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Indian films are male oriented. They play the most important role to success a film.Here are the 20 greatest Indian actors of all time and their best five movies according to me.Hope you like it.

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1.

Aamir Khan

Actor |

Taare Zameen Par

Aamir Khan was born on March 14, 1965 in Mumbai. He is one of the most successful Indian Bollywood actors who is also known as "Mr. Perfectionist of Bollywood". With his recent successes in both the Indian and Chinese film markets, he has shouldered his way into becoming one of the world's biggest ...

The perfectionist of Bollywood.

3 Idiots (2009)

Rang De Basanti (2006)

Taare Zameen Par (2007)

Lagaan (2001)

Dil Chahta Hai (2001)

2.

Amitabh Bachchan

Actor |

Black

Amitabh Bachchan was born on October 11, 1942 in Allahabad, British India (present-day Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, India) to legendary poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan & Teji Bachchan. He also has a brother named Ajitabh. He completed his education from Uttar Pradesh and moved to Bombay to find work as a ...

The legendary actor in Bollywood.

Sholay (1975)

Black (2005)

Anand (1971)

Deewar (1975)

Don (1977)

3.

Dilip Kumar

Actor |

Gunga Jumna

Dilip Kumar (1922-2021) is widely considered the greatest acting exponent India ever produced. Born Muhammad Yusuf Khan on December 11, 1922, in Qissa Khwani Bazaar, Peshawar, British India (present-day Pakistan), he is better known by his stage name Dilip Kumar given to him by actress and owner of...

Acting King of Hindi Cinema.

Mughal-e-Azam (1960)

Madhumati (1958)

Aan (1952)

Azaad (1955)

Naya Daur (1957)

4.

Kamal Haasan

Actor |

Vishwaroopam

Kamal Haasan was born November 7, 1954 in Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram District, Tamil Nadu. He debuted as a child artiste in the film "Kalathoor Kannamma" (1960). Since then, he has starred in

nearly 220 films in the major Indian languages - Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi. He has been a...

Nayakan (1987)

Pushpak (1987)

Hindustani (1996)

Hey Ram (2000)

Viswaroopam (2013)

5.

Raj Kapoor

Actor |

Mera Naam Joker

Raj Kapoor was the son of well-known Indian actor Prithviraj Kapoor, who acted both in film and on stage. After apprenticing in the Bollywood production studios of the 1940's, at 24 years of age Raj Kapoor produced, directed and acted in Aag (1948), with his new company, RK Films. His next ...

?Show man? of Bollywood cinema.

Awaara (1951)

Shree 420 (1955)

Jis Desh Men Ganga Behti Hai (1960)

Barsaat (1949)

Boot Polish (1958)

6.

Rajesh Khanna

Actor |

Anand

On Stats Alone, The Most Popular Actor In The History Of Cinema!The only actor to enjoy near

God-like status across the length and breadth of India for a quarter century!Elected in several expert online polls, as The Greatest Actor In The History Of World Cinema !With 100+ All-Time Blockbusters- 48...

The 'First Superstar' of Indian cinema.

Aanand (1971)

Aradhana (1969)

Namak Haram (1973)

Kati Patang (1970)

Amar Prem (1972)

7.

Uttam Kumar

Actor |

Chiriyakhana

The legendary Bengali Actor of Calcutta, Uttam Kumar (Guru, Mahanayak as fans say), widely regarded as one of the Greatest actors ever in India, was an Indian film actor, director, producer, singer, music composer, playback singer who predominantly worked in Indian Cinema. Though he was a ...

8.

Irrfan Khan

Actor |

The Lunchbox

Born Sahabzade Irfan Ali Khan, in Jaipur, Rajasthan (NW India) January 7, 1967 to a Pashto-speaking Muslim family. Khan's mother, Begum Khan, was from the Tonk Hakim family and his father, Jagirdar Khan, from the Khajuriya village near the Tonk district, ran a tire business.The Khan family name ...

