Hotel, Anna Nagar, Vellore, and saw active participation from various departments, including Community Medicine, ENT, Dental, and Community Health Nursing, alongside their dedicated medical and field teams.



The camp was graced by the 50th Ward Councillor, Mrs. Aruna Vijayakumar, who presided as the Chief Guest. Despite the heavy rains a total of 124 individuals from Anna Nagar and neighbouring areas attended the camp, including 68 women, 56 men, and 6 children under the age of 5. Residents from Anna Nagar, 2nd Cross Street, Othavadai Street, Vadivel Nagar, Indira Street, Subramani Street, 6th Cross Street, Constructor Subramani Street, and Police Quarters participated, thanks to the efforts of the efficient field team. The camp provided free distribution of medicines and, where necessary, referred for further treatment. This initiative reflects the institution's ongoing commitment to promoting health and well-being within the urban community.

Medical Camp – CSI Boy’s Hostel in Arni

A medical camp was organised in the CSI Boy’s Hostel in Arni on 23rd November 2024. The camp was an initiative by the St John’s Church, Fort, Vellore in liaison with the Departments of Community Medicine, Ophthalmology, and ENT, CMC Vellore. The team comprised of one paediatrician, three ENT surgeons, three community health physicians, one medical intern, three optometrists, and 3 public health nurses along with the chairman of the St John’s Pastorate Committee Rev. Paul Robert Kennedy, convener of the Evangelistic Committee Dr. Arulappan. After the session, a comprehensive health review for the boys was conducted. A total of 199 students were seen in the camp where necessary medications were prescribed and dispensed. Visual acuity was checked for all the children followed by Ear, Nose and Throat examination done by the experts. The children who needed referrals were given referral slips to come to CHAD Hospital in Bagayam. A short debriefing session and observations were shared with the stakeholders regarding the general health status of the children. Deworming and anti-scabies medications which were provided by Dr. Beulah Alex (Grace clinic) were given.



Medical Camp at Gypsy Colony

The Students Association (SA) and National Service Scheme (NSS) CMC Vellore, organised a medical camp among the gypsy colony in Vandranthangal village of Katpadi on the 21st of September 2024 in association with St John’s Church Fort, and the Departments of Community Medicine, Community Ophthalmology, Child Health, and Nephrology CMC Vellore. Rev. Paul Robert Kennedy, Presbyter at St. John’s Church, opened the camp with a word of prayer.

Over 28 MBBS students actively participated in the camp, and 75 adults and children benefitted. Eye screening was done for all the participants; all adults were screened for diabetes and hypertension, and all children who needed supplementation were given free of cost. Referral slips were also given to those who needed care at a higher centre.

The students provided health education regarding water, sanitation, and hygiene to children and adults alike. Relevant home-based exercises were taught to all in need by the physiotherapist. The SA social service Secretaries, Jenish Joel and Hannah Blessy coordinated the activities from the student’s side. Dr. Ann Vijayanand (Missions Office), Dr. Joseph Johnny (Nephrology), Dr. Apollos (Community Ophthalmology), Dr. Bimi John (Child Health Unit 2), Ms. Sharanya (Physiotherapy), Mr. Jayapal (CHAD), Dr. Amy Deborah, Dr. Shirley Geraldine and Dr. Neil Kuruvilla (Interns) and a team of Optometrists led by Mr. Perumal and drivers from community ophthalmology were present. Dr. Jackwin Sam Paul G (NSS Programme Officer) thanked the Principal, various departments, students and the community for their active participation. The community thanked CMC Vellore and St John’s Church Fort, Vellore.



The Clinical Epidemiology Unit Organises an Introductory Workshop on Infectious Disease Modelling

The Clinical Epidemiology Unit (CEU) organised the Introductory workshop on Infectious Disease Modelling between 6th and 8th January, 2025 at the CHTC auditorium. The faculty consisted of Prof. L.Jeyaseelan, Adjunct Professor of the CEU and Professor of Biostatistics, Mohammad bin Rashid University, Dubai, Dr.Visalakshi Jeyaseelan, World Health Organisation (WHO), Geneva, Prof. Sebastian George, Professor of Biostatistics, Kannur University, Prof. Mohammad Anvar, Head of Biostatistics, Kannur University, Prof.Thambu David, Senior Professor, CEU, Ms.Jothilakshmi, Ms.Kavitha and Mr.Srinivas, Biostatisticians. The inauguration started with a prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Joseph Devaraj . Dr.Thambu David gave the welcome address followed by the Chief guest addresses by Dr.Solomon Sathish Kumar, Principal, and Dr.Jacob John, Additional Vice-Principal Research, CMC Vellore. Prof.Jeyaseelan introduced the faculty and Dr.Visalakshi Jeyaseelan introduced the workshop to the participants. Dr. Vignesh Kumar, CEU coordinator, delivered the vote of thanks. The sessions consisted of a mix of lecture sessions and practical demonstrations using R software. Thirty-five participants from CMC and institutions from other states attended the workshop. The feedback was positive with a request to conduct an advanced workshop to follow this introduction. The workshop was co-ordinated by the CEU faculty Mr.Madhan Kumar and Mr.Frederick.



