

Crew (film)

Crew is a 2024 Indian Hindi-language heist comedy film directed by Rajesh A Krishnan and starring Tabu, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Kriti Sanon as air hostesses, with Diljit Dosanjh and Kapil Sharma in supporting roles. The film is produced by Ekta Kapoor, Rhea Kapoor, Anil Kapoor, and Digvijay Purohit under Balaji Motion Pictures and Anil Kapoor Films & Communication Network.

Principal photography took place from March 2023 to February 2024. The film was theatrically released on 29 March 2024, garnering positive reviews,^{[4][5]} and has grossed over ₹152 crore (US\$19 million) worldwide to rank as the third highest grossing Hindi film of 2024,^{[6][7]} and sixth-highest-grossing Indian film of 2024.

Plot

Geeta Sethi, Jasmine Kohli, and Divya Rana are flight attendants with Kohinoor Airlines, a company on the verge of bankruptcy. The staff have not been paid their salaries in months, and the three friends, like all the other employees, keep hoping that things will change. Geeta's husband Arun runs a struggling food business from home. Geeta has to financially support her unemployed brother and his wife, as well. Jasmine was raised by her maternal grandfather (Nanu) after her parents divorced. She does not believe in relationships, is fond of expensive things, and flaunts a fake and flashy lifestyle on social media. Divya is trained to be a pilot but is forced to take up the job of a flight attendant due to a lack of openings and keeps this hidden from her family. She struggles to repay her education loan instalments.

The death of senior flight attendant Rajvanshi, while on duty, leads Geeta, Jasmine and Divya towards a clandestine operation to smuggle gold out of India to Al Burj (a fictitious country). Mr. Mittal, the HR Head of Kohinoor Airlines, is the kingpin of the operation. The three of them become part of the gold smuggling operation and their financial situation soon improves: Geeta funds Arun's food business and her brother and his wife. Jasmine gets back Nanu's gold ring from the pawn shop and buys a BMW for herself. Divya repays her education loan. The other employees of the airline are still trying to make ends meet. Someone tells the



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Written by	Nidhi Mehra Mehul Suri
Produced by	<u>Ekta Kapoor</u> <u>Rhea Kapoor</u> <u>Anil Kapoor</u> Digvijay Purohit
Starring	<u>Tabu</u> <u>Kareena</u> <u>Kapoor Khan</u> <u>Kriti Sanon</u>
Cinematography	Anuj Rakesh Dhawan
Edited by	Manan Sagar
Music by	Songs: Diljit Dosanjh <u>Badshah</u> Raj Ranjodh <u>Vishal Mishra</u> Akshay–IP

customs officials that the three flight attendants are smuggling gold; and even though the three of them can hide their stash, the detention that follows makes them feel humiliated and rethink their choice.

The situation takes a drastic turn when Kohinoor Airlines is declared bankrupt and all employees are left unpaid and penniless. Vijay Walia, the airline's owner has fled to Al Burj. Geeta, Jasmine, and Divya realise that it was Vijay Walia's gold smuggling operation that helped Walia settle down comfortably in Al Burj. Chastened and repentant, they decide to bring all the smuggled gold back to India and pay the employees their dues.

Cast

- Kareena Kapoor Khan as Jasmine Kohli (flight attendant)
- Tabu as Geeta Sethi (flight attendant)
- Kriti Sanon as Divya Rana (flight attendant)
- Diljit Dosanjh as Customs officer Jaiveer Singh (Special appearance)
- Kapil Sharma as Arun Sethi (Special appearance)
- Rajesh Sharma as Pruthviraj Mittal (H.R. Head of Kohinoor Airlines)
- Saswata Chatterjee as Vijay Walia (Chairman of Kohinoor Airlines)
- Kulbhushan Kharbanda as Jasmine's nanu, Purthpal Bhuller
- Ivan Rodrigues as Divya's father
- Trupti Khamkar as S.I. Mala
- Charu Shankar as Sudha Mittal
- Ramakant Dayma as Mr. Rajvanshi

Production

The film was announced in November 2022 and filming began on 25 March 2023, before it was wrapped in February 2024.^{[8][9]} The film was shot in Mumbai, Goa and Abu Dhabi.^[10]

Music

The music of the film is composed by Diljit Dosanjh, Badshah, Raj Ranjodh, Vishal Mishra, Akshay-IP, Bharg-Rohit while the background score is composed by John Stewart Eduri.

The first single titled "Naina" was released on 5 March 2024.^[11] The second single, a remake version of Rajasthani track "Delhi Shahar Mein Maro Ghagro Jo Ghumyo" by Ila Arun,^{[12][13]} titled "Ghagra" was released on 12 March 2024.^[14] A remake of the song "Choli Ke Peeche Kya Hai" from the 1993 film Khal Nayak

	<div>Bharg–Rohit</div> <div>Score:</div> <div>John Stewart Eduri</div>
Production companies	<div>Balaji Motion Pictures</div> <div>Anil Kapoor Films & Communication Network</div>
Distributed by	<div>Pen Marudhar Entertainment</div>
Release date	29 March 2024
Running time	118 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	₹75 crore ^[2]
Box office	₹152.74 crore ^[3]

