



SPONSORING BODY DETAILS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Christian College of Engineering and Technology, Oddanchatram was established and sponsored by the Christian Education, Health and Development Society (CEHDS), Ambilikkai, which was established with the vision of providing quality education, healthcare and community development services, particularly to the rural and economically disadvantaged population of the Oddanchatram–Ambilikkai region of Tamil Nadu.

The foundation for these activities was laid by a group of Indian Christian medical doctors who were committed to providing affordable healthcare to rural communities. Over the years, the activities expanded from healthcare to education, technical education, social welfare and community development.

The society was formally registered on 5 October 1974. According to the society's official record, its registered office is situated at the Christian Fellowship Community Health Centre campus, Santhipuram, Ambilikkai, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu – 624612. The society was registered under the Societies Registration Act, with registration particulars recorded by the society as S.No.17/1974 dated 05.10.1974.

The society was originally registered as the Christian English School Society, and its name was subsequently changed to Christian Education Health and Development Society. This historical change is also recorded in a Madras High Court judgment concerning the society.

The society progressively expanded its educational activities from school education to technical, nursing, arts and science, and engineering education.

The establishment of engineering and technical institutions reflects the society's objective of making professional and technical education accessible to rural youth. Institutional histories describe the engineering initiative as being motivated by the founders' desire to provide technical education and empower rural youth.

The contributions of Dr. Jacob Cherian, associated with the development of the society and its institutions, were recognized at the national level. He received a national award in 1994 for services concerning the welfare of persons

with disabilities and was subsequently awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1999 for contributions in health, education and community development.

The society's institutions have also developed their own recognition and accreditation milestones. For example, the Rev. Jacob Memorial Christian Arts & Science College received NAAC accreditation in 2007, and the Christian College of Nursing was recognized as a minority educational institution by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions in 2012.

Important Recent Milestones

Year	Development
2000	Christian College of Engineering and Technology established
2007	NAAC accreditation of Rev. Jacob Memorial Christian Arts & Science College
2012	Christian College of Nursing recognized as a Minority Educational Institution
2013	Memorial block and sports center developed at Christian College of Engineering and Technology
2014	Christian Fellowship Community Health Centre renamed Christian Hospital, Ambilikkai; CEHDS administrative block inaugurated
2015	Golden Jubilee of Christian Hospital, Ambilikkai
2017	Hospital management software introduced
2019	NABH Entry-Level Accreditation for the hospital; Orthopedic Department started
2020	Modular Operation Theatre with HEPA filtration and laminar-flow facility established