

# Satyaprem Ki Katha

Satyaprem Ki Katha (transl. Tale of True Love)<sup>[a]</sup> is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language romantic drama film starring Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani as the titular protagonists. The supporting cast includes Gajraj Rao, Supriya Pathak, Siddharth Randeria, Anuradha Patel and Rajpal Yadav. It is directed by Sameer Vidwans and jointly produced by Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment and Namah Pictures.<sup>[6]</sup>

The film was announced in June 2021. Principal photography commenced in September 2022 and wrapped up in April 2023. The film was theatrically released on 29 June 2023 to positive reviews from critics. [7] It grossed ₹117.77 crore (US\$15 million) worldwide and was a commercial success. [4] At the 69th Filmfare Awards, the film received nominations for Best Actress (Advani) and Best Story. [8]

### Plot

Satyaprem "Sattu" is a unhappy lower middle class boy, who is a law failed student and lives in a Gujarati middle class family in Gujarat alongwith his parents and a younger sister in a small house. Unlike other houses, his mother and sister are the earning member in their house so he and his father are both unemployed so they are tasked to do all the household chores. Sattu is frustrated as he is the only remaining bachelor in his neighbourhood .The last bachelor of his neighbour is also getting married inspite of being several years younger than Sattu. After many requests also, his mother declines to find a bride for him giving the reason that no girl will marry a jobless boy like him.But his mother is busy in finding a groom for her daughter, which left Sattu in jealousy. Both his mother and sister misbehave with him and it was only his father who understand his feelings. Sattu informs his father that he is still in love with the girl who he had seen a few years ago at the Garba.

A flashback occurs which shows in a <u>garba</u> celebration, Sattu gets mesmerized on seeing the dance of a girl named Katha. However, he is heartbroken on learning that she is already in a relationship with a man named Tapan.



Threatical release poster			
Directed by	Sameer Vidwans		
Written by	Karan Shrikant Sharma		
Produced by	Sajid Nadiadwala		
	Shareen Mantri Kedia		
	Kishor Arora		
Starring	Kartik Aaryan		
	Kiara Advani		
Cinematography	Ayananka Bose		
Edited by	Charu Shree Roy		
Music by	Score:		
	Hitesh Sonik		
	Songs:		
	Meet Bros		
	<u>Anjjan</u>		
	Bhattacharya		
	Tanishk Bagchi		
	Manan Bhardwaj		
	Payal Dev		
	Rochak Kohli		
	Ali Sethi		

One year later, Sattu gets to know that Katha has broken up with Tapan and that her parents are looking for a suitable marriage alliance. He visits the Garba celebration again with his father, Narayan, hoping to see Katha's dance again. There they meet Katha's father, Harikishen, a wealthy businessman who owns a popular snack shop, along with her mother and her younger sister, Kinjal. He learns from them that Katha is sick, and after some persuasion from Narayan, he goes to see her at her home. Upon arriving, he is shocked to see that she tried to commit suicide by slitting her wrist. He rushes her to the hospital immediately. Katha recovers, but is angry at Sattu for saving her. When Katha's family arrives at the hospital, Harikishen scolds her, saying that she should have rather died. Later that night, Katha thanks Sattu for saving her life through a text message. The next day, Sattu visits Katha to gift her flowers and to make sure she is doing well.

Production companies	Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment Namah Pictures
Distributed by	Pen Marudhar Entertainment
Release date	29 June 2023
Running time	144 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	<u>est.</u> ₹60 crore <sup>[2]</sup>
Box office	<u>est.</u> ₹117.77 crore <sup>[3][4]</sup>

A few days pass, and Katha's parents bring a marriage proposal for Katha to Sattu's house. Sattu becomes overjoyed and accepts the alliance. Katha, on the other hand, is unhappy, but reluctantly agrees to the marriage as Harikishen threatens to kill himself if she does not get married. After the marriage, Sattu tries to get intimate with Katha but she is not interested in getting intimate at all and is uncomfortable with sharing the same bed with Sattu, saying that his snoring disturbs her sleep. This results in Sattu having to sleep separately and tries various remedies to fix his snoring problem. One night, Sattu angrily lashes out at her, and questions if she is really uncomfortable with his snoring or if that is just an excuse to not be intimate with him. Katha admits she was lying, and tells him that she is <u>asexual</u> and does not feel the desire to have sex or get intimate, leaving Sattu shocked.

