

# DETAILS OF LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE YEARS

## Department of Ophthalmology

Govt Rajaji Hospital, Madurai.

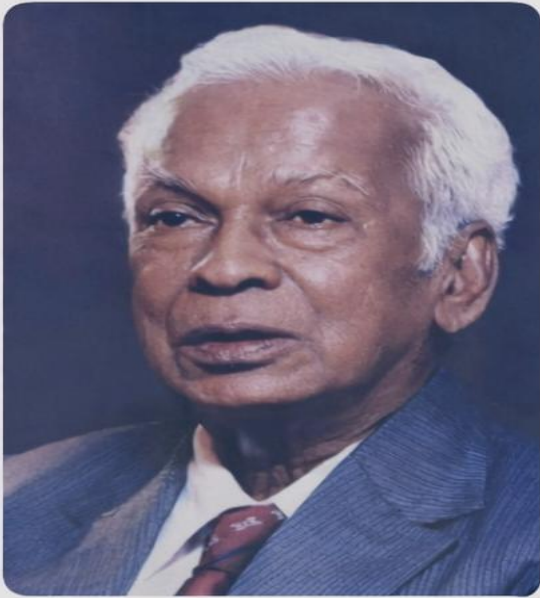
The Govt. Rajaji Hospital was established in the name of ERSKINE Hospital in 1842 and was taken over by Madurai Municipality in 1872 and later state administration took over in 1918.

It became a teaching Medical Institute attached to the Govt Rajaji Hospital in 1954. In 1956 the department of Ophthalmology started in Madurai Medical College and Dr. G. Venkataswamy (founder of Aravind Eye Care System) was appointed as the first professor and head of the Department of Ophthalmology. He held this post for 20 years. The first Rehabilitation and Low Vision Centre in India was established at the Department of Ophthalmology, Madurai Medical College in 1966.

The Department of Ophthalmology, Govt Rajaji Hospital, Madurai has been functioning well for the past 70 years and has become an excellent regional eye care centre for South Tamil Nadu people. In recent years, the Ophthalmology department has been given a complete makeover to make people of southern districts of Tamil Nadu prefer it to private hospitals.

Currently advanced eye surgeries, specialized examinations and treatments, training for doctors (MS Ophthalmology) and allied eye health courses (B.S. Optometry) are being provided here with state-of-the-art facilities.

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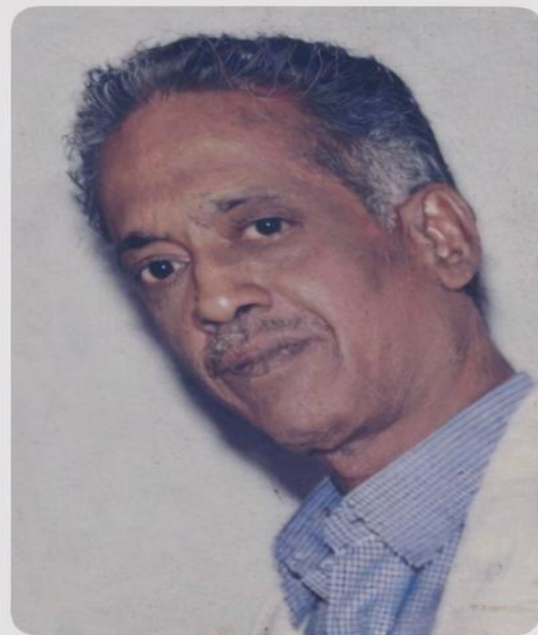
**Prof. G. Venkataswamy**  
1956-1976



**Prof. S. Thiyagarajan,**  
1966 - 1982

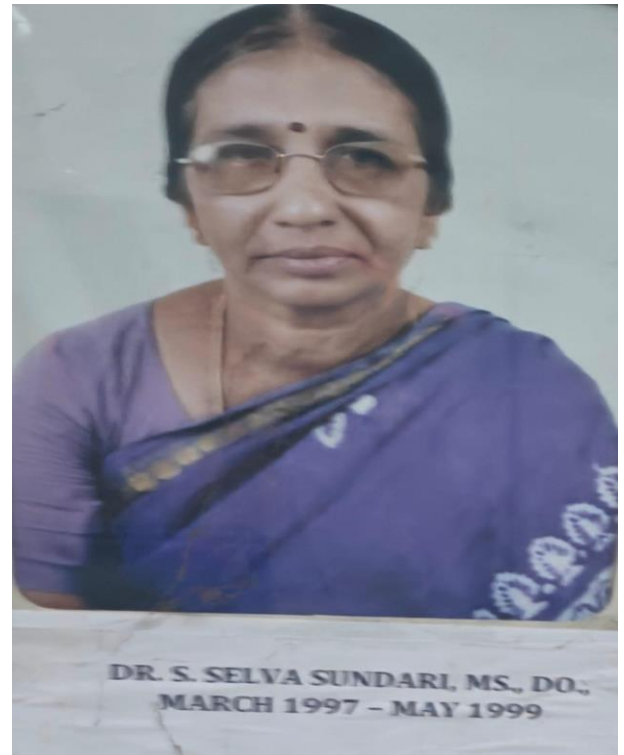
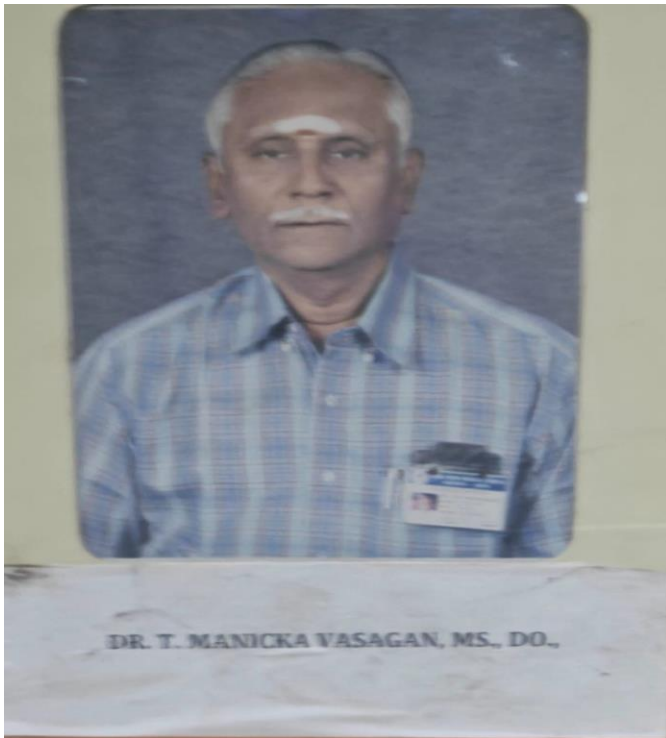


**Prof. Dr. SARAVANAN, MS., DO.,**  
From 1984 to 1986



**Dr. M. C. Palani, MS., DO.,**  
1992

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**DR.R.GITA RAMANI , M.S., D.O.,**  
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**PROF.DR.R.UNNAMALAI**  
**B.SC M.S DO.**  
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**PROF.DR. THIYAGARAJAN M.S.,**  
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**PROF.DR. S.V. CHANDRAKUMAR M.S.,**  
**2019 - 2021**

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**DR. VIJAYA SHANMUGAM M.S.,  
PROF & HOD 2021 - 2023**

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**DR.K.KAVITHA M.S.,DNB.,  
PROF & HOD 2023 - Till date**

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