

Lakadbaggha

Lakadbaggha (transl.[ⓘ], *Hyena*) is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language action thriller film directed by Victor Mukherjee, written by Alok Sharma and produced by First Ray Films. It stars *Anshuman Jha*, *Ridhi Dogra*, *Paresh Pahuja* and *Milind Soman*.

Lakadbaggha had its world premiere on 21 December 2022 at the prestigious *Kolkata International Film Festival* and its international premiere on 28 December 2022 at the HBO South Asian International Film Festival, New York.^{[1][2]} *Anshuman Jha* received the *Best Actor* award at the HBO South Asian International Film Festival for his humane portrayal of the animal lover vigilante.^[3]

The film was released on 13 January 2023 and had its European premiere as an official selection at the 20th Indisches International Film Festival at Stuttgart Germany in July 2023.

Premise

Arjun Bakshi, a martial arts trainer and animal lover, becomes a vigilante after his dog Shanku goes missing. During the hunt, Arjun comes across an Indian black-striped *hyena* and learns about an illegal animal trade in *Kolkata* led by Aryan, the brother of *Crime Branch* officer Akshara D'Souza.

Cast

- Anshuman Jha* as Arjun Bakshi
- Riddhi Dogra* as Akshara D'Souza
- Paresh Pahuja* as Aryan D'Souza, Akshara's brother
- Milind Soman* as Tarun Bakshi Arjun's father.
- Eksha Kerung* as *The Girl With No Name*
- Bijou Thaangjam* as Shopkeeper
- Kharaj Mukherjee* as Arjun's uncle.
- Denzil Smith* in a guest appearance

Reception

Lakadbaggha received mixed reviews from critics.

Critical response

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Theatrical release poster

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Produced by	First Ray Films
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Cinematography	Jean Marc Selva
Edited by	Aasif Pathan
Music by	Simon Fransquet
Production company	First Ray Films
Release date	13 January 2023
Running time	125 minutes
Country	India
Language	Hindi

Yatamanyu Narain of *CNN-News18* gave 3/5 stars and wrote "Despite some flaws, Lakadbaggha will entertain you with its scrupulousness, an out-of-the-ordinary plot and top-notch performances."^[4] Anuj Kumar of *The Hindu* wrote "While the intentions are right and some of the fight sequences are impactful, the storytelling technique has an amateurish streak that demands too much suspension of disbelief from the audience."^[5] Sameer Salunkhe of *The Telegraph* wrote "Anshuman Jha-starrer Lakadbaggha is a comic book-style action movie with a dash of romance."^[6] Archika Khurana of *The Times of India* gave 2/5 stars and wrote "Overall, 'Lakadbaggha' had a lot of potential, but its mediocre execution reduced it to a barely passable film."^[7] Deepa Gahlot of *Rediff* gave 1.5/5 stars and wrote "*Lakadbaggha* takes up too many issues and does not do justice to them".^[8]

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