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Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet

From the desk of the Medical Superintendent

Greetings to you in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.” Psalm 1:3

How Focused are we in obeying God's Call and to fulfill His Will in our family and professional life? The Bible teaches us to Trust and Obey God in all our thoughts, behaviour and attitude. When we faithfully commit our ways to the Lord, He will make everything fruitful in His time, for His Glory.

We witness the Lord's presence and healing touch in our day to day ministry. We strongly believe that we treat but God heals the sick and needy who enter our premises. His Words Encourage us, His Promises Protect us and His Provisions Prosper us to serve the community.

The Doctor's Day was celebrated on 1st July all over the country to thank and honour the sacrificial services of the medical professionals to our countrymen and women to stay hale and healthy. But unfortunately, one of the lady doctors was brutally raped and murdered in Kolkata. These incidents highlight the threat culture prevalent in healthcare institutions. The whole country was saddened and protested against the incident and urged the government to ensure safety of the Doctors. The SMH Medical fraternity and Staff members strongly condemn and demand justice for the incident.

We the SMH family members are grateful for the continuous encouragement and prayer support of our beloved Bishop, Presbyters & Church Leaders of CSI Vellore Diocese, Scudder Association, Reformed Church of America, SMH Alumni and well-wishers from around the globe to continue our Lord's healing ministry.

Our plans and proposals for the near future include Blood Bank, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Radiotherapy Unit and Solar Energy Plant. We submit them in prayer at the feet of our Lord Jesus, that they may be fulfilled in due time to serve the community in a sophisticated way.

We the SMH family members earnestly seek your continuous prayers and partnership in this ministry of healing, that our Lord Jesus Christ has bestowed upon us.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

OUR VISION

"To continue the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ by providing quality, accessible and affordable health care to all"

OUR MISSION

"To provide holistic health care and education to the people and to build a just and healthy community through Jesus Christ"



In His Mission

(Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao)

SCUDDER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, RANIPET

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND WORK

Scudder Memorial Hospital has always strived to fulfill the mission of Christ. Prayer and witnessing have always been considered very important in the care of patients.



Rev William H. Hoffman, the First ordained Chaplain in February 1963, writes the following words in his article 'Spiritual Life and Work' in the Scudder Memorial Hospital Centenary celebration souvenir.

“In a Church related hospital, the spiritual life and work must take on great significance, for the spiritual life of a church related hospital is the life blood of an institution dedicated to the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Without a life of spiritual foundation and depth the church hospital soon finds itself without the Christ centered emphasis which it needs to fulfill its commission to heal the sick”

“In the 1870 Annual Medical Report we read “The Gospel has been regularly preached at the dispensary.”
“When a goodly number is gathered, a portion of scripture is read and the truth made known as simply and clearly as possible.”

“ We know that through this preaching many, many thousands have heard of Christ Jesus , the savior of the world”

“The great work continued and prospered through the years. God being faithful raised up many men and women to serve him thus, and men and women coming forward in response to His Call.”

God has sent many faithful men and women to serve in the hospital as ministers of His word. They have been dedicated missionaries, working tirelessly and joyfully in bringing the good news of our Lord Jesus to the many patients who are admitted in the hospital.



The first person who joined the hospital was Mrs. Muthuvelu, as a Bible woman from 1921- 1926.

Miss Kitty Ebenezer, joined as a full time worker in June 1958, the First Woman Evangelist. She established the Department of Religious work. She also started a Religious library with books in English, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu so that any patient could read the Gospel stories. In her visits to the ward she introduced the flannel graph board, making the stories and lessons more vivid and memorable. The use of a record player was also introduced, allowing patient to hear Lyrics and in Tamil and Telugu. Miss Kitty Ebenezer retired in 1965.



In 1961 a new chapel was opened by Dr. G. F. Scudder. It was built for Rs20,600, of which Rs 9,000/- was given by Mrs. De Wolf. This was from the proceeds of the sale of a house owned by Miss. J. C Scudder at Coonor. Scudder Association, Miss W. Noordyk and other former nurses from Arabia also contributed for the building of the chapel.

In June 1965 Mrs. Sita Thambiah, joined as an Evangelist. She helped conduct Friday morning open air service for leprosy patient, Evening prayers in hospital wards and in selling of Bibles and Scripture portions to interested patients.

In the later years there were a number of chaplains who took care of the spiritual activities and the chapel services. As the hospital, over the past decade, rose up from dire circumstances, the chapel served as a sanctuary for the hopeful SMH community. In faith the SMH community came to the chapel holding steadfast onto the promises of God. The chapel never ceased to function all through the years as a center for worship, prayer and festivity.

REDEDICATION OF RENOVATED CHAPEL



The 27th of July, 2024, a Saturday, turned out to be a memorable day for the Staff and Students of The Scudder Memorial Hospital. **Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. H. Sharma Nithyanandham**, CSI Vellore Diocese, inaugurated the beautiful newly renovated and expanded chapel of the Scudder Memorial Hospital. **Rev. Dr. Gideon Jebamani**, Episcopal priest, Executive member of the New York State Council of Churches and Founder -India Network, Greater New York Episcopal Diocese was the Guest of Honor on this momentous occasion.

