

Zarina Wahab

Zarina Wahab is an Indian actress who predominantly worked in Hindi and Malayalam films. Known for critically acclaimed roles in *Chitchor* and *Gopal Krishna* in Hindi and Malayalam cinema with films like *Madanolsavam*, *Chamaram*, *Palangal* and *Adaminte Makan Abu*.

Early life

Wahab was born in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh into a Muslim family. She is fluent in her mother tongue Telugu, in addition to Urdu, Hindi and English.^[1] She was trained at Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.^[2] Wahab has three sisters and one brother.

Career

After receiving negative feedback about her appearance from film producer Raj Kapoor, Wahab worked on her appearance and attended film parties and events. She eventually got noticed and was cast in films.^[3] She was usually cast as the middle-class girl after her first leading role in Basu Chatterjee's *Chit Chor* (1976) in movies like *Agar*, *Jazbaat*, *Sawan Ko Aane Do*, and *Raees Zada*. She was nominated for a Filmfare Award in the Best Actress category for *Gharonda* (1977).^[4] She has acted in many Malayalam, Telugu, Tamil, films.

Wahab made a comeback to Malayalam films with *Calendar*, in 2009 and has continued to act in Malayalam movies. She is still remembered for her role in the critically acclaimed *Adaminte Makan Abu*. She also appeared in *My Name Is Khan* as the mother of Rizwan Khan (Shah Rukh Khan's character).^[5] Wahab currently plays older roles in television serials.^[6]

Personal life

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Wahab in 2016

Born	<u>Visakhapatnam</u> , Andhra Pradesh, India
Occupation	Actress
Years active	1974–present
Spouse	<u>Aditya Pancholi</u> (m. 1986)
Children	2; including <u>Sooraj Pancholi</u>

Wahab met actor Aditya Pancholi on the sets of *Kalank Ka Tika*.^[7] They married in 1986 and have a daughter, Sana and a son, Sooraj. News of their turbulent marriage, her husband's temper and rumors of infidelity have been in the gossip columns.^[8] Wahab's daughter is an actress.^[9] Her son, Suraj, was arrested in June 2013, in connection with the death of Jiah Khan.^[10] He made his Bollywood debut with Sunil Shetty's daughter Athiya Shetty in 2015 in the movie *Hero*.

Filmography

Feature films

List of Zarina Wahab film credits

Year	Film	Role	Language	Notes
1974	<i><u>Ishq Ishq Ishq</u></i>	Prema	<u>Hindi</u>	
1975	<i><u>Anokha</u></i>	Sudha Manchanda		
	<i><u>Gajula Kishtayya</u></i>	Radha	<u>Telugu</u>	
1976	<i><u>Chitchor</u></i>	Geeta P. Choudry	Hindi	
	<i><u>Raeeszada</u></i>	Julie		
1977	<i><u>Gharaonda</u></i>	Chaya		
	<i><u>Navarathinam</u></i>	Pushparagam,	<u>Tamil</u>	
	<i><u>Agar... If</u></i>	Anju Agarwal	Hindi	
1978	<i><u>Tumhare Liye</u></i>	Rajnartaki		
	<i><u>Madanolsavam</u></i>	Elizabeth	<u>Malayalam</u>	
	<i><u>Anpadh</u></i>	Jyoti	Hindi	
	<i><u>Amara Prema</u></i>	Jaya Mala	Telugu	
	<i><u>Tumhare Liye</u></i>	Rajnartaki	Hindi	
1979	<i><u>Gopal Krishna</u></i>	Radha		
	<i><u>Jeena Yahan</u></i>	Sushma		Guest appearance
	<i><u>Salaam Memsaab</u></i>	Radha		
	<i><u>Sawan Ko Aane Do</u></i>	Chandramukhi		
	<i><u>Naiyya</u></i>	Geeta		
	<i><u>Do Hawaldar</u></i>	Paro		
1980	<i><u>Chamaram</u></i>	Indu	Malayalam	
	<i><u>Naayattu</u></i>	Bhavani		
	<i><u>Swattu</u></i>	Rohini		
	<i><u>Mr. Michael</u></i>	Lilly		
	<i><u>Prathishta</u></i>			
	<i><u>Pappu</u></i>	Herself		Cameo
	<i><u>Sitara</u></i>	Dhaniya/Sarita	Hindi	
	<i><u>Aakhri Insaaf</u></i>			

