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By RANDOR GUY

### Tamil Cinema and Music - 20

Gudalur Narayanaswami Balasubramaniam was born on January 6, 1910.

His father G. V. Narayanaswami Iyer, the popular Headmaster of Hindu High School, Triplicane, was a type-cast Tanjorean to the hilt. Music ran in the veins of Iyer and he was on first-name basis and intimacy with the legendary musical stalwarts of the day Tirukodikaval Krishna Iyer (the violin wizard) and Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer's uncle), Thirumarugal Natesa Pillai (the great nagaswaram-exponent T. N. Rajaratnam Pillai's uncle), Palladam Sanjeeva Rao (the famed flautist), and Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar, the greatest Roman of them all. They frequently visited him at his home in Madras and often sang there. No wonder that music entered the soul, sinews and skin of the young lad, Balu.

"Right from my birth I lived in an atmosphere drenched in music and this helped to nurture, develop and sustain my ardour in music", GNB wrote later.

Blessed with handsome looks, charm and a malleable melodious voice, GNB received encouragement in music from his learned father. And he did well in his studies too and secured his B. A. (Hons.) degree in English Literature in 1930.

Like most middle-class Brahmins of the day, his father wished that his son should become a lawyer and move to Luz Church Road, Mylapore where top lawyers lived in their bungalows and garden houses! But GNB had already made up his mind to be a professional performing musician.

Indeed he took his bow in 1928 by singing at the Kapaleeswarar temple in Mylapore. It was a raving debut. He had received training under the noted violinist Karur Chinnaswami Iyer and Madurai Subramania Iyer, both neighbours in Triplicane. Besides formal training, he had imbibed by sheer mental osmosis by listening to the great legends like Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar and Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer.

Soon his fame began to fan out fast and ere long he was a much-sought-after performer. His style of singing found increasing favour with music lovers and a 'GNB-bani' emerged. And, lo, GNB, the legend was born.....

Not surprisingly Tamil cinema spread out the red carpet to the resplendent rising star and a Coimbatore-based film producer, A. N. Maruthachalam Chettiar first signed GNB for his movie. Affectionately known as 'Chellam', he had promoted a film company, 'Chellam Talkies' in association with his pals like the textile mill owner and moneybag of Kovai, P. S. Sathappa Chettiar. Its first venture was 'Bhama Vijayam', a mythological about Lord Krishna, Sathyabhama and Rukmini.

To direct the movie, the Hollywood-trained filmmaker Manik Lal Tandon was engaged and, since he knew no Tamil, the Coimbatore-lawyer-turned-filmmaker C. K. Sachi was brought in to assist him. Popular stage stars P. S. Ratna Bai, P. S. Saraswathi Bai (known as 'Palayamkottah Sisters' or 'Bai Sisters') and M.R. Krishnamurthy were fixed to play Rukmini, Sathyabhama and Krishna respectively. (Krishnamurthi was Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer's younger brother and noted stage and screen star of his day.)

It was to play as Sage Narada that GNB was brought in. He was described in the posters, hand-bills and song books of 'Bhama Vijayam' as 'Hutchins Gramophone Plate Fame Sangeetha Vidwan' as he was the first recognized Carnatic musician to act in cinema. (Hutchins was a gramophone record producing company of yester-years which had on its rolls prominent artistes to sing for it. Gramophone records were then colloquially called 'plates').

'Bhama Vijayam', produced at a cost of Rs. 80,000, collected over Rs. 10 lakhs at the box office, an incredible megabuck in the 1930s! Like most Tamil films of the day, it too had as many as 59 songs! GNB sang eight of them in the classic ragas Atana, Sahana, Sindhu Bhairavi, Thodi, Senjurutti, Yadukulakambodhi, Hindolam and Hamsanandhi. Interestingly Narada sang 'Balakanakamaya' in raga Atana and 'Koti nadhulu' in raga Thodi, compositions of Saint Thyagaraja Swamigal, as duets with Lord Krishna! That was not all. In the end, all characters in the movie sang in chorus 'Jana Gana Mana'! Anachronism? Maybe, but nobody cared a damn. Surely those were the days!

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## ISKCON program in Mambalam

*By Our Staff Reporter*

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'உங்களுக்கு வேணாம்னா சொல்லுங்க நாய்க்குப் போட்டுட நேரன். பாவம்! அரைமனியா வாசலிலே வாலை விசிறியா ஆட்டின்டு நிக்கறது அது குத்தம் குறை சொல்லாம சமர்த்தா சாப்பிடும்.'

