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Ambujammal Desikachari

CHENNAI ICONIC WOMEN



Dr. Shantha



Dr. Muthulakshmi



Ms. Saraswathi Bai



R.S. Subbulakshmi Krupabai



Mrs. Chellammal



MRS T.P.RAJALAKSHMI

- ◉ First Tamil and Telugu film heroine
- ◉ Female director and producer in south Indian cinema industry
- ◉ Freedom fighter
- ◉ Initiated social awareness to fight against
“female child assassination”
- ◉ Imprisoned many times by British government



Dame Mary Ann Dacomb Scharlieb

- ◉ Dame Mary Ann Dacomb Scharlieb, DBE (18 June 1845 – 21 November 1930) was a pioneer British female physician and gynaecologist in the late 19th/early 20th centuries.
- ◉ One of the first four women student at **madras medical college**
- ◉ In 1878 graduated in Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery from **madras medical college**
- ◉ Obtained MD and MS at University of London
- ◉ **Kasturbha hospital at Chennai was the brain child of Dame Mary Ann Dacomb Scharlieb.**

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Dame Mary Ann Dacomb Scharlieb

- ◉ While at London met Queen Victoria who was curious about the status of Indian women. She explained to the Queen the problems of women during delivery and how women with purdah had found it difficult when male doctors conducted complex deliveries. So was established the Queen Victoria hospital for caste and gosha women which is the present Kasturba Gandhi hospital, Triplicane.
- ◉ Initially the hospital was established at Moore's Garden Nungambakkam and later shifted to Triplicane
- ◉ This is the effort of Dame Mary Ann with Queen Victoria who with the help of the Government of Madras and other philanthropists like Sri Kasturi Iyengar, Mr. Raghunatha Rao, Raja Sir Ramaswamy was able to establish the hospital



Krupabai Satthianadhan

- ◉ 1862-1894
- ◉ First English novel writer in India



Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy

- 1886-1968
- First women doctor in India
- Social reformer
- 1917-founded Women's Indian Association (WIA) along with Dr Annie Besant.
- First female legislator in India
- Appointed to the Madras legislative council in 1927.
- 1954-Established Cancer Institute, Adyar,Chennai
- 1956 – Padma Bhushan
- Son,(Late)Dr S.Krishnamurthi,a Doctor & Institutional Builder of Cancer Institute at Adyar,Chennai.



Dr. Shanta

- Born: 11/03/1927
- Indian Oncologist
- Chairperson of Cancer Institute
, Adyar, Chennai
- Awarded in 2005 Magsaysay Award
- Awarded in 1986 Padma Shri
- Awarded in 2006 Padma Bhushan
- Awarded in 2016 Padma Vibhushan



Mrs. Vai. Mu. Kothainayagi Ammal

- ◉ 1/12/1901 - 20/02/1960
- ◉ Novelist, Writer, Journalist
- ◉ First female writer in Tamil to write a detective novel.
- ◉ written 115 books, published a monthly tamil magazine-Jaganmohini
- ◉ She was also a feminist and a freedom fighter.



Mrs. Sivabogam

- ◎ 1887 - 1966
- ◎ The first women chartered accountant of India.
- ◎ First women tax payer in Chennai.

Mrs. Saraswathi Bai



- ◎ 1892 - 1974
- ◎ First women Harikatha artiste of south India-Lady Bhagavathar



Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale

- ◉ 29-2-1904 -- 24-02-1986
- ◉ Indian Theosophist, dancer and choreographer of Indian classical dance, Bharatanatyam.
- ◉ 1936 (January) founded Kalashetra in Chennai
- ◉ An activist for animal rights and welfare.
- ◉ First woman in Indian history to be nominated as a member of Rajyasabha.
- ◉ 1956-Awarded Padma Bhushan .
- ◉ 1957-Awarded Sangeet natak academy fellowship



Lady Andal Venkatasubba Rao

- ◎ 1894 - 1969
- ◎ Lady Andal amma-Indian Social worker ,
Educationist,
- ◎ Co founder of Madras Seva Sadhan.
- ◎ Awarded Padma Bhushan in 1957.



Sister R.S. Subbalakshmi

- ◉ 18/08/ 1886 -20/12/1969
- ◉ Widow at the age of 12,resolved to be a sister to all widows and made that word a prefix to her name
- ◉ Social Reformer and educationist
- ◉ 1912 founded the Sarada Ladies Union –Sarada illam or widow's home, which rehabilitated and educated child widows in Madras
- ◉ 1922- Inaugurated Lady Willington Training College & Practice School –First Principal
- ◉ 1942- established Srividya Kala Nilayam-school for adult women
- ◉ Awarded in1958-Padma Shri
- ◉ Made efforts to abolish child marriage



Annie Besant

- Former British Socialist , Theosophist, Women's right activist, writer , Orator and supporter of Indian Independence.
- Started Home Rule league,
- Theosophical Society.



Florence Nightingale

- Lady with the Lamp.
- Nurse who helped the injured warriors during world war .
- Instrumental and a key person to help the Chennai's Drainage system



Mrs. Ambujammal Desikachari

- ◉ She was an Indian Independence activists and women's right activist.
- ◉ Gandhian ,
- ◉ She participated in the civil disobedience Movement.
- ◉ Served as Vice President of Tamil Nadu Congress Committee.
- ◉ 1964- Padma Shri
- ◉ Died in 1993



Durgabai Deshmukh

1909-1981

- Durgabai Deshmukh was an Indian freedom fighter , social activist, Reformer, Politician , Lawyer.
- She founded the Andhra Mahila Sabha in 1937.
- Member of the constituent Assembly and Planning commission of India.
- 1954 Padma Vibhushan



(TMT)MYLAICHELLAMMAL

- After her husband's death she decided to donate his hard earned wealth and property wisely and usefully. The great part of donation was for Education and Empowerment of women.
- Chellammal College for women was started on 1971 at Guindy, Chennai.