

Yashpal Sharma (actor)

Yashpal Sharma is an Indian actor primarily working in Hindi-language films and theatre. He is best known for his role as Randhir Singh in Sudhir Mishra's 2003 Hindi movie *Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi*, apart from *Lagaan* (2001), *Gangaajal* (2003), *Ab Tak Chhappan* (2004), *Apaharan* (2005), *Lakshyam* (2007), *Singh Is Kinning* (2008), *Aarakshan* (2011), *Rowdy Rathore* (2012), and *Ayothi* (2023).

He also played the role as Don Rana in a sequence of popular TV sitcom *Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah* (2008–present) on SAB TV. He played Kuwar Singh in Zee's *Mera Naam Karegi Roshan*. Yashpal is also a stage actor and appears in live plays. He formerly starred in Zee's *Neeli Chhatri Waale*. The Haryanvi film *Pagdi: The Honour* was awarded at the 62nd National Film Awards.

Early life and education

Sharma was born and brought up in a lower-middle-class family in Hisar in the state of Haryana. Since childhood, he was interested in acting and used to actively organise and participate in Ramlila during Dasara (also called Navaratri) festivals.^{[1][2]}

He graduated from the National School of Drama, Mandi House, New Delhi in 1994,^[3] the lead role of his theatre play franchise (*Koi Baat Chale*) with writer and director Ramji Bali.^[4]

Career

After his graduation he joined the National School of Drama Repertory Company in Delhi, where he worked for about two years before moving to Mumbai in 1997.^[3]

His first big break was Govind Nihlani's film, *Hazaar Chaurasi Ki Maa* (1998), which gave him a chance to act alongside Jaya Bachchan and Nandita Das. He also started appearing in commercial films, like *Shool* and *Arjun Pandit*. However, it was the Academy Award-nominated *Lagaan* (2001) which brought him to the limelight, and thereafter he appeared in *Gangaajal* (2003) and *Ab Tak Chhappan*. He has been a regular in films of Shyam Benegal and Prakash Jha and continues to work as a stage actor in Mumbai.^{[3][5]}

In 2010, he acted in Rage productions' bilingual play, *One on One*^[6] and the play *Lakeerein*, written by Gulzar and directed by Salim Arif, opposite actor, Lubna Salim.^[7]

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Sharma in 2023 on the set of *The Rise Of Sudharshan Chakra*

Born	Yashpal Sharma <div></div> Hisar, Haryana, India
Nationality	Indian
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1998–present
Known for	<i><u>Lagaan</u></i> <div><i><u>Gangaajal</u></i></div>

He made his television debut with *Mera Naam Karegi Roshan* on Zee TV in 2010. Then he played a cameo role in *Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah* on SAB TV in 2011. The same year, he appeared in a significant role in Dev Anand's *Chargesheet*, which turned out to be the veteran actor's last film before his death.

Sharma returned on television in a lead role as Bhagwandas with *Neeli Chhatri Waale* on Zee TV in 2014. His upcoming film as lead is *Das Capital*, directed by Rajen Kothari.

He briefly appeared in a short documentary *The Facebook Generation*, produced by Blue Strike Productions and Dev Samaj Modern School and directed by Sahil Bhardwaj. The film competed in the Reel to Real film making competition at Harmony 2012 organised by The Global Education and Leadership Foundation and was among the top 10 finalists.

