

Anek

Anek (transl. Many) is a 2022 Indian Hindi-language action thriller film^[1] written and directed by Anubhav Sinha who also co-produced it with T-Series.^[4] The film revolves around a government police secret agent official (played by Khurrana), who is sent to the Northeast region of India to bring a peace deal between the government and the separatist groups in the North East, who also want to break away from India.^{[5][6]} It stars Ayushmann Khurrana, Andrea Kevichüsa, Manoj Pahwa, Kumud Mishra and J. D. Chakravarthy.^{[7][8][9]} *Anek* was released in worldwide cinemas on 27 May 2022 to generally mixed to positive response from the critics with praise for its performances and themes but it received criticism for its screenplay and denseness.^{[10][11]}

Cast

- Ayushmann Khurrana as Agent Aman / Joshua
- Andrea Kevichüsa as Aido
- Manoj Pahwa as Abrar
- Kumud Mishra as Abrar's boss
- J. D. Chakravarthy as Anjaiyyah Bellamkonda IPS
- Loitongbam Dorendra Singh as Tiger Sangha
- Thejasevor Belho as Niko
- Rajib Kro as Johnson
- Sheila Devi as Emma
- Meenakshi as Gopa

Production

Filming begun on 2 February 2021^[12] and wrapped up within March 2021.^{[13][14]}

Music

The music rights of the film are owned by T-Series. The music of the film is composed by Anurag Saikia. The first single was released on 24 May 2022.^[15]

Original tracklist

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Voice of Anek"	Shakeel Azmi	Sunidhi Chauhan , Vivek	3:48

<i>Anek</i>	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Anubhav Sinha
Written by	Story & Dialogues: Anubhav Sinha
Screenplay by	Anubhav Sinha Sima Agarwal Yash Keswani
Produced by	Bhushan Kumar Krishan Kumar Anubhav Sinha
Starring	Ayushmann Khurrana Manoj Pahwa Kumud Mishra Andrea Kevichüsa J.D. Chakravarthy
Cinematography	Ewan Mulligan

		Hariharan, <u>Anurag Saikia</u>	
2.	"Oh Ku Takum"	Jonathan Lemtur	Imnanungsang Tzudir, Temsuwapang Aiee
3.	"Shaal Wunga"	Basharat Peer	Noor Mohammad Shah, Muntazir Faraz
4.	"Oh Mama"	<u>Anurag Saikia</u>	Neha Karode, <u>Anurag Saikia</u>
5.	"Rabbit (Cafe Song)"	<u>Anurag Saikia</u>	Neha Karode
		Total length:	15:51

Edited by	Yasha Ramchandani
Music by	Songs: <u>Anurag Saikia</u> Background Score: Mangesh Dhakde
Production companies	<u>T-Series</u> <u>Benaras Media Works</u>
Distributed by	<u>AA Films</u>
Release date	27 May 2022
Running time	147 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	₹47 crore ^[2]
Box office	est. ₹10.89 crore ^[3]

Release

Theatrical

The film was released in theatres worldwide on 27 May 2022.^[10]

Home media

The digital streaming rights of the film is owned by Netflix. The film streamed on Netflix from 26 June 2022.^[16]

Reception

Anek received mixed to positive reviews from critics with praise for performances and timely themes but received criticism for its screenplay and direction.^{[17][18]}

A critic for *The Times of India* rated the film 4 out of 5 stars and wrote "Anek, through its runtime, draws subtle parallels between the northeast and other parts of the country, in particular Jammu and Kashmir".^[19] Tina Das of *The Print* rated the film 4 out of 5 stars and wrote "Anek manages to showcase the complex layers of the insurgency in the Northeast, and it does that well".^[20] Phuong Le of *The Guardian* rated the film 4 out of 5 stars and wrote "Anek is a rare commercial film that spotlights Northeastern Indian stories, and goes out of its way to refuse to condemn guerrilla fighters as terrorists".^[21] Devesh Sharma of *Filmfare* rated the film 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "The political message packs a punch, its power is somewhat diminished by the execution and the writing, which is rusty in places".^[22] Navneet Vyasan of *News 18* rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "If it wasn't for its cast, Anubhav Sinha's directorial 'Anek' would've been a test of your patience. Thankfully, it isn't".^[23] Swati Chopra of *The Quint* rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "Anek is preachy in parts, but the film has its heart in the right place and it could have done better if the film didn't

<i>Anek</i>	
Soundtrack album by <u>Anurag Saikia</u>	
Released	7 June 2022
Recorded	2021-2022
Genre	<u>Feature film</u> <u>soundtrack</u>
Length	15:51
Language	Hindi Nagamese English
Label	<u>T-Series</u>
Producer	<u>Anurag Saikia</u>

feel rushed, leading to less clarity".^[24] Fengyen Chiu of *Mashable* rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "Anek tries very hard to bring forth the problems of North-east people in India but the message doesn't quite reach properly".^[25]

Nandini Ramnath of *Scroll.in* rated the film 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "Anek is sharper playing principled dissenter than uninvited saviour of the North East".^[26] Sukanya Verma of *Rediff* rated the film 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "There's too much going on in Anek, and a lot of it is terribly disjointed".^[27] Shubhra Gupta of *The Indian Express* rated the film 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "Ayushmann Khurrana and the film stay woolly, being careful to stay in the middle of the while-on-the-one-side, but-also tightrope. Anubhav Sinha dips his toe into relatively unexplored territory, with mixed results".^[28] Bharathi Pradhan of *Lehren* rated the film 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "The cinematic effort to mainstream the North-East, ends up in a mess that further alienates instead of integrating".^[29] Anna M. M. Vetticad of *Firstpost* rated the film 2 out of 5 stars and wrote "Visually spectacular, politically blurred, well-meaning and yet Anek fails to reach out across the barrier of the screen".^[30] Umesh Punwani of *Koimoi* rated the film 2 out of 5 stars and wrote "Anubhav Sinha had so much to showcase, but he chose the wrong platform to do so".^[31] Monika Rawal Kukreja of *The Hindustan Times* stated "Anubhav Sinha's latest political-social drama starring Ayushmann Khurrana fails to keep up with the expectations sets by *Thappad*, *Mulk*, *Article 15*".^[32]

Accolades

Year ^[a]	Award	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
2023	68th Filmfare Awards	<u>Best Female Debut</u>	<u>Andrea Kevichüsa</u>	Won	^[33]
		<u>Best Cinematography</u>	Ewan Mulligan	Nominated	
		<u>Best Sound Design</u>	Kaamod L Kharde	Nominated	
		<u>Best Background Score</u>	Mangesh Dhakde	Nominated	

See also

- List of Hindi films of 2022

Notes

- a. Refers to the year in which the ceremony was held.

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