**Shah Rukh Khan** (pronounced [[‘ʃaːɦrʊx xaːn]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Hindi_and_Urdu); born 2 November 1965), also known by the initialism **SRK**, is an Indian actor, film producer, and television personality. Referred to in the media as the "[Baadshah](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padishah) of [Bollywood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bollywood)" (in reference to his 1999 film [*Baadshah*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baadshah_(1999_film))), "King of [Bollywood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bollywood)" and "King Khan", he has appeared in more than 80 [Hindi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindi) films, and earned [numerous accolades](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_awards_and_nominations_received_by_Shah_Rukh_Khan), including 14 [Filmfare Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Filmfare_Awards). The [Government of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_India) has awarded him the [Padma Shri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Padma_Shri), and the [Government of France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_France) has awarded him the [Ordre des Arts et des Lettres](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordre_des_Arts_et_des_Lettres) and the [Legion of Honour](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legion_of_Honour). Khan has a significant following in Asia and the [Indian diaspora](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-resident_Indian_and_person_of_Indian_origin) worldwide. In terms of audience size and income, he has been described as one of the most successful film stars in the world.[[a]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shah_Rukh_Khan#cite_note-6)

Khan began his career with appearances in several television series in the late 1980s. He made his [Bollywood](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bollywood) debut in 1992 with [*Deewana*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deewana_(1992_film)). Early in his career, Khan was recognised for portraying villainous roles in the films [*Baazigar*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baazigar) (1993), [*Darr*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darr) (1993), and [*Anjaam*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anjaam) (1994). He then rose to prominence after starring in a series of romantic films, including [*Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dilwale_Dulhania_Le_Jayenge) (1995), [*Dil To Pagal Hai*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dil_To_Pagal_Hai) (1997), [*Kuch Kuch Hota Hai*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuch_Kuch_Hota_Hai) (1998), [*Mohabbatein*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mohabbatein) (2000) and [*Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham...*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabhi_Khushi_Kabhie_Gham...) (2001). Khan went on to earn critical acclaim for his portrayal of an alcoholic in [*Devdas*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devdas_(2002_Hindi_film)) (2002), a [NASA](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NASA) scientist in [*Swades*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swades) (2004), a hockey coach in [*Chak De! India*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chak_De!_India) (2007) and a man with [Asperger syndrome](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asperger_syndrome) in [*My Name Is Khan*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Name_Is_Khan) (2010). His highest-grossing films include the comedies [*Chennai Express*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chennai_Express) (2013), [*Happy New Year*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Happy_New_Year_(2014_film)) (2014), [*Dilwale*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dilwale_(2015_film)) (2015), and the crime film [*Raees*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raees_(film)) (2017). Many of his films display themes of Indian national identity and connections with diaspora communities, or gender, racial, social and religious differences and grievances.

As of 2015, Khan is co-chairman of the motion picture production company [Red Chillies Entertainment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Chillies_Entertainment) and its subsidiaries, and is the co-owner of the [Indian Premier League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Premier_League) cricket team [Kolkata Knight Riders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolkata_Knight_Riders) and the [Caribbean Premier League](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caribbean_Premier_League) team [Trinbago Knight Riders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinbago_Knight_Riders). He is a frequent television presenter and stage show performer. The media often label him as "Brand SRK" because of his many endorsement and entrepreneurship ventures. Khan's philanthropic endeavours have provided health care and disaster relief, and he was honoured with [UNESCO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UNESCO)'s Pyramide con Marni award in 2011 for his support of children's education and the [World Economic Forum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Economic_Forum)'s Crystal Award in 2018 for his leadership in championing women's and children's rights in India. He regularly features in listings of the most influential people in [Indian culture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_culture), and in 2008, [*Newsweek*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newsweek) named him one of their fifty most powerful people in the world.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shah_Rukh_Khan#cite_note-newsweek-7)