	<u>Taxi Chor</u>	Ruby		
	<u>Hema Hemeelu</u>	Seeta	Telugu	
	<u>Jazbaat</u>	Sapna/Sangeeta		
1981	<u>Ek Aur Ek Gyarah</u>	Himibai		
	<u>Roohi</u>	Sajjo/Roohi	Hindi	
	<u>Aakhri Mujra</u>	Sitara		
	<u>Paanch Qaidi</u>	Shanti		
	<u>Khoon Ki Takkar</u>	Rajju		
	<u>Ammakkorumma</u>	Sindhu		
	<u>Palangal</u>	Usha		
	<u>Sara Varsham</u>	Savitha	Malayalam	
	<u>Enthino Pookunna Pookal</u>	Savithri		
	<u>Football</u>	Celine		
	<u>Veedu</u>	Sumi		
1982	<u>Barrister</u>			
	<u>Tadap</u>	Shaila		
	<u>Maine Jeena Seekh Liya</u>	Reema	Hindi	
	<u>Shiv Charan</u>	Bijili		
	<u>Karwat</u>			
	<u>Kaivarisai</u>	Jaisankar's sister	Tamil	
1983	<u>Dard-E-Dil</u>	Reshma		
	<u>Chor Police</u>	Anjana	Hindi	
	<u>Paanchwin Manzil</u>	Meena		
	<u>Lal Chunariyaa</u>	Kamini		
	<u>Parasparam</u>	Meera	Malayalam	
1984	<u>Hanste Khelte</u>	Meena	Hindi	
	<u>Manasariyathe</u>	Sindhu		
	<u>Punnaram Cholli Cholli</u>	Vinodini	Malayalam	
1985	<u>Choodatha Pookal</u>	Sreedevi		
	<u>Hum Naujawan</u>	Meenakshi		
	<u>Amrit</u>	Savitri Sharma		
1986	<u>Adhikar</u>	Rita	Hindi	
	<u>Inteqam Ki Aag</u>	Seema		
	<u>Dahleez</u>	Jameela Ali		
1987	<u>Ee Bandha Anubandha</u>		Kannada	
	<u>Maashuka</u>		Hindi	
	<u>Dozakh</u>	Dancer		

	<i>Mera Yaar Mera Dushman</i>			
1989	<i>Toofan</i>	Mrs. Laxmi Gopal Sharma		
1992	<i>Jai Kaali</i>	Divya		
1995	<i>Mera Damad</i>	Kimi/Sunita Choudhry		
2001	<i>Zindagi</i>	Geeta		
2004	<i>Dil Maange More!!!</i>	Kavita		
2005	<i>Kisna: The Warrior Poet</i>	Shanta		
2006	<i>Jaane Hoga Kya</i>	Mrs. Krishnan		
	<i>Prateeksha</i>	Kunti		
2007	<i>Kaisay Kahein</i>	Mrs. Rao		
2008	<i>Kabadi Kabadi</i>			
2009	<i>Calendar</i>	Thankam Joseph	Malayalam	
2010	<i>Aagathan</i>	Malathi Varma		
	<i>My Name Is Khan</i>	Razia Khan	Hindi	
	<i>Rakta Charitra</i>	Jayalakshmi	Hindi	
			Telugu	
	<i>Rakta Charitra 2</i>		Hindi	
	Telugu			
	<i>Khilafath</i>		Malayalam	
<i>Malik Ek</i>	Shanti	Hindi		
2011	<i>Adaminte Makan Abu</i>	Aishumma	Malayalam	
	<i>Naayika</i>	Herself		Cameo
2012	<i>Agneepath</i>	Suhasini Chauhan		
2013	<i>I, Me, aur Main</i>	Nisha Sabharwal	Hindi	
	<i>Himmatwala</i>	Savitri		
	<i>Vishwaroopam</i>	Psychiatrist	Tamil	
	<i>Aaru Sundarimaarude Katha</i>	Chachi Moothedan	Malayalam	
	<i>Olipporu</i>	Olipporali's mother		
	<i>Club 60</i>	Mrs. Sinha		
	<i>Zila Ghaziabad</i>	Satbeer's mother		
2014	<i>Bobby Jasoos</i>	Saida		
	<i>Love U Crazy Girl</i>	Khushi's mother	Hindi	
2015	<i>Dil Dhadakne Do</i>	Smita Sangha		
2016	<i>Chalk n Duster</i>	Indu Shastri		
	<i>Yea Toh Two Much Ho Gayaa</i>	Mann's mother		
	<i>Anbendraale Amma</i>	Mother	Tamil	Short film
2017	<i>Viswasapoorvam Mansoor</i>	Sairabanu	Malayalam	

