

The Power (2021 Indian film)

The Power is a 2021 Indian Hindi-language action thriller film directed by Mahesh Manjrekar and produced by Pen India Limited and Galani Entertainments.^[1] It stars Vidyut Jammwal, Mahesh Manjrekar, Shruti Haasan, Zakir Hussain, Sonal Chauhan, Medha Manjrekar, Prateik Babbar, Sachin Khedekar and Jisshu Sengupta.^[2]

The Power was released on the online streaming service Zee Plex on 14 January 2021 and received mixed reviews from critics.^{[3][4][5][6]}

Plot

Devidas "Devi" Thakur is the youngest son of crime lord Kalidas Thakur, who arrives home from Singapore for his mother Uma's birthday. Devi wants nothing to do with the family business and is in love with his childhood friend Parveen alias Pari, who is the daughter of his father's close associate Anwar. When Kalidas refuses to get involved in smuggling drugs with another drug lord, Francis D'costa, an assassination attempt is made on him, and Anwar becomes the suspect. Before proving his innocence, Anwar is killed by Kalidas's son-in-law Ranjeet Venkat Shankarnarayanan. Pari vows to avenge his death and swears on her unborn child that she will wipe out the entire Thakur bloodline, including Devi.

While Kalidas is in a coma, Devi takes over Kalidas' business and shuts down their illegal activities. He kills Francis for attacking his father. Pari sides with Kalidas' rival Vishambhar Rana and sets out to annihilate the Thakur family. Ranjeet, who wants to take over Kalidas' position, sides with Rana to finish Kalidas, Devi and his brother Ramdas Thakur. Ranjeet gets thrashed by Ramdas for thrashing his wife and Ramdas's sister Rathna, where Ranjeet traps and kills Ramdas with a chainsaw. During a resulting gang war, Kalidas fakes his death and learns about Ranjeet and Rana's involvement in Anwar and Ramdas' death.

Rana makes Pari assume that Devi kidnapped her child Ishan, where Pari and Rana heads to the shrine where Devi is completing Kalidas' fake ritual. Despite injuries, Devi finishes Rana and clears the misunderstandings with Pari. Devi soon dies to his injuries, where Pari gets devastated and dies with Devi.

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Official release poster

Directed by	<u>Mahesh Manjrekar</u>
Written by	Mahesh Manjrekar Siddharth Salvi
Produced by	Vijay Galani Pratik Galani Dhaval Jayantilal Gada Aksshay Jayantilal Gada
Starring	<u>Vidyut Jammwal</u> <u>Shruti Haasan</u> <u>Mahesh Manjrekar</u> <u>Jisshu Sengupta</u> <u>Sachin Khedekar</u> <u>Medha Manjrekar</u> <u>Zakir Hussain</u> <u>Prateik Babbar</u> <u>Yuvika Chaudhary</u>
Cinematography	Rakesh Rawat

Kalidas, Uma, Rathna and Ranjeet leave for Goa. Kalidas reveals Ranjeet's wrongdoings and Rathna kills him, where they burn down their car and leave to another city to start a new life.

Cast

- Vidyut Jammwal as Devidas Thakur (Kaalidas' 2nd son)
- Shruti Haasan as Parveen / Pari (Devidas' Wife)
- Mahesh Manjrekar as Kaalidas Haridas Thakur
- Jisshu Sengupta as Ramdas Thakur (Kaalidas' 1st son)
- Zakir Hussain as Anwar (Pari's father)
- Sachin Khedekar as Vishambhar Rana
- Sonal Chauhan as Chandini (Devidas' love-interest)
- Medha Manjrekar as Uma Kaalidas Thakur (KAalidas' wife)
- Prateik Babbar as Ranjeet Venkat Shankarnarayanan (Ratna's husband)
- Mrunmayee Deshpande as Ratna Thakur (Kaalidas' daughter)
- Sudhanshu Pandey as Rocky (Thakur families enemy)
- Yuvika Chaudhary as Shaila Thakur (Ranjeet's sister and Ramdas' wife)
- Salil Ankola as Robert (Thakuri families' enemy)
- Sameer Dharmadhikari as Francis Dcosta
- Chetan Hansraj as Fakira
- Aham Sharma as Charlie
- Vidyadhar Joshi as Bhau
- Savita Malpekar as Thakur's Maid
- Ganesh Yadav as Potya
- Ajay Purkar as Anna

Edited by	Sarvesh Parab
Music by	<u>Salim–Sulaiman</u>
Production companies	<u>Pen India Limited</u> Galani Entertainments
Distributed by	<u>Zee Plex</u>
Release date	14 January 2021 (India)
Country	India
Language	Hindi

Reception

The Power received mixed reviews from critics with praise for its acting, action sequences and technical aspects, but criticised its pace, script and direction.

Critical response

Pallabi Dey Purkayastha of *The Times of India* gave 2.5/5 stars and wrote "With a tighter, finer screenplay and more consistent performers, *The Power* could have been a befitting response of this decade to the *Sarkar* franchise, but a lacklustre narrative, among other things, brings the power down to level zero."^[7] Joginder Tuteja of *Rediff* gave 2.5/5 stars and noted "If the film had been crisper with solid drama in the second half too, *The Power* could have been more powerful."^[8] Anna M. M. Veticad of *Firstpost* gave 1.75/5 stars and wrote "'The Power' is engaging to begin with, but as it rolls along it becomes clear that it

falls in the ‘if you’ve seen one, you’ve seen ’em all’ category of underworld dramas.”^[9] Samrudhi Ghosh of *Hindustan Times* wrote "*The Power*, with its creative bankruptcy, brings nothing new to already done-to-death iterations of *The Godfather*.”^[10]

Music

The music for the film was composed by Salim–Sulaiman with lyrics written by Kumaar . The single "Oh Saaiyaan" was sung by Arijit Singh and Raj Pandit while the female version was sung by Aishwarya Pandit ^[11]

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Oh Saaiyaan"	<u>Kumaar</u>	<u>Salim–Sulaiman</u>	<u>Arijit Singh</u> , <u>Raj Pandit</u>	3:21
2.	"Oh Saaiyaan (Female Version)"	<u>Kumaar</u>	<u>Salim–Sulaiman</u>	<u>Aishwarya Pandit</u>	2:26
Total length:				5:47	

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Soundtrack album by <u>Salim–Sulaiman</u>	
Released	21 January 2021
Genre	<u>Feature film soundtrack</u>
Length	5:47
Language	Hindi
Label	<u>Zee Music Company</u>
<u>Salim–Sulaiman chronology</u>	
<i>Coolie No.1</i> (2020)	<i>The Power</i> (2021)
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