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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.

We the SMH Family members praise and thank God for blessing us to celebrate yet another Advent Season. The God-given topic for the festive season is **“The Word”**. We have an unwavering faith that **“In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God and the Word became Flesh to save us, redeem us and dwell in us.”**



“For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart” - Hebrew 4:12

The meditated on the theme Hearing, Rejoicing and Proclaiming the Word. We have heard the good news of Christ's birth and we are rejoicing in the Christmas reason with lavish feast. But, are we proclaiming the good news of Salvation and Eternal Life to the people around us?

Jesus Christ, the son of God is the only Way to receive our Forgiveness and Salvation. As we celebrate the birth of the Saviour of the world, let us not forget the great commission and mandate to spread the good news to the world to make our celebrations meaningful.

The Chaplaincy Department organized the Gospel Week at our Hospital to demonstrate the Reasons for the Season. The staff and students actively participated in all the events and glorified the Lord. More than 1200 poor people have received the cloths, household items, books donated by our staff and well-wishers.

We are encouraged and committed to spread Christ's Love, Compassion, Merciful Care and the Word to those who enter the gates of SMH.

SMH family is indebted to the support, encouragement and prayers of our beloved Bishop, Presbyters & Church Leaders of CSI Vellore Diocese, Scudder Association & Reformed Church of America, SMH Alumni and well-wishers across the country and overseas.

The Blood Bank, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Radiotherapy Unit and Solar Energy Plant proposals continue to be in focus for our future plans for development.

We beseech the Lord Almighty our provider who will fulfil all the needs in His Time through His people. The Lord has entrusted the ministry of healing to us and we earnestly solicit your prayers and continued partnership in this journey.

“Sing to the LORD, Praise His Name; Proclaim His Salvation day after day.” - Psalm 96:2

“Wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025”

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)

JEWELS OF SMH

DR. IDA SOPHIA SCUDDER

*The Scudder Memorial Hospital commemorates the Founder of Christian Medical College, Vellore,
On her 154th birthday on December 9th*

“First ponder, then dare. Know your facts. Count the cost. Money is not the important thing. What you are building is not a medical school. It is the Kingdom of God. Don't err on the side of being too small.”

Ida Sophia Scudder was born on **December 9, 1870**, in Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, to missionary parents, John and Sophia. They were second-generation missionaries dedicated to a life of constant struggle, without any material rewards, recognition, or fame.

Her grandfather, John Scudder, and his sons established the American Arcot Mission west of Madras in South India. John Scudder's son, Silas Scudder, abandoned his medical career in America to initiate the mission's first hospital in Ranipet, the town where Ida was born. It was the sole hospital in the area. Administrative and clinical challenges, along with poor health, resulted in Silas's passing at the age of 44.

Ida's parents persisted in their jobs in India.. At the age of six, Ida witnessed the ravages of a famine that left three million dead. Images of dead bodies on the road and of handing out rationed food to emaciated children remained in her memory when her family went on furlough to America. Ida was resentful that despite what they had endured, her parents chose to return to their work in South India.

Aged eight, Ida traveled to the United States to pursue her education, where she was accepted into Northfield Seminary, a private secondary school established by evangelist Dwight L Moody in Massachusetts. Joyful years spent with close friends on a picturesque campus along the Connecticut River reinforced Ida's belief that America was her true home. She declared that she would never become a missionary or serve in India.

In 1890, Ida traveled to India briefly to assist her sick mother. Eager to make her way back, Ida sailed to India and joined her family at the mission compound in Tindivanam, South India.

During her visit to India in 1890 to care for her ill mother, she encountered a transformative moment. One evening, three men from different backgrounds came independently, looking for medical assistance for their gravely ill pregnant wives. They departed after Ida informed them that her father was the sole physician, as their traditions prohibited a man from treating a woman. The following morning, Ida discovered that all three women and their infants had perished. Disturbed, she prayerfully resolved to pursue a medical career to aid the women of India.

Ida answered God's call. “She came back to the United States and completed her medical education, graduating in 1899 as one of the very first female physicians. She went back to India.”

Ida attended medical school in Philadelphia and Cornell. Toward the conclusion of her education, Louisa Hart, who was working in Ranipet, highlighted the necessity for a hospital for women and children in Vellore. Fundraising efforts were disheartening until a week before Ida was set to depart, when Robert Schell donated the full amount needed for the hospital's construction. Ida arrived in Vellore on 1st January 1900, beginning her internship by observing and assisting her father in his medical duties.

Anticipating working with her father, his passing soon left her alone. Confronting the personal grief of her father's loss and the disintegration of her plans, she did not retreat to the security of the USA but instead responded in a completely different manner.

She had been summoned now, and she embraced her calling and embarked on a truly remarkable missionary journey of compassion and assistance to the Indian people.





She started with the limited resources she possessed: a few months of experience, a 10X12 foot room in the mission bungalow for a dispensary, the cook's wife as an inexperienced helper, and a horse-drawn buggy to visit patients at home. Modest beginnings and the trust of patients led to further developments: two beds in the guest room, several huts for inpatients, and in 1902, the forty-bed Mary Taber Schell Hospital, backed by the Reformed Church of America.

“Instead of self-destructing in her efforts to save India alone, she developed an exceptionally effective method of expanding her initiatives through training and education.” She started “to train local women as nurses. In spite of widespread doubt, her nursing program was highly successful, and by 1906 a larger hospital was serving 40,000 patients each year.”

By 1918 the Medical College was educating both doctors and nurses. “With increasing recognition as one of the top medical institutions in all of India, the Vellore hospital began offering medical degree programs in 1942. Departing from tradition, the various training programs became available not only to women but also to men.”

Ida retired in 1946, but she continued to work until her death in 1960 at the age of eighty-nine, while also raising funds from the USA.

“Ida's legacy continues. The Christian Medical College in Vellore endures and is frequently ranked among India's top two medical institutions. Unlike many institutions established by missionaries, it has retained its foundation of faith and remains openly Christian.”

“She started her career as a doctor when India was a British colony under Queen Victoria and was still practicing when India became an independent nation. She witnessed remarkable transformations in science, technology, and clinical practice. Even in the midst of hardships and setbacks, Ida persisted in striving to fulfil God's will.

SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

Scudder Institute of Allied Health Sciences 6th National Conference on “Imaging with care” at Kanyakumari

Twenty one Degree & Diploma students along with two Tutors from Scudder Institute of Allied Health Sciences, Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet attended the **Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologist (SORRT)** National Conference held on 5th & 6th of October 2024 at CSI St. Peter's Church, Kanyakumari on the topic “**Imaging with care**”.



- Paper presentation was made by Mr. Prathap John Wesley M.U. Tutor on “**Guidelines Given by Regulatory Bodies “Imaging with care”**”.
- Mr. Shyam Kumar - Tutor presented a paper on “**Optimizing Patient Care: Strategies to reduce adverse reactions, CI-AKI Contrast Induced Acute kidney injury and NSF Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis effects due to Contrast media in Radiology**”.

Both the Tutors were honoured with memento and certificate for paper presentation. The conference was a good platform for the Students & Tutors for exchange of knowledge and learning the recent advancements in all the modalities of Radiology.



The 129th year **World Radiography Day** was celebrated in our Hospital on November 8th 2024 by Radiology Staff & Students in Ortho. OPD waiting area. Every year on Radiography Day Awareness is given about Radiation safety to the patients, public & staff in the hospital. The theme this year is "**Promoting the Profession**". Our students gave a talk about their profession, a role play video about the Discovery of X-ray was also released on the day. It was very innovative and useful to understand the Discovery of X-rays.

The Graduation Ceremony of School of Nursing / Scudder College of Nursing was held on 17th November 2024. The honorable Bishop of CSI Vellore Diocese Rt. Rev. Dr. H. Sharma Nithyanadham gave the commencement address and commissioned the Graduates.

The ceremony was presided by the Bishop Amma and the local church Presbyters. 44 GNM, 44 B.Sc.(N) and 18 P.B.B.Sc.(N) students graduated.



