

Nipun Dharmadhikari

Nipun Avinash Dharmadhikari^[1] (born in 1987) is a Marathi writer, actor, and director.^{[2][3]} He is known for the revival of Sangeet Natak(Musicals) and long five act plays.^[4]

Early life and personal life

Dharmadhikari's early education was in a convent school. He started learning classical music when he was 8.^[5] His first contact with arts came when he did an impromptu performance of the Marathi play, *Varhad Nighalay London La* in front of his class, in school. The teachers found out and he then began performing for annual days and other public events.^[6] He was a student of Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, where he was studying to become a chartered accountant.^{[2][7]} In 2003, Dharmadhikari started acting in plays for *Purushottam Karandak*, Pune's intercollegiate theatre competition.^[8] He has also participated in *Zee Karandak*.^[7]

He is married to singer Sanhita Chandorkar.

Career

He started Natak Company along with Amey Wagh, Parna Pethe and few students from Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce and Fergusson college in 2008, which produces Marathi plays.^[4]

His maiden venture was the play *Cycle*, where he directed Amey Wagh.^[9] In 2009, he was seen in the Marathi film, *Harishchandrachi Factory*.^[10] He went on to direct two plays, the first one being *Lose Control*, which dealt with sexual fantasies of three teenagers,^[8] while the second one was *Never Mind*, starring Spruha Joshi.^[5] In 2013, Dharmadhikari also wrote for the Hindi romantic comedy-drama film, *Nautanki Saala!*.^{[3][11]}

In 2015, Dharmadhikari was also featured in Forbes India's 30 under 30 list.^[8] In the same year, he was also seen in *Highway*, where he was seen playing a football fan.^[12] He was again featured on Forbes Asia's 30 under 30 list in 2016.^[13] He hosts the satirical talk show *Casting Couch with Amey & Nipun* on the YouTube channel, *Bharatiya Digital Party*, which started the same year.^{[14][15]} He made his marathi movie directorial debut through *Baapjanma*(2017).^[16] He also went on to direct the national award winning film, *Dhappa*.^[17] He was the guest of honour at *Vinodottam Karandak* in 2017.^[18] He has also directed award

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Born	Nipun Avinash Dharmadhikari <div>1987</div>
Nationality	Indian
Alma mater	<u>Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce</u> , Pune
Occupations	actor · writer · director
Years active	2003 - present
Known for	<i><u>Dhappa</u></i> <div><i><u>Amar Photo Studio</u></i></div> <div><i><u>Casting Couch With Amey & Nipun</u></i></div> <div><i><u>Mismatched</u></i></div> <div><i><u>Me Vasantao</u></i></div>
Awards	<u>Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration</u> (2018)

winning plays like *Sharam Gayi Toh*, *36* and *Dalan*.^[7] In 2022, he directed the Marathi play *Adlay Ka...?*, starring Parna Pethe and Atul Pethe, based on the original work *Die Besetzung* (The Occupation) by Swiss writer Charles Lewinsky and translated by Shaunak Chandorkar.

Filmography

Films

Year	Title	Role	Language	Reference
2009	<i><u>Harishchandrachi Factory</u></i>	Actor	<u>Marathi</u>	^[10]
2013	<i><u>Nautanki Saala!</u></i>	Writer	<u>Hindi</u>	^[3]
2015	<i><u>Highway</u></i>	Actor	Marathi	
2017	<i><u>Baapjanma</u></i>	Writer/ Director	Marathi	
2018	<i><u>Dhappa</u></i>	Writer/ Director	Marathi	
	<i><u>Karwaan</u></i>	Actor	Hindi	
2022	<i><u>Me Vasantrao</u></i>	Writer/ Director	Marathi	

Shows

Name	Role	Language	Platform	Reference
<i>Side Hero</i>	Writer	<u>Hindi</u>	<u>Eros Now</u>	^[3]
<i>Casting Couch With Amey & Nipun</i>	Host	<u>Marathi</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	
<i>Once A Year</i>	Arihant	Marathi	<u>MXPLAYER</u>	
<i><u>Mismatched</u></i>	Director	Hindi	<u>Netflix</u>	

Plays

Year of first show	Name	Role	Reference
2012	<i>Never Mind</i>	Director	^[19]
2016	<i><u>Amar Photo Studio</u></i>		^[9]
	<i>Sangeet Saunshaykallol</i>		^[20]
2017	<i>Stand-Up</i>	Actor	^[21]
2018	<i>Once More</i>	Director	^[22]
2022	<i>Adlay Ka...?</i>		^[23]
Unknown	<i>Cycle</i>		^[6]
	<i>Sangeet Manapman</i>		
	<i>Sangeet Saubhadra</i>		
	<i>Lose Control</i>		

Awards

- Third Position at the Maharashtra State Professional Drama Competition 2017 (Direction), for *Amar Photo Studio*^[24]
- Best Director, Maharashtra Times Sanmaan 2017^[25]
- Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration in 2018 for *Dhappa*.^[2]
- Best Director, Zee Natya Gaurav Puraskar 2019 for *Once More*.^[26]

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