

Kaikala Satyanarayana

Kaikala Satyanarayana was born in 1935 in Andhra Pradesh. His family and Savithri's family knew each other well.

After graduating from college, with his good N.T. Rama Rao-like looks and a distinctive voice, he longed to be an actor. He went to Chennai looking for roles. In 1959 he landed himself as the hero in the Telugu movie "Sipayi Koothuru". The movie was produced by D.L. Narayana became a flop.

But Satyanarayana's NTR-like looks didn't go unnoticed. Soon he found himself playing as a double for NTR. Later NTR offered him a role in "Apoorva Sahasra Sirachcheda Chintamani" in 1960. But it was "Kanaka Durga Pooja Mahima", also made in 1960, which was directed by Vithalacharya that brought him stardom. He played a villain in that movie which opened doors for many more movies to follow.



In nearly four decades of work Satyanarayana played all types of roles. By one estimate he worked in close to 800 movies!

He became a producer and made several movies. Later he entered into politics and was elected to Lok Sabha.

By the time Satyanarayana became famous, Savithri already was an undisputed silver screen queen in the South. They were in few movies together and were paired as husband and wife. Some of the later movies of Savithri he was in were "Ummadi Kutumbam" and "Vara Katnam".