

# Seema Pahwa

**Seema Pahwa** (née Bhargava; born 10 February 1962) is an Indian actress and director known for her comedic characters in films and television. She is the recipient of several awards including a Filmfare Award and a Filmfare OTT Award.

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## Career

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Subsequently, she played Maasi, or Aunt on *Kasamh Se* (2006-2009), a popular Zee TV soap opera by Ekta Kapoor.<sup>[3]</sup> The character is very kind and loving towards her nephew and his wife Bani Walia, the protagonist. She won the Screen Award for Best Supporting Actress at the 2015 Screen Awards for the film *Ankhon Dekhi* (2013).

In 2014, she received acclaim for experiential theatre performance of Bhisham Sahni's satire on the middle-class, *Saag Meat*, where she cooked during the performance, and the food was served to the audience.<sup>[2]</sup> She was also very popularly loved for her role in the series *Hip Hip Hurray*, where she played the role of a single mother of Mazhar.

At the 63rd Filmfare Awards, she was nominated twice for the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress for the films *Bareilly Ki Barfi* and *Shubh Mangal Saavdhan* (both 2017). She received her third nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress at the 65th Filmfare Awards for her role in *Bala* (2019).<sup>[6]</sup>

In 2020, she starred as Nani in *Chintu Ka Birthday* (2019), which won her the Filmfare OTT Award for Best Supporting Actress (Web Original).

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Pahwa in 2020

<b>Born</b>	Seema Bhargava <div>10 February 1962</div> <div>Delhi, India</div>
<b>Nationality</b>	<u>Indian</u>
<b>Occupations</b>	<u>Actress</u> · <u>Film director</u>
<b>Years active</b>	1984–present
<b>Spouse</b>	<u>Manoj Pahwa</u> (m. <span> </span> 1988)
<b>Children</b>	2

She made her directorial debut with the film *Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi* which premiered at Mumbai Film Festival in 2019 followed by a theatrical release in 2021. The film earned her the Filmfare Award for Best Debut Director at the 67th Filmfare Awards.<sup>[7][8][9]</sup>

## Personal life

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She was born Seema Bhargava. She is married to actor Manoj Pahwa,<sup>[10]</sup> a co-actor in *Hum Log*,<sup>[3]</sup> and lives in Versova, Mumbai along with their daughter Manukriti and son Mayank.<sup>[2]</sup> On 02-March-2022, her son Mayank Pahwa married Sanah Kapur, daughter of actors Pankaj Kapur and Supriya Pathak Kapur. Sanah is a half-sister of actor Shahid Kapoor and granddaughter of veteran character artiste Dina Pathak.

## Filmography

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### Films

Key

†	Denotes films that have not yet been released
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Year	Film	Role	Notes
1989	<i>Adhuri Zindagi</i>		TV movie co-starring <u>Shah Rukh Khan</u>
1996	<i>Sardari Begum</i>	Kulsum's Mother	
1997	<i>...Jayate</i>	Nurse Linda	TV movie
1999	<i>Godmother</i>	Shanti (Veeram's sister-in-law)	
2000	<i>Hari-Bhari</i>	Rampyari	
2001	<i>Zubeidaa</i>	Zainab Bi	
2008	<i>Roorkee By-Pass</i>	Maasi	Short film
2010	<i>Tere Bin Laden</i>	Shabbo	
2012	<i>Ferrari Ki Sawaari</i>	Baboo Didi	
2014	<i>Ankhon Dekhi</i>	Amma	Won— <u>Screen Award for Best Supporting Actress</u>
2015	<i>Dum Laga Ke Haisha</i>	Subhadra Rani	Released internationally as <i>My Big Fat Bride</i>
	<i>All Is Well</i>	Mamiji	
	<i>Hasmukh Saab Ki Wasihat</i>	Mrs. Sonal Mehta	
2016	<i>Wazir</i>	Pammi	
	<i>BHK Bhalla at Halla.Kom</i>	Neelam Khanna	
2017	<i>Bareilly Ki Barfi</i>	Susheela Mishra	Nominated— <u>Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress</u>
	<i>Shubh Mangal Saavdhan</i>	Sugandha's Mother	Nominated— <u>Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress</u>
2018	<i>Khajoor Pe Atke</i>	Sushila	
	<i>Everything is Fine</i>	Asha	Short film
	<i>Bhaiyya Morey</i>	Old woman	Short film
2019	<i>Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga</i>	Billauri	
	<i>Arjun Patiala</i>	MLA Prapti Makkad	
	<i>Bala</i>	Mausi	Nominated— <u>Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress</u>
	<i>Shame</i>	Laundry lady	Short film
2020	<i>Chintu Ka Birthday</i>	Nani	Won— <u>Filmfare OTT Award for Best Supporting Actress (Web Original)</u>
	<i>Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari</i>	Yeshodha Dhillon	<sup>[11]</sup>
	<i>Das Capital: Gulamon Ki Rajdhani</i>	Rashida	Streaming on Cinemapreneur <sup>[12]</sup>
2021	<i>Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi</i>	Director	Debut as a director Won— <u>Filmfare Award for Best Debut Director</u>
	<i>Ye Mard Bechara</i>	Shanti Devi	

