

Khaali Peeli

Khaali Peeli is a 2020 Indian Hindi-language masala film starring Ishaan Khatter, Ananya Panday and Jaideep Ahlawat.^[2] *Khaali Peeli* is directed by Maqbool Khan and produced by Ali Abbas Zafar, Zee Studios and Offside Entertainment.^[3] The story was written by Yash Keswani and Sima Agarwal.^[4]

Principal photography begun on 11 September 2019 and shoot wrapped up in March 2020.^[5] The film's initial release on 12 June 2020 was deferred due to COVID-19 pandemic. *Khaali Peeli* is released digitally on Zee Plex with pay-per-view model on 2 October 2020.^[6]

Plot

Cast

- Ishaan Khatter as Vijay "Blackie" Chauhan
 - Rajesh Desai as Young Vijay a.k.a. Blackie
- Ananya Panday as Pooja Gaur
 - Deshna Duggad as Young Pooja
- Jaideep Ahlawat as Yusuf Chikna^[7]
- Zakir Hussain as Inspector Tawde
- Satish Kaushik as Inspector Bhim Singh
- Swanand Kirkire as Choksi Seth
- Suyash Tilak as Mangesh
- Anup Soni as Ravi / Babuji
- Kabir Duhan Singh as Goon
- Bhushan Vikas as Mahesh
- Vinod Nahardih as Mannu
- Purnanand Wandeekar as Jaidev
- Vaishali Thakkar as Khala

Soundtrack

The film's music was composed by Vishal–Shekhar, while lyrics were written by Kumaar and Raj Shekhar.

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Khaali Peeli	
 <div>Release poster</div>	
Directed by	Maqbool Khan
Written by	Yash Keswani <p>Sima Agarwal</p>
Produced by	<u>Ali Abbas Zafar</u> <p>Himanshu</p> <p>Kishan Mehra</p> <p>Abhishek Vyas</p>
Starring	<u>Ishaan Khatter</u> <p><u>Ananya Panday</u></p> <p><u>Jaideep Ahlawat</u></p>
Cinematography	Adil Afsar
Edited by	Rameshwar S. Bhagat
Music by	Songs: <p><u>Vishal–Shekhar</u></p> <p>Score: <p><u>Sanchit Balhara</u></p> <p><u>Ankit Balhara</u></p></p>
Production companies	<u>Zee Studios</u> <p>Offside</p> <p>Entertainment</p>

India pointed out how on one hand, Beyoncé is working towards the racial empowerment through her song, but the Bollywood song, names her, and says she will be "embarrassed of fairskinned Ananya Panday's dancing skills".^[12] *HuffPost India* wrote "What's a bit of racism sprinkled over the regular dose of sexism".^[13] *News18 India* said "It seems despite the Black Lives Matter movement, the hashtags and the social media outrage, Bollywood hasn't learned much about racism".^[14] After receiving heavy backlash online, the director Maqbool Khan apologised. On 13 September, the producers changed the spelling of the title, from "Beyoncé" to "Beyonse".^[15] *News18 India* reported that Jay-Z trademarked and protected the name "Beyoncé" and it therefore cannot be used without their permission.^[16] The title was subsequently changed again, to "Duniya Sharma Jayegi".^[17] However, despite the name change, the video received 1 million dislikes within its first week on YouTube.^[18]

All music is composed by Vishal–Shekhar

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Duniya Sharma Jaayegi" (previously "Beyonce Sharma Jaayegi" and "Beyonse Sharma Jaayegi")	<u>Kumaar, Raj Shekhar</u>	<u>Nakash Aziz, Neeti Mohan</u>	3:32
2.	"Tehas Nehas"	Kumaar	<u>Shekhar Ravjiani, Prakriti Kakar</u>	3:55
3.	"Shana Dil"	Raj Shekhar	<u>Divya Kumar</u>	2:58
Total length:				10:25

