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IB71 is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language spy thriller film based on the 1971 Indian Airlines hijacking, written and directed by Sankalp Reddy. It stars Vidyut Jammwal, Vishal Jethwa and Faizan Khan, alongside Anupam Kher, Ashwath Bhatt, Danny Sura and Suvrat Joshi.^{[4][5]} *IB71* is Jammwal's first film as a producer and was released on 12 May 2023 to widely positive reviews.^[6]

Plot

In 1971, the Intelligence Bureau receives critical information about Pakistan and China's impending attacks on India within 10 days. With limited time and resources, IB agent Dev Jammwal tells his superior N.S. Avasti that the only plan to counter this threat is by implementing an airspace blockade, which blocked Indian airspace access to Pakistan and tried to show the violation of the Tashkent Agreement, which involves orchestrating the hijacking of an Indian plane by Kashmiri separatists and ensuring its landing in Pakistani territory. Initially dismissed as an implausible scheme by the government, they eventually recognize its potential and agree to execute the well-structured operation. Complications arise when the entire team of passengers, comprising intelligence officers, find themselves lodged in a Lahore hotel, where events unfold in an unforeseen circumstances, thus deviating from the original plan.

Cast

- Vidyut Jammwal as Intelligence Bureau agent Dev Jammwal
- Anupam Kher as IB Chief N. S. Avasti
- Vishal Jethwa as Qasim Qureshi
- Faizan Khan as Ashfaq Qureshi
- Danny Sura as Sikander
- Suvrat Joshi as agent Sangram
- Hobby Dhaliwal as Abdul Hamid Khan
- Ashwath Bhatt as ISI Chief Afsal Aga
- Dalip Tahir as Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
- Shahnawaz Pradhan as Yahya Khan
- Mir Sarwar as SI J & K Police
- Naresh Malik as Maqbool Bhat
- Niharica Raizada as Air Hostess (IB agent)
- Bijay Anand as Flight Captain

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Directed by	Sankalp Reddy
Written by	Sankalp Reddy
Screenplay by	Story House Films LLP <p>Sankalp Reddy</p> <p>Arjun Varma</p> <p>E. Vasudeva Reddy</p> <p>Arun</p> <p>Bhimavarapu</p> <p>Nishpeksh Mehra</p> <p>Gargee Singh</p> <p>Abhimanyu Srivastava</p>
Dialogues by	Junaid Wasi <p>Sahar Quaze</p>
Story by	Aditya Shastri
Based on	1971 Indian Airlines hijackings
Produced by	Vidyut Jammwal

- Sahidur Rahaman as Tapan Majumdar
- Pyarali Nayani as Shimla Station Manager
- Amit Anand Raut as Lahore police officer
- Rajat Roy as IB officer
- Narinder Bhutani as Indian agent passenger
- Shabana Khan as Sheela [Passenger]

Production

Principal photography began in January 2022 in Mumbai.^[7] In March 2022 Kher joined the shoot.^[8]

Music

The music of the film is composed by Vikram Montrose while background score is composed by Prashanth R Vihari.

Track listing

No.	Title	Lyrics	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Vijayi Bhava"	Abhinav Shekhar	<u>Shadaab Faridi</u>	4:11

Release

Theatrical

IB71 was theatrically released on 12 May 2023.^[9]

Home media

The film was premiered on Disney+ Hotstar from 7 July 2023.^[10]

Reception

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 14% of 7 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 5/10.^[11]

Abhishek Srivastava of *The Times of India* gave 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "IB71 is an engaging watch that sheds light on a remarkable chapter of history, instilling a sense of pride in our intelligence network. With a runtime of nearly two hours, the film maintains a screenplay that keeps the audience captivated throughout, ensuring there is never a dull moment."^[12] Shaheen Irani of *OTTplay* gave 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "IB 71 is a good deal if you want an entertaining weekend watch. It is not the best film out there but for the most bits, it will leave you with a smile."^[13]

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Starring	<div> <div>Vidyut</div> <div>Jammwal</div> <div>Vishal Jethwa</div> <div>Faizan Khan</div> <div>Anupam Kher</div> </div>
Cinematography	<div> <div>Gnana Shekar</div> <div>V. S.</div> </div>
Edited by	<div> <div>Sandeep</div> <div>Francis</div> </div>
Music by	<div> <div>Score:</div> <div><u>Prashanth R Vihari</u></div> <div>Songs:</div> <div><u>Vikram Montrose</u></div> </div>
Production companies	<div> <div>T-Series</div> <div>Reliance</div> <div>Entertainment</div> <div>Action Hero</div> <div>Films</div> </div>
Distributed by	<div> <div>Reliance</div> <div>Entertainment</div> <div>Action Hero</div> <div>Films</div> <div>Distribution</div> <div>PVR Pictures</div> </div>
Release date	<div> <div>12 May 2023</div> </div>
Running time	<div> <div>117 minutes^[1]</div> </div>
Country	<div> <div>India</div> </div>
Language	<div> <div>Hindi</div> </div>
Budget	<div> <div>₹38 crore^[2]</div> </div>
Box office	<div> <div><u>est.</u></div> <div>₹29.19 crore^[3]</div> </div>

Monika Rawal Kukreja of *Hindustan Times* wrote "Aditya Shastri's story is intriguing and holds a lot of potential to keep you hooked. What doesn't really work is the screenplay for which six people are credited - Sankalp Reddy, Arjun Varma, E. Vasudeva Reddy, Arun Bhimavarapu, Gargee Singh and Abhimanyu Srivastava. For the longest time, they looked like disjointed and scattered pieces of a puzzle. Even when the story is picking pace, there is very little or no connect with how it unfolds for audiences to understand."^[14] Vinamra Mathur of *Firstpost* gave 2.25 out of 5 stars and wrote "Vidyut Jammwal gives his brawn a rest and lets his brain do the talking in this mildly engrossing but otherwise trite thriller."^[15] Saibal Chatterjee of *NDTV* gave 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "IB71 leaves one with the nagging feeling that it could have been a much better film has the writing been a less of the by-the-numbers kind. But even as a middling spy drama, it is not without its moments."^[16]

Zinia Bandyopadhyay of *India Today* gave 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "Vidyut Jammwal's IB 71, which is based on true events, is an account of what happened during the Indo-Pak War of 1971. With a sluggish first half, followed by a thrilling second half, the film is a decent thriller."^[17] Shubhra Gupta of *The Indian Express* gave 1.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "This Vidyut Jammwal film IB71 claims to have been cobbled together from actual events, but the execution is both simplistic-comic-book and convoluted."^[18]

Box office

As of 29 June, the film collected ₹29.19 crore (US\$3.7 million).^[19]

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