



CMC Pulse



CMC VELLORE RANIPET CAMPUS

He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. Job 9:10

The much-awaited opening of CMC Vellore Ranipet campus was the highlight of 2022. Thiru M.K Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the new hospital on 25th June. Plans for this campus began when all space in the Vellore Town campus (Main campus) was put to best use and there was no more scope for expansion. Construction began in December 2016 and the additional surge space was a blessing during the pandemic. Multiple teams worked tirelessly to see this project to a successful completion. Today, four magnificent buildings of Ranipet Campus stand tall, enveloped by mountains in the back and lush green fields in the front.

In August, the facilities were opened to patients needing diagnostic services like CT & MRI scans. Now there are 16 speciality departments offering services in the new campus. The Advanced Level-1 Trauma Care Centre was dedicated on the 3rd November. Our multi-disciplinary teams from Emergency Medicine, Trauma Surgery, Orthopaedics, Neurosurgery, Dental and others work together to save lives. The Golden Hour Fund and other charitable schemes are in place for accident victims and poor patients unable to afford treatment.

Thank you

From start to finish, Ranipet Campus has been blessed with tremendous support from you, our generous friends and well-wishers. Your support and prayers have seen us through difficult times, especially during the Pandemic. We are grateful to YOU, our Donors, Friends of Vellore network in India, Friends of Vellore around the world, Foundations, Organisations & CSR donors, Alumni, Staff & students who continue to partner with us.



Chief Minister at Ranipet campus



Trauma Care Centre



Christian Medical College Vellore Association

is registered under the Societies Act, 1860, (No.5 of 1947).

Registered Address: Ida Scudder Road, Vellore -632 004, Tamil Nadu.

Donations to CMC Vellore attract relief under Section 80G of the IT Act.



Focusing on Hope

The **Emergency Fund** provides grants for treatment of over 150 poor patients from all over the country. It aims to be flexible and responsive to need, helping people like Basu & his wife Ganga (names changed). They are a special couple from West Bengal. Both of them are vision impaired.

Ganga tells their story:

Basu was born blind and is on treatment for mental health disorders. My family sent me to a blind school in Kolkata, 200 km away from our village. I learnt braille, did well in my studies and participated in sports. I got a job as a history teacher in the Govt Girls High School in our village. I told my family that I want to marry Basu since he is blind like me. Our families supported this match and we are happily married. Our teenage son is now studying in 12th grade.

Unfortunately, my husband was diagnosed with colon cancer. His older brother was cured of cancer after treatment in CMC some years ago, so I decided that our best chance is to come to Vellore. The long train journey was daunting, but the father of one of my students accompanied us.

At CMC, Basu was admitted under the Department of General Surgery. The cancer had not spread much and the doctors operated successfully. He was treated for other complications by the Departments of Psychiatry & Endocrinology. Every step of the way, someone would help us - doctors, nurses, staff and other patients. They gave us hope!



Basu and Ganga

CMC subsidized Basu's treatment thanks to donors and well-wishers from all over the world. Your contributions, big and small, support CMC's patients and bridge the gap for those who can't afford the treatment they deserve.

Your gift will make a big difference to people like Basu. **₹20,000** will support treatment costs for a poor patient admitted in CMC's general wards. Will you consider donating today?



Dr. Abhay Bang with dignitaries from VCMC Foundation & CMC

Dr. Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration

was awarded to **Dr. Rani & Dr. Abhay Bang**, Health Activists and founders of SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health) in the adivasi belt of Gadchiroli, Maharashtra. Speaking on the **Challenge & Charm of Research with the people**, of listening to and learning from the community, Dr. Abhay held the audience enthralled. Their pioneering village community-based health care has influenced policy nationally and internationally, helping tackle high infant mortality and reproductive health in rural areas.

Vision is the art of seeing what is impossible to others -Jonathan Swift

'Siloam' is a collaborative effort between CMC and generous friends - VCMC Foundation, Friends of Vellore - UK & Australia and CBM. The Mobile Eye Clinic takes expert eye doctors to the doorsteps of communities around CHAD, Jawadhi hills and Chittoor to treat patients and restore sight. Regular screening and appropriate intervention can prevent blindness, transforming life for our patients. The van is equipped to give retinal laser treatment. Since June, 568 patients have been screened and treated in the Mobile Van. Siloam means 'sent' and is the pool near Jerusalem where Jesus healed a blind man.



