

Thirai Isai Medhai R Sudarsanam

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- Born on April 26, 1914
- His mother tongue was Telugu. His father Ramakrishna worked in Bangalore and so young Sudarsanam grew up there. His father introduced carnatic music to Sudarsanam. His father also sent him to Kuppi Veeranna to learn stage acting. With this training, he joined the drama troupe “Boys’ Company”. There he met Kesava Murthy who taught him violin.
- Sudarsanam, then moved to Chennai and joined AVM’s Sarsavathi stores who made gramophone records. There he played harmonium for gramophone recording of plays.
- Looking at his skills, AVM hired him on a monthly salary to play music for films such as Vayaadi, Poli Paanchaali and Sabapathy (1940’s). In these films, credit for music was given under Saraswathy Stores Orchestra. Soon he became AVM’s “Aasthaana Vidwaan”. He made the tune for AVM logo. In 1945 his name appeared as music director in AVM’s musical Sri Valli.
- In 1947, AVM produced Naam Iruvar with Bharatiyar songs. AVM acquired the copyright for Bharati songs for a sum of Rs 10,000 from someone who already bought it for Rs 600. Sudarsanam composed the music and these songs are played to this day. Later on he added more Bharatiyar’s songs and Bharatidasan’s to his list. They are all memorable.
- Many actors were introduced in Sudarsanam’s films. To name a few- Vyjayanthimala, Sivaji Ganesan and Kamal Haasan .
- Sudarsanam became famous for movies such as Sri Valli, Naam Iruvar, Vaazhkai, Ore Iravu, Parasakthi, Kalathur Kannamma, Deivappiravi, Annai, Naanum Oru Penn, Kuladeivam and Poompuhar. He had an active career from 1940-1966. But the tsunami wave of Viswanathan-Ramamurthy blew him off. AVM preferred new blood and new music. The most talented individual became the most under rated artist in Indian cinema!
- Sudarsanam spent his non working years playing harmonium for his own enjoyment and teaching Veena to young and upcoming art students.
- Sudarsanam died in the year 1992. He is fondly remembered as “திரையிசை மேதை”.
- Ref: Jaya TV News/Wikipedia.

List of Hit Movies (1945-1966)

தமிழ்த் திரைப்படங்கள்

[ஸ்ரீ வள்ளி](#) (1945)

[நாம் இருவர்](#) (1947)

[வேதாள உலகம்](#) (1948)

[வாழ்க்கை](#) (1949)

[ஓர் இரவு](#) (1951)

[பராசக்தி](#) (1952)

[பெண்](#) (1954)

[செல்லப்பிள்ளை](#) (1955)

[பக்த இராவணா](#) (1958)

[மாமியார் மெச்சின மருமகள்](#) (1959)

[களத்தூர் கண்ணம்மா](#) (1960)

[தெய்வப்பிறவி](#) (1960)

[அன்னை](#) (1962)

[நானும் ஒரு பெண்](#) (1963)

[பூம்புகார்](#) (1964)

[அன்புக்கரங்கள்](#) (1965)

[கார்த்திகைத்தீபம்](#) (1965)

[பூமாலை](#) (1965)

[மணிமகுடம்](#) (1966)--- Ref: Tamil Wikipedia

•R Sudarsanam Film Songs (80) Playlist-

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3zwcwSTJZx0P7iVZmDCRj7vr>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3wv1hovzPaepFucsBCJUOF5>