He turned to film direction with a biopic on Haryanvi poet Pandit Lakhmi Chand, which he wrote as well.^[8]

Filmography

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†	Denotes films that have not yet been released
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Yashpal Sharma at the launch of TV serial '*Neeli Chhatri Waale*'

Year	Film	Role	Notes
1998	<u>Hazaar Chaurasi Ki Maa</u>	Laltu (Brati's comrade)	
	<u>Shool</u>	Lalan Singh	
	<u>Arjun Pandit</u>	Shiva	
1999	<u>Samar</u>	Ramesh Singh	
2000	<u>Pukar</u>	Major Katar Singh	
	<u>Bawandar</u>	Sarju	
2001	<u>Aalavandhan / Abhay</u>	The Kashmiri terrorist	Hindi-Tamil bilingual film
	<u>Mujhe Kucch Kehna Hai</u>	Batsman/gang leader	
	<u>Avgat</u>	Inspector A. Tadlapurkar	Marathi film
	<u>Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India</u>	Lakha	
2002	<u>Gunaah</u>	Parshuram	
2003	<u>Mumbai Se Aaya Mera Dost</u>	Rudra Pratap Singh	
	<u>Chameli</u>	DCP K.P. Singh	
	<u>Dhoop</u>	Inspector Ram Singh Malik	
	<u>Amma</u>	Raghunath	
	<u>Dum</u>	Babu Kasai	
	<u>Gangaajal</u>	Sunder Yadav	Nominated, <u>Filmfare Best Villain Award</u>
	<u>Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi</u>	Randhir Singh	
2004	<u>Asambhav</u>	Randit Parmar	
	<u>Ab Tak Chhappan</u>	Sub-Inspector Imtiaz Siiddiqui	
2005	<u>Kisna: The Warrior Poet</u>	Shankar Singh	
	<u>D</u>	Shabbir	
	<u>Yahaan</u>	Shakil Ahmed	
	<u>Amu</u>	Gobind	
	<u>Apaharan</u>	Gaya Singh	
	<u>Dhadkanein</u>		
2006	<u>Bas Ek Pal</u>	Swamy	
2007	<u>Khanna & Iyer</u>		
	<u>Benaam</u>		
	<u>Aaja Nachle</u>	Inspector Sahib	
	<u>Lakshyam</u>	Section Shankar	<u>Telugu</u> film

	<u>Anwar</u>	S.P. Tiwari	
	<u>Risk</u>	Arbaaz Bin Jamal	
2008	<u>Tashan</u>	ACP Kuldeep Singh Hooda	
	<u>Deshdrohi</u>	Baba Qadum	
	<u>Welcome to Sajjanpur</u>	Ramsingh	
	<u>Singh Is Kinng</u>	Pankaj Udaas	
2009	<u>Sankat City</u>	Pachisia	
	<u>Well Done Abba!</u>	Ramiyya - Police constable	
2010	<u>Mumbai Cutting</u>		
	<u>Don Seenu</u>	Baiju	Telugu film
	<u>Lamhaa</u>	Rauf	
	<u>Rivaaz</u>	Inspector Sadanand Pathak	
	<u>Road, Movie</u>	Waterlord	
	<u>Yeh Sunday Kyun Aata Hai</u>		
2011	<u>Yeh Saali Zindagi</u>	Badey	
	<u>Aarakshan</u>	Shambhu Kaka	
	<u>Sahi Dhandhe Galat Bande</u>	Malik	
	<u>Monica</u>	Public Prosecutor Mathur	
	<u>Chargesheet</u>	Suraj	
2012	<u>Jal</u>	Ramkhiladi	
	<u>Chakradhaar</u>	Yogiraj Chaudhary	
	<u>Rowdy Rathore</u>	Inspector Vishal Sharma	
	<u>Sooper Se Ooper</u>	Bhairu	
	<u>Gangs of Wasseypur</u>	Singer in a band	
	<u>Jeena Hai Toh Thok Daal</u>	Mahkoo	
	<u>Oass</u>	John	
2013	<u>Ajoba</u>		Marathi film
	<u>Singh Saab The Great</u>	Lallan Singh	
	<u>Geetian</u>		Dogri film
2014	<u>Jatt James Bond</u>	Bant Mistri	Punjabi film
	<u>Manjunath</u>	Golu Goyal	
	<u>Pagdi The Honour</u>	Police Officer	Haryanvi Film
2015	<u>Aisa Yeh Jahaan</u>	Nalia Kai	