2022	<i><u>Badhaai Do</u></i>	Mrs Singh	
	<i><u>Gangubai Kathiawadi</u></i>	Sheela	[13]
	<i><u>Raksha Bandhan</u></i>	Shanoo Sharma	
	<i><u>Thank God</u></i>	Mrs. Kapoor, Ayaan's mother	
2023	<i><u>Dream Girl 2</u></i>	Jumani	
	<i><u>Yaatriis</u></i>		

## Television

Year	Film	Role	Notes
1984–85	<i><u>Hum Log</u></i>	Badki	
1995–96	<i>Khushi (Season 1)</i>		
1995	<i>Sidhhi</i>	Sneha Aditya Diwan	
1997	<i>Pehla Pyar</i>	Nirmala Mathur	
1998–01	<i><u>Hip Hip Hurray</u></i>	Mrs. Merchant	
1999	<i><u>Rishtey</u></i>	Leelavati	Episode 70: Naya Vivah
2000–01	<i>Khushi (Season 2)</i>		
2002–06	<i><u>Astitva...Ek Prem Kahani</u></i>	Archana's mother	
2002	<i><u>Sanjivani-A Medical Boon</u></i>		
	<i><u>Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chand</u></i>		
2003	<i><u>Aandhi</u></i>	Bua Ji	
2006–07	<i><u>Kulvaddhu</u></i>	Padma Chauhan	
2006–09	<i><u>Kasamh Se</u></i>	Billo Masi	
2008	<i><u>Hum Ladkiyan</u></i>	Dadiji	
2012	<i><u>Lakhon Mein Ek</u></i>	Teejan Bai/Hema Dhawan	
2017	<i><u>The Kapil Sharma Show</u></i>	Herself	Episode 128: Promotion of <i><u>Bareilly Ki Barfi</u></i>
2020			Episode 274: Celebrating <i><u>Hum Log</u></i>
2021			Episode 171: Promotion of <i><u>Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi</u></i>

## Web series

Year	Film	Role	Notes
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2019	<i>Aafat</i>	Rita Mohanty	Web series on MX Player
2022	<i>Mai: A Mother's Rage</i>	Kalpana	Netflix
2022	<i>Jamtara: Sabka Number Aayega S2</i>	Ganga Devi	Netflix

## Awards and nominations

Year	Category	Work	Result
Filmfare Awards			
2018	Best Supporting Actress	Bareilly Ki Barfi	Nominated
		Shubh Mangal Saavdhan	Nominated
2020		Bala	Nominated
2022	Best Film (Critics)	Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi	Nominated
	Best Director		Nominated
	Best Story		Nominated
	Best Debut Director		Won
Filmfare OTT Awards			
2020	Best Supporting Actress in a Web Original Film	Chintu Ka Birthday	Won
FOI Online Awards			
2018	Best Supporting Actress	Bareilly Ki Barfi	Won
2022	Best Director	Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi	Nominated
IIFA Awards			
2018	Best Supporting Actress	Bareilly Ki Barfi	Nominated
		Shubh Mangal Saavdhan	Nominated
Jagran Film Festival			
2017	Best Supporting Actress	Bareilly Ki Barfi	Won
Screen Awards			
2015	Best Supporting Actress	Ankhon Dekhi (tied with Tabu for Haider)	Won
2018		Shubh Mangal Saavdhan	Nominated
2020		Bala	Nominated
Zee Cine Awards			
2018	Best Actor in a Supporting Role – Female	Bareilly Ki Barfi	Nominated

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