

# KMCH doctor to head ISVIR

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DR MATHEW CHERIAN, chief of Radiology services, Kovai Medical Centre and Hospital (KMCH) has been elected president of the Indian Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (ISVIR).

At the recently concluded annual conference of the society held in Delhi, Dr Cheri-an was elected to the august body. Significantly, Dr Cheri-an's selection to the post was on the basis of treatments



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performed at the hospital for the last two decades, and also for conducting several training programmes towards developing the speciality.

According to KMCH chairman Dr Nalla G Palanisami, the department of interventional radiology is one of the well-recognised departments across the country wherein a wide range of procedures are being performed.

Dr Cheri-an, as founder member of the 12-year-old Indian Society of Vascular and Interventional Radiology, has played a proactive

role in popularising the minimally invasive surgical techniques among the surgeons.

Interventional radiology has been practiced in the country for more than two decades. However, only a meagre fifty hospitals were actively practising the vital speciality.

Dr Cheri-an said that several procedures under this speciality could be used to save the lives of patients, especially in treating active bleeding when no other option is available.