	<u>Mukhtiar Chadha</u>	Chidi Hussain	<u>Punjabi film</u>
2016	<u>Sardaar Ji 2</u>	Teja	<u>Punjabi film</u>
	<u>Chinese Bhassad</u>	TT Bhaiyya	Voot Originals
	<u>Bahniman</u>		Assamese film
2017	<u>Hameer</u>	Hameer	<u>Gujarati Film</u>
	<u>Tubelight</u>	Major Rajbir Tokas	
	<u>Toofan Singh</u>	Arvind Ram	<u>Punjabi Film</u>
	<u>Game Over</u>	Inspector Pandurang Kadam	
	<u>Panchlait</u>	Sarpanch Naginaa Mahto	
	<u>Babuji Ek Ticket Bumbai</u>		
	<u>Journey of Bhangover</u>		
2018	<u>Bharat Ane Nenu</u>	Manohar Rao	Telugu film
	<u>S. P. Chauhan</u>	Jai Singh	
2019	<u>Family of Thakurganj</u>	Sajjan Singh	
	<u>Fagun Haway</u>	Zamsed	Bangladeshi Film
2020	<u>Das Capital: Gulamon Ki Rajdhani</u>	Purushottam Ram	Streaming on Cinemapreneur ^[9]
2021	<u>Dada Lakhmi</u>	<u>Lakhmi Chand</u>	68th National Film Awards in Best Feature Film category in Haryanvi ^[10] Also director Haryanvi film
	<u>Bunty Aur Babli 2</u>	Chutwa Chaubey	
2023	<u>Ayothi</u>	Balram	Debut film in Tamil
	<u>The Great Indian Family</u>	Pandit Jagannath Mishra	
	<u>The Rise of Sudarshan Chakra</u>	Chandgi Ram	<u>Hindi</u> ^{[11][12]}
2024	<u>Bastar: The Naxal Story</u>		

Television

Year	Name	Role	Notes
2001	<u>Ssshhhh...Koi Hai</u>	Jaspal	episode "Vidyut"
2010	<u>Mera Naam Karegi Roshan</u>	Kunwar Kuldeep Singh	
2011	<u>Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah</u>	Don Kuldeep Singh Rana ^[13]	
2014–2015	<u>Neeli Chhatri Waale</u>	Bhagwan Das Chaubey	

Short films

Year	Film	Role	Notes
2016	<i>Sanyog</i>		
	<i>Moksha</i>	Asif security guard	WWI Films ^[14]
2017	<i>Carbon</i>	Bhai selling oxygen	Long Short Films ^[15]
	<i>Mukti</i>	General <u>Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi</u>	SonyLIV ^[16]
2018	<i>Kaagpanth</i>	Iqbal	
2020	<i>Khayali Pulao</i>	Handball coach	YouTube - Mostly Sane ^[17]

Web series

Year	Film	Role	Notes
2020	<i>Your Honor</i>	Pandit	<u>Sony Liv</u>
	<i>PariWar</i>	Mahipal Narayan	<u>Hotstar</u> ^[18]
	<i>A Simple Murder</i>	Pandit	<u>SonyLIV</u> ^[19]
	<i>Chitthi</i>	Ravi Asthana	Dhaivat Records & Productions ^{[20][21]}
2023	<i>Kaalkoot</i>	Sattu Yadav	<u>JioCinema</u>
2024	<i>Maamla Legal Hai</i>	Adv. Mahendra Phorey	<u>Netflix</u>

Awards and nominations

- 2004: **Nominated:** Filmfare Best Villain Award for *Gangaajal*
- 2004: **Nominated:** IIFA Best Performance in a Negative Role for *Gangaajal*
- 2004: **Nominated:** Screen Weekly Awards for *Gangaajal*
- 2004: **Nominated:** Zee Cine Awards for *Gangaajal*
- 2022: **Won:** 68th National Film Awards for *Dada Lakhmi* in Best Feature Film in Haryanvi

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