

Bunty Aur Babli 2

Bunty Aur Babli 2 (transl. Bunty and Babli 2) is a 2021 Indian Hindi-language crime comedy film written and directed by debutante Varun V. Sharma, based on a story by producer Aditya Chopra, under the Yash Raj Films banner. A sequel to the 2005 film *Bunty Aur Babli*, the film stars Saif Ali Khan, Rani Mukerji, Siddhant Chaturvedi and debutante Sharvari Wagh.^{[5][6]}

Khan replaces Abhishek Bachchan from the original, while Mukerji reprises her role.

Initially planned for release in June 2020 and then in April 2021, the film was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in India.^[7] It was finally released theatrically on 19 November 2021 to negative reviews.^[1]

Plot

Sixteen years have passed since Rakesh Trivedi and his wife Vimmi Saluja Trivedi retired from conning others with the brand "Bunty Aur Babli" for money, having been let go by DCP Dashrath Singh.

A businessman named Chaddha, as well as his rich affiliates, decide to invest money in a "party nation" by Chaddha's assistant and his friend. However, it soon turns out that Chaddha and his associates have been conned, and the culprits, revealed to be Kunal Singh and Sonia Rawat, decide to take on the pseudonym "Bunty Aur Babli", having heard stories of the original "Bunty Aur Babli" who were never caught, assuming that they would be able to escape from the clutches of the law, too. Rakesh has since become a railway ticket collector at Phursatganj, Uttar Pradesh and Vimmi, a homemaker who looks after her now grown up son, Pappu. Pretty soon, they are holed up by the police, whence Inspector Jatayu Singh, who previously served as JCP Dashrath's junior, refuses to take their word for it after confronting them with the "Bunty Aur Babli" fiasco, and keeps them under prison surveillance. Despite these efforts, however, Varanasi's Mayor Chutvaa Chaubey is conned by "Bunty Aur Babli" yet again, albeit on a good note for a social cause. Nonetheless, a fuming Rakesh and Vimmi

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Varun V. Sharma
Written by	Varun V. Sharma
Story by	Aditya Chopra
Based on	<i>Characters</i> <div>by Jaideep Sahni</div>
Produced by	Aditya Chopra
Starring	Saif Ali Khan <div>Rani Mukerji</div> <div>Siddhant Chaturvedi</div> <div>Sharvari Wagh</div>
Cinematography	Gavemic U. Ary
Edited by	Aarif Sheikh
Music by	Score: <div>Julius Packiam</div> Songs: <div>Shankar–Ehsaan–Loy</div>
Production company	Yash Raj Films
Distributed by	Yash Raj Films
Release date	19 November 2021 ^[1]
Running time	145 minutes ^[2]

decide to find out whoever is misusing their identity and capture the flag, claiming that they are the real players. What follows is a cat-and-mouse game and, later as the duo discover Kunal's and Sonia's identity, a war between the two con-couples, which culminates in a con job in Abu Dhabi.

Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	₹45 crore ^[3]
Box office	₹22.12 crore ^[4]

Cast

- Saif Ali Khan as Rakesh "Bunty Sr." Trivedi/Bobby Bhullar
- Rani Mukerji as Vimmi "Babli Sr." Saluja Trivedi/Cutie Bhullar
- Siddhant Chaturvedi as Kunal "Bunty Jr." Singh
- Sharvari Wagh as Sonia "Babli Jr." Rawat/Jasmine "Jazz" Singh
- Pankaj Tripathi as Police Inspector Jatayu Singh
- Yashpal Sharma as Chutwa Chaubey
- Mohit Baghel as Golu Chaubey
- Rajat Ajay Bose
- Asrani as Thehrey Singh
- Gopal Datt as IT Officer Nand Kishore
- Prem Chopra as Papaji
- Lankesh Bhardwaj
- Neeraj Sood as Karan Chaddha
- Brijendra Kala as Mehmood
- Agrim Mittal as Dev "Pappy" Trivedi
- Amitabh Bachchan in archive footage as DCP Dashrath Singh
- Rajiv Gupta as Inspector Ram Gupta

Production

The film was announced as a spiritual sequel to the 2005 film in December 2019 by Yash Raj Films. Siddhant Chaturvedi and newcomer Sharvari Wagh were chosen as the younger leads of the film.^[8] While both Rani Mukerji and Abhishek Bachchan were asked by Yash Raj Films to reprise their roles, Bachchan was unable to confirm, leading to Saif Ali Khan being cast opposite Mukerji.^[9]

