

# Bhavai (film)

***Bhavai*** is a 2021 Indian Hindi-language romance film written and directed by *Hardik Gajjar* and produced by *Dhaval Jayantilal Gada*, *Aksshay Jayantilal Gada*, *Parth Gajjar*, *Richa Amod Sachan* and *Hardik Gajjar*. The dialogues are written by *Shreyes Anil Lowlekar*. Produced under the banners of Hardik Gajjar Films, Backbencher Pictures and bankrolled by *Jayantilal Gada*, the film features *Pratik Gandhi* and *Aindrita Ray* in the lead roles. The film was released theatrically on 22 October 2021.

## Synopsis

*Bhavai*, also known as *Vesha* or *Swang*, is a popular folk theatre form of western India, especially in *Gujarat*.

The film is set against the backdrop of folk art form *Bhavai*. Basically a dramatic entertainer, it tells the story of two lovers in the village of *Khakhar*, where they are portraying two characters in *Ramlila*.

## Cast

- Pratik Gandhi* as *Raja Ram Joshi*<sup>[1]</sup>
- Aindrita Ray* as *Rani*<sup>[2]</sup>
- Flora Saini* as *Urmi*
- Rajendra Gupta* as *Panditji*
- Rajesh Sharma* as *Bajrangi*
- Abhimanyu Singh* as *Bhawar*
- Ankur Vikal* as *Bhurelal*
- Ankur Bhatia* as *Lachhu*
- Gopal K. Singh* as *Ratan Singh*
- Anil Rastogi* as *Netaji*
- Krishna Bisht* as *Gomu*
- Bhagyashree Mote* as *Pyari*

## Production

### *Bhavai*



Theatrical release poster

<b>Directed by</b>	Hardik Gajjar
<b>Written by</b>	Hardik Gajjar
<b>Screenplay by</b>	Hardik Gajjar Shreyes Anil Lowlekar
<b>Produced by</b>	Dhaval Jayantilal Gada Aksshay Jayantilal Gada Parth Gajjar Hardik Gajjar Richa Amod Sachan
<b>Starring</b>	<i>Pratik Gandhi</i> <i>Aindrita Ray</i>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<i>Chirantan Das</i>
<b>Edited by</b>	Kannu Prajapati Satya Sharma
<b>Music by</b>	Prasad Sashte
<b>Production companies</b>	Hardik Gajjar Films

The film was shot in the village of Kutch Nani-Khakhar and Rann of Kutch in June 2018.<sup>[2]</sup> Initially titled as *Ravaan Leela*, the title was changed to *Bhavai* in September 2021 following "audience outrage".<sup>[3][4]</sup>

## Release

The film was theatrically released on 22 October 2021.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Soundtrack

The soundtrack of the film was composed and lyrics written by Shabbir Ahmed and folk Ramayan part of film is composed by Aanand Shandilyaa.<sup>[7]</sup>

### Track listing

No.	Title	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Ishq Fitoori"	<u>Mohit Chauhan</u>	4:13
2.	"Siyapati Ramchandra"	<u>Amit Mishra</u> , <u>Shambhavi Raj</u>	4:29
3.	"Kahe Muskay Re"	<u>Shreya Ghoshal</u>	4:44
4.	"Bansuri"	<u>Aaman Trikha</u> , <u>Swati Sharma</u> , <u>Karsan Sargathiya</u> , <u>Ikka</u>	5:05
5.	"Mom Ki Gudiya"	<u>Aaman Trikha</u>	5:17
6.	"Mohe Ram Rang Rang De"	<u>Udit Narayan</u> , <u>Shreya Ghoshal</u>	6:24
Total length:			30:12

## Reception

Hiren Kotwani writing for *The Times of India* rated the film with 3.5 stars out of 5. Praising the performance of Pratik Gandhi he wrote, "[he] delivers a wonderful performance as Raja Ram [and] convincingly portrays the conflict and the myriad emotions of his character". Appreciating the cinematography of Chirantan Das, he stated, "cinematography is beautiful, pleasing to the eyes and enhances the scenes." Kotwani liked the music and said, "Shabbir Ahmed's wonderful soundtrack inspired by Gujarati folk music, adds to the narrative." Concluding he opined, "*Bhavai* also has some old-world charm: ... the treatment of opening credits with a golden touch to the black-and-white animation and ear-pleasing classical score."<sup>[8]</sup> Jai Arjun Singh reviewing for *Firstpost* gave the film 2.5 stars out of 5 and wrote, "*Bhavai* is a determinedly inoffensive work, almost to the point of being a soporific – and as harmless as a Kumbhkarna who has just swallowed that soporific."<sup>[9]</sup> For *The Indian Express*, Shubhra Gupta gave the film 1.5 stars out of 5 and stated, "[The film] should have been an entertaining, thought-provoking watch, especially because it is done in the colourful folksy Bhavai style."

	<u>Backbencher Pictures</u> <u>Pen Studios</u>
Release date	22 October 2021
Running time	114 minutes
Country	India
Language	Hindi

<i><b>Bhavai</b></i>	
Soundtrack album by <u>Shabbir Ahmed</u>	
Released	15 September 2021 <sup>[6]</sup>
Recorded	2020
Genre	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>
Length	30:12
Language	Hindi
Label	<u>Zee Music Company</u>
Official audio	
<u>Bhavai - Full Album</u> ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyN2yeZag5M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyN2yeZag5M</a> ) on <u>YouTube</u>	

Gupta further added, "But the whole thing is so dated, with everyone being made to declaim loudly, that the tone the film wishes to achieve gets lost."<sup>[10]</sup> Joginder Tuteja of *Rediff* rated it 3 out of 5. He praised the performances but criticised the length and narrative.<sup>[11]</sup>

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