

# 8 A.M. Metro

***8 A.M. Metro*** is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language drama film written and directed by Raj Rachakonda. The film stars Gulshan Devaiah and Saiyami Kher in pivotal roles. The film tells the unusual story of two strangers who inadvertently bump into each other in the metro and strike up an unlikely friendship, in the process finding themselves and each other.<sup>[2]</sup>

The film will release theatrically on 19 May 2023.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Plot

The film follows Iravati, a 29-year-old housewife whose mundane life in Nanded is turned upside down when she has to rush to Hyderabad to tend to her pregnant sister who is confined to the bed. Fighting off recurring panic attacks, she turns to Preetam, a banker with more to him than meets the eye, and the duo subsequently go on many journeys, finding solace in each other's company.

## Cast

- Gulshan Devaiah as Preetam
- Saiyami Kher as Iravati
- Rajiv Kumar Aneja as writer

## Production

The film contains seven poems written by Gulzar.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

### Filming

Many scenes of the film were shot in Hyderabad Metro.

## Music

The film's music is composed by Mark K Robin.

| No. | Title       | Lyrics                       | Singer(s)   | Length |
|-----|-------------|------------------------------|---|--------|
| 1.  | "Woh Khuda" | Shahbaaz Khan, Manoj Juloori | <span><span>Jyoti Nooran</span></span> , <span><span>Sultana Nooran</span></span> | 3:13   |

| <i>8 A.M. Metro</i>                                |   |
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| <span></span> <div>Theatrical release poster</div> |   |
| Directed by  | <span><span>Raj Rachakonda</span></span>  |
| Written by   | <span><span>Raj Rachakonda</span></span>  |
| Based on   | <span><i>Andamina Jeevitam</i> by <span><span>Malladi Venkata Krishna Murthy</span></span></span>   |
| Produced by  | <span><span>Raj Rachakonda</span></span> <div></div> <span><span>Kishore Ganji</span></span>  |
| Starring   | <span><span>Gulshan Devaiah</span></span> <div></div> <span><span>Saiyami Kher</span></span> <div></div> <span><span>Rajiv Kumar Aneja</span></span> <div></div> <span><span>Nimisha Nair</span></span> |
| Cinematography                                     | <span><span>Sunny Kurapati</span></span>  |
| Edited by  | <span><span>Anil Aalayam</span></span>  |
| Music by   | <span><span>Mark K. Robin</span></span>   |
| Production company                                 | <span><span>Studio 99</span></span>   |

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| 2. "Ghoomey"                       | Manoj Juloori                | Jubin Nautiyal  | 3:42         |
| 3. "Phir Se Dil Toota"             | Kausar Munir                 | Vishal Mishra   | 3:08         |
| 4. "Hey Fikar"                     | Kausar Munir                 | Jonita Gandhi   | 3:01         |
| 5. "Ghoomey (R&B Version)"         | Manoj Juloori                | R&B             | 3:17         |
| 6. "Woh Khuda (Javed Ali Version)" | Shahbaaz Khan, Manoj Juloori | Javed Ali       | 3:27         |
| 7. "Hey Fikar (Suzanne's Version)" | Kausar Munir                 | Suzanne D'Mello | 2:55         |
| <b>Total length:</b>               |                              |                 | <b>22:43</b> |

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| <b>Distributed by</b> | Platoon Distribution         |
| <b>Release date</b>   | 19 May 2023                  |
| <b>Country</b>        | India                        |
| <b>Language</b>       | Hindi                        |
| <b>Budget</b>         | est. ₹4 crore <sup>[1]</sup> |

| <b>8 A.M. Metro</b>  |                         |
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| <b>Soundtrack album by Mark K Robin.</b>   |                         |
| <b>Released</b>  | 29 May 2023             |
| <b>Genre</b>   | Feature film soundtrack |
| <b>Length</b>  | 22:43                   |
| <b>Language</b>  | Hindi                   |
| <b>Label</b>   | Sony Music India        |
| <b>Official audio</b>  |                         |
| 8 A.M. Metro - Full Album ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNQb1klAvPo&amp;ab">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNQb1klAvPo&amp;ab</a> ) on YouTube |                         |

## Marketing and release

The film poster was unveiled by poet, lyricist and film director Gulzar on 14 April 2023 at his Bandra home.<sup>[4]</sup> The poster featured the main leads inside the metro.<sup>[6]</sup> On 21 April 2023 coinciding with Eid the first single "Woh Khuda" was released on Sony Music India official YouTube channel. The official trailer was release 15 days prior of its release with positive response.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

The film will have its theatrical release on 19 May 2023.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Critical reception

Dhaval Roy of The Times of India gave the film 3.5 stars out of 5 , stating that the film tells the meaning of live, life, loss and eventual healing.<sup>[9]</sup> Grace Cycril of India Today gave the film 3.5 stars out of 5 , stating that the film is like a group therapy session.<sup>[10]</sup>

Mona of The tribune gave the film 3\* and highlighted the contribution made by actors other than te lead. It mentioned.. Nimisha Nair as Riya is not just the catalyst in this story but has her own arc that she beautifully delivers. In scenes where she accuses her sister of abandoning her to the one where she accepts the truth or where she covers up for Iravati when her husband, Umesh (Umesh Kamat), shows up unannounced, she leaves a mark. Even the actors who appear for a short while leave an imprint, whether it is Rajiv Aneja as the author of 'Jigri', Dheer Charan Srivastav as bookseller Iqbal or Umesh as a busy husband who has forgotten to value family life.

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