Release

The film was announced on 17 December 2019 and filming started on the same day.^{[10][11]} Although scheduled for theatrical release on 26 June 2020,^[12] the release was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The film was wrapped up in September 2020.^[13] The release was postponed due to Coronavirus second wave.^[7] It was released theatrically on 19 November 2021.^[1]

Reception

Critical response

Upon release, *Bunty Aur Babli 2* received negative reviews from the film critics.^{[14][15]} On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 17% of 12 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.6/10.^[16]

Karishma Shetty of *Pinkvilla* gave the film a rating of 3/5 and wrote, "*Bunty Aur Babli 2* is a cinematic heist that we didn't sign up for but the scene-stealing cast reels you in and are successfully able to scam you out of your hard-earned money for a one-time movie ticket and popcorn."^[17] Monika Rawal Kukreja of *Hindustan Times* described the film as a "snooze-fest" and wrote, "Rani Mukerji is the saving grace in this snooze-fest, don't watch even if paid for it." She called it a "terribly-written and poorly-executed film" and further wrote, "*Bunty Aur Babli 2* had all the right ingredients to serve a perfect dish, but too much mixing left it with no great after taste."^[18] Shalini Langer from *The Indian Express* gave the film a rating of 2.5/5 and wrote, "Director Varun V. Sharma doesn't think Rani Mukherji-Saif Ali Khan are enough to repeat the success of the original, so he keeps falling back on Siddhant and Sharvari, who are not bad but nothing we haven't seen before. However, his bigger crime is reducing the original Bunty and Babli to colorful, atrocious parodies of their selves."^[19] Ronak Kotecha from *The Times of India* gave the film a rating of 2.5/5 and wrote, "*Bunty Aur Babli 2* had an exciting premise to revive the two iconic characters, but this sequel feels like quite a con-job in comparison with its original."^[20] Saibal Chatterjee from *NDTV* gave the film a rating of 2/5 and wrote, "Comic timing comes easy to Rani and Saif; They are saddled with wisecracks that are devoid of wisdom. Siddhant and Sharvari, who don a variety of guises, make an enthusiastic screen pair; But the script plays spoilsport."^[21] Anupama Chopra of *Film Companion* wrote, "*Bunty Aur Babli 2* has a repetitive plot and forgettable dialogues; Few of the jokes land and the ease with which the cons are pulled off becomes, beyond a point, plain silly."^[22]

Bollywood Hungama gave the film a rating of 1.5/5 and wrote, "*Bunty Aur Babli 2* is a poor show and no way close to the first part." They praised the performances of Chaturvedi and Wagh, but criticized Mukerji and Khan's performance by stating, "Rani Mukerji is too loud and over the top and is not in sync with her character in the first half; Saif Ali Khan is not in a great form and its pretty shocking since he's known to ace in all kinds of genres. Siddhant Chaturvedi leaves a mark and proves that he's a hero material and Sharvari Wagh makes a confident debut and looks sizzling."^[23] Devansh Sharma of *Firstpost* gave the film a rating of 2/5 and wrote, "*Bunty Aur Babli 2* is sincere in its attempt to keep the brand alive and continue the narrative organically; But it chooses to ignore all the signs, all the red flags, and decides to cover them up under a flashy exterior. It touches upon the pros and cons of conning in the age of internet and social media, but only superficially. It also comments on the unsuccessful attempts at Ganga rejuvenation by the current government, but never takes a dive into it."^[24]

Box office

Bunty Aur Babli 2 earned ₹2.60 crore at the domestic box office on its opening day and ₹8.30 crore in its opening weekend.^[4]

As of 16 December 2021, the film has earned ₹14.88 crore in India and ₹7.24 crore overseas, for a worldwide total of ₹22.12 crore.^[4]

Soundtrack

The film's music was composed by Shankar–Ehsaan–Loy while the lyrics were written by Amitabh Bhattacharya.

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Track Listing

No.	Title	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Tattoo Waaliye"	Neha Kakkar, Pardeep Sran	3:06
2.	"Luv Ju"	Arijit Singh	4:04
3.	"Bunty Aur Babli 2"	Siddharth Mahadevan, Bohemia	3:16
4.	"Dhik Chik"	Mika Singh, Sunidhi Chauhan	2:53
Total length:			13:19

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Soundtrack album by Shankar–Ehsaan–Loy

Released	1 November 2021 ^[25]
Recorded	2020
Genre	Feature Film Soundtrack
Length	13:19
Language	Hindi
Label	YRF Music
Producer	Aditya Chopra

Shankar–Ehsaan–Loy chronology

<i>Toofaan</i> (2021)	<i>Bunty Aur Babli 2</i> (2021)	<i>Samrat Prithviraj</i> (2022)
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