Special Prayers This Week

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Clinical Biochemistry : Dr. Pamela Christudoss and Staff

Biochemistry : Dr. Joe Varghese and Staff

CNI Synod - The Synodical Board of Health Services

Council Member : Mr. Joshua Rathnam Chinthala

Hospitals : St. Stephen's Hospital, New Delhi.

Lady Willingdon Hospital, Manali.



Welcome

- **Dr. Indira Agarwal**, Professor, Department of Paediatric Nephrology, on her return from sabbatical leave.
- **Dr. Manju Deena Mammen**, Associate Surgeon, ENT Unit-IV on her return from study leave.

Memoranda

- **Dr. Pradeep Mathew Poonnoose**, Professor & Head, Department of Orthopaedics is appointed as Head, Orthopaedics Unit-II, with effect from 1st February 2025 until further notice.
- **Dr. Satheesh Solomon T. Selvin**, Professor, is appointed as Head, Ophthalmology Unit-V, with effect from 8th February 2025 for a four-year term.
- **Dr. Ashish Singh**, Professor, is appointed as Head, Department of Medical Oncology with effect from 8th February 2025 for a four-year term.
- **Dr. Anil Mathew**, Professor, is appointed as Head, Department of Hand Surgery with effect from 12th February 2025 for a four-year term.
- **Dr. Nihal Jacob Thomas**, Professor, Department of Endocrinology, is appointed as Head, Centre for Stem Cell Research (CSCR) with effect from 1st February 2025 to 22nd June 2029.
- **Dr. Suceena Alexander**, Professor & Head, Nephrology Unit-III, is appointed as Vice Principal (PG) with effect from 1st February 2025 for a four year term.
- **Dr. Priya Mary Mammen**, Professor, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry is appointed as Registrar-Medical College with effect from 17th February 2025 for a four year term.
- **Mrs. Reena Rachel George**, Professor in Nursing is appointed as Deputy Nursing Superintendent with effect from 1st February 2025 for a four year term.

Laurels and Recognitions

Dr. Ramya I, Head of the Department of Medicine Unit-V has been appointed an academic editor for PLOS One.

Obituaries

- **Mr. R. Harris**, former Radiographer, Department of Radiology, passed away on 24th January, 2025. Let us uphold his son-in-law Mr. R. Lazarus, Sr. Lab Technician, Dermatology Department. Daughter-in-law Mrs. S. Sheela Roy, Research Officer, Welcome Research Block and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. Sam David Nesakumar**, Sr. Pharmacist Gr.I, Department of Medical Oncology, CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus, passed away on 27th January, 2025. Let us uphold his father Mr. John Jyoti, wife Mrs. Priya, son and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mrs. V. Krishnaveni**, Mother of Mr. V. Gnanasekaran, SE, Engineering Projects, passed away on 28th January, 2025. Let us uphold her son Mr. V. Gnanasekaran, SE, Engineering Projects, daughter-in-law Mrs. Syamala S, Sr. Programmer, E-learning department and Grandson Mr. Nithish V.G. (MBBS batch 2024), and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. T Sekar** former Telephone Technical Assistant from BSNL, father of Mrs. Anbarasi Benjamin, Assoc. Nursing Superintendent, CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus and father-in-law of Dr. Benjamin Earnest Williams, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, passed away on 31st January, 2025. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Indira Sekar and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Situations Vacant

Click the following link to view the vacancies
<https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

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

1. Project Officer (Admin) for Distance Education Unit

Job Code : 1580

Qualification : Any Postgraduate with a minimum of 2 years' experience. Preferably in a mission hospital. Job involves student support, managing logistics for contact programmes and online sessions for students, handling students' assignments and communication with partnering organizations / contact centres. The job also requires regular travel across the country. Fluency in English / Hindi is required. Basic knowledge in finance and accounting is also required. Preference will be given to candidates with experience of working in any distance mode of medical learning.

Salary : As per Institutional Mode.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation : Not provided.

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

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2. Field Research Supervisor (Project Mode) for RUHSA Department

Job Code : 1581

Qualification : Graduate / MSW / M.Sc. (Sociology / Social Work).

External Salary : (Graduate + PGDCHM / B.Sc. Medical Sociology) – Consolidated Rs.22,000/- (or)
(MSW / M.Sc. Sociology / Social Work) – Consolidated Rs.25,000/-

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation : Not provided.

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