



Christian Medical College Vellore

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Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

EXCEL Workshop for Young Consultants in Mission Hospitals



Each year, as postgraduate doctors begin their respective service commitments in various mission hospitals, many find themselves transitioning into new roles that can be both challenging and unfamiliar. To support and empower these graduates during this phase, CMC Vellore organised the EXCEL Workshop - “Empowered to Excel as Efficient Leaders,” which addresses a wide range of topics designed to enhance their professional skills in their new responsibilities. The EXCEL Workshop 2026 was held on 28th July at C.K. Job Hall, CMC Town Campus, bringing together recently graduated MD/MS specialists who are serving in mission hospitals across the country. The workshop was organised jointly by the Directorate (Missions, Human Resources) and the Department of Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training and Development.

The day featured a range of practical and interactive sessions aimed at helping young consultants navigate the many responsibilities of mission hospital work. After the opening prayer by Rev. Christinal, Dr. Jachin Velavan briefed the participants on “The big picture” of missions and the unique role of mission hospitals in serving communities. Dr. Sujith Varghese Thomas, Executive Director, Development Associates Initiative, led an engaging session on Servant Leadership, with reflections on challenges in mission hospitals and how to respond to these. The Human Resources team, comprising Drs. Sudha Jasmine, Roshna and Mrs. Shirley, conducted an interactive session on teamwork and learning how to collaborate and work effectively with people with diverse personalities.

125 Years of CMC Vellore 1900-2025

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KNOW?**



Amidst a War Zone

April 1942: South India prepares for air raids. As a precaution, Radium is removed from hospitals in Madras. Cancer patients come to Vellore.



Mr. Biju Mathew, Administrator, TMM Hospital, conducted a practical session on “Overview of Financial Management from a resource constrained perspective”, covering essential basic concepts in accounts and financial control for the participants. Dr. Sowmya Sathyendra, Professor & Head, Department of General Medicine, shared valuable lessons from mission hospital experiences, while Dr. Arpit Mathew, Senior Consultant, Madhipura Christian Hospital, Bihar connected virtually and shared regarding finding purpose in mission hospitals by identifying God’s will.

Ms. Divya, Legal Officer, delivered an informative session on “Legal Issues in Mission Hospitals - Key Points to Prevent Patient Litigation”, highlighting the Consumer Protection Act, Statutory Requirement and licensing regulations. Ms. Sonia Valas, Deputy General Superintendent & In charge, Department of Hospital Management Studies and Staff Training and Development, conducted a session on “Management Principles”, equipping participants with strategies for effective leadership and hospital administration. Missions department team gave an overview of various facilities such as training opportunities, Missions desk, CMCVCONNECT portal, and the research opportunities available for those working at mission hospitals and invited them to share their experiences through the biannual missions newsletter.

One of the highlights of the workshop was the opportunity to raise questions and learn from the experiences of senior faculty. Participants appreciated the practical advice and interactive nature of the sessions, making the workshop a valuable platform for peer learning and mentorship. The workshop was well received, with many expressing that it helped them feel better equipped to continue their journey in mission hospitals. The workshop concluded with feedback, closing remarks, and a renewed commitment to serving with excellence and purpose.

'At Home' Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan

Vellore, August 16, 2026: Christian Medical College Vellore is happy to share that Dr. Vikram Mathews, former Director of CMC Vellore and Senior Professor of Clinical Haematology, attended the prestigious 'At Home' Reception hosted by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day on 15 August 2026.

The 'At Home' Reception is one of the nation's most distinguished ceremonial events, hosted annually by the President of India on Republic Day (26 January) and Independence Day (15 August). The reception honours individuals whose outstanding service and achievements have contributed significantly to the nation.



Held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the ceremony brought together constitutional authorities, members of the diplomatic corps, senior government officials, armed forces personnel, and distinguished citizens from diverse fields. The event also recognised grassroots achievers including healthcare professionals, scientists, teachers, sanitation workers, tribal leaders, sportspersons, and social reformers for their exemplary service to the nation. The tradition traces its origins to the colonial era, when the Viceroy hosted the reception. Following India's independence in 1947, the event was transformed into a national ceremony hosted by the President of India, reflecting the country's democratic values, national unity, and commitment to public service.