The day started with a rousing welcome to our bishop and chief guest followed by grand procession singing from the John Scudder memorial to the beautiful newly renovated chapel. It was followed by the prayer of rededication of the chapel, the ribbon was cut and the doors were opened by our beloved Bishop with the following verses from the bible

**Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Rev. M. Rajendran, Presbyter in charge of the CSI St. Mary's Church, Ranipet, graciously lead the worship service. Warm greetings and welcome were accorded to all the gathered dignitaries, guests, pastors, church leaders, alumni, staff, students and well-wishers of Scudder Memorial Hospital by **Mr. W. Cecil Daniel**, Administrative Officer.



The Bishop's Message, dwelling on King Solomon's Dedication of the Temple at Jerusalem, exhorted the congregation with the promise of God who then said “ **Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.**” 2 Chronicles 7:15

The Guest of Honor on this significant occasion, **Rev. Dr. Gideon Jebamani**, Episcopal priest in New York, a nephew of **Mrs. Kamala Mohanraj**, Former Dean of School of Nursing, Scudder Memorial Hospital, brought felicitations from the Episcopal church in New York. He spoke on the important work done for the upliftment of underprivileged people by the Missionaries of the American Arcot Mission, himself being a beneficiary of the boarding schools started by missionaries. He also assured support for the continued growth and development of Scudder Memorial Hospital and the future vision for a Medical College Hospital. **Rev. Susan Simpson**, Priest in the Diocese of Ely, UK and **Mr. Nigel Simpson** grace the occasion and offered felicitation.

The Medical Superintendent, **Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao**, in his Vote of Thanks, shared on how much meaning the chapel carries to everyone in Scudder Memorial Hospital. Care is given at the hospital but healing is in the chapel. Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. Jeremiah 17:14. All Glory Praise and Honor to God alone who has brought about a long-awaited chapel renovation finally to fruition. Praise the Lord



SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

CNE Workshop

The Scudder College of Nursing organized a 2nd State-Level Workshop for the year 2024 on 28th May with the topic “A comprehensive insight on chronic kidney disease progression and its management.” Over 30 Delegates from various institutions across the state participated in the workshop. Eminent Resource Persons from SMH Ranipet, Nursing Colleges of CMC, Vellore, and Sri Narayani Hospital took interactive sessions with 6 Skill Stations.



Participants gave positive feedback on the workshop and Speakers. 7 credit hours have been sanctioned by the Tamilnadu Nursing Council. Participants suggested to conduct the next State-Level Workshop in the near future on Oncology

Senior Leadership Training at Yelagiri

SMH Management took an initiative by organizing two days' Workshop at Yelagiri to train and develop the leadership skills of the Senior Administrative Team Senior leaders and HoDs prayerfully participated in the workshop to be transformed into influencing leaders. Mr. Mohan Patnaik from Bangalore, a genuine man of God and renowned corporate head, who has successfully led the growth of many companies was our facilitator.



The participants had very fruitful sessions and a meaningful outcome. The facilitator spoke on the principles from the life of Jesus which is the basis for sound corporate management principles. We are not trusting in our abilities but in our Almighty God who out of His unconditional love can bring in great change from within and blessings to the institution and the community we serve. There was a time of reflection on our vision, mission and values that form the golden thread that binds us all. From here the focus will move to the way forward with a

plan of action. There was an adequate emphasis on individual development which will ultimately lead to the development of the team and the institution.

The participants strongly believe that God who has begun a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. The senior leaders were excited to see how God would use each one of us to reignite the purpose to serve Him through SMH

Doctors' Day 2024

The Doctors Day was celebrated on 1st July 2024 at SMH. The Doctors conducted the morning devotion with the praise and worship songs at the Hospital Lawn in the presence staff, students and public. The Medical Superintendent shared the word of God and encouraged the gathering.



SMH organized a Blood Donation Camp in partnership with CMC, Vellore. Over 40 staff and students donated live saving blood to the needy patients. The Mom's Kitchen canteen was inaugurated on the day.

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Ortho. TKR Workshop - Training Program

The Orthopedic Department at Scudder Memorial Hospital hosted an extensive training program on 24.07.2024 aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of operation theatre staff nurse, surgical unit staff nurse, Ortho technicians and physiotherapist on the subject of Total Knee Replacement (TKR) headed by the Head of the Department and Medical Superintendent **Dr. Anbu Suresh Rao**. This initiative, which had a participation from 72 attendees, was designed to address the evolving needs and complexities associated with TKR procedures.



The training began with a series of in-depth lectures and presentations led by experienced Orthopaedic surgeons and nursing specialists. These sessions covered a wide range of topics related to TKR, including the latest advancements in surgical techniques, preoperative assessment, intraoperative management, and postoperative care. Emphasis was placed on understanding the indications for TKR, the nuances of surgical approaches, and the importance of post-surgical rehabilitation.