Frustrated, Sattu tells Harikishen the next day that if the situation does not improve, he will end the marriage and get a divorce. Harikishen advises him to give her some more time to warm up to him and that Sattu should try to make her feel comfortable. Following the advice, Sattu tries to win her affection. He buys her gifts and takes her out on dates. Their relationship improves and Katha reveals that she had lied about being asexual, but that she doesn't feel comfortable explaining the real reason why she doesn't want to sleep with Sattu. Sattu understands, reiterating that he will be there for her regardless. She also encourages him to attempt the law examination again. One night, Katha and Sattu finally try and get intimate, but it results in Katha having an emotional breakdown, due to a past trauma.

It is revealed that Tapan had <u>raped</u> Katha the previous year after the Garba celebration. She had become <u>pregnant</u> and had to get an <u>abortion</u>. Katha's family never told anyone of the incident, fearing the shame it would bring for them in the society, and had disowned Katha. Due to all this, Katha is not comfortable in being intimate with anyone. Sattu is furious on learning all this and confronts Harikishen regarding the matter. He then heads to Tapan's workplace and brutally thrashes him. Sattu's family is also left in shock after knowing everything but decide to keep the matter among themselves. Later, Sattu and Katha leave for <u>Kashmir</u> for their honeymoon, now more deeply in love with each other. Katha is still unable to get intimate with Sattu, due to her trauma. Sattu understand and gives her the space to cope with her past.

On the day of <u>Satyanarayan Puja</u> at Katha's house, Sattu arrives after registering an <u>FIR</u> against Tapan. Sattu brings the papers to Katha to sign them, encouraging her to fight for herself. With renewed hope and love for each other, Sattu and Katha perform the puja together and start their fight against Tapan in the

court. Sattu finally obtains his law degree, while Katha starts healing slowly with Sattu's constant support.

#### Cast

- Kartik Aaryan as Satyaprem "Sattu" Narayan, Katha's husband, Narayan and Diwali's son and Sejal's brother
- Kiara Advani as Katha Kapadia, Sattu's wife, Harikishen and Rasna's daughter and Kinjal's sister
- Gajraj Rao as Narayan, Sattu's father
- Supriya Pathak as Diwali, Sattu's mother
- Siddharth Randeria as Harikishen Kapadia, Katha's father
- Anuradha Patel as Rasna Kapadia, Katha's mother
- Rajpal Yadav as Doodhiya
- Shikha Talsania as Sejal, Sattu's sister
- Arjun Aneja as Tapan Manek, Katha's ex-boyfriend and rapist
- Maira Doshi as Kinjal Kapadia, Katha's sister
- Nirmiti Sawant as Christmas, Diwali's elder sister
- Bhaumik Ahir as Chandresh
- Palash Tiwari as Dheeraj, Kinjal's fiancé

# **Production**

### Development

The film was officially announced with a motion poster on 23 June 2021 by <u>Sajid Nadiadwala</u>, to be directed by <u>Sameer Vidwans</u> and starring <u>Kartik Aaryan</u>. The title was originally slated to be *Satyanarayan Ki Katha*. It was later renamed *Satyaprem Ki Katha* due to controversy. [a][11]

# Casting

<u>Kartik Aaryan</u> was chosen to play the lead, in his first collaboration with <u>Sajid Nadiadwala</u>. It was later reported that <u>Shraddha Kapoor</u> was in talks for the female lead, however, after issues with her fees the role ultimately went to Advani in her second film with Aaryan after <u>Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2</u> (2022). Her inclusion in the film was confirmed in July 2022. [15][16]

# **Filming**

The film went on floors on 3 September 2022 in <u>Mumbai</u> and the first schedule ended on 6 October 2022. In November 2022, the production moved to <u>Ahmedabad</u>, <u>Gujarat</u>. The final schedule began on 31 March 2023 in Kashmir. In April 2023, Advani wrapped up shoot. Is

The film was shot in various locations, including <u>Ahmedabad</u>, <u>Vadodara</u>, <u>Gondal</u>, <u>Mumbai</u>, <u>Pune</u>, <u>Srinagar</u>, and <u>Gulmarg</u>.

# Soundtrack

The film's music was composed by Meet Bros, Anjjan, Tanishk Bagchi, Manan Bhardwaj, Payal Dev, and Rochak Kohli. The lyrics were written by Kumaar, A. M. Turaz, Tanishk Bagchi, Vayu, Manan Bhardwaj, and Gurpreet Saini.