'என்டி? நாய்க்கு ஒரு படி மேலதான் நான் இருக்கேனா? என்னமோ மிருகச்சியா நாய்க்காக அதை ரிசர்வ் செஞ்ச வெச் சிறந்த மாதிரியும், அதுக்கு முன்னாடி எனக்கு வேணுமான்னு எதோ என்னைக் கல்யாணம் பண்ணின்ட கடனுக்காக ஒப்புக்குக் கேட்டுடனும்கிற மாதிரியும், நான் வேணாமனு சொல்லி வாயை மூடற முன்னே, டபால்னு 'நாய்க்குப் போட்டுடலாம்னு சொல்நியே. உன்னை சொல்லிக் குத்தமில்லே. உன்னோட அருமை அம்மா அப்படி வளர்த்திருக்கா.'

'எங்கம்மாவைப் பத்திப் பேச உங்களுக்கு என்ன அருக்கை இருக்கு? உங்கம்மாவைப் பத்திதான் சரேமு உலகத்துக்கே தெரியுமே! சிரியல்லே வர கனகிராதகிகள் கூட உங்கம்மாவோட கம்பேர் பண்ணினா தெய்வமா, கருணாமூர்த்தியா ஜோவிப் பாங்களே.'

'என்ன சொன்னே? என்னடி சொன்னே?.. உனக்கு அவ்வளவு கொழுப்பா?' 'ம்? கொழுப்பு. கொலஸ்ட்ரால் எல்லாம் எங்க குலத்துக்கே கிடையாது..'

இந்த சண்டை ஓயாது. நமக்கு இட்லியும் கிடைக்காது என்று அனுமானித்து வாசலில் வாலை ஆட்டிக் கொண்டிருந்த ஜிம்மி டின்னருக்காக அடுத்த வீட்டுக்குப் போய்விடுகிறது.

பிற்கொரு வீட்டில் டிவி நியூஸைக் கேட்டு முடித்து விட்டு சாப்பிட உட்காருகிறார் சம்பத் உட்புப் போட்ட புளிக்காத கெட்டித் தயிர் சாதம். தொட்டுக் கொள்ள மனக்கும் முருங்கைக்காய் சாம்பார், மற்றும் பதமா ஊறின குண்டு மாவடு அந்தக் காம்பி னேஷனில் குஷ்யான அவர் என்ன பேசுகிறோம் என்கிற சிந்தனை இல்லாமல் இவ்வாறு ஆரம்பிக்கிறார்.



'கீதா, இன் னிக்கு நியூஸ் படிச்ச வைஜயந் தியை கவனிச்சி யா?' 'கீதா சரே வென்று திரும் புகிறாள். 'ம்? அ வ ஞ கு என்ன?' 'என்னவா? நீ கவனிக்க வேலை ஆயா? இன்னிக்கு அவகிட்டே ஒரு சேஞ்சு.'

'எனக்கு அதான் வேலையா என்ன? அப்படி என்ன பெருசா சேஞ்சு?' 'இதுக்குத் தான் எல்லாத்தையும் அப்ஸர்வ பண்ணனுங்கிறது. பொதுவா நாம பார்க்கிறோமே தவிர கவனிக்கிறது இல்லே.'

'பச். அப்படி என்ன நான் வெறுமனே பார்த்தேன்? நீங்க நன்னா கவனிச்சீங்க?' 'சரி நான் க்ஞ கொடுக்கிறேன். சொல்நியா?' 'வேறே வேலை இல்லியா எனக்கு? பாத்திரம் தேய்க்கணும். பாலைக் காம்சனும்.'

'சரி நானே சொல்லிட்டுமா?' 'பதிலேதும் சொல்லாமல் அவரை சுட்டெரிப்பது போலப் பார்க்கிறான்.

'இன்னிக்கு வைஜயந்தி கோண வகிடு எடுத்திருந்தா!' 'கீதா கைகளை இடுப்பின் மேல் வைத்து முறைக்கிறான். 'என்னது, கோண வகிடா?' 'ஆமாம் வழக்கமா நேர் வகிடுதான் எடுப்பா. ஆனால் அது வும் வித்தியாசமா நன்னா இருக்கு. பார்த்தியா, நீ அதை கவனிக் கவே இல்லை. நியூஸ் முடியற தயத்திலே கொஞ்சமா பார்த்த நான் கவனிக்கட்டேன். இதுக்குத்தான் வெறுமே பார்க்கக் கூடாது. கூர்ந்து கவனிக்கணும் இல்லே?'

'ஆமாம்.' 'வெறுமே பார்க்கக் கூடாது இல்லே?'

'ஆமாம். ஆமாம். அதைத்தான் கிளிப்பிள்ளையா சொல் விண்டு இருக்கேன்.'