The ceremony commenced with the arrival of President Droupadi Murmu and the playing of the National Anthem, after which the President personally greeted the invited guests. Invitations to the reception are issued exclusively by the President's Secretariat in accordance with constitutional protocol and are strictly non-transferable.

CMC Vellore congratulates Dr. Vikram Mathews on this distinguished national honour. His participation in this prestigious event is a testament to his lifelong dedication to excellence in healthcare, medical education, and service to the nation, and is a matter of immense pride for the institution and the wider medical fraternity.

Trauma First Responder Programme (TFRP)



The Department of Trauma Surgery and VIT Vellore, organised a **Trauma First Responder Programme (TFRP)** on 6th August 2026, aimed at creating awareness and strengthening essential first-response skills during trauma and emergency situations. TFRP equips participants with the essential skills to recognise trauma, provide immediate first aid, and respond effectively during emergencies. Timely intervention during the crucial first few minutes of trauma can help save lives, prevent complications, and improve outcomes, thereby contributing to a safer and better-prepared campus community. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from nearly 110 students and faculty members. The gathering was addressed by Dr. Thundil Karuppa Raj, Director, Teaching Learning Centre of Excellence; Dr. Perikameswara Kameswaran, Associate Director, Teaching Learning Centre of Excellence; and Dr. Priya Dharshini, Assistant Professor of English, School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL), VIT Vellore. The Programme was headed by Dr. Shona Rachel Mathuram, the Programme Director and the sessions were handled by Prof. Ravi Kumar and Mrs. Sheeba Paul under the guidance of Dr. Edwin Stephen. The interactive sessions provided participants with practical insights and essential first-response techniques. Participants described the programme as informative, engaging, and relevant, expressing that the knowledge and skills gained would help them respond more confidently and effectively during emergency situations.

19th Advance Course in Medical Education [ACME] Contact Course



The National Medical Commission approved 19th Advance Course in Medical Education [ACME] contact course was organised for faculty members working in 53 affiliated Medical Colleges from 3rd - 10th August 2026. Total 60 faculty members including 28 Professors, 26 associate professors, and 6 assistant professors - actively participated during the sessions and gained immense knowledge from the faculties of the Medical Education Department, NMC Nodal centre, CMC Vellore.

This course aims to help the faculty, develop the advanced knowledge and skills in principles and application of medical education. All the participants were introduced to topics like Designing Curriculum with the 6 steps of Kern's Cycle, Teaching Learning Strategies, Project Planning, Educational Research, Assessment learning, Skills training, Educational Scholarship, Quality Assurance, Change Management, Leadership, Managing Change, Abstract Writing, Mentoring and Project beyond 6 months. These interactive sessions were designed to involve all participants with activities in small groups.

It was a challenge in conducting the Poster presentations for contact course II participants on 7th August 2026 where the seniors presented their posters in the small groups and the juniors presented the senior's projects work in the large groups. The posters and its presentations were evaluated by dignified Judges. The jury ranked the Posters according to the given criteria. Dr. Prabhu T., Associate Professor, Department of General Surgery, ST Peters Medical College, Hospital & Research Institute, Hosur, Krishnagiri won the first prize for her poster titled "Effectiveness of Simulation-Based Training for Improving Basic Surgical Skills among Final-Year Medical Students: A Quasi-Experimental Study" & Dr. Jawahar S., Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedics, Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem for his poster titled "Modified vs. Conventional Peyton's Approach: A Comparative Study on Skill Acquisition among First-Year Orthopaedic Residents" earned the second prize & Dr. P. Tabitha R.J.Chandrika, Associate Professor, Department of General Medicine, Guntur Medical College, Guntur for his poster titled "Comparative Effectiveness of Mini-CEX And Micro-CEX in Postgraduate Internal Medicine Training: A Randomized Crossover Study" earned the third prize. The winners were awarded the bestselling Medical Education books.