	<u>Thrissivaperoor Kliptham</u>	Ammachi		
	<u>Jia Aur Jia</u>	Jia Grewal's mother	Hindi	
	<u>The Door</u>	Mother		
2019	<u>Minnaminukalude Aakasham</u>		Malayalam	
	<u>The Last Meal</u>	Mother	Hindi	
	<u>And the Oscar Goes To...</u>	Ummukulsu	Malayalam	Photo only
	<u>Priyapettavar</u>	Menon's mother		
	<u>PM Narendra Modi</u>	Hiraben Modi	Hindi	
	<u>One Day: Justice Delivered</u>	Abdul's mom		
	<u>Junction Varanasi</u>	Mamta		
	<u>Mudda 370 J&K</u>	Suraj's mother		
2020	<u>Mai Gayatri Jadhav</u>	Lawyer		
	<u>Main Mulayam Singh Yadav</u>	Mulayam's mother		
	<u>The Lovers</u>	Nithya's mother		
	<u>The Waiting</u>	Mehak		
	<u>Guns of Banaras</u>	Guddu's Mother		
	<u>Street Dancer 3D</u>	Amrinder's Mother		
2021	<u>Mera Fauji Calling</u>	Maaji		
2022	<u>Before You Die</u>			
	<u>Hero of Nation Chandra Shekhar Azad</u>	Jagrani Devi		
	<u>Lalitham Sundaram</u>	Mary Das	Malayalam	
	<u>Virata Parvam</u>	Ravi's mother	Telugu	
	<u>Ishq Pashmina</u>		Hindi	[11]
2023	<u>Dasara</u>		Telugu	[12]
	<u>Lafzon Mein Pyaar</u>	Devki	Hindi	[13]
	<u>Ajmer 92</u>	Urmila	Hindi	
	<u>The Purvanchal Files</u>		Hindi	

Television series

Year	Serial	Role	Channel	Notes
1999	<u>Naya Zamana</u>	Dr.Shubhada Singh, Principal of college	<u>Zee TV</u>	
2000	<u>Babul Ki Duwayen Leti Jaa</u>	Prof Nafisa Siddiqui		
	<u>Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi</u>	Tulsi's Childhood friend	<u>Star Plus</u>	
2001-2003	<u>Heena</u>	Nagma Begum	<u>Sony Entertainment</u>	

			Television	
2002	<i><u>Kammal</u></i>	Rini Sanyaal	Zee TV	
2004	<i><u>Tumhari Disha</u></i>	Suhasini Vijayendra Bhonsale		
2005	<i><u>Kohinoor</u></i>	Mrs Kohli, Iravati Mom	Sahara One	
2006	<i><u>Zaara-Pyar Ki Saugat</u></i>	Sana Khan -Aamir stepmother		
	<i><u>FIR</u></i>	Bajrang Pandey's Mother	SAB TV	
	<i><u>Kashmakash Zindagi Ki</u></i>	Pooja's Mother	DD National	
2007	<i><u>Virrudh</u></i>	Vasudha Mother	Sony Entertainment Television	
2009	<i><u>Yahaaan Main Ghar Ghar Kheli</u></i>	Pratibha Jagmohan Prasad	Zee TV	Later that Character was Played by Natasha Sinha and after that <u>Surbhi Tiwari</u>
2012	<i><u>Savdhaan India</u></i>	Rajjo (Episode no 732)	Star Bharat	Only One Episode
	<i><u>Sajda Tere Pyaar Mein</u></i>	Mahendra Pratap Mother	Star Plus	
	<i><u>Madhubala Ek Ishq Ek Junoon</u></i>	Meera Malik Sultan Mother	Colors TV	
2016	<i><u>Meri Awaaz Hi Pehchaan Hai</u></i>	Ketki Gaikwad	& TV	

Web series

Year	Title	Role	Language	Network	Ref
2016	<i><u>Love Life & Screw Ups</u></i>	Honey	Hindi		
2022	<i><u>Tanaav</u></i>	Nabeela Riaz	Hindi	Sony Liv	[14]
2023	<i><u>Taj: Divided by Blood</u></i>	<u>Salima Sultan Begum</u>	Hindi	Zee5	
	<i><u>Tooth Pari: When Love Bites</u></i>	Mamta	Hindi	Netflix	[15]
	<i><u>Kafas</u></i>	Neelima	Hindi	Sony Liv	
	<i><u>P I Meena</u></i>	Chandana Dey	Hindi	<u>Amazon Prime Video</u>	

Awards and nominations

- Nominated–Filmfare Award for Best Actress (1977) for *Gharonda*^[4]

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