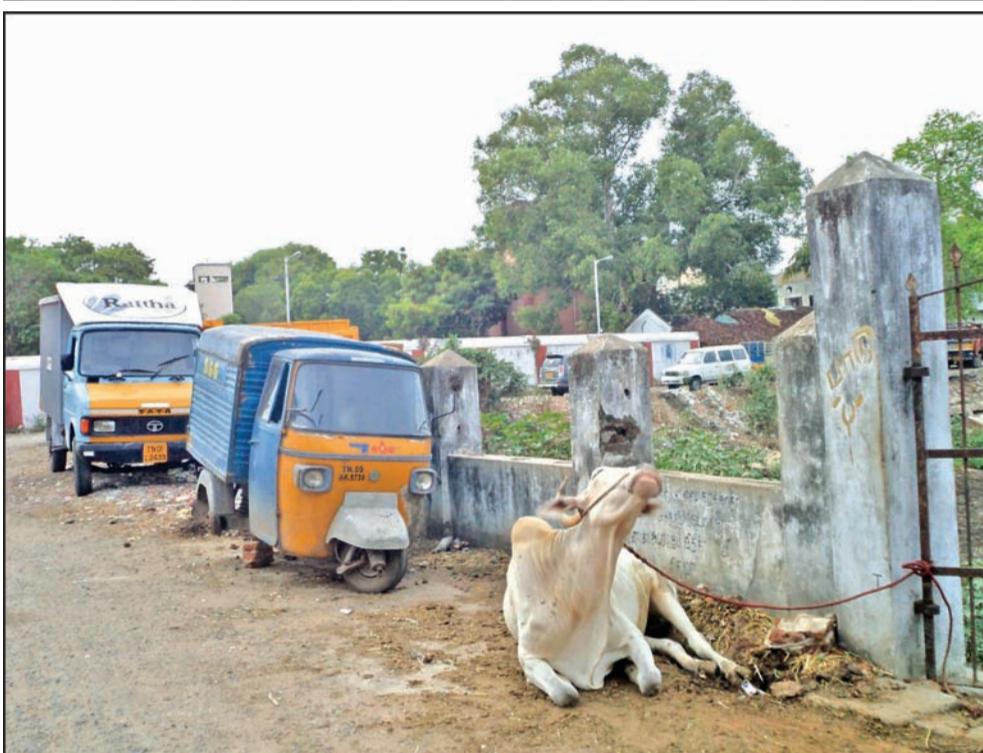
'சரி! நான் ஒன்னு கேட்கட்டுமா?' 'கேளா.' 'இன்னிக்கு ஆஃபீஸ் போகாம வீட்டிலேதானே இருந்திங்க?' 'ஆமாம்.'

'நானும் இந்த வீட்டிலேதானே கார்த்தாலேயிருந்து ராத்தி வரை உங்க முன்னே வளைய வளைய வந்துண்டு போயின்டு இருந்தேன்?'

'ஆமாம். அதிலே என்ன சந்தேகம்?' 'நான் ஆயிரம் தடவைகள் கேட்ட அப்பறும் நீங்க மூக்காலே அழுதுண்டே போன வாரம் நல்லியில் வாங்கிக் கொடுத்த கல்யாணி காட்டன் ஸாரியை ஆடி வெள்ளிக்கிழமையும் அதுவுமா இன்னிக்குக் கட்டின்டு இருக்கேன். அது உங்க கண்ணிலே படலே. பட்டிருந்தாலும் அதைப் பத்தி ஒரு வார்த்தை சொல்ல னும்னு தோண்லே. ஆனா டிவியிலே நியூஸ் படிக்கிற பொண்ணு கோண வகிடு எடுத்துண்டு காமெரா முன்னாடி உட்கார்ந்தது பளிச்சன்னு கண்ணிலே படறது. ஆடிட்டுக்கு மெட்ராஸ் வந்த என் தம்பி நாளைக்கு விடியற்கார்த்தாலே காரிலே கும்பகோணம் திரும்பான். அவனோட கும்பகோணத்தைப் பார்க்க நான் போ ரேன். நீங்க இங்கே கோண வகிடையும் நேர் வகிடையும் பார்த் துண்டு இருங்க.

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## Maintenance of Ellaiamman temple tank to be given to Corporation



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## 100-year-old banyan axed in playground



**By Our Staff Reporter** This is what remains of a 100-year-old banyan tree on Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar the top portion and ground recalled with nostalgia.

branches of which were cut down by Corporation workers last week as it had become infested with termites. Regular visitors to the playground, the top portion and ground recalled with nostalgia.

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The following is the program: 6.30 p.m: Kolkata V.N. San-  
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