

## **Alumni Award of Distinction 2023**

### **Dr. D. Victor Raj**

Dr Victor Raj was born on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1945 and completed his primary education in Trivandrum then in the Kingdom of Travancore. Following his father's retirement from government service he moved to his ancestral home, where he completed the rest of his schooling. He completed his BSc in Physics in 1965 from Scott Christian College, Nagercoil. He was the gold medallist for his MSc in Physics from the American College, Madurai.

He joined CMC Vellore as Senior Demonstrator in Physics on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1967. He taught physics to many medical students and students from other courses from 1967 till 1980 until he moved to the department of radiodiagnosis. After joining the department of radiodiagnosis, he completed his PhD in 1984 and became professor of radiological physics since 1998.

He is an avid academician and researcher. He also took great interest in radiation safety and quality assurance. He mentored all categories of students – medical, allied health, PhD and was proud to see them excel in their day to day activities, exams and in their future. He also passed on his knowledge by authoring a few physics books which have been read and used extensively by various categories of students undergoing training in radiodiagnosis. Not wanting to confine himself to CMC he took on various roles in the Christian Medical Association of India including - convenor of Medical Radiation Technologists Training committee, secretary of Allied Health Professional Section and Chairman of the Central Education board. During his tenure he made reforms to the training of medical radiation technologists and established 20 training centres. In recognition of his contribution in various roles in the CMAI he was awarded the prestigious "Alan Cranmer award" at the National Conference of the Allied health professional section of CMAI held at Goa in the year.2008.

As a PhD guide, his work was unique, not just because of the meticulous way in which the research was conducted but in the value of the results and its impact in improving radiation safety practices by reducing radiation doses.

His excellence as a meticulous organizer became well known and he was made Chief Superintendent for University exams and was responsible for conducting all University exams during that time. This same talent was then put into full use when he took over as head of the Archives department in 1999 till his retirement in 2005.

Following his retirement in 2005 from CMC, he continued to work in various colleges in India and abroad contributing to improve their knowledge and safety standards till 2013.

He is well known to be a student friendly teacher with great love and compassion for his students. His soft spoken nature, gentle laugh, forever smile and passion for imparting knowledge have inspired all those who have come in contact with him. The seeds he has sown in the hearts of all his students have reached far and wide in various corners of this country and around the world. He is a great resource person be it academics, history of CMC, birthdays of all people he knows and subject matter.

He is passionate about technology and was the first person in the department to obtain a mobile phone. A gentle giant in radiation safety, a meticulous archiver and a humble and generous fountain of knowledge impacting the lives of all those he encountered. He lived up to the motto of the institution "not to be ministered unto but to minister".

In recognition of his dedicated service and contribution to the life and work of the institution the Alumni Association of the Christian Medical College, Vellore is proud to honour Dr. D Victor Raj with the Alumni Award for the year 2023.