

Laapataa Ladies

Laapataa Ladies (transl.[ⓘ] Lost Ladies) is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language comedy drama[ⓘ] film directed by Kiran Rao[ⓘ]^[5] and produced by Aamir Khan[ⓘ], Kiran Rao[ⓘ] and Jyoti Deshpande[ⓘ]^[6] The film stars Nitanshi Goel[ⓘ], Pratibha Ranta[ⓘ], Sparsh Shrivastava[ⓘ], Chhaya Kadam[ⓘ] and Ravi Kishan[ⓘ]^[7]

The film was screened at the Toronto International Film Festival[ⓘ] (TIFF) on 8 September 2023.^[1] The film was theatrically released on 1 March 2024.^[8]

Plot

A newly married husband loses his traditionally-veiled[ⓘ] wife on a crowded train in a case of mistaken identity, and brings home another newly-wed, veiled bride—unbeknownst to either party until the husband reaches his village home, and the wife the wrong railway station. The plot follows his search for his actual wife; the journey of the wife stranded at the wrong station; and the true intent of the woman who finds herself in the wrong village.^[9]

Cast

- Nitanshi Goel[ⓘ] as Phool Kumari
- Sparsh Shrivastav[ⓘ] as Deepak Kumar
- Pratibha Ranta[ⓘ] as Jaya
- Chhaya Kadam[ⓘ] as Manju Maai
- Ravi Kishan[ⓘ] as Shyam Manohar
- Geeta Agrawal Sharma[ⓘ] as Yashoda
- Satendra Soni[ⓘ] as Chotu
- Abeer Jain[ⓘ] as Bablu
- Bhaskar Jha[ⓘ] as Pradeep
- Daood Hussain[ⓘ] as Gunjan
- Durgesh Kumar[ⓘ] as Dubey Ji
- Kanupriya Rishimum[ⓘ] as Bela
- Pankaj Sharma[ⓘ] as Deepak's Father
- Sanjay Dogra[ⓘ] as Murti
- Shad Mohamad[ⓘ] as Hanif
- Ravi Kapadiya[ⓘ] as Abdul
- Vivek Sawri[ⓘ] as Station Master
- Rachna Gupta[ⓘ] as Poonam
- Pranjal Pateriya[ⓘ] as Raghu

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Theatrical Release Poster

Directed by	Kiran Rao[ⓘ]
Written by	Biplab Goswami[ⓘ] <div>Sneha Desai[ⓘ]<div>Divyanidhi Sharma[ⓘ]</div></div>
Screenplay by	Sneha Desai[ⓘ]
Produced by	Aamir Khan[ⓘ] <div>Kiran Rao[ⓘ]<div>Jyoti Deshpande[ⓘ]</div></div>
Starring	Nitanshi Goel[ⓘ] <div>Sparsh Shrivastav[ⓘ]<div>Pratibha Ranta[ⓘ]<div>Abhay Dubey[ⓘ]<div>Chhaya Kadam[ⓘ]<div>Ravi Kishan[ⓘ]</div></div></div></div></div>
Cinematography	Vikash Nowlakha[ⓘ]
Edited by	Jabeen Merchant[ⓘ]
Music by	Ram Sampath[ⓘ]
Production companies	Jio Studios[ⓘ] <div>Aamir Khan Productions[ⓘ]<div>Kindling Pictures[ⓘ]</div></div>
Distributed by	Yash Raj Films[ⓘ]

- Samarth Mayor as Bilas
- Durgesh Kumar as Dubey
- Abhay Dubey as Prisoner

Music

The music of the film is composed by [Ram Sampath](#) while lyrics written by [Divyanidhi Sharma](#), [Prashant Pandey](#) and [Swanand Kirkire](#).^[10]

Laapataa Ladies track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Doubtwa"	Divyanidhi Sharma	Sukhwinder Singh	2:30
2.	"Sajni"	Prashant Pandey	Arijit Singh	2:50
3.	"Dheeme Dheeme"	Swanand Kirkire	Shreya Ghoshal	4:28
4.	"Beda Paar"	Prashant Pandey	Sona Mohapatra	2:26
			Total length:	12:14

Release

Laapataa Ladies was released in theatres on 1 March 2024.^[11]

Distribution

[Yash Raj Films](#) acquired global distribution rights (Including [UK](#)) for the film.

Digital Release

Laapataa Ladies will premiere on [Netflix](#) but the digital release date has not been announced yet as the film is still running in theaters.^[12]

Reception

On the [review aggregator](#) website [Rotten Tomatoes](#), [100%](#) of 21 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 7.7/10.^[13] *Laapaata Ladies* received critical acclaim.

[Saibal Chatterjee](#) of [NDTV](#) gave the film a rating of 3.5/5 and stated that [Kiran Rao](#) returns to the director's seat "with a work that strikes the right notes. She does away with marquee names in *Laapataa Ladies*... and employs three first-timers in a lively tale of two brides caught in a terrible mix-up."^[14]

[Bollywood Hungama](#) rated the film 3/5 stars, writing, "*Laapataa Ladies* works due to the amusing plot, performances, underlying message and some memorable funny and emotional scenes."^[15] [Catherine Bray](#) of [The Guardian](#) gave the film 3 out of 5 stars and stated, "If you can get with the larky premise, [Kiran Rao](#)'s tale of mixed-up newlyweds makes for a gently probing comedy of manners."^[16]

Release dates	8 September 2023 (TIFF) ^[1] <div>1 March 2024</div>
Running time	124 minutes ^[2]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	<u>est.</u> ₹4–5 crore ^[3]
Box office	₹21.65 crore ^[4]

Laapataa Ladies	
Soundtrack album by Ram Sampath	
Released	13 February 2024
Recorded	2023
Genre	Feature film soundtrack
Length	12:14
Language	Hindi
Label	T-Series
Ram Sampath chronology	
<i>Kathal</i> (2023)	<i>Laapataa Ladies</i> (2024)
Official audio	
Laapataa Ladies - Full Album (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qR1jknVMOJQ) on YouTube	

In a review for *The Indian Express*, Shubhra Gupta rated the film 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote, "Kiran Rao's film is unapologetically message-y, but its strongly beating feminist heart overrides the broad brush strokes. Sometimes things need to be stated loud and clear."^[17]

Rishil Jogani of *Pinkvilla* rated the film 4/5 and opined that *Laapataa Ladies* "is funny, witty, quirky, entertaining and empowering. It is an extremely important film that utilises the power of cinema in the right way".^[18]

Tushar Joshi of *India Today* said in his review that "'Laapataa Ladies' is a terrific watch simply because it is put together so well. The length might be a slight issue, but if you invest your heart into this tale of two women gone missing, then you will be in for a treat."^[19]

Rajiv Vijayakar from *Koimoi* gave the film a solid 4.5 stars out of 5, claiming, "A seemingly rural slice-of-life dramedy suddenly spirals into a powerful social statement!" He further wrote "The film is thus not just value-for-money entertainment but a movie you will carry home with its progressive angles, not just for women but also for society."^[20]

Box office

On its first day, the film earned Nett of ₹75 lakh, followed by ₹1.45 crore on the second day and ₹1.7 crore on the third day, a first weekend total of ₹3.75 crore. As of 11 April 2024, the film has a gross of ₹20.49 crore in India and a worldwide gross of ₹21.65 crore.^[4]

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