The first single titled "Naseeb Se" was released on 27 May 2023. [21] The second single titled "Aaj Ke Baad" was released on 10 June 2023. [22] The third single titled "Gujju Pataka" was released on 16 June 2023. The fourth single, titled "Sun Sajni," was released on June 21, 2023.

The song "Pasoori Nu" is a remake of the 2022 Pakistani song *Pasoori* sung by <u>Ali Sethi</u> and <u>Shae Gill</u>, composed by <u>Ali Sethi</u>, Fazal Abbas and written by <u>Ali Sethi</u> and <u>Zulfiqar Jabbar Khan. [23][24]</u>

The sixth single titled "Le Aaunga" was released on 1 July 2023. The seventh single titled "Raat Baaki" and the eighth single titled "Aaj Ke Baad-Reprise" were released on 1 July 2023.

Satyaprem Ki Katha  Soundtrack album by Meet Bros, Anjjan, Tanishk Bagchi, Manan Bhardwaj, Payal Dev and Rochak Kohli			
Released	1 July 2023		
Genre	Feature film		
	soundtrack		
Length	31:07		
Language	Hindi		
Label	T-Series		
Official Audio Jukebox (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JehgiVUB5			
			<u>U)</u> on <u>YouTube</u>

#### **Track listing**

	No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
	1.	"Naseeb Se"	A. M. Turaz	Payal Dev	Payal Dev, Vishal Mishra	3:04
	2.	"Aaj Ke Baad"	<u>Manan</u> <u>Bhardwaj</u>	Manan Bhardwaj	Manan Bhardwaj, Tulsi Kumar	3:37
	3.	"Gujju Pataka"	Kumaar	Meet Bros, Anjjan	Meet Bros, Star Boy LOC	4:27
	4.	"Sun Sajni"	Kumaar	Meet Bros	Meet Bros, Parampara Tandon, Piyush Mehroliyaa	4:26
	5.	" <u>Pasoori Nu</u> "	Gurpreet Saini, Ali Sethi	Rochak Kohli, Ali Sethi	Arijit Singh, Tulsi Kumar	3:17
	6.	"Le Aaunga"	Tanishk Bagchi, Vayu Shrivastav	Tanishk Bagchi	Arijit Singh	4:03
	7.	"Raat Baaki"	Kumaar	Meet Bros	Meet Bros, Monali Thakur, Piyush Mehroliyaa	5:00
	8.	"Aaj Ke Baad" (Reprise)	Manan Bhardwaj	Manan Bhardwaj	Manan Bhardwaj, Himani Kapoor	3:13
					Total length:	31:07

# Release

#### **Theatrical**

The film's teaser was released on 18 May 2023. The film's official trailer was released on 5 June 2023. Satyaprem Ki Katha was theatrically released on 29 June 2023. Satyaprem Ki Katha was theatrically released on 29 June 2023.

#### Home media

The film was premiered on Amazon Prime Video from 24 August 2023. [29]

#### Distribution

<u>Pen Marudhar Entertainment</u> acquired All India distribution rights for the film and Funasia Films, the US distribution is associated with Marudhar in Overseas.

# Reception

### **Critical response**

On the <u>review aggregator</u> website <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u>, the film has an approval rating of 63%, with an average score of 5/10, based on reviews from 16 critics. [30]

Taran Adarsh for *Bollywood Hungama* gave the film 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "*Satyaprem Ki Katha* is a progressive film that rests on the towering performances, strong second half and the message it conveys." Ritika Handoo of *Zee News* rated the film with 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "Kartik Aaryan does a good job in this family entertainer along with solid performance by Kiara Advani." Abhimanyu Mathur of *DNA India* rated the film with 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "Both Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani deliver commendable performances in this imperfect-yet-enjoyable film." Ronak Kotecha of *The Times of India* rated the film with 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "*Satyprem Ki Katha* is driven by its need to preach and give a message. The subject does move you and leaves you with much to think about, however, it tends to take the more emotional route than an entertaining one." Ganesh Aaglave of *Firstpost* rated the film with 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "Director Sameer Vidwans has successfully managed



Critics praised the performance of Kiara Advani

to weave the complexities of society, which affect the mindset of an individual in a beautiful way. He handled the subject with utmost maturity". [35] Sonil Dedhia of *News18* rated the film with 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "Kudos to Kiara Advani for taking up a role which is so unconventional. Kartik Aaryan too handles a complex part with remarkable ease." [36] Reya Mehrotra of *The Week* rated the film with 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "From rom-com to serious drama, Satyaprem Ki Katha oscillates between multiple themes". [37]

