



Girish Karnad

Girish Raghunath Karnad noted **actor, filmmaker and screenplay writer** recently passed away at the age of 81.

- Girish Karnad was born (May 19, 1938) in **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**
- He was a director, actor and screenplay writer for many Kannada movies such as **Samskara, Vamsha Vriksha, Kadu, Kanooru Heggadithi.**
- He was the recipient of **Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri, and Jnanpith Award**, for his contributions towards the arts, literature, and theater.
- **Yayati, Tughlaq, The Dreams of Tipu Sultan, Hayavadana** were some of his famous plays.
- He also worked in Hindi cinema, directing the critically acclaimed **Utsav** (1984), an adaptation of Shūdraka's 4th-century Sanskrit play **Mrichchhakatika.**
- He had also served as the Director of the **Film and Television Institute of India** and Chairman of the **Central Sangeet Natak Academy.**

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