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About mLAC

Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women, Autonomous is the brainchild of the founding father Dr. K.N.V Sastri, a noted historian, and political thinker. In response to the persistent demands of the residents of North Bangalore for an exclusive women's college in their neighbourhood Dr. K.N.V. Sastri established the college in 1972. Dr.K.N.V Sastri (1895-1984), the founder director cum coordinator, a noted scholar, author and professor in the area of Indian History and Politics – envisioned an exclusive women's degree college, the outcome of his dream was the establishment of Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College For Women, affiliated to Bangalore University with strength of just 12 girls. The vision of the mLAC Trust and the relentless efforts of the Principal and staff over the past five decades has steered the institution firmly towards the consolidation of the founder's dream. Today, the institution runs PUC, UG, PG and PhD programs and is ranked amongst the top colleges in Bangalore.

About the Speaker

Madhavi Latha Gali is a Professor of Civil Engineering and the Chair of Centre for Sustainable Technologies at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. She is a fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering. She was born to a farming couple in a small village of Andhra Pradesh and graduated in Civil Engineering from JNTU Kakinada in 1992, becoming the first engineer from her village. A gold medalist from NIT Warangal and a Doctorate from IIT Madras, Prof. Madhavi was the first female faculty member of the more than 50-year-old Department of Civil Engineering at Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

She is known for her significant technical contributions as a geotechnical consultant to the world's highest railway bridge across river Chenab in Jammu. She received many awards, including the Distinguished alumna award of NIT Warangal, NDTV Science Icon of the year 2025, Ramoji excellence award in Science and Technology, Best woman researcher in Geotechnical Engineering award of IGS, Prof. S. K. Chatterjee outstanding researcher award of IISc, Vishwakarma award, Teacher Extraordinaire award, and Er. Avinash Shirode Yashokirti award. She is listed in the top 75 women in STEAM of India.

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