A significant component of the training was the saw bone workshop, which provided a hands-on learning experience. During this workshop, both doctors and operation theatre staff had the opportunity to work with simulated bones, allowing them to practice various surgical techniques and familiarize themselves with the procedural tools used in TKR. This practical component was instrumental in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application, giving participants valuable insights into the complexities of the procedure.

The program also included interactive discussions and Q&A sessions where participants could engage directly with experts. These discussions facilitated a deeper understanding of challenging scenarios and allowed staff to address specific concerns or uncertainties they might have encountered in their clinical practice.

To gauge the effectiveness of the training, participants were asked to complete evaluations and provide feedback. This process helped in assessing the knowledge gained and the overall impact of the workshop on their clinical skills. The feedback also provided valuable insights for refining future training programs.

The training program at Scudder Memorial Hospital successfully equipped the operation theatre staff, surgical unit staff nurse, physiotherapist, and ortho technicians with enhanced skills and knowledge in Total Knee Replacement. By combining theoretical education with practical hands-on experience through the saw bone workshop, the program aimed to improve procedural competence and ultimately contribute to better patient outcomes. The engagement of 72 participants underscores the commitment of the hospital to continuous professional development and the advancement of Orthopaedic surgical practices.



ORS Week

World ORS week (25 Jul - 31 July) was celebrated at SMH on 29th July at Paediatric OPD. The theme for this year was BLESSING FOR LIFE. It started with a word of prayer. Parents were explained about the benefits of ORS during diarrhea illness and how to recognize danger signs of dehydration. Dr. Priyanka, Consultant Paediatrician offered greetings. The students of CON/SON performed a skit based on the importance of ORS. Posters on diarrhea/ORS were exhibited. The staff demonstrated the preparation of ORS to the audience. The program ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Priyalatha followed by Prayer by Chaplin.



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Hospital Web Site - www.smhranipet.org

The official hospital web site was launched on 27th July 2024 by Mr. Manoah J Mohanraj, Rehab. Consultant, California, USA. Dr. G. Samraj, incharge HR & IT thanked Mr. Joshua Stalin, Business Manager and the IT Team for the support and hard work in launching the website

Orthopedic Camp



Free Ortho camp was organized by the department of Orthopedics 1st & 2nd August 2024. Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao, Dr. Titus Frank, Dr. M. W. P Anand, Dr. Anu Raj Rakshakar, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeons examined the patients. Bone Density test was performed for the needy patients. Over 300 patients were benefitted by the camp.



Independence Day

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at SMH on 15th August 2024. Dr. Pramod Roy hoisted the National Flag and greeted the staff & students. Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao shared the word of God.

BLS Training - Saving Lives, One Skill at a Time!



The Indian Medical Association (IMA) successfully conducted Basic Life Support (BLS) training program at our hospital on August 20th, 2024! Our medical nursing and paraclinical professionals participated in this vital training, enhancing their life-saving skills. Dr. D. Mageswaran, MBBS, MS, Program Coordinator conducted the training. This hands-on training equipped our clinical team with the latest techniques and knowledge in BLS, ensuring that they are prepared to handle any emergency situation effectively. A total of 35 employees benefited from this valuable training, contributing to a safer environment for our patients and our community.

Breast Feeding Week

World breast feeding week (1 Aug- 7Aug) was celebrated at SMH on 6th Aug at Paediatric OPD. The theme for this year was CLOSING THE GAP the event started with Prayer by our Nursing Superintendent Mrs. Suganthi Benjamin followed by greetings by our Medical Superintendent Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao. Special address was given by the chief guest of the day Dr. Jacob Chacko and Health Education by Dr. Priyalatha. Mothers of babies who were exclusively Breastfeed for 6 months were appreciated and given prizes. Poster, slogan competitions and quiz were conducted for students and staff members. The program came to an end with vote of thanks from Dr. Priyanka followed by Prayer and benediction from the Chaplain.



Diabetic Camp

The Department of Medicine at SMH conducted a free diabetic camp on 30.08.2024 where patients/people were screened for Sugar and blood pressure, they were given an awareness on Diabetes and instructed about life style modifications like change in food habits, regular exercise. They were also given awareness on diabetes foot care and to avoid getting injuries and ulcers to lead a normal life.



About 106 patients attended the camp and got benefitted and got awareness on Diabetes and life style modifications that can help them live a normal life. This type of camp will be conducted every last Fridays of the month to benefit the Ranipet people.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

NEW RECRUITMENTS : We welcome **Dr. David Paul Hechhula**, Consultant Anaesthesiologist and **Dr. Sangeetha Ruth Prasad**, Junior Consultant ENT Surgeon as they join the SMH family to partake in the Healing Ministry.

SITUATIONS VACANT	
General Physician	MD / DNB
General Surgeon	MS / DNB
Orthopaedic Surgeon	MS / DNB (with Minimum 5 years of Experience)
Emergency Physician	MD / DNB / MEM
Obs. & Gyn. Consultant	MS / MD / DNB / DGO
Medical Officers	MBBS

Salary as per the Diocesan Medical Board Norms. Application with a copy of Educational Qualification, Experience & Registration Certificates to be sent to the address mentioned below :

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