

KNOW YOUR NURSING ICON



Prof. Violet Jothibai Jayachandran, born on the 22nd of April 1930 has a dynamic history giving her contributions to the nursing service and nursing education. This article wraps up details of her achievements and contributions to the nursing world.

Being the second batch of B.Sc.(N) graduate of 1947 at CMCH, Vellore, she has made her way to the Professor of Nursing and the Nursing Superintendent at CMCH, Vellore. She has held different ranks at CMCH, Vellore, from a staff nurse, tutor, lecturer,

reader, associate professor, professor, Dy. Dean and Nursing Supdt. She was one of the pioneer for setting up the curriculum for the Post Basic B.Sc.(N) and M.Sc.(N) programs in 1967. She was one of the leaders who worked hard towards the integration of Nursing service and Nursing education at CMCH, Vellore, which is a visible and prominent feature of CMCH, Vellore till date. She played a key role in setting up the surgical ICU at CMCH, Vellore in 1988-1989.

Academic Profile

Year	Course	Institution
July 1951	B.Sc. (N)	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
December 1951	Diploma in Midwifery	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
July 1953	Certificate in Teaching & Supervision	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
January 1959	M.Sc. (N)	Wayne State University, Detroit, USA.

During her period of Deputy Deanship, she started various courses like Operating Room Management, Community Health Nursing, Family Planning and Coronary Care Nursing. She played an important role in formulation of

curriculum for these courses and her untiring effort put towards these courses is a major achievement in her professional work. She further contributed in setting up the CSSD and the construction the new surgical ICU.

Professional Profile

Year	Position	Institution
1985-1990	Professor of Nursing	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1984-1985	Faculty	Bahrain.
1976-1984	Professor of Nursing	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1975-1976	Faculty	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, West Indies.
1974	Nursing Supd. & Prof. of Nursing.	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1965-1974	Prof. of Nursing & Dy. Dean	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1961-1965	Associate Prof. & Asst. Dean	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1959-1961	Lecturer in Nursing	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1956-1957	Senior Tutor	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1954-1956	Junior Tutor	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.
1952-1954	Staff Nurse	College of Nursing, CMCH, Vellore.

Overseas Training

Year	Course	Institution/Country
1957-1959	M.Sc. (N)	Wayne State University, Detroit, USA

Professor Violet Jeyachandran, was the secretary of the CMCH, Vellore Governing Council for 6 years. She is the only nurse who occupied this position in this institution. She continued to stay as a Professor to give her full attention to nursing education and leadership and towards the nursing service in the surgical department making several, innovations in nursing care skills and documentations. She served in the Board of Studies in Nursing

and as an examiner in several universities. She also organized several seminars and workshops on behalf of the South India Branch of the examination Board of the Christian Nurses League of the Christian Medical Association of India. She is a life member of the TNAI and CNL. She was the advisor to the SNA. She also held the post of Vice President and then President of the TNAI, Tamilnadu Branch. Further, she had

been an outstanding President for the Alumni Association. She also served as the examiner for the University of Bombay, Delhi, Chandigarh and also The Tamilnadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University. She was the editor of the Indian Journal of Continuing Nursing Education from 2000 to 2005.

Prestigious Awards Rewarded to Prof. Prof. Violet Jothibai Jayachandran

- 1951 First rank in the University of Madras- B.Sc., Nursing.
- 1951 General Proficiency prize for first rank in 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th year B.Sc., Class and Ida Scudder prize for “Best outgoing student” in B.Sc., Class.
- 1959 Membership in “SIGMA THETA TAU” (Honor society in Nursing) in USA for high academic standing in M.Sc., Class.
- 2011 Life Achievement Award. (By the TN Dr. M.G.R. Medical University) Tamilnadu.

Professor Violet Jeyachandran, was a prolific writer and published many articles in many journals. She contributed in the Text Book for Nurses in India, which was the first volume published by the CNL, CMAI. She presented

a paper at the International Nursing Conference held at Melbourne, Australia. Further, she visited many health centers in the US, Australia, Japan, Philippines and West Indies.

Professor Violet Jeyachandran, additionally served as the secretary to the governing board of Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet and Bethesda Hospital, Ambur until recently. She does a lot of voluntary services in Christian Institutions. She worked as an Honorary Manager of Anbu Illam from 1993-1997. From 1998, she served the Missionary Upholders Trust on a voluntary basis and presently the President of the Trust. She coordinated the health Schemes of the Trust for the past 10 years and regards this as a challenging and blessed experience.

Professor Violet Jeyachandran, will be always remembered for her outstanding, dynamic and excellent skills and especially for her excelling leadership qualities. She will definitely be remembered as one of the precious pearls that the nursing profession has had. I salute her and wish her good health and long life.