

Nikamma

Nikamma (transl.[ⓘ], Useless) is a 2022 Indian Hindi-language action comedy film directed by Sabbir Khan. It is a remake of the 2017 Telugu film *Middle Class Abbayi* and stars Abhimanyu Dassani, Shirley Setia and Shilpa Shetty. *Nikamma* was released theatrically on 17 June 2022 and received overwhelmingly negative reviews from critics and audience.^[4] The film was also a box-office bomb.

Plot

Adi is an unemployed youth with a eidetic memory, having issues with his elder brother Raman as he dotes on Avni, Raman's wife (Adi's sister-in-law) and a RTO officer. He consequently left home 15 months ago and has since been staying with his paternal uncle. Raman soon summons Adi and tells him to accompany Avni, who is transferred to Dhamli for two months as Raman is transferred to Bangalore. Avni compels Adi to do all the household chores, much to his annoyance. Adi tries to appoint a maid for house chores but Avni denies. She tries to pursue Adi to become a software engineer, but to no avail. One day, Adi bumps into Natasha aka Nikki, who instantly proposes to Adi. Adi is taken aback and falls for Nikki. Soon, it is revealed that Nikki is Avni's cousin and comes to live with her. Adi later finds out Nikki's real identity and also that she had been seeing Adi since Avni and Raman's wedding. Avni learns about Adi and Nikki's romance and sends Nikki home. Adi soon gets frustrated and wants to go back with his uncle who comes to visit. However, he learns from the latter that it was Raman's decision to send him away from home and not Avni's, as Raman wanted his brother to become more responsible. Avni made him do all the chores and chopping for cooking to make him realise the essence of hardwork. Moreover, she sent Nikki home as she is planning to send a marriage proposal to her family for Adi. For this, she wanted Adi to take a decent job and even decided to sell her land to buy a house for Adi. She still didn't take a child as she considers Adi as her elder child and wishes to see him settle down first.

On the other hand, Avni earns the enmity of MLA Vikramjeet Bisht, who runs a taxi service called *Super*. He floods the roads with his cabs to expand his business. When the bus service association raises an objection, he sets fire to one of the buses, killing 40 people. Avni takes action against Vikramjit and seizes his illegal cabs. This enrages Vikramjit, who goes to the RTO office to

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	 Sabbir Khan
Written by	 Venu Sriram
Screenplay by	 Sabbir Khan
Based on	<i>Middle Class Abbayi</i> (2017) by Venu Sriram
Produced by	 Sony Pictures International Productions Sabbir Khan
Starring	 Abhimanyu Dassani Shirley Setia Shilpa Shetty
Cinematography	 Hari K. Vedantam
Edited by	 Manan Ajay Sagar
Music by	Score: John Stewart Eduri Songs: Amaal Malik

kill her. At the same moment, Adi (who has learnt Avni's sacrifices for his sake) thrashes him in public and warns him. Soon, Nikki's father denies Avni's marriage proposal of Adi and Nikki due to Adi's enmity to Vikramjeet. Avni takes Adi to Vikramjeet's house and makes him apologise to Vikramjeet for his actions. But, Adi and Vikramjeet agree to bet on Avni's life without letting anyone know about this. Vikramjeet challenges Adi that he will get Avni killed within six days, and plans various strategies to murder her, only for Adi to intelligently save her each time. Vikramjeet secretly invites Raman in Dhamli to stop Adi from sending Avni to Bangalore. The next day, after their second marriage anniversary celebration, Avni goes missing. Meanwhile, Vikramjeet secretly kidnaps and hides Raman in one of his four cabs which Avni seized. Adi rushes to Vikramjeet's house to ask Avni's whereabouts but to his surprise Vikramjeet himself is unaware that Avni's missing. Surprising everyone, Avni arrives in a police uniform along with a police force. It is revealed that Avni is an IPS officer who is assigned a secret mission to collect proof against Vikramjeet for his misdeeds. They had already collected the footage of Vikramjeet killing a retired major which can be used against him in court and as the reason of his suspension from the upcoming MLA election. Soon, the video is spread to the media. Unable to accept his defeat, Vikramjeet shoots himself revealing Raman's kidnapping but doesn't say where he is help captive, since he thinks losing Raman will be Adi and Avni's biggest loss and his biggest victory. Soon, he is taken to the hospital but is shifted to the coma ward. Adi finally figures out Raman's location and saves him with the help of Avni. Adi and Nikki get reunited. During the end credits, the whole family is enjoying and laughing at Adi as Avni again refuses to replace Adi with a maid to do house chores. A mid-credit scene shows Vikramjeet's eyes opening up as the screen cuts to black.

