

Dhak Dhak

Dhak Dhak is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language road adventure drama film written and directed by Tarun Dudeja and produced by Ajit Andhare, Kevin Vaz, Pranjal Khandhdiya and Taapsee Pannu under the banner of BLM Pictures, Outsider Films Productions and Viacom18 Studios.^[2] It stars Ratna Pathak Shah, Dia Mirza, Fatima Sana Shaikh and Sanjana Sanghi.^[3] The film was released on 13 October 2023.^[4] At 69th Filmfare Awards, the film received three nomination, including Best Actress (Critics) for Shaikh and Best Supporting Actress for Shah.^[5]

Plot

Four women set out for a road trip to the highest motorable pass in the world on their bikes on a journey of self-discovery. They take their motorcycles like large-winged birds to a gust of wind. They ride beyond the limits of their lives and to the heights of freedom.

Cast

- Ratna Pathak Shah as Manpreet Kaur Sethi "Mahi"
- Dia Mirza as Uzma
- Fatima Sana Shaikh as Shashi Kumar Yadav "Sky"
- Sanjana Sanghi as Manjari alias "Lali"
- Hrriday Malhotra as Nishant Kakkar
- Harshpal Singh as Prabjyot "Prabhi", Mahi's grandson and Sky's friend
- Dheerendra Dwivedi as Shabbir, Uzma's husband
- Kallirroi Tzifeta as Martha
- Ozgur Kurt as Burnett
- Poonam Gurung as Kung Fu Nun

Production

In May 2022, the film was announced by Viacom 18 Motion Pictures and stars Ratna Pathak Shah, Dia Mirza, Fatima Sana Shaikh and Sanjana Sanghi.^[6]^[7] The principal photography of the film began in May 2022.^[8] The filming took place in Greater Noida, New Delhi,^[9] followed by Manali, Himachal Pradesh.^[10]

<i>Dhak Dhak</i>	
 <div>Theatrical release poster</div>	
Directed by	Tarun Dudeja
Written by	Parijat Joshi <p>Anvita Dutt</p>
Produced by	Ajit Andhare <p>Aayush Maheshwari</p> <p>Kevin Vaz</p> <p>Pranjal Khandhdiya</p> <p>Taapsee Pannu</p>
Starring	Ratna Pathak Shah <p>Dia Mirza</p> <p>Fatima Sana Shaikh</p> <p>Sanjana Sanghi</p>
Cinematography	Sreechith Vijayan <p>Damodar</p>
Edited by	Manish Sharma
Music by	Songs: <p>Jasmine</p>

before moving on to [Leh](#), [Ladakh](#),^[11] and it was shot across 83 locations.^[12] The filming was completed in 40 days and wrapped up in June 2022.^[13]

Soundtrack

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Akhiyan Criminal"	Jasmine Sandlas	Jasmine Sandlas	Jasmine Sandlas	3:01
2.	"Dhak Dhak - Title Track (Re Banjara)"	Kundan Vidyarthi, Baba Bulleh Shah	Rishi Dutta	Sunidhi Chauhan , Jatinder Singh	3:53
3.	"Sadke Sadke"	Osho Jain	Osho Jain	Rashmeet Kaur	2:28
4.	"Miltay Hain Na"	Mohan Kannan	Mohan Kannan, Aditya Pushkarna	Mohan Kannan	3:57
5.	"Safar Pe Chale"	Avinash Chouhan	Anurag Saikia	Amit Trivedi	3:14
6.	"Woh Tara"	Raghav, Arjun	Raghav, Arjun	Shannon Donald, Shashaa Tirupati	3:48
7.	"Udd Udd"	Gurpreet Saini	Shruti Pathak	Shruti Pathak	3:00
8.	"Farzi Duniya"	Kundan Vidyarthi	Rishi Dutta	Shruti Pathak, Shivangi Bhayana	4:34
Total length:					27:55

Reception

Reviewing the movie, Sajesh Mohan of [Onmanorama](#) wrote, "embarking on a journey to Khardung La on Royal Enfield Bullets is a promise of adventure in itself. Yet, director Tarun Dudeja, in his debut film, takes it a step further by forming an all-women biker gang. This ride turns into an unforgettable pilgrimage with the charming and evergreen [Ratna Pathak Shah](#) as Mahi, [Dia Mirza](#) as Uzma, [Fatima Sana Shaikh](#) as Sky, and [Sanjana Sanghi](#) as Manjari. Tarun, collaborating with co-writer Parijat Joshi, assembles this group of riders from the bustling streets of Delhi. It's a world where the trials and tribulations of Mahi, Uzma, Sky, and Manjari all converge on a single theme—the experience of being women in a prejudiced and predatory patriarchal society."^[16] A critic from [Bollywood Hungama](#) rated the film 2.5/5 stars and wrote "*Dhak Dhak* is a well-intentioned genuine effort laced with some fine performances by the leading ladies. But due to a weak second half and negligible buzz, the film will suffer at the box office."^[17]

	Sandlas Rishi Dutta Osho Jain Mohan Kannan Anurag Saikia Raghav–Arjun Background Score: Anurag Saikia
Production companies	BLM Pictures Outsider Films Productions Viacom18 Studios
Distributed by	Viacom18 Studios
Release date	13 October 2023
Running time	137 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi

<i>Dhak Dhak</i>	
Soundtrack album by Jasmine Sandlas, Rishi Dutta, Osho Jain, Mohan Kannan, Anurag Saikia, Raghav & Arjun	
Released	13 October 2023 ^[14]
Genre	Feature film soundtrack
Length	27:55
Language	Hindi
Label	Zee Music Company
Singles from <i>Dhak Dhak</i>	
1. "Dhak Dhak - Title Track (Re Banjara)" Released: 6 October 2023 ^[15]	

In a less positive review, Shubhra Gupta of The Indian Express wrote "The Ratna Pathak Shah, Dia Mirza starrer is a patchy effort." But she added, "Dhak Dhak' starts off with many of the expected tropes playing out in a movie of this kind. Very different women, from different walks of life. Troubled past. Conflicted present. All looking for a way out, a way forward. Bumps on the road. Breakdowns of men and machines. And finally, that most elusive, precious element, the connection which binds us despite our differences."^[18]

In a slightly negative review, Prathyush Parasuraman of Film Companion said, "Road Trip to Nowhere" with "inane and predictable" plot elements in the second half.^[19]

Sequel

A sequel *Dhak Dhak 2*, has been confirmed by actress Sanjana Sanghi, who played the character of Manjari. Sanjana shared the news on her social media.^[20]

Accolades

Award	Ceremony date	Category	Recipients	Result	Ref.
<u>Filmfare Awards</u>	<u>28 January 2024</u>	<u>Best Actress (Critics)</u>	<u>Fatima Sana Shaikh</u>	Nominated	^[21]
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Ratna Pathak Shah</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Story</u>	Parijat Joshi and Tarun Dudeja	Nominated	
		<u>Best Debut Director</u>	Tarun Dudeja	Won	

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