Dr. Margaret Shanthi Convener, NMC Nodal Centre, CMC Vellore started the programme with a word of prayer, meditation and welcomed the participants. Dr. Kanagalakshmi Co-convener for ACME, NMC Nodal Centre, CMC Vellore proposed the Vote of thanks for both the contact sessions I and II. The course was facilitated by dedicated Medical Education Department faculties like Dr. Margaret Shanthi, Dr. Surekha V., Dr. Sowmya Sathyendra, Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Dr. Sathish Kumar T., Dr. Tripti M. Jacob, Dr. Vinay Timothy Oommen, Dr. Kanagalakshmi, Dr. Prakash S. S., Dr. Audrin Lenin., Dr. Supraja Srivatsava, Dr. Deepak Vinod Francis, Dr. Premila Magdalene Wilfred, Dr. Latif Rajesh Johnson.

The Department of Medical Education [DOME] would like to praise God for his blessings showered on us throughout the programme. We thank all the DOME faculties and DOME office staff who contributed towards the successful conduct of the course.

Department of Physiology conducted a UG Student's Seminar Competition



The Department of Physiology conducted a UG student's seminar competition on 11th July, 2026 from 2 pm in the new examination hall. The programme was supported by the Physiological Society of India (PSI) to celebrate their foundation week.

MBBS students from the 2022, 2023, and 2024 batches participated in the event. The competition was judged by Dr. Elizabeth Vinod, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, and Dr. Prakash SS, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry. Tulasi Satya Sri Harsha, from the 2023 MBBS batch, won first prize. Neha RS of the 2024 MBBS batch won the second prize, and Arnav Varghese of the 2023 MBBS batch won the third prize. Prizes and certificates were distributed by the Principal, Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar

Clinical Epidemiology Unit Organises Institutional Epidemiology Workshop (E3 - Thesis Completion Workshop) for DM / MCH Postgraduates



The Clinical Epidemiology Unit, CEU organised The Institutional Epidemiology Workshop (E3 - Thesis Completion Workshop) for the final year DM/MCH post-graduates at the New Examination Hall between 03 & 04, August 2026 (Batch 1) on behalf of the Principal's office.

The workshop was attended by 40 DM/MCh postgraduates from all super specialties. The workshop started with a word of prayer by Chaplain Rev. Joseph and a welcome address by Dr. Vignesh Kumar, Professor and Coordinator, CEU. The topics covered were The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R University guidelines, manuscript writing, thesis writing – parts and annexures, making tables and figures.

The Evidence Appraisal Pathway: RCT's, Systematic Reviews, Grade & Guidelines and Use of AI in Research. A refresher on Zotero reference management software and data analysis using SPSS software were also conducted. The remaining time was 'Hands on', where the registrars had protected time to complete their own thesis activities with the help of resource faculty from the Clinical Epidemiology unit and the Department of Biostatistics. The faculty consisted of Dr. Thambu David, Dr. Sathish Kumar, Dr. Prasanna Samuel, Dr. Tina George, Dr. Anna Paul, Dr. Anuka Alena Abraham, Dr. Hallel Reba, Dr. Grace Rebekah, Dr. Reka, Ms. Jansi Rani, Mr. Pandiyan, Ms. Muratoli Sunuh, Ms. Sivasankari, Mr. Madhankumar, Dr. Vignesh Kumar and students from the department of Biostatistics. The workshop was well received by the participants.

Upcoming Event - Founder's Day Staff sports 2026 - 27

The Staff games and sports will be starting from the month of September 2026. The following conveners will receive the team entries on or before 1st September, 2026. They can give you further details regarding the Tournament and dates. In cricket 6 players must be in the playing elevens with the title of the department.