Slumdog Millionaire (2008)

Paan Singh Tomar (2010)

Saalam Bombay (1988)

Mumbai Meri Jaan (2008)

Life in a metro (2007)

9.

Shah Rukh Khan

Actor |

Don 2

Known for his trademark gelled spiked up crew cut with sunglasses, Shah Rukh Khan (SRK) is an Indian Bollywood movie star, movie producer, magazine model, showman, public speaker, author, philanthropist and television host/personality working predominantly in Hindi cinema. Khan began his on-camera ...

One of the most influential actors in Bollywood.

Swades (2004)

Chak De India (2007)

Kal ho na ho (2003)

Kabhi Kushi Kabhi Gham (2001)

Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995)

10.

Mohanlal

Actor |

Dasharatham

Mohanlal was born to Viswanathan Nair (father) and Santhakumari (mother) in the Pathanamthitta district of Kerala, which is located in the southern part of India on the 21st May 1960. Starting his career with a classic villain role, he has now become an outstanding actor in Malayalam Cinema. ...

11.

Mammootty

Actor |

Oru Vadakkan Veeragatha

Malayalam film actor Mammootty was born to Ismail (an agriculturist) and Fatima (a homemaker). He has two younger brothers Ibrahim and Zakariah; and three sisters, Ameenah, Sauda and Shafina. He did his schooling in St. Joseph's Thevara, Maharaja's College and then studied law at Ernakulam Government...

12.

Dev Anand

Actor |

Kala Bazar

One of the most beloved, charismatic and accomplished actors as well as one of the most imaginative and pathbreaking directors in the history of Indian cinema, Dev Anand was a leading man for more than five decades in over 110 motion pictures and continues to bestride Indian film fraternity even ...

The juvenile actor in the Indian cinema.

Guide (1966)

Kalapani (1958)

Johnny Mera Naam (1970)

Manzil (1960)

Hare Rama Hare Krishna (1971)

13.

Naseeruddin Shah

Actor |

A Wednesday

Naseeruddin Shah was born on July 20 1950, in Barabanki, a small village in Uttar Pradesh. He is a seasoned Bollywood actor and has received several awards for his notable performance in several movies. The actor has also been awarded the Padma Shri and the Padma Bhushan awards for his enormous ...

A Wednesday (2008)

Maqbool (2003)

Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro (1983)

Mirza Galib (1988)

In the name of God (2007)

14.

Amrish Puri

Actor |

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom

For Amrish Puri, it was virtually the 'Summer of 42'. The actor's long simmering affair with acting found culmination when he reached his early 40s. And while his dream of playing the hero may have been thwarted, he went on to become the most loved villains of all time. He was also an artiste who ...

Great Indian Villain of All Time.

Mr. India (1987)

Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995)

Karan Arjun (1995)

Nayak (2001)

Gandhi (1982)

15.

Soumitra Chatterjee

Actor |

Apur Sansar

Soumitra Chatterjee is an Indian actor, playwright and poet. World-renowned film director Satyajit Ray has acted in multiple shadow films. He has made Bengali film a place in the court of the world. In his long acting career, he has received many awards from home and abroad. His films have also won...

16.

Anupam Kher

Actor |

Hotel Mumbai

Anupam Kher is a renowned Indian actor who has worked extensively in the Indian film industry, as well as in international films and television shows. He is known for his versatile acting skills and has portrayed a wide range of characters throughout his career.Kher studied at Simla in D.A.V. ...

Rang De Basanti (2006)

A Wednesday (2008)

Khosla Ka Ghosla (2006)

Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro (1983)

Parinda (1989)

17.

Sanjeev Kumar

Actor |

Sholay

Harihar Jariwala a.k.a. Sanjeev Kumar was born in a Gujrati family in 1938. He portrayed many roles irrespective of the age or the type of chararcter. The actor ballooned in size in later years of his life due to the gastronomical pleasures he had inherited by sleeping in a kitchen while he was a ...

18.

Ajay Devgn

Actor |

Shivaay

Vishal Veeru "Ajay" Devgn was born on April 02, