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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.



“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” - 2 Corinthians 9:8

We the SMH Family Members firmly believe that God gives us the Vision & Goal to continue His Ministry and build His Kingdom. He provides us the Strength and Wisdom to achieve the divine target. We move forward in Faith and with complete Obedience.

God is Faithful and keeps His Promises. He guides and provides to His people who truly serve Him. God has a purpose in all our lives. He is able to fulfil all our needs and carry us through for His Glory.

As we depend on our Lord and led by His Spirit, we are confident that we would continue to serve the community with renewed love and compassion every day. We are prayerfully planning and executing new phases of developments at clinical and community level. The specialty evening clinics and Home Care services are well received by the community.

We are praying for committed and dedicated medical professionals to join our team.

The prospectus for Nursing and Allied Health courses are being issued and we look forward to having the dedicated and enthusiastic candidates to get trained and serve the community at large.

We continue to put our trust in our Lord and Saviour as we make new plans and proposals for the overall growth of the institution. We plan but God provides as we trust in Him.

The Solar Energy Plant, Blood Bank, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Radiotherapy Unit 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.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” - Ephesians 3:20-21

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 - Rev. Dr. John Scudder II, M. D., D. D.,

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In 1892, Dr. John relocated his household to Vellore. In 1894, he sailed on furlough. He and Mrs. Scudder traveled to America for the second time, settling in New Brunswick for three years. They were extremely grateful for the unique opportunity to have their children back in their family.

In 1897 Dr. and Mrs. Scudder returned to India and were again stationed at Vellore. Dr. John was not well. Ida saw with dismay the aging stoop of the powerful shoulders, the thin drawn features. In the 1890s Dr John Scudder II was one of the earliest volunteer for plague vaccine trial.

This vaccine was developed by Waldemar Mordecai Wolff Haffkine. To persuade the local Indian population to have the vaccine, it was felt that the missionaries must be the first volunteers. Dr John Scudder agreed to be the first volunteer.

Unfortunately, of all the people, Dr Scudder reacted badly. It was not clear whether it was heat boils of the hot summer or a reaction to the vaccine itself. These boils never healed even when he stayed in the cool climate of Kodaikanal. Two of the best doctors of India were in Kodaikanal at that time. They agreed to operate on him.

The surgery was done in the open verandah of the Scudder home. Young Ida and her brother Walter were the ones who did the sterilising. Large kettles were used for boiling the sheets. Then they were dried in their oven. When they opened, the surgeons found a very extensive cancer which they were not able to remove as the patient was sinking rapidly. They sewed up the wound. As he regained consciousness, he uttered the words, "Oh Jesus, let the light go out."

Once he lost his consciousness, They took him into the room with the bow window and laid him on his bed, and his wife and sons and daughter kept watch beside him.

A day later on 23rd May 1900, he was taken to be with his father in heaven, they found a quiet spot in the old cemetery at Kodaikanal and left him resting there in the high hills beside a green shola.

There were many eulogies. "His heart had a fitting frame, for both were large".

"Cheerfulness and perseverance, broad sympathies, and strong convictions, self-forgetfulness and unbounded faith"....
"He did the work of three, sometimes five."

Dr Wykoff, one of the missionaries working at that time paid this rich tribute.

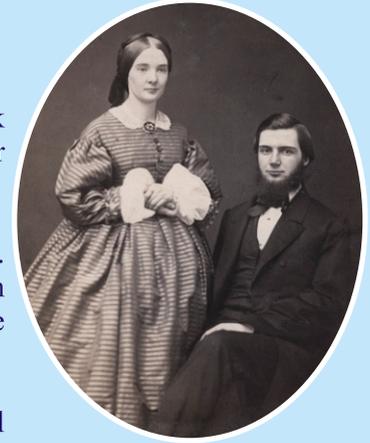
"A great missionary's has fallen. I use the words in their fullest sense, without any qualifications or reserve. In quiet steady devotion to daily work, in wise judgment in mission affairs, in evangelistic fervor and pastoral faithfulness, in short in all that makes a successful missionary, none have surpassed and few have equalled him.

His greatest fault, if it can be called such, was self depreciation. Only those who have seen him at his daily task in India and witnessed his dogged perseverance and his unwearied diligence, in spite of heat and sickness and hundreds of other trials, can appreciate the abundant service that this man of god did for his Master."

But it was his son John who gave him the best tribute. "I love papa, yes," he wrote on May 31, 1900, the day he received the cable. "I love him now. It isn't wrong, is it, to love two fathers in heaven? I know and understand my Heavenly Father because I knew and understood and loved my father in the flesh so well. It is proudly that I sign myself John Scudder, Jr., because I loved him so. I and my life wilt always be Junior because it can never become worthy of the Senior."

Dr. Scudder's children, John Scudder, Jr., Rev. Lewis Weld Scudder, Rev. Charles Judson Scudder, Rev. Henry Johnstone Scudder, Rev. Walter Tracy Scudder, and Ida Sophia Scudder have, with a single exception, followed his footsteps into the ministry and three of them into missionary service. Dr Ida Scudder's success with CMC Vellore completely eclipsed and overshadowed the work of her grandfather and of her own father as well.

Dr. Scudder had greatly endeared himself to his associates in the work, among many of whom he stood as a veteran in service, for the cheerfulness of his spirit and the kindness of his disposition, as well as for the earnestness of his



Christian life and his devotedness, to his life's work; he was always true to his convictions, holding strong, conservative opinions; he was tender in sympathy, winsome in disposition, “ a great, strong sunbeam” as one of his colleagues has expressed it.

In the home circle he was the model father, his children's “friend and brother and spiritual helper” , knitting himself closely into their heart and life. The world is better for his having lived in it and for the posterity he has left with it.”

REPORT FROM CHAPLAINCY DEPARTMENT March & April 2025

It was a blessed season of Lent, remembering our savior's passion. The morning devotions were taken as a serial bible study from Mark 8 onwards. Moving along with the narrative of our Lord's journey to the cross we meditated on His teaching to us at this crucial time of His life on earth. It was a transforming journey.

The special times of prayer like the chain prayer, night prayer, fasting prayer day and the thanksgiving prayer day were times when our staff could come together before Him to thank and intercede. The messages to the community during our night prayers were about devotions to Him like Mary who anointed our Lord and about the precious blood shed for us.

During the last night prayer, arrangements were made to help students and staff pray in small groups during the time of intercession. It was an intense experience to intercede together on behalf of our staff, student, patients, churches and the nation.

The Bible study times with the students of the Allied Health services has gone into the third month with His favor. Following times of activity which make students think there is a time of intercession in small groups. This is followed by a serial Bible study in the gospel of Mark. Students have begun to respond by remembering and answering queries from previous sessions. It has been a real privilege and an opportunity to be of service to these young ones.

The chaplains have continued with meeting staff of fifteen departments in short times of fellowship, meditating from the Word and prayer. These times are a source of mutual encouragement in the Lord. It has been a joy to see staff remember the lessons learnt in previous sessions and build upon it.

Two members of our team have also continued visiting patients in visits at their bedside. We have been encouraged to listen to our patients and understand their present needs and deeper ones. We pray for the unction of the Holy Spirit to minister to them with the appropriate words and prayers.

By the mercies of our Lord, we have prepared a spiritual self-assessment tool called the 'Spiritual Health Aid'. It is a card which can be kept inside our Bibles. There are 5 variables in it similar to vital signs which we check for the patients in the hospital. These variables are 1) Spending time alone with the Lord 2) Family prayer 3) Healing relationships at workplace 4) Sharing the good news and 5) Worshiping together. Each of these variables have scores from 0 to 3. Each one of us are invited to make a self-assessment every quarter and use it to grow in our relationship with our Lord.

Every month has ended with a time of thanksgiving prayer during the last Friday of the month and a Holy communion service on the last day of the month. In these times we have remembered with thanks His goodness all the four months.

Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet SPIRITUAL HEALTH AID					
Rating	Time alone with the Lord	Family Prayer	Workplace Relationship (Staffs & Patients)	Sharing Good News	Worshipping Together (Chapel & Dept. Prayer)
0	No Time	No Prayer	My behaviour affects others negatively	I have not shared	I don't attend
1	Sometime	Irregular	Neutral	Sometimes	I attend special meeting only
2	Regular time	Regular daily	I give encouragement occasionally	Often	Occasionally
3	Regular + other times	Regular + other times	I give encouragement often	Daily	Daily

Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet SPIRITUAL HEALTH AID				
	January to March	April to June	July to September	October to December
Time alone with the Lord				
Family Prayer				
Healing relationships at Workplace				
Sharing Good News				
Worshipping Together				

LEARNING DURING HIS PASSION

(A condensation of Bible studies from Mark 8:27 & 14:9)

His Plan

That the Messiah must die and rise again is the plan of God. He is the beloved of the Father and we are called to listen to Him. We are called to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. He goes before us and leads us into His glory. His authority is complete and compassionate. It is good to trust Him and follow Him.