Also for more details, contact Dr. Balaganesan, Physical Director, Tel: 4478 / 9443628333

Members for the various games:

S.No	Sports	Name	Department	Tel. No
1	Athletics	Mr. Naveena Krishnan	Physical Director, College of Nursing	7016 / 9994023416
		Mr. Nixon Barnabas	Radiology	2822 / 9843182611
		Mr. Prakash	MCTT	9944902637/6033
		Mr. Wilson	Electrical	9244316222
2	Basketball	Dr. Thomas Palocaren	Paediatric Ortho II	2172 / 9894464919
		Dr. Aashish Mathew Chandy	Paediatrics	9940961253
3	Cricket	Mr. Srinivasan	Main pharmacy	8825380550
		Mr. Sathyamurthy	P & O	2720 / 9500291918
		Mr. Edin Decoster Lawrence	Transport	2022 / 9597937010
		Mr. Neeladoss	Radiology	3152/9843310927
		Mr. Nirmal Rajkumar. R	Radiation Oncology	3145 / 9003444133
		Mr. Rakesh R.	Internal Audit	2708/8754881854
4	Chess	Mr. Poorna Chandra Prakash	MRD	9894085932
		Mr. Suresh	Critical Care	2693/7904693609
5	Carrom	Mr. Suresh	Critical Care	2693/7904693609
6	Football	Mr. Naveen Krishnan	Physical Director, College of Nursing	7016/9994023416
		Dr. R. Balaganesan	Physical Director	4478/9443628333
7	Hockey	Dr. R. Balaganesan	Physical Director	4478/9443628333
8	Shuttle Badminton	Mr. Vinayagaram	MS Office (CBMO)	2790 / 9994689563
		Mr. Balaji	MRD	2790 / 9043072546
9	Table Tennis	Mr. Selvakumar Mr. Naveen Krishnan	Electrical Dept., Physical Director, College of Nursing	9787456587 7016/9994023416
10	Tennis	Dr. Rajiv Karthik	Infectious Diseases	6384044936
11	Volleyball	Mr. Navena Krishnan	College of Nursing	7016 / 9994023416
		Mr. Allan Jebaraj	P&O	2720 / 9791315214

Special Prayers: August 16 - 22, 2026

Principal's Office

Principal	: Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar and Staff
Vice Principal (PG)	: Dr. Suceena Alexander
Vice Principal (UG)	: Dr. Deepak Vinod Francis
Vice Principal (AHS)	: Dr. Satheesh Solomon T. Selvin
Vice Principal (HR)	: Dr. Judy Ann John
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Academic Officer	: Dr. Anitha Jasper
Accreditation Coordinator	: Dr. Anand Bhaskar
Scholarship Coordinator	: Dr. Jenny Jacob



Medical Students

SA President	: Mr. Lazaras S.
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Allied Health Students

OPTSA President	: Mr. Piyush Chourasia
ASHA President	: Mr. Ashwin Panda

Men's Hostel

Warden	:Dr. Ravish Sanghi Raju
Deputy Warden	:Dr. Thomas Anand Augustine

Women's Hostel

Warden	:Dr. Anu Mary Alexander
Deputy Warden	:Dr. Tobey Ann Marcus
Deputy Warden	:Dr. Soumya S. Sobhan

DJ Hostel

Warden	:Dr. Sam Marconi D.
Deputy Warden	:Dr. John K. Mathew

Fitch Hostel

Warden	:Dr. Karen Ruby Lionel
Deputy Warden	:Dr. Christinal D. George

CMC Alumni Association	:Dr. Kurien Anil Kuruvilla
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Registrar's Office

Registrar	: Dr. Priya Mary Mammen
Deputy Registrar	: Dr. Sam Marconi
Deputy Registrar	: Dr. Joe Varghese

Medical Education Department: Dr. Margaret Shanthi

Continuing Medical Education : Dr. Reena George

Bioethics : Dr. Sushil Mathew John

American Leprosy Mission, USA

Council Member : Dr. Jerry Joshua

Hospital : SIH-R & LC., Karigiri and others.

Welcome

Dr. Pavithra Ratna Mannam, Professor, Radiology, on return from sabbatical leave.

Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Suma Susan Mathews**, Professor & Head, Department of Oto-rhino-laryngology (ENT) has been appointed as the President of the Laryngology and Voice Association of India at the recently held national conference -Laryngology Summit 2026 in Hyderabad.
 - **Dr. Naveen K. Thomas**, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, has been awarded the *Best Paper Award at the Asian Congress of Neurological Surgeons* for the paper titled: “**Automated Cranioplasty Implant Design from Routine Pre- and Post-Operative CT: A Single-Centre Feasibility Study**”. The pipeline presented in this study, along with its preclinical feasibility evaluation, was developed collaboratively by **Dr. Naveen K. Thomas and the Biomedical Informatics Unit**.
 - The following faculty, fellow and PG from the Department of Radiodiagnosis won the prizes as mentioned below at the 9th Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology (ISGAR 2026) held from July 31st to August 2nd 2026 at AIG Hospitals, Gachibowli, Hyderabad.
- Dr. Shobiga N**, Senior Resident / Asst. Physician : 1st prize in Scientific Poster presentation
Dr. Anupama C., (Fellow), Senior Resident : 1st prize in Oral Research paper Presentation
3rd prize in Scientific E-Poster presentation
Dr. Jaison A., PG Registrar : 2nd prize in Oral Research paper Presentation.

- **Ms. Sevanthi S**, Ph.D. Scholar, has completed her Ph.D. and has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Manipal University, Manipal in February 2026. Her thesis title was “Therapeutic Applications of Genetically-Modified Human Mesenchymal Stromal Cells” under the guidance of Dr. Srujan Kumar M. Scientist, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore.
- **Ms. Smitha I**, Ph.D. Scholar, has completed her Ph.D. and has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore in April 2026. Her thesis title was “Understanding the Mechanisms of Human Erythropoiesis” under the guidance of Dr. Shaji R.V. Adjunct Scientist, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore.
- **Mr. Manoj Kumar K.A**, Ph.D. Scholar, has completed his Ph.D. and has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Manipal University, Manipal in July 2026. His thesis title was “Enhancing Homology-Directed Gene Editing in Hematopoietic Stem and Progenitor Cells” under the guidance of Dr. Saravanabhavan T. Scientist, Centre for Stem Cell Research, Christian Medical College Vellore.

Obituaries

- Demise of **Mr. Ramalingasamy**, Hospital Attendant, Hospital Laundry, on 13th August 2026. Let us uphold his father Mr. Purushothaman, Retired Staff, CMC, mother Mrs. Latha and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- Demise of **Mrs. Jagadambal**, mother of Ms. Siluvaimani (Former Warden, College of Nursing) on 13th August, 2026. Let us uphold 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. Assistant Professor with DM (Cardiology) for the Department of Cardiology Unit-IV
(Candidate must have one year experience in Cardiac Electrophysiology)**

Salary : As per institutional rules.

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

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Note: Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.

Applications will close on **August 22, 2026.**

**2. Assistant Professor with MCh (HPB Surgery) for the Department of Hepato Pancreato Biliary
Surgery**

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

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Applications will close on **August 22, 2026.**

**3. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD (Psychiatry) for the Department of Psychiatry
(Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit)**

Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst.Professor) in any NMC recognized teaching institution to apply Assistant Professor job. **Salary Scale :** As per institutional rules.

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

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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Applications will close on **August 29, 2026.**

**4. Assistant Research Officer (Term Post) with M.Sc. Microbiology and Molecular Virology for the
Department of Clinical Virology**

Job description : This post involves performing special molecular assays as part of diagnostic services and in addition to help in development and standardization of new service assays. There is no night duty but occasional extra runs may be required.

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

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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Note: Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.

Applications will close on **August 29, 2026.**

5. Jr. Occupational Therapist (Term Appointment) for the Department of Paediatric Hematology Oncology

Qualification : Bachelor Degree in Occupational Therapist (BOT).

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : Below 30 years.

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

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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Note : *Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.*

Applications will close on August 31, 2026.

6. Graduate Technician Trainee for the Department of Neurosurgery

Qualification : Graduate with Science subject.

Stipend : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : Below 30 years.

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

Applications to be done only through the online application system.

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Note : *Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.*

Applications will close on August 31, 2026.