The Inauguration of a **Prosthetics and Orthotics Workshop** at Scudder Memorial Hospital represents a significant step towards improving healthcare accessibility and enhancing the quality of life for patients with mobility challenges. By providing specialized services in the design, fabrication, and fitting of Prosthetic Limbs (for amputees) and Orthotic Devices (for people with physical disabilities), the workshop can offer numerous benefits to the community. With the workshop now open, the hospital is well-positioned to transform the lives of many individuals by restoring their mobility and independence in association with the existing excellent Orthopaedic and Physiotherapy Units.



The BUECHEL PAPPAS ARTHROPLASTY CONCLAVE - 2024 was organized by SMH Orthopedics department on 23rd November, medical professionals from various hospitals gathered at Scudder Memorial Hospital for an insightful and engaging day focused on Basic Knee Arthroplasty. The event featured scientific discussions on Total Knee Replacement (TKR), live surgical demonstrations, expert panel sessions, and hands-on experience at Saw Bone stations. SMH Ortho. unit staff appreciate all those participated and contributed to making this event a memorable and enriching experience, as we continue to advance expertise in knee arthroplasty and enhance patient care.



Children's Day was celebrated on 14th November 2024 at Paediatric OPD. The chief guest's address was delivered by Dr. Immanuel Sathish, Emergency Medicine Consultant. The Nursing Students performed skit and dance. The children participated in fancy dress competition and received prizes. Parents were educated about vaccination, child growth & development and avoidance of social media.

Mission and Evangelism work of SMH
THE GOSPEL WEEK & GLORIOUS MONTH

We greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we know, SMH is always in front line to do God's Ministry, as team with the guidance of our Medical superintendent Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao, we planned every program in advance to celebrate the advent season. Our SMH staff members and students participated eagerly and enthusiastically to do God's ministry in various ways, which showed their dedication and determination towards Christ and that was absolutely meaningful. we as a community had a lot of opportunities to serve God and our people at large during this advent season with the theme **"The Word: Double Edged Sword."**



As Scudder Memorial Hospital we celebrated The Gospel week from 30th November 2024 to 6th December 2024. The Gospel week started with the communion service which was led by Rev. Rajendran, Presbyterian-in-charge, CSI St. Mary's Church, Ranipet and Rev. Dr. Samuel Siddhartha shared the word of God. After the worship service the advent season flag hoisting took place in the SMH lawn with the God's showers of blessings and food carnival was held at SMH parking area.

Free will gifts were distributed to the poor patients and the needy from 30th November to 10th Dec 2024 at the Patients waiting area. Our sincere and whole hearted thanks to all those who donated the free will gifts. Along with the free will gifts, Gospel books and New Testament Bible, Bible verse cards were distributed. This was distributed from 30th November to 23rd December 2024.



During the Gospel week, the ward visits and roll play along staff and students were very meaningful and encouraging to the patients and relatives. A rally was organised inside the campus to demonstrate the Good news to the public. During the Gospel week different competitions had been conducted like, Poster competition for students, Slogan competition for students, Flip chart competition for students, Bible written test (Matthew 1 & 2, Luke 1 & 2, John 1st chapter), Banners presentation for various departments, Video presentation by staff members. Prizes and Certificates had been presented to the winners and participants during Christmas programs. From 1st to 10th December each department took initiative to visit the wards to proclaim the Good news.



SMH Family Christmas programs were celebrated from 30th November to 23rd December by the staff members of various Departments at the SMH Chapel.

On 3rd December, SMH staff childrens Christmas celebration took place and the word of God was shared by Mrs. Chitra Samuel Siddharth.

On 6th December, Christmas program was conducted by the CE (Christian Endeavour) - the nursing students celebrated this program with the Aadhiyan community who are popularly known as 'Boom Boom Mattukaran' at Thiruvalam. The word of God was shared by Mr. E. Zachariah. This celebration was organized by Mrs Asha Noble, Principal of Scudder School of Nursing, and Mrs. Josephine Sukumaran, Principal of Scudder College of Nursing.

On 10th December, Christmas program by the Medical Service and Administrative Departments was celebrated, in which the Word of God was shared by Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Rajavelu, Former Bishop, CSI Vellore Diocese.

