

Gandhi Godse – Ek Yudh

Gandhi Godse – Ek Yudh (transl. Gandhi Godse – A War) is a 2023 Indian-Hindi language history film written and directed by Rajkumar Santoshi, and produced by Manila Santoshi. The film stars Deepak Antani and Chinmay Mandlekar in the lead roles.^[3] The film deals with a fictional situation in which Mahatma Gandhi survives his assassination and thereafter decides to not only pardon Nathuram Godse, but also socialize with him.

Plot

Godse holds Gandhi responsible for the partition and misery of Hindus. He shoots Gandhi on 30 January 1948 but Gandhi is miraculously saved and pardons Godse. After breaking his ties with the Congress, Gandhi begins his Gram Swaraj Movement to inspire villages towards self-reliance. Meanwhile, the system highlights Godse's writing and manipulates public sentiment against Gandhi whose interference has created a ruckus within the government. This leads to Gandhi's arrest which he insists on serving with Godse. They have multiple debates and arguments, even confrontations in prison. Soon Gandhi and Godse start to understand each other. Gradually Gandhi brought a change over Godse. During a marriage held by Gandhi, another attacker tries to shoot and kill him, Godse saves his life and soon together they are released from jail.

Cast

- Deepak Antani as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- Chinmay Mandlekar as Nathuram Vinayak Godse
- Tanisha Santoshi as Sushma
- Anuj Saini as Naren
- Pawan Chopra as Jawaharlal Nehru
- Mukund Pathak as B. R. Ambedkar^[4]
- Ghanshyam Srivastav as Vallabhbhai Patel
- Sandeep Bhojak as Jailer Amod Rai^[5]
- Vipul Deshpande as DSP Rana

Production

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Rajkumar Santoshi
Written by	Rajkumar Santoshi <div>Asghar Wajahat (Dialogues)</div>
Screenplay by	Rajkumar Santoshi
Produced by	Manila Santoshi ^[1]
Starring	<div>Deepak Antani<div>Chinmay Mandlekar<div>Tanisha Santoshi<div>Ghanshyam Srivastav<div>Anuj Saini</div></div></div></div></div>
Cinematography	Rishi Punjabi
Edited by	A. Sreekar Prasad
Music by	A. R. Rahman
Production company	Santoshi Productions LLP

Santoshi confessed in pre-release promotions that it was hard to receive investment for such a large scale film with a potentially controversial subject. He added that it was only after composer A. R. Rahman accepted to do the film, investors started showing interest, and the film may not have been made if Rahman said 'no'.^[6]

Filming commenced on 20 September 2020 and was wrapped on 6 May 2022. Bhopal and Mumbai served as the principal locations.

Distributed by	<u>PVR Pictures</u>
Release date	26 January 2023 (India)
Running time	110 minutes ^[2]
Country	India
Language	Hindi

Music

The music is composed by A. R. Rahman in his third collaboration with Rajkumar Santoshi after *Pukar* and *The Legend of Bhagat Singh*. The director-composer duo had not collaborated for over two decades, though Rahman was approached for *Khakee* and he did not sign it due to scheduling conflicts.^[7]

Track-List

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram"	<u>Late Lakshmanacharya</u>	<u>Various Artists</u>	3:04
2.	"Vaishnav Jan To"	<u>Narsinh Mehta</u>	<u>Shreya Ghoshal</u>	5:54
Total length:				8:58

Release

The film was released in India on 26 January 2023, coinciding with the Indian Republic Day.^[8]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 0% of 6 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 3.3/10.^[9]

The film received mixed reviews from critics, who praised its performances, visual style, A. R. Rahman music, cinematography, but criticized its screenplay and story.^{[10][11][12][8]}

The dispute over the context of the film and Santoshi had sought police protection after allegedly receiving threats.^[13]

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<i>Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh</i>		
<u>Soundtrack album</u> by <u>A.R. Rahman</u>		
Released	26 January 2023 (Film)	
Genre	<u>Feature Film soundtrack</u>	
Language	Hindi	
Label	<u>Sangeet Music</u>	
<u>A.R. Rahman chronology</u>		
<i><u>Ponniyin Selvan: I</u></i> (2022)	<i>Gandhi Godse Ek Yudh</i> (2023)	<i><u>Ponniyin Selvan : II</u></i> (2023)

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