Sukanya Verma of *Rediff* gave the film 2.5 out of 5 stars and in all praise for Advani's wrote, "One of the great criers of her generation, Kiara's pain pierces through the screen and makes a heartfelt picture of how she feels even when the script cannot see her, beyond the man who broke her trust or the man who'll mend it. She's the real katha in search of a worthy kahani." [38] Shubhra Gupta of *The Indian Express* gave the film 2 out of 5 stars and wrote, Somewhere under the overwrought and overcooked plot of Kartik Aaryan-Kiara Advani-starrer is a real film about two people dealing with troubled pasts, but it gets buried under everything else that the movie throws at us." [39] Zinia Bandyopadhyay of *India Today* rated the film with 2

out of 5 stars and wrote "Kartik Aaryan-Kiara Advani film suffers from curse of inconsistency". [40] Anuj Kumar of *The Hindu* commented "Director Sameer Vidwans addresses date rape and the idea of consent but uses a bleeding pen to make his point in this uneven tale". [41] Monika Rawal Kukreja of *Hindustan Times* wrote "Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani deliver stellar performance in his romantic comedy with a beating heart." [42] Shomini Sen of *WION* wrote "There are very few films that have a lousy first half and a good second half and *Satyaprem Ki Katha* falls in this rare category." [43]

Hiren Kotwani from <u>Mid-Day</u> opined that, "*SatyaPrem Ki Katha* makes an interesting watch for its wonderful performances and its central message. It will tug at your heartstrings more than it will bring a smile to your face". [44] Uday Bhatia of <u>Live Mint</u> stated "Satyaprem Ki Katha changes its approach halfway through, but fares no better as a message film than as a lazy comedy". [45] Nandini Ramnath of <u>Scroll.in</u> wrote "Marathi director Sameer Vidwans's Hindi-language Satyaprem Ki Katha is billed as a true love story, a romance for the ages in which a man loves unconditionally and accepts his partner despite her dilemmas." [46] Agnivo Niyogi of <u>The Telegraph</u> stated, "Aaryan easily pulls off the textbook good boy who never dithers from standing like a rock beside the woman he loves. Compared to Aaryan, it's Kiara who shows greater command over her craft, handling some challenging scenes with a lot of nuance". [47]

Leaf Arbuthnot of *The Guardian* rated the film with 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "Tolerably corny taboobusting tale of a lovable loser who courts a beautiful woman features epic dance scenes and catchy, involving music". [48]

### **Box office**

*Satyaprem Ki Katha* has earned ₹9.25 crore (US\$1.2 million) in India and ₹2.87 crore (US\$360,000) overseas taking collection to ₹11.6 crore (US\$1.5 million), on its opening day coinciding with <u>Bakra Eid. [49]</u>

# **Accolades**

Award	Ceremony date	Category	Recipients	Result	Ref.
	28 January 2024	Best Actress	Kiara Advani	Nominated	[50]
Filmfare Awards		Best Story	Karan Shrikant Sharma	Nominated	
	1 February 2024	Best Actor (Critics)	Kartik Aaryan	Won	[51]
Iconic Gold Awards		Best Debut Director	Sameer Vidwans	Won	
		Best Film	Satyaprem Ki Katha	Won	
	9 March 2024	Best Actor (Female)	Kiara Advani	Nominated	[52]
News 18 Reel Awards (https://w ww.news18features.com/reel-aw ards-2024/)		Breakthrough Performance of the Year Male	Kartik Aaryan	Won	[53]
		Best Supporting Actor	Gajraj Rao	Nominated	
	10 March 2024	Best Actress Viewers Choice	Kiara Advani	Won	[54]
Zee Cine Awards		Best Actress Critics		Nominated	
		Performer of the Year Male	Kartik Aaryan	Won	
Bollywood Film Journalists' Awards (https://www.bfja.in/index.html)	16 March 2024	Best Actor (Female)		Nominated	[55]
	18 March 2024	Best Actress (Popular Choice)	Kiara Advani	Won	[56]
Pinkvilla Screen and Style Icons Awards		Best Actress (Jury's Choice)		Nominated	
		Best Actor (Popular Choice)	Kartik Aaryan	Nominated	[57]

# **Notes**

a. A play on the Hindi phrase "<u>Satyanarayan</u> ki katha" (<u>lit.</u> 'Tale of Satyanarayan'), a particular popular narrative of the Hindu god <u>Vishnu</u> (cf. <u>Satya Pir</u>). [5]

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