

TRIVANDRUM MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER KERALA MEDICAL COLLEGES



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The State of Kerala is often recognised for its achievements in health care; particularly in terms of public health indicators like life expectancy, infant mortality rate and literacy in health matters. The foundation for this great success story was laid in 1951 with the establishment of the Trivandrum Medical College. Eminent TMC alumni have not only contributed significantly to the health scenario of Kerala state, but have made their mark in many of the developed western countries like UK, USA, Canada as well as the Middle East. The Kerala society as a whole are extremely proud of our medical graduates; especially the ones from Trivandrum Medical College and other government Medical Colleges of the state.

Though the college was started in 1951, the alumni association was established only in 2004 under the leadership of the great visionary, Padmasree Dr. M. Krishnan Nair. The Trivandrum Medical College Alumni Association was formally inaugurated on 16th September 2006 by the then Hon'ble Speaker of Kerala Assembly, Sri. M. Vijayakumar.

We are proud to acknowledge the fact that TMC Alumni Association is the brainchild of AKMG Leadership as the idea of forming an Alumni Association for the oldest Medical College in Kerala was initiated during the Association of Kerala Medical Graduates of USA and Canada (AKMG) Conference held at Trivandrum in December 2004 and the men behind the move were Dr. Narendra R. Kumar (1971 batch), the then president of AKMG, Dr. M. Krishnan

Nair (1959 batch) Founder Director, Regional Cancer Centre and Padmasree awardee and Dr. C.S. Madhu (1974 batch) Professor of Radiotherapy, to name a few. An Ad hoc committee was formed with Dr. M. Krishnan Nair as President and Dr. C.S. Madhu as Honorary Secretary. Dr. C.S. Madhu was soon transferred to Kottayam Medical College and formal alumni activities were started when Dr. C. John Panicker (1970 batch) took over as Honorary Secretary. Initially, the emphasis was on membership drive and in the first year itself the membership crossed 1000 and in 2007 a grand Alumni Convention was organised at Trivandrum in which more than 2500 alumni from various parts of the world participated. The cultural programme of this Convention was cherished by everyone and a number of celebrities including Padmasree Mohanlal participated in this magnificent event. After the great success of the 2007 Convention, the Alumni Association had been organising half-yearly conferences and annual conventions regularly. During this period, a lot of academic and infrastructural projects were undertaken by the Association, with the cooperation of the Government of Kerala, to help the students, staff and patients of Trivandrum Medical College.

Alumni Association Projects during the last 18 years Hospital Information Centre:

The suggestion to establish a Patient Information centre was mooted by the then Health Secretary of Kerala, Dr. Vishwas Mehta IAS, with the help of Principal Dr. Ramdas