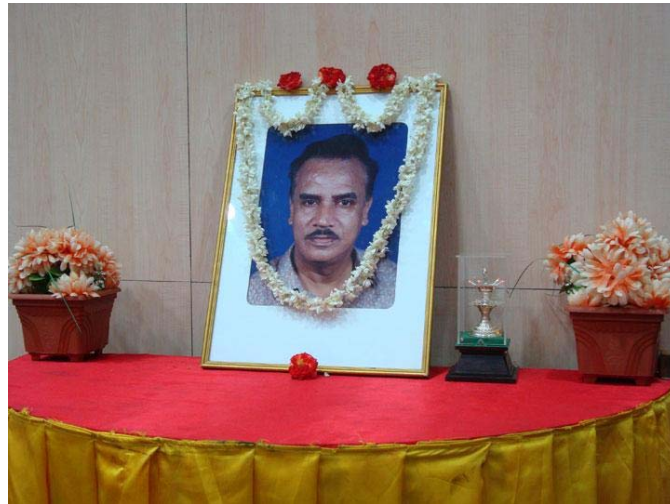


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Dr E. Vaithilingam, is a prominent name in the field of Optometry in India and abroad. Late Dr E Vaithilingam who was the principal of the Elite School of Optometry, Contact Lens consultant and Head of Low Vision services, Sankara Nethralaya from 1991 to 2001 and past president of the Indian Optometric Association for two terms set the way for optometry related research in India. He was particularly keen on low vision research and authored over a hundred scientific papers as well as writing a book titled Practice of Low Vision- a guide. He was on the editorial board of the Indian Contact lens Journal and has several 'firsts' to his credit. He was the first Indian to become a Fellow of the International Contact Lens Educators (FIACLE), the first Indian to be awarded the Fellow of the American Association of Optometrists (FAAO) and the only Indian to be invited to participate in the Ellerbrook Memorial lecture.