

John Wayne and MGR: Career Comparison

Criteria	John Wayne	M.G. Ramachandran (MGR)
1) Life span	1907-1979	1917-1987
2) Place of birth	Winterset, Iowa (USA)	Kandy, Ceylon.
3) Location of career	Hollywood	Madras (Chennai), India
4) Movie debut	1928 (<i>Mother Machree</i>)	1936 (<i>Sati Leelavathi</i>)
5) Favorite silent movie actor	Douglas Fairbanks Sr.	Master Vithal, Errol Flynn
6) No. of movies before stardom	64	15
7) Stardom gained in	1939 (<i>Stagecoach</i>)	1947 (<i>Rajakumari</i>)
8) Speciality movie genre	The Western	Tamil historical/martial arts
9) Most identified director	John Ford (21 movies)	A.S.A. Samy (3 movies) & P. Neelakantan (17 movies)
10) Final movie	1976 (<i>The Shootist</i>)	1978 (<i>Maduraiyai meeda Sundara Pandiyan</i>)
11) Total no. of movies acted	152	136
12) Unique recognition for his generation	most popular American movie star	most popular South Indian movie star
13) political fame	pro-Republican	founder of AIADMK party
14) known political platform	anti-Communist	'Annaism' and anti-Sinhalese rule in Sri Lanka for Tamils
15) False step as political activist	supporting Joseph McCarthy in 1952 Republican National Convention	joining minority Charan Singh government in 1979
16) Age at death	72	70
17) Cause of death	stomach cancer	multiple organ failure