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Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan Memorial Scientific Session

Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan is a name that is etched in the field of contact lens practice in India. Fondly remembered as Dr Raji, with two decades of experience in contact lenses and international acclaim, she had been a trendsetter in various innovations in contact lens practice and specialty contact lens practice in India.

In her fond memory, [Sankara Nethralaya](#) in Chennai, India, initiated the 'Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan Memorial Contact Lens Oration' that has taken place on her birthday (9 September) every year since 2020. Dr Rajeswari was the second Indian to complete a PhD in optometry from an Indian university and the first to do so in the subject of contact lenses.

As Past Asia Pacific President, Dr Raji's contributions to IACLE were enormous. She was a passionate teacher who participated in numerous IACLE programs, including the Distance Learning Program, Student Trial Exam, the Fellowship Exam and achieved Lifetime FIACLE status, and was the first recipient to receive the IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Award in 2014.