Distributed by	<u>Zee Plex ZEE5</u>
Release date	2 October 2020
Running time	120 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi

<i>Khaali Peeli</i>		
<u>Soundtrack album</u> by <u>Vishal–Shekhar</u>		
Released	15 September 2020 ^[8]	
Recorded	2019	
<u>Genre</u>	<u>Feature film</u> <u>soundtrack</u>	
Length	10:25	
Language	Hindi	
<u>Label</u>	<u>Zee Music</u> <u>Company</u>	
<u>Vishal–Shekhar</u> chronology		
<i><u>Baaghi 3</u></i> (2020)	<i>Khaali Peeli</i> (2020)	<i><u>Chehre</u></i> (2021)
Official audio		
<u>Khaali Peeli - Full Album</u> (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4DJDOshGNS4) on YouTube		

Release

Khaali Peeli was originally scheduled to be released worldwide on 11 June 2020 in cinemas, before the COVID-19 pandemic led to its postponement owing to cinemas shutdown.^[19] In August 2020, the makers sold its rights to new PVOD platform Zee Plex.^[20] *Khaali Peeli* was released there on 2 October 2020, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti.^[21] It was simultaneously released in drive-in theatres of Gurugram and Bengaluru.^[22]

Reception

The film released on the Zee Plex platform alongside Ka Pae Ranasingam. Devansh Sharma from *Firstpost* wrote, "After Beyond The Clouds and Dhadak, Khatter puts on display yet another side of his multifaceted personality. Khaali Peeli is his most 'commercial' film yet, a la Ranveer Singh in Rohit Shetty's *Simmba*. But rather than mimicking his idols, Khatter invents his style in conformity with a Mumbai taxi driver on a steady diet of Bollywood films for years — and makes a meal of it."^[23] Soumya Srivastava from *Hindustan*

Times stated, "Khaali Peeli is a concoction that can only be brewed in the belly of Bollywood. With one chase sequence following on the tails of another, director Maqbool Khan ensures not a single moment is without its adrenaline dialled up to an 11. But it's quite shocking how easily one can grow bored of craziness as well" ^[24]

Shubra Gupta from *The Indian Express* said, "Khaali Peeli knows that it needs to refresh the tropes it is up against, and manages to do so only some of the time in its two-hour duration."^[25] Uma Ramasubramanian from *Mid-Day* wrote "Khaali Peeli is the perfect package for Khatter, who gets to showcase his dancing skills, action, drama, romance, comedy and biceps. Known for his love for offbeat films — Majid Majidi's *Beyond the Clouds* (2017) and forthcoming *A Suitable Boy* (2020) — the wonder boy is equally crackling in a typical Bollywood entertainer. Panday, though she carries the role efficiently, doesn't deliver authenticity to the character."^[26]

Controversies

The song "Beyonce Sharma Jaayegi" was criticised online for lyrics that some found racist.^{[11][12][13]} The song has been contrasted with Beyoncé's "Brown Skin Girl", as *Rolling Stone India* pointed out how on one hand, Beyoncé is working towards the racial empowerment through her song, but the Bollywood song, names her, and says she will be "embarrassed of fairskinned Ananya Panday's dancing skills".^[14] *HuffPost India* wrote "What's a bit of racism sprinkled over the regular dose of sexism".^[15] News18 India said "It seems despite the *Black Lives Matter* movement, the hashtags and the social media outrage, *Bollywood* hasn't learned much about racism".^[16] After receiving heavy backlash online, the director Maqbool Khan apologised. On 13 September, the producers changed the spelling of the title, from "Beyoncé" to "Beyonse".^[17] News18 India reported that Jay-Z trademarked and protected the name "Beyoncé" and it therefore cannot be used without their permission.^[18] The title was subsequently changed again, to "Duniya Sharma Jayegi".^[19] However, despite the name change, the video received 1 million dislikes within its first week on YouTube.^[20]

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