Crew	
Soundtrack album by Diljit Dosanjh, Badshah, Raj Ranjodh, Vishal Mishra, Akshay-IP and Bharg-Rohit	
Released	28 March 2024
Recorded	2023

is sung by [Alka Yagnik](#) and Arun, composed by [Laxmikant–Pyarelal](#) and written by [Anand Bakshi](#). The third single titled "Choli Ke Peeche" was released on 20 March 2024.^{[15][16]} The fourth single titled "Mere Sang" was released on 29 March 2024. The song "Sona Kitna Sona Hai" is a remake of the same name song from the 1997 film *Hero No. 1* sung by [Udit Narayan](#) and [Poornima](#), composed by [Anand–Milind](#) and written by [Sameer Anjaan](#).^[17]

Genre	Feature film soundtrack
Length	25:25
Language	Hindi
Label	Tips Music

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Naina"	Raj Ranjodh, Badshah	Raj Ranjodh	Diljit Dosanjh, Badshah	3:00
2.	"Ghagra"	Juno, Srushti Tawade	Bharg–Rohit	Ila Arun, Romy, Srushti Tawade	3:01
3.	"Choli Ke Peeche"	IP Singh, Anand Bakshi	Akshay-IP, Laxmikant-Pyarelal	Diljit Dosanjh, IP Singh, Alka Yagnik, Ila Arun	2:53
4.	"Kiddan Zaalima"	Raj Shekhar	Vishal Mishra	Vishal Mishra	2:54
5.	"Darbadar"	IP Singh	Akshay-IP	B Praak, Asees Kaur	3:34
6.	"Khwabida"	Bharg	Bharg–Rohit	Badshah, rohh	3:12
7.	"Sona Kitna Sona Hai"	IP Singh	Akshay-IP	IP Singh, Nupoor Khedkar	3:24
8.	"Sona Kitna Sona Hai" (Reprise)	IP Singh	Akshay-IP	IP Singh	3:28
Total length:					25:25

Release

Initially planned for a 22 March 2024 release, the film was theatrically released on 29 March 2024 coinciding with [Good Friday](#).^[18]

Reception

Critical response

Crew opened to positive reviews from the critics.^{[4][5]} On the review aggregator website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), 64% of 11 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.8/10.^[19]

[Shubhra Gupta](#) of *The Indian Express* praised the lead actresses, writing, "Tabu, so comfortable in her older woman avatar as the senior-most of the crew, and Khan, treading the thin line between greed and need with ease, are a riot; Sanon, in their company, is boosted and manages to hold her own." Gupta gave the movie 3.5 stars out of 5 and described it as an "easy-breezy" comedy that washes away the stench of recent Bollywood duds.^[20] [Devesh Sharma](#) of *Filmfare* gave the film 3.5 stars out of 5 and wrote, "Tabu-Kareena Kapoor-Kriti Sanon-starrer *Crew* totally smashes through stereotypes. It's an honest-to-goodness rollercoaster ride".^[21] [Titas Chowdhury](#) of *CNN-IBN* gave the film 3.5 stars out of 5 and particularly praised Kapoor Khan's performance, adding that she elevates the narrative several notches with a character

that is tailor-made for her.^[22] Zinia Bandyopadhyay of *India Today* gave the film 3.5 stars out of 5 and wrote, "In times when political dramas are trying to make a statement about, *Crew* is a welcome change. It's light, easy-breezy and stays true to being a masala entertainer."^[23] The critic based at *Bollywood Hungama* awarded the film 3.5 stars out of 5 and wrote, "*Crew* is a fun entertainer and rests on the fine performances of Tabu, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Kriti Sanon."^[24] Renuka Vyavahare of *Times of India* gave it 3.5 stars (out of 5), describing it as a crime comedy that is funny, frivolous, and delectable.^[25] Lachmi Deb Roy of *Firstpost* gave it a rating of 3 out of 5, calling it a "delectable" and "entertaining" film; she particularly praised Kapoor Khan's performance, adding that she stands out and displays the wickedness of her character with a lot of style.^[26] In a more critical review, Saibal Chatterjee of *NDTV* gave the film 2 stars out of 5 and noted that the film's screenplay lacks sheen.^[27]

Anuj Kumar of *The Hindu* deemed it a feel-good film and particularly praised Kapoor Khan's performance, adding that she is the *tour de force* of the film.^[28] Monika Rawal Kukreja of *Hindustan Times* wrote, "*Crew* makes you laugh, and have fun while serving some cheesy and cocky humour, and manages to stay afloat despite a lot of turbulence, all thanks to the threesome that you wish lasted a little longer."^[29] Nandini Ramnath of *Scroll* gave the film a positive review, calling it funny, sexy, and honest—all without being overly mushy or judgemental.^[30]

Box office

As of 11 April 2024, *Crew* has grossed ₹94.37 crore (US\$12 million) in India, with a further ₹58.37 crore (US\$7.3 million) in overseas, for a worldwide total of ₹152.74 crore (US\$19 million).^[3]

On its opening day, *Crew* earned ₹10.28 crore (US\$1.3 million) at the domestic box office,^[3] marking the third biggest opening day collection for a female-led film.^[31] Furthermore, the film opened with a global box office gross of ₹20.07 crore (US\$2.5 million), making it the highest opening day grosser for a Hindi female-led film globally.^[32]

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