

BIO-DATA

A postgraduate in Kannada Literature and a diploma holder in journalism, after a short stint as Journalist, he entered Film land in 1990 as Screenplay and dialogue writer. In 1995 he became Independent Director of Television serials, Documentaries and Tele films. His maiden effort as Director of feature film **MUNNUDI** (*A Preface*) in the year 2000 has brought him great applause for his sensitive approach to cinema and was also hailed as a landmark film. He followed it up with **ATITHI** (*The Guest-2001*), **BERU** (*The Root-2004*), **THUTTURI** (*The Bugle-2005*), **VIMUKTHI** (*Liberation-2008*), **BETTADA JEEVA** (*Man of the Hills-2010*), seventh film **BHARATH STORES** (*2012*), and eight film **DECEMBER-1** (*2013*). All these EIGHT films received National Award. He is the first director to receive eight consecutive National Awards.

His creations as Director are as follows: (Feature Films)

1. **MUNNUDI** (*A Preface*)
2. **ATITHI** (*The Guest*)
3. **BERU** (*The Root*)
4. **THUTTURI** (*The Bugle*)
5. **VIMUKTHI** (*Liberation*)
6. **BETTADA JEEVA** (*Man of the Hills*)
7. **BHARATH STORES**
8. **DECEMBER-1**
9. **VIDAAYA**
10. **BETI**
11. **MOOKAJJIYA KANASUGALU**
12. **MOHANDAS** (In Hindi, English & Kannada)

And also made several Television serials and Documentaries

Awards:

- * **National Film Awards-2001** (Best film on SOCIAL ISSUES- **MUNNUDI**)
- * **KARNATAKA STATE FILM AWARDS- 2000-01** (Best film on Social concern)
- * **National Film Awards-2002** (Best Regional Film In Kannada Language - **ATITHI**)
- * **National Film Awards-2005** (Best Regional Film in Kannada - **BERU**)
- * **KARNATAKA STATE FILM AWARDS- 2004-05** (Second Best film – **BERU**)
- * **National Film Awards-2006** (Best Film on Environment Preservation- **THUTTURI**)
- * **KARNATAKA STATE FILM AWARDS- 2004-05** (Best Children film- **THUTTURI**)
- * **International Award- 2006-07**(Best Audience Award-Dhaka Festival-**THUTTURI**)
- * **International Award- 2006-07** ('Earth Vision' Award –Tokyo Festival- **THUTTURI**)
- * **National Film Awards-2008** (Best Regional Film in Kannada - **VIMUKTHI**)
- * **National Film Awards-2010** (Best Film on Environment - **BETTADA JEEVA**)
- * **National Film Awards-2012** (Best Film in Kannada – **BHARATH STORES**)
- * **National Film Awards-2013** (Best Film in Kannada – **DECEMBER-1**)
- * **National Film Awards-2013** (Best Screenplay – **DECEMBER-1**)

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