

**Deepika Padukone** (pronounced [\[diːpɪka pəɖʊkoːneː\]](#) or [\[paːɖʊkoːn\]](#); born 5 January 1986) is an Indian actress and producer who works in [Hindi](#) films. One of the highest-paid actresses in India, [her accolades](#) include three [Filmfare Awards](#). She features in listings of the nation's most popular personalities, and [Time](#) named her one of the [100 most influential people in the world](#) in 2018.

Padukone, the daughter of the badminton player [Prakash Padukone](#), was born in [Copenhagen](#) and raised in [Bangalore](#). As a teenager, she played badminton in national level championships but left her career in the sport to become a fashion model. She soon received offers for film roles and made her acting debut in 2006 as the title character of the [Kannada film](#) [Aishwarya](#). Padukone then played a dual role opposite [Shah Rukh Khan](#) in her first Bollywood release, the romance [Om Shanti Om](#) (2007), which won her the [Filmfare Award for Best Female Debut](#). Padukone received praise for her starring role in the romance [Love Aaj Kal](#) (2009), but this was followed by a brief setback.

The romantic comedy [Cocktail](#) (2012) marked a turning point in her career, and she gained further success with starring roles in the romantic comedies [Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani](#) and [Chennai Express](#) (both 2013), the heist comedy [Happy New Year](#) (2014), [Sanjay Leela Bhansali](#)'s period dramas [Bajirao Mastani](#) (2015) and [Padmaavat](#) (2018), and the [Hollywood](#) action film [XXX: Return of Xander Cage](#) (2017). She also received critical acclaim for playing a character based on [Juliet](#) in Bhansali's tragic romance [Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela](#) (2013) and a headstrong architect in the comedy-drama [Piku](#) (2015), winning two [Filmfare Awards for Best Actress](#). She formed her own company Ka Productions in 2018, under which she produced [Chhapaak](#) (2020), in which she also starred as an [acid attack](#) survivor.

Padukone is the founder of [the Live Love Laugh Foundation](#), which creates awareness on mental health in India. Vocal about issues such as [feminism](#) and depression, she also participates in stage shows, has written columns for a newspaper, designed her own line of clothing for women, and is a prominent celebrity endorser for brands and products. Padukone is married to her frequent co-star [Ranveer Singh](#).