

Jamuna

Beautiful and talented Jamuna was born in Andhra Pradesh in 1936. She was spotted in a stage play, "Maa Bhoomi", by Raja Rao who offered her to play the female lead in his production "Puttillu". The film starring Raja Rao and Jamuna was released in 1952 and was a modest hit.

A beautiful actress with lots of grace, Jamuna soon found herself very busy. In her illustrious career she acted in nearly 200 films, mostly in Telugu. One of the roles she became very popular was for playing Satyabhama in "Sri Krishna Tulabharam" made in 1966.

Jamuna also acted in all other Southern languages as well as few Hindi films. She even bagged a Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress in Hindi for the film "Milan" in 1967, where she reprised the role from the hit Telugu film, "Mooga Manasulu (1964)".



Later Jamuna entered political arena and slowly distanced herself from further acting assignments. She was in politics first as a member of the Congress Party and then BJP.

Jamuna was instrumental in establishing the "Andhra Pradesh Professional Theatre Artistes Association" with the intent of providing social work for the needed artistes. The Association has been in business for over quarter of a century. She also has a Public Charitable Trust after her name that helps poor artistes.

Apart from the Filmfare Award mentioned earlier, Jamuna also won several other awards during her career. Recently in 2008, she received the "NTR National Award." This year, on Savithri's death anniversary on December 26, 2010, she will be awarded "Savithri Memorial Award." This award was instituted by Dasari Narayana Rao, a famous director of over 100 films, in fond memory of Savithri. Jamuna will be the first recipient of the Award.

Jamuna and Savithri knew each other from their childhood days as stage artistes. Savithri, who had an older sister but no younger one, used to call and treat her as her own younger sister. When both of them became film stars, their relationship continued to foster.

In professional capacity Savithri and Jamuna appeared in a few films together. Here are some of these films...

1. Donga Ramudu (1955)
2. Missamma (1955)
3. Missiamma (1955) (Tamil)
4. Appu Chesi Pappu Koodu (1958)
5. Kadanvaangi Kalyanam (1958)
6. Gundamma Katha (1962)
7. Manithan Maravillai (1962)
8. Mooga Manasulu (1964)
9. Pooja Phalam (1964)