Attitudes that our Messiah has taught us

- Childlikeness in our acceptance of Him
- A heart of faith
- A prayerful heart
- Including the childlike and the independent ones who serve in His Name
- Faithfulness to the spouse whom He has given us
- The heart of a servant
- Trusting like the blind one who called unto Him and was healed
- A humble heart
- A watchful heart
- A discerning heart that identifies 'false Christs'
- Persevering in following Him amidst opposition and betrayal by close ones
- Diligence and responsibility in the work that He has entrusted us with
- Waste on Him

Hindrances in experiencing His presence and recognizing His authority

- The attempt to make a market out of the 'meeting place'
- Hypocritical show without fruitfulness
- Focusing on our needs without aligning ourselves into His plan
- The thirst for power
- The reluctance to let go of riches
- Ritualism
- Proud reliance on reason alone while considering ultimate realities of Life
- Inventing arguments and setting traps to mask our unwillingness to Listen to Him

When the Messiah calls to follow Him, it is because of the Joy that awaits us and its end.

Prayer

Dear Father, how I would like to experience the Son and follow Him? Thank you for your presence with me in this pilgrimage. Fill me with the Holy Spirit.

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ஒன்றுபட்டு கடவுளை தொழுதல்					

SMH Community Health Department Activities

- **Home care Dressing** - Service provided at the doorstep for the patients unable to come to hospital due to the family situation. During this service and activity we involve the family members to assist in physiotherapy exercises as part of reintegration.
- **Medical Camps** organised in the villages to identify patients with medical needs.
- Physician consultancy, Therapy, Ophthalmology and Nursing services are provided in the camp.
- SMH collaborated with Government Primary Health Centre in identifying the High Risk group patients among the Obstetrics & Gynaecology.
- SMH as a part of Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate campaign selected 10 Districts in 2 States. (Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh) 5 Districts are covered by submitting the Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Project profile with success stories of post-operative cases to District Disability Rehabilitation Office (DDRO) and in future we plan to include 5 more districts
- Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh States are under coverage.
- In Andhra Pradesh Chittoor and Madanapalle Government Hospitals are collaborated with SMH in identifying the cases.



Home Care Visits

MONTHS	No. Patients Per month
April - 24	105
May - 24	114
June - 24	110
July - 24	145
August - 24	158
September - 24	151
October - 24	150
November - 24	141
December - 24	145
January - 25	140
February - 25	110
March - 25	110
TOTAL	1579

SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

Cardio ECHO Room Inauguration

Cardio Echo Room has been relocated to a more convenient spot near the Casualty Control Room! This move aims to reduce wait times and make it easier for patients to access essential cardiac care.



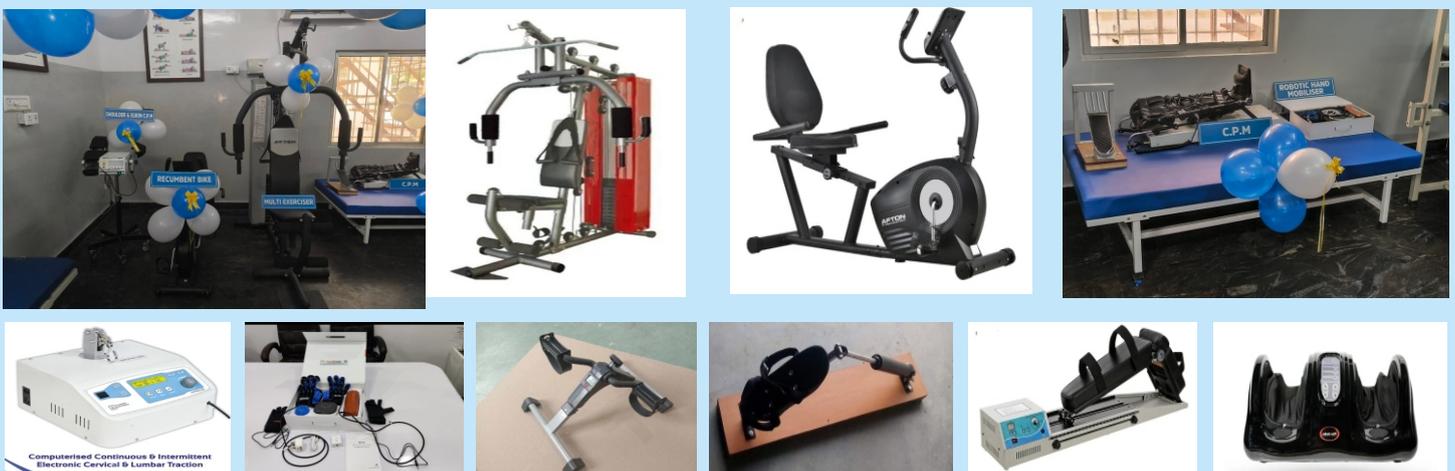
Medical Records Registration Counter Inauguration

