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# DR. MUTHULAKSHMI

Muthulakshmi was born in 1886.

She came from middle class Hindu family in the Pudukkottai District in Tamilnadu.

She was the eldest daughter of S. Narayana swami Iyer and Chandrammal.

Her father was the Principal of the Maharaja College.

# Education

- ▣ In those days girls were generally not sent to school.
- ▣ Her father paved the way for Muthulakshmi's future Endeavour's and to be a role model for all women. He broke the tradition and sends her daughter to school.
- ▣ She was brilliant in her studies successfully she completed her high school education.

# Education

- ▣ She applied to Maharaja college for higher education. Her application was rejected. The reasons were she was a girl and her background.
- ▣ The maharaja of Puddukkotai admitted her to college and gave scholarship.
- ▣ She was the first girl to be admitted in men's College. Successfully she completed her college education.



# First women doctor in India

- ▣ During college day she met Sarojini Naidu famously known as the Nightingale of India.
- ▣ She joined the Madras Medical College.
- ▣ she was the first Tamil and Indian women doctor in India.
- ▣ She became house surgeon in Government hospital for women and children in Chennai.

# Marriage life

- ▣ She married at the age of 28.
- ▣ She went to England for her higher studies.
- ▣ She was nominated as a member in Madras Legislative.
- ▣ She became the first woman in the world to be a vice president of legislative council.

# Welfare programmes

- ▣ Inagurated “Avvai Illam” at Madras for widows and orphan’s on 1930.
- ▣ She was the founder of Adyar cancer Institute.
- ▣ She was a great social worker.
- ▣ In 1956 she was awarded Padma Bhusan by government of India.
- ▣ Even at the age of 80 she was energetic. In 1968 July 22<sup>nd</sup> her service to the society, came to an end at the age of 82.

# Role Model

- ❑ Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy was a good writer and an excellent orator.
- ❑ She was one of the greatest women of 20<sup>th</sup> century in India.
- ❑ She was a great worker.
- ❑ She was the role model for many women.