	<u>Javed-Mohsin</u> <u>Vipin Patwa</u> Gourov Dasgupta
Production companies	<u>Sony Pictures</u> <u>International</u> <u>Productions</u> Sabbir Khan Films
Distributed by	<u>Sony Pictures</u> <u>Releasing</u>
Release date	17 June 2022
Running time	148 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	₹22 crore ^[2]
Box office	<u>est. ₹1.77</u> <u>crore</u> ^[3]

Cast

- Abhimanyu Dassani as Aditya Singh (Adi)
- Shirley Setia as Natasha "Nikki"
- Shilpa Shetty as Avni Singh
- Samir Soni as Raman Singh
- Abhimanyu Singh as MLA Vikramjeet Bisht (Vikram)
- Naren Kumar as Tipu
- Rohit Kumar as Omi
- Sachin Khedekar as Nagendra Singh
- Sudesh Lehri as Suresh Trivedi
- Vikram Gokhale as Retired Major

- Sammratt Kapoor as Darshi

Production

Development

Nikamma was announced in June 2019.^{[5][6]} It is a remake of 2017 Telugu film *Middle Class Abbayi* starring Nani.^[7]

Filming

Principal photography kicked off in July 2019, and Shetty joined the sets next month.^[8] The shooting was stopped in March 2020 owing to COVID-19 pandemic in India, before resuming in October 2020 and wrapping up in first week of November 2020.^[9]

Home Media

The post-theatrical digital streaming rights were acquired by Netflix and was premiered on Netflix on 14 August 2022.

Music

The music of the film is composed by Amaal Mallik, Javed–Mohsin, Vipin Patwa and Gourov Dasgupta with lyrics written by Danish Sabri, Shabbir Khan, Kumaar and Sanjay Chhel.

The song "Nikamma" was recreated by Javed–Mohsin from the track "Nikamma Kiya Is Dil Ne" for the 2002 film *Kyaa Dil Ne Kahaa* which was sung by Shaan, Sanjivani Bhelande and written by Sanjay Chhel.^[11]

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Soundtrack album by <u>Amaal Malik</u> , <u>Javed-Mohsin</u> , <u>Vipin Patwa</u> and <u>Gourov Dasgupta</u>	
Released	3 June 2022 ^[10]
Length	21:22
Label	<u>Sony Music India</u> (Nikamma Title Track) <u>Zee Music Company</u> (All Songs)
Producer	Sabbir Khan
Official audio	
Nikamma - Full Album (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mU67AybwSis) on <u>YouTube</u>	

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Nikamma"	<u>Danish Sabri</u> , <u>Sanjay Chhel</u>	<u>Javed–Mohsin</u>	<u>Dev Negi</u> , <u>Payal Dev</u> , <u>Deane Sequeira</u> , <u>Javed-Mohsin</u>	2:48
2.	"Tere Bin Kya"	<u>Kumaar</u>	Gourov Dasgupta	Dev Negi, Shruti Rane	3:20

3. "Killer"	Kumaar	<u>Amaal Mallik</u>	<u>Mika Singh</u> , <u>Amaal Mallik</u>	4:06
4. "Nasha Ishq Ka"	Kumaar	<u>Vipin Patwa</u>	<u>Stebin Ben</u> , <u>Neha Karode</u>	4:06
5. "Ab Meri Baari"	Sabbir Khan, Danish Sabri	Javed–Mohsin	Farhad Bhiwandiwalla, Javed–Mohsin	3:00
6. "Tere Bin Kya" (Reprise)	Kumaar	Gourov Dasgupta	<u>Shirley Setia</u> , <u>Mame Khan</u>	4:02
Total length:				21:22

Release

Nikamma was released on 17 June 2022.^[12]

Reception

Nikamma received mostly negative reviews from critics and audience.^[4] Shubhra Gupta of *The Indian Express* gave 0.5 out of 5 stars and wrote, "This Abhimanyu Dassani-Shilpa Shetty starrer is a film so moth-balled that it would have been roundly rejected even in the 80s."^[13] BH Harsh of *Firstpost* gave 1.5 out of 5 stars and wrote, "It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that amongst all the genres Hindi Cinema has ever birthed or embraced, the 'Masala film' genre remains the most employed and yet the most misunderstood."^[14] Rachana Dubey of *The Times of India* gave 2 out of 5 stars and wrote, "Overall, the film could have done a lot if the writing was more clearly structured, the editing tighter and the direction a lot more focussed on finer details of the story and characters."^[15] Saibal Chatterjee of *NDTV* gave 1 out of 5 stars and wrote, "Abhimanyu Dassani struggles to rise above the script. Shirely Setia is a fetching presence but she has some way to go before she can be regarded as a finished article."^[16]

Box office

Nikamma was released in 1250 Screens. It earned only ₹51 Lakh' box office on its opening day.^{[17][18]}

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