On 12th December, Christmas program by the Nursing Services staff was celebrated, in which the Word of God was shared by Dr. Rup Solomon, Consultant Physician and Deputy Medical Superintendent.

On 16th December, Christmas program by School and College of Nursing was celebrated, in which the word of God was shared by Rev. Dr. Samuel Siddhartha. Mr. Balasundram, Nalam Deepalaya Trust was invited as special guest. This program made us very energetic and enthusiastic. SMH choir and College choir sang the songs and the students gave their full dedication in the drama and dance to Glorify God. In the play, the thoughtful theme and realistic acting by the students were so impressive and appreciated by everyone.

On 17th December, Christmas program by the Allied Health Science Unit and Paramedical Department was celebrated, in which the Word of God was shared by Dr. Sam Raj, Consultant Maxillofacial & Craniofacial Surgeon.

On 18th December, Christmas program by the Community Health & Homecare Department was celebrated at Gypsies residency at Thiruvallam. Mr. B. Suresh, chaplain shared the word of God.

On 20th December, Christmas program by the Support Services and Housekeeping department was celebrated. The Word of God was shared by Mr. D. Colindass, Pastoral Assistant & Chaplain. The skit and dance by Housekeeping staff were very thought provoking and lively.

On 23rd December, Carol Rounds in the wards and staff quarters were organised by the Nursing Service. It was really such a joyful moment to share the Good News with one another.

By the Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ the Christmas programs, Gospel Week celebrations, competitions, sharing gifts and preaching the word of God were truly a blessing one to all of us in one way or the other. May God continue to Bless all of us and guide us in the upcoming days to keep up the same energy to bring Peace and Happiness to one another and share the Good News to all.

Mr. D. Colindass,
Pastoral Assistant & Chaplain.

SMH FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2024



Staff Children Program



CE Program



CE Program



Medical Service



Administrative Team



Nursing Service



Nursing Service



College of Nursing



College of Nursing



AHS Christmas Program



AHS Christmas Program



Support Services Dept.

SMH FAMILY CHRISTMAS 2024



Housekeeping Department



Housekeeping Department



Poster Presentation



Gospel Rally



Gospel Rally



Poster Presentation



Christmas Gift to Patients



SMH Choir



Ortho. Unit Christmas



Ward Carol Rounds



Ward Carol Rounds



Ward Carol Rounds



Sharing the Good News



The Great Light



Scudder Nurse Alumni

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

NEW RECRUITMENTS : We welcome **Dr. Sudhakar Chandran**, Consultant General Surgeon, **Dr. Rachel George**, Consultant Obstetrics & Gynaecologist, **Dr. Shri Ram**, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, **Dr. Sree Vaishnavi**, Consultant Ophthalmologist, **Dr. Aswinkumari D**, Consultant ENT Surgeon, **Dr. Naveen S V**, Consultant General Surgeon as they join the SMH family to partake in the Healing Ministry.

WEDDING BELLS : We congratulate **Dr. Sakthivel**, **Mr. Benny Joel & Mrs. Kowsalya**, **Dr. Ruban Shantha Pukky**, **Mr. R. Rollen Deepan Raj**, **Mr. Joshua Stalin & Mrs. Beatrice Johanna**, **Mr. Arun Bennett**, **Mrs. Dolly Divine** who entered into a new phase in their lives respectively. SMH family members wish them long and happy married lives.

RETIREMENT : **Mr. Henry Britto**, Housekeeping worker retired on 14th December 2024 after serving over 30 years at SMH. He was very sincere, hard working staff and well appreciated by his colleagues. His children are graduates from SMH. We wish him a joyful and peaceful retired life.



OBITUARY : We regret to inform that **Mr. Ganapathy**, Retired Housekeeping worker passed away on 26th December 2024. Mr. Ganapathy served sincerely over 40 years at SMH. We pray for God's peace and comfort to his family members

SITUATIONS VACANT	
General Physician	MD / DNB
Emergency Physician	MD / DNB / MEM
Obs. & Gyn. Consultant	MS / MD / DNB / DGO
Pediatric Consultant	MD / DNB
Junior 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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