

Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore

Origins & Legacy

- Founded in 1900 by Dr. Ida S. Scudder, CMC began as a single-bed dispensary and grew into a renowned private Christian medical institution.[Christian Medical College Vellore+14Wikipedia+14CollegeBatch.com+14](#)
- It went on to pioneer key medical breakthroughs in India: first reconstructive leprosy surgery (1948), India's first open-heart surgery (1961), first kidney transplant (1971), and first bone marrow transplant (1986)[Wikipedia+1](#).

Leadership & Enrollment

- Director: Dr. Vikram Mathews; Principal: Solomon Sathishkumar[careerkick.in+5Wikipedia+5Give CMC+5](#).
- Enrolment includes around 401 undergraduates and 612 postgraduates, with overall annual intake totaling approximately 2,600–2,500 students across disciplines[Wikipedia](#).

Academic Offerings

CMC offers a wide academic spectrum:

- Undergraduate: MBBS, BSc Nursing, Allied Health Sciences
- Postgraduate: MD, MS, DM, MCh, MSc, PhD alongside numerous diplomas and fellowship programs[careerkick.in+3Campus Option+3Orchid Foundation+3admissions.cmcvellore.ac.in+1Wikipedia+3Wikipedia+3admissions.cmcvellore.ac.in+3](#).
- Approximately 57 PG medical diplomas, 44 allied health courses, 14 nursing diplomas, and 52 fellowships are available[Wikipedia](#).

Campuses & Facilities

- CMC operates across seven campuses, including primary, rural, and mission care centers, hosting around 3,675 beds[Christian Medical College Vellore](#).
- It also has a distinct Chittoor campus in Andhra Pradesh since 2011 with 120 beds and multiple specialty departments[Lippincott Journals+1](#).

Clinical & Departmental Strength

- Handles over 2,000 inpatients and 8,000 outpatients daily, with 67 wards and 92 clinics across more than 150 departments/units[Wikipedia+6Wikipedia+6admissions.cmcvellore.ac.in+6](#).

- Notable departments include Neurosciences, Gastroenterology, and Hematology, supported by nearly 2,000 doctors and 3,000 nurses[vellorecmc.org](https://www.vellorecmc.org).
- Cutting-edge IT integration: first in the country to adopt film-less PACS for radiology and widespread digital lab reporting[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Medical_College_Vellore).

Community Outreach

CMC is deeply rooted in community service:

- CHAD serves rural populations through community hospitals and clinics.
- RUHSA operates a 70-bed secondary center emphasizing rural health, vocational training, and mobile services.
- CONCH delivers nurse-led primary care services across villages.
- LCECU focuses on affordable healthcare in urban slums, subsidized through cross-service clinics like Shalom Family Medicine Center[Lippincott Journals](https://www.lippincottjournals.com)+14[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Medical_College_Vellore)+14[Lippincott Journals](https://www.lippincottjournals.com)+14.

Recognition & Research

- Ranked 3rd among medical colleges in India by NIRF 2024, after AIIMS and PGIMER[Careers360](https://www.careers360.com)+2.
- Holds prestigious accolades: WHO Public Health Champion Award (2015), SKOCH Platinum Awards, and D.L. Shah Quality Award (Gold) for clinical audits[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Medical_College_Vellore).
- A research powerhouse, CMC publishes over 430 indexed papers annually, thanks to advanced labs like the Fleming Virology Lab, Artificial Kidney Lab, and National AIDS Reference Center[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Medical_College_Vellore).

Pioneering Personalities

- Jacob Chandy pioneered neurosurgery in India and started the first neurosurgery and neurology training programs at CMC in the 1950s–1960s[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob_Chandy).
- Suresh S. David, a trailblazer in emergency medicine, established the first independent Emergency Department and academic programs in India from CMC[Christian Medical College Vellore](https://www.christianmedicalcollegevellore.org)+9[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Medical_College_Vellore)+9[vellorecmc.org](https://www.vellorecmc.org)+9.
- Mary P. Verghese founded India's first inpatient Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation unit at CMC in 1966, earning a Padma Shri for her pioneering contributions[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_P._Verghese)+1.

- **Mammen Chandy, an alumnus, founded CMC's bone marrow transplant program in 1986 and received a Padma Shri in 2019**[Wikipedia](#).

Overview Snapshot

Category	Highlights
Founded	1900, by Dr. Ida S. Scudder
Type	Private Christian minority-run institution
Campuses	Seven locations, including Chittoor; ~3,675 beds
Programs	UG, PG, fellowships in medicine, nursing, allied health
Footfall	~2,000 inpatients and 8,000 outpatients daily
Community Outreach	CHAD, RUHSA, CONCH, LCECU initiatives
Rank	NIRF Medical 2024: 3rd in India
Research Output	>430 papers/year; advanced labs and centers
Legacy Leaders	Jacob Chandy, Suresh David, Mary Verghese, Mammen Chandy