

Serious Men (film)

Serious Men is an Indian Hindi-language satirical comedy-drama film directed by Sudhir Mishra. It is based on the book of the same name by Manu Joseph^[2] and features Nawazuddin Siddiqui in the lead role. The film is produced by Bombay Fables and Cineraas Entertainment.^[3] It was released on Netflix on 2 October 2020.^[4] Exploring the themes of class, caste, and prejudice, the film is a reminder of the challenges that Dalit people face in India.^{[5][6]}

At the 2021 Filmfare OTT Awards, *Serious Men* received three nominations, including Best Supporting Actor in a Web Original Film for Aakshath Das, and won two awards: Best Web Original Film and Best Actor in a Web Original Film (Siddiqui).

Synopsis

The film follows Ayyan Mani, a middle-aged man working as an assistant to an astronomer at the National Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai. He lives in a slum with his wife and son. Furious at his situation in life, Ayyan develops an outrageous story that his ten-year-old son, Adi, is a science genius.

Adi, though a bright boy, is no genius. Ayyan coaches him on what to say and do in public, and he uses a Bluetooth hearing aid to provide the boy with answers. Ayyan's scheme works, and Adi soon becomes a local celebrity. He is invited to give talks at schools and universities and is even featured on national television.

Ayyan's success attracts the attention of a local politician, who sees Adi as a potential asset for his party. He offers Ayyan a large sum of money if he can convince Adi to endorse the politician's party in the upcoming elections. Ayyan agrees but soon realizes that he has made a mistake.

In the end, Ayyan's deception is revealed. The family moves to a seaside village to live a simpler life.

Cast

- Nawazuddin Siddiqui as Ayyan Mani
- Indira Tiwari as Oja Mani
- Aakshath Das as Adi Mani
- Nassar as Dr. Arvind Acharya

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Netflix release poster

Directed by	<u>Sudhir Mishra</u>
Written by	<u>Bhavesh Mandalia</u> <u>Abhijeet Khuman</u> <u>Niren Bhatt</u> <u>Nikhil Nair</u>
Based on	<u>Serious Men</u> by <u>Manu Joseph</u>
Produced by	<u>Sudhir Mishra</u> <u>Bhavesh Mandalia</u> <u>Sejal Shah</u>
Starring	<u>Nawazuddin Siddiqui</u> <u>Indira Tiwari</u> <u>Nassar</u> Aakshath Das <u>Sanjay Narvekar</u> <u>Shweta Basu Prasad</u> Yogesh Yadav
Cinematography	Alexander

- Sanjay Narvekar as Keshav Dhavre
- Shweta Basu Prasad as Anuja Dhavre
- Vidhi Chitalia as Oparna
- Pathy Aiyar as Udayan
- Sameer Khakhar as Ganesh Tawde
- Uday Mahesh as Dr. Namboodri
- Manu Joseph as Journalist at press conference

	Sukala
Edited by	Atanu Mukherjee
Music by	Karel Antonin
Production companies	Bombay Fables Cineraas Entertainment
Distributed by	<u>Netflix</u>
Release date	2 October 2020
Running time	114 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi

Production

The film is based on the book *Serious Men* by Manu Joseph.^[2] The makers of the film decided to cast Nawazuddin Siddiqui as the lead in June 2019.^[7] Principal photography commenced in September 2019.^[8]

Release

The film was released on Netflix on 2 October 2020.^[4]

Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 91% of 11 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.6/10.^[9]

Accolades

Year	Award	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
2021	<u>Asian Academy Creative Awards</u>	Best Editing	Atanu Mukherjee	Won	^[10]
		Best Cinematography	Alexander Surkala	Won	
	<u>International Emmy Awards</u>	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Nawazuddin Siddiqui</u>	Nominated	^[11]
	<u>Filmfare OTT Awards</u>	Best Web Original Film	<i>Serious Men</i>	Won	^[12] ^[13]
		Best Actor in a Web Original Film	Nawazuddin Siddiqui	Won	
		Best Supporting Actor in a Web Original Film	Aakshath Das	Nominated	

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