Medical Records Registration Counter located near the Security Office. This dedicated counter is designed to cater to all company and Insurance patients, ensuring a smoother and more efficient experience.



Physiotherapy Equipment Dedication

By the Grace of God and generous donations received from the well-wishers of SMH, we have purchased the Multi Exerciser, Shoulder & Elbow CPM, Knee CPM, Recumbent Bike, Robotic Hand Mobiliser, Electronic Cervical & Lumbar Traction, Ankle Mobilizer, Foot Massager to provide sophisticated services to the needy patients. A Dedication Prayer was held on 14th, Friday morning at 9 am in the Physiotherapy Department in the presence of Consultants and Staff Members.



SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

Kidney Day - Free Medical Camp

Kidney Awareness and FREE Medical Check-up Camp was organized on 13th March 2025 at Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet, in observance of World Kidney Day.



Optical Shop Inauguration

SMH Optical Shop relocated near Dental and CT Scan pathway. We are offering LOW-COST FRAMES for the Camp and poor patients.



Optometry Day - Free Eye Camp

World Optometry Day was celebrated in Scudder Memorial Hospital on 21st March 2025. AHS Students and Hospital staff had celebrated based on the theme “Vision for all” by organizing the free eye camp for the patients. 110 out patients has benefitted through this camp and free cataract surgery was done for many of the patients.



EMG Machine Dedication

By the Grace of God, we have purchased the **Electromyography (EMG) Electrodiagnostic Machine** to diagnose and treat the Neuro Patients. A Dedication Prayer was held on 22nd, Saturday morning at 9:30 am near the Dermatology Clinic. The Consultants and Staff Members participate in the Prayer to Thank God for His Blessing.



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

NEW RECRUITMENTS : We welcome **Dr. Smeeta Merlin - Jr. Consultant Pead., Dr. Akkiligunta Naveen Prabudass - Jr. Consultant ED, Dr. Deepa D.Y. - Jr. Consultant OG & CHD, Dr. Deebiga - Jr. Consultant GM, Dr. Vigneshwaran - Jr. Consultant Anes., Dr. Chinatalapudi Surya Prakash - Jr. Consultant GM** as they join the SMH family to partake in the Healing Ministry.

WEDDING BELLS : We congratulate **Mr. Samuel Raj (Lab. Tech.) & Ms. Ruth Rajashree (Staff Nurse)**, who entered into a new phase in their lives. The SMH family members wish them long and happy married life.

RETIREMENTS : Retirement thanksgiving service was held on 12-04-2025 for **Mrs. Sylvia Sneka Latha**, who served faithfully as a **Senior Laboratory Technician from 1997 to 2025**. She was loved like a mother by generations of colleague & students and deeply respected by all. Her dedication, warmth, and quiet strength have left an indelible mark on our institution. SMH is grateful for her committed service and wish her a joyful and fulfilling retirement.



SITUATIONS VACANT	
Anesthesiologist	MD / DNB
General Physician	MD / DNB
General Surgeon	MS / DNB
Orthopaedic Surgeon	MS / DNB (With Minimum 5 years of Experience)
General Surgery	MS / DNB
Obs. & Gyn. Consultant	MS / MD / DNB / DGO
Pediatric Consultant	MD / DNB / MEM
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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