

Chhatriwali (film)

Chhatriwali (transl. woman with umbrella) is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language social comedy film directed by Tejas Deoskar and produced by Ronnie Screwvala. The film stars an Rakul Preet Singh, Sumeet Vyas, Satish Kaushik, Dolly Ahluwalia and Rajesh Tailang. The film was premiered on 20 January 2023 on ZEE5.^[1] The film aims to promote the importance of male contraceptives and safe sex.^[2] It marked the last film of Satish Kaushik before his death on 9 March 2023, while he was alive.

Plot

Set in Karnal, the film is about Sanya Dhingra, a female unemployed chemistry genius, who is, looking for a job and at the same time she uses her skills to fight an important societal taboo of educating the youth about Sex Education.^{[3][4]}

Cast

- Rakul Preet Singh as Sanya Dhingra
- Sumeet Vyas as Rishi Kalra
- Satish Kaushik as Ratan Lamba
- Dolly Ahluwalia as Dhingra Aunty
- Rajesh Tailang as Rajan Kalra / Bhai Ji
- Prachee Shah Paandya as Nisha Kalra
- Rakesh Bedi as Madan Chacha
- Riva Arora as Mini Kalra

Production

The shoot of the film started soon in November 2021. It was mostly shot in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.^[5] The shoots were wrapped by December 2021.^[6]

Critical reception

The film received mixed to positive reviews from critics.

Archika Khurana of The Times of India rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and concluded it "could have been packaged and delivered more creatively and uniquely," but was still "watchable".^[7]

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Official release poster

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| Directed by | Tejas Deoskar |
| Written by | Sanchit Gupta Priyadarshree Srivastava |
| Produced by | Ronnie Screwvala |
| Starring | Rakul Preet Singh Sumeet Vyas Satish Kaushik Rajesh Tailang Dolly Ahluwalia |
| Cinematography | Siddharth Vasani |
| Edited by | Shruti Bora |
| Music by | Score: Mangesh Dhakde Rohan-Rohan Songs: Akhil Sachdeva Rohan-Rohan |

Bollywood Hungama gave the film 3 out of 5 stars.^[8] Similarly, Phelian of The Quint rated the film 3/5, and described it as "Lackluster, despite earnest and crucial messaging"^[9]

In rating the film 2.5/5, India Today critic Anindita Mukherjee wrote that it "tends to get preachy in parts," but "is a decent weekend watch."^[10] In her review for Hindustan Times, Monika Rawal Kukreja wrote, "There are some flaws here and there, but with all the humour and lighter moments, they can be somewhat overlooked."^[11]

Shubhra Gupta of The Indian Express was far more critical in her review. Rating the film 1.5 out of 5 stars, she wrote, "Rakul Preet Singh has delivered a perky performance in a film hamstrung by a script that is afraid to fully embrace its message."^[12]

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| | <div>Sumeet Bellary</div> <div>Durgesh R Rajbhatt</div> |
| Production company | <u>RSVP Movies</u> |
| Distributed by | <u>ZEE5</u> |
| Release date | 20 January 2023 |
| Running time | 116 minutes |
| Country | India |
| Language | Hindi |

Soundtrack

The music for the film composed by Akhil Sachdeva, Rohan-Rohan, Sumeet Bellary and Durgesh R Rajbhatt. Lyrics are written by Tejas Prabha, Vijay Deoskar, Akhil Sachdeva, Satya Khare and Saaveri Verma.^[13]

| <i>Chhatriwali</i> | |
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| <u>Soundtrack album by Akhil Sachdeva, Rohan-Rohan, Sumeet Bellary and Durgesh R Rajbhatt</u> | |
| Released | 13 January 2023 ^[13] |
| Genre | <u>Feature film soundtrack</u> |
| Length | 14:25 |
| Language | Hindi |
| Label | <u>Zee Music Company</u> |
| Official audio | |
| <u>Chhatriwali - Full Album (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJuqVsFNMSY) on YouTube</u> | |

| No. | Title | Lyrics | Music | Singer(S) | Length |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--------|
| 1. | "Chhatriwali (Title Track)" | <u>Tejas Prabha</u> , <u>Vijay Deoskar</u> | <u>Rohan-Rohan</u> | <u>Sunidhi Chauhan</u> | 2:42 |
| 2. | "Main Teri Hi Ragoon" | <u>Akhil Sachdeva</u> | <u>Akhil Sachdeva</u> | <u>Akhil Sachdeva</u> , <u>Shirley Setia</u> | 4:26 |
| 3. | "Special Edition Kudi" | <u>Satya Khare</u> | <u>Sumeet Bellary</u> | <u>Sunidhi Chauhan</u> , <u>Gandhharv Sachdeva</u> | 3:12 |
| 4. | "Toot Hi Gaya" | <u>Saaveri Verma</u> | <u>Durgesh R Rajbhatt</u> | <u>Himani Kapoor</u> , <u>Durgesh R Rajbhatt</u> | 4:05 |

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