Awards and Accolades

- 1st Rank Best Multi-Speciality Private Hospital South Zone: THE WEEK Best Hospitals Awards 2022
- 2nd Best College for Bsc. Nursing in the country - College of Nursing : Education World
- 3rd Ranked Medical College in the country: National Institutional Ranking Framework of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (NIRF)
- World's Best Specialised Hospitals 2023 - Five Departments from CMC are on this list



Shri V.K. Saxena, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi presents the award to Dr. Prasad Mathew, Medical Superintendent, CMC Vellore

Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders

Sujith (name changed) is a dynamic young man training in Prosthetics & Orthotics (P&O) at CMC Vellore. His parents are missionaries and live in Gujarat. He and his younger brother studied in a residential school in Tamil Nadu. He was thrilled to be accepted into the P&O course in 2019. "Receiving the AHS Scholarship for the last three years has helped me to focus on my studies and not worry about finances. It took a huge burden taken off my parents," Sujith says. After completing his studies, he sees himself working back home in Gujarat, raising awareness about prosthetics. "I have seen so many poor people give up on life when they lose a limb. I want them to know they can live a normal life with artificial limbs. I want to be there to make sure they do!" Sujith says with enthusiasm. He is grateful to the donors who have made this scholarship possible for him. He would like to pay it forward and help a student someday in the future.



A Message from the Director

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths"



The last year was a year of **transitions**. There was a transition in administration with me taking over from Dr. J.V. Peter as the Director. I remain grateful to Dr. J.V. Peter for his mentorship - he remains a source of strength and guidance. We transitioned from COVID era practices to a completely COVID-free work environment with an increased workload. We also successfully transitioned to the new Ranipet campus. In a little over 2 months, 16 sub-specialty departments transferred their services to the new campus and are fully operational.

While transitions and change are an integral part of growth, it is also essential for us to re-focus on our **founding principles, our vision and mission**. Central to this is to ensure the ease of access and support for the poor and marginalized in all our campuses. Despite the challenges of COVID and the transition-related impact on income, we have not made any reductions in our commitments to charity nor have we made any changes to our tariffs on the new campus. We have initiated work towards the re-vitalization of the Vellore Town campus (Main campus). We remain committed in our efforts to serve our local population through our outreach programs.

Transitions give us the opportunity to look back and give thanks to God and all the people who have brought us this far. We **acknowledge with gratitude** the many committed teams of administrative offices, staff and students whose dedicated hard work over two decades resulted in the fruition of the new Ranipet campus. We look forward with renewed hope to the future with all its challenges, and opportunities. We seek the **collective strength and wisdom** of the entire community to face and take these on as one. Our strength is in our unity as we seek to fulfill our common vision articulated by our founder, 'we are not building just a medical college but the kingdom of God'. Towards this I seek each one of your prayers and support.

Dr. Vikram Mathews
Director, CMC Vellore

You will create a ripple effect when you support **student scholarships**. A gift of ₹55,000 will sponsor one Allied Health Student for one year. Will you consider investing in a student's life?

Person-to-Person (PTP) campaign

In February 2022, CMC participated in a 60-day Fundraising Challenge on the giveindia.org portal. We reached out to enthusiastic fundraising champions, staff and students, who started their own 'supporting fundraisers' for the PTP fund. To help 500 patients through PTP, we needed ₹30 lakhs. With the active participation of alumni, friends and well-wishers we overshot our target. This concerted effort raised ₹51.5 lakhs to help over 850 patients & families.

Look out for our **PTP campaign in March 2023**. You can be an ambassador for the PTP fund and make an impact on the lives of our patients.

First Surgical Robot in CMC

The **Da Vinci Xi Surgical Robot** enables surgeons perform delicate, complex operations through a few small incisions. Since June, over 50 Robotic-assisted surgeries were done for

urology, colorectal, upper GI surgery & gynecology.

The initiation of the robotic programme will help CMC provide a cost-efficient and high-volume robotic service.



College of Nursing, Chittoor Campus



Started in 2019, the College of Nursing at Chittoor admits 50 students each year in the BSc Nursing course. Currently classes are held in rented buildings. On 28th January one of our dreams came true with laying of the foundation stone for our own Nursing College buildings in Chittoor campus. The plans include spacious classrooms, digital library, conference room & skills labs.



Alma mater, we cherish thee...



The MBBS Alumni Batches of 1996 and 1997 celebrated their Jubilee reunions. They, and other alumni batches, contributed to CMC's urgent needs including a Trauma OT in Ranipet campus & flood lights at the oval in College Campus. CMC Alumni from around the world continue to be a source of great encouragement.

Join in and donate towards any charitable needs of CMC Vellore. PIOs, OCIs & citizens of other countries, please email us for more information.

Indian citizens can donate **online**: <https://givecmc.org>

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Will you consider supporting the Nursing College buildings in Chittoor campus? Our need is ₹18 crore for this infrastructure project. Naming opportunities are available for donations above ₹25 lakhs.