

Dr .Rajeswari Mahadevan , Phd, M.Phil opt, FIACLE, FSLS, FBCLA, BAMS



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We have lost Dr. Rajeswari Mahadevan, fondly called as Raji, to the hard battle with cancer. She was heading the contact lens clinic for almost two decades now. Raji epitomized leadership, courage, resilience, dedication, perfection, and innovation. She brought in all the best practices and advancements in the field of contact lenses and specialty contact lenses to Sankara Nethralaya that raised the status of the contact lens clinic at SN to the Numero uno position.

Raji graduated from the prestigious Elite school of Optometry (ESO) in 1998 and went ahead to pursue her M.Phil and PhD in contact lenses while continuing to serve at SN. She held a number of first of its kind accolades including a PhD in the field of specialty contact lenses, PROSE clinical fellowship from the Boston Foundation for Sight, USA to becoming the Asia Pacific Regional president of the executive board of the “International association of contact lens educators (IACLE)”. She became a Fellow of the International association of contact lens educators (FIACLE) in 2000, obtained FSLS a fellowship from the scleral lens education society in 2014, awarded the First initiated, Educator of the year award in the field of contact lens in Asia pacific region for the year 2014, received the fellowship from the British contact lens association (FBCLA) in the year 2014, fellowship from the American academy of optometry (FAAO) in 2016, and serves as the Asia pacific – President for IACLE. There was never a moment when she did not think of “What next”.



The proudest moment in her life was authoring her first book on “Trouble shooting and problem solving in contact lens practice” which was released during the ESO’s international vision science and optometry conference in 2015 by her revered Guru Mahatria Ra. She also authored a chapter on “Role of contact lens in different environment” in a book published on occupational optometry, a chapter on Cornea and Contact Lens in the book Peyman’s Ophthalmology.

‘Grief is really just Love. It’s all the love we want to give but cannot. All of that unspent love gathers up in the corners of our eyes, the lump in our throat and in that hollow part of our chest. Grief is just love with no place to go’.

Raji will be missed deeply and her loss is indeed an irreplaceable and irreparable one to the SN family. She will remain an inspiration to many in the personal and professional front.

Please join us in sending our deepest condolences and prayers to her husband Mr. Ganesh, daughter Ms. Ashwini Ganesh and bereaved family.