

# Sherdil: The Pilibhit Saga

Sherdil: The Pilibhit Saga is a 2022 Indian Hindilanguage adventure drama film which is written and directed by Srijit Mukherji<sup>[2]</sup> and produced by T-Series and Reliance Entertainment Studios. The film stars Pankaj Tripathi, Sayani Gupta and Neeraj Kabi in the lead roles. The film was released theatrically on 24 June 2022. [3][4][5] This film marked the last film of playback singer KK, who died a month before the release.

### Plot

Gangaram is the Sarpanch (leader) of a remote village in Uttar Pradesh, India. His village has been suffering from famine and crop failure, exacerbated by wildlife encroachment. During an unsuccessful visit to a government office to seek poverty aid, he glances upon a poster that stated that the kin of victims of fatal tiger encounters in areas bordering tiger reserves would be entitled to a ₹10,00,000 compensation from the Govt. of India. In a desperate attempt to alleviate the conditions of his village, Gangaram plots to sacrifice himself in a tiger attack. During his search for a tiger, his path crosses with that of a poacher (Jim Ahmed) with whom he forms an unconventional partnership. The story then follows his journey, highlighting social issues faced by the lesser fortunate.

Gangaram unites with the poacher and both go looking for a tiger. After many days they find a tiger. Gangaram walks toward the tiger and the poacher is ready to shoot it. But the tiger is full and walks away. Forest officers follow them and shoot the poacher and take Gangaram into custody. Gangaram's story becomes famous all over India. He is pardoned from the court.

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Directed by	Srijit Mukherji	
Written by	Srijit Mukherji	
	Sudeep Nigam	
	Atul Kumar Rai	
Screenplay by	Srijit Mukherji	
Story by	Srijit Mukherji	
Produced by	Bhushan Kumar	
	Krishan Kumar	
Starring	Pankaj Tripathi	
	Sayani Gupta	
	Neeraj Kabi	
	Sougata Ghosh	
Cinematography	Tiyash Sen	
Edited by	Pronoy Dasgupta	
Music by	Shantanu Moitra	
Production company	<u>T-Series</u>	
Distributed by	Reliance Entertainment	
Release date	24 June 2022	
Running time	120 minutes	
Country	India	
Language	Hindi	

In the final scene, Gangaram comes back to the jungle in 4 wheelers with officers who want to promote tourism. Gangaram wants to take a leak and he goes to the jungle alone and is attacked by a tiger.

Budget	₹10 crore <sup>[1]</sup>	
Box office	₹10 crore <sup>[1]</sup>	

### **Cast**

- Pankaj Tripathi as Gangaram "Gangu" [6]
- Sayani Gupta as Lajwanti "Lajjo"
- Neeraj Kabi as Jim Ahmed
- Sohag Sen as Gangaram's mother
- Rk Rakesh Boro as Ritvi
- Akshay Kapoor as DFO
- Sougata Ghosh

# Soundtrack

The music rights of the film are owned by <u>T Series</u>. The music is composed by <u>Shantanu Moitra</u>. The first single titled "Dhoop Paani Bahne De" was released on 6 June 2022.

#### **Tracklist**

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Dhoop Paani Bahne De"	Gulzar	KK, Rituraj	4:08
2.	"Moko Kahan"	Traditional	Soumya Murshidabadi	4:32
3.	"Maya Chhaliya Roop Dhare"	Vinod Dubey	Rahul Ram	3:22
4.	"Aadmi Bhutiya Hai"	Rahgir	Rahgir	4:05
5.	"Do Din Jag Ka Mela"	Traditional	Neeraj	4:07
6.	"Bandho Bandho"	Vinod Dubey	Swanand Kirkire	3:40
7.	"Kahe Satnaam"	Traditional	Rahul Ram	2:19

## Release

#### Home media

The digital streaming rights of the film were sold to <u>Netflix</u>. The film was digitally streamed on Netflix from 20 August 2022. [7]

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