

C. Narayana Reddy

Cingireddy Narayana Reddy, popularly known as C. Narayana Reddy, also CNR and CNaRe, was born in Andhra Pradesh in 1931. He is a Telugu writer of eminence and poet of distinction.

His first published work "Nagarjuna Sagaram" was a collection of poems he wrote while he was still a student in college. All Telugu literary writers immediately took notice of this young poet. (One of the famous poems from this collection was a song entitled "Ramappa". This was later used in the film "Amara Shilpi Jakkanna", released in 1964.) Soon after this he followed with another book of poetry, this time a ballad, called "Karpooora Vasantha Rayalu". This book immediately established him as one of the foremost writers in the Telugu literary field.



CNR followed these initial successes with many other books and collections of poems. He got acquainted during one of these literary gatherings with the famous film actor, producer, and director N.T. Rama Rao. Rao offered him to write all songs for his next venture, "Gulebakavali Katha". When this

movie was released in 1962, every song from the film became a huge hit. CNaRe became famous among the cinegoers and he soon established himself as a poet who wrote romantically rich songs.

As CNR's work in the films started flourishing, in parallel, he continued to work as a Professor. He also never stopped publishing books. Later CNR worked as the vice chancellor of two universities at different times.

CNR's distinguished literary accomplishments are adorned with several well earned awards. He won the coveted Gyanpeeth Award in 1988. In 1992, the Government of India bestowed him with the Padma Vibhushan Award.

According to one estimate, CNR wrote more than 3,000 songs for Telugu films. Majority of these songs became very popular ensuring at least in part to the success of some of these films.

CNR entered the cine field when Savithri was at top of her game. In the next few years he contributed songs for many of her films. This list includes scores of films.