

**Table: Careers of Two Tamil Movie Heroes; M.K.T. Bhagavathar and MGR**

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<b>Parameter</b>	<b>M.K.T. Bhagavathar</b>	<b>MGR</b>
Year of Birth	1910	1917
Early Training	Tamil drama	Tamil drama
Special attribute	stellar singing voice	Tamil martial arts
Debut movie	<i>Pavalakkodi</i> (1934)	<i>Sathi Leelavathi</i> (1936)
Charisma secured	<i>Pavalakkodi</i> (1934)	<i>Malai Kallan</i> (1954)
Appearance in same movies	<i>Ashok Kumar</i> (hero) <i>Raja Mukthi</i> (hero)	<i>Ashok Kumar</i> (minor role) <i>Raja Mukthi</i> (villain?)
Span of film career	1934 – 1960 (14 movies)	1936 – 1978 (133 movies)
Benefactor directors	K. Subramanyam Ellis Dungan Raja Chandrasekhar	A.S.A. Samy Ellis Dungan Raja Chandrasekhar
Charisma damaged	3 <sup>rd</sup> accused in the gossip journalist Lakshmikanthan murder case (1944)	none
Attempt to retrieve charisma	repeated failure since 1948 until death in 1959	[not applicable]
Second career option	reneged offer to contest in 1957 general election in a Congress Party ticket.	successful entry in 1967, as a DMK party nominee; then Chief Minister of TN
Year and cause of Death	1959; complications from diabetes, diabetic retinopathy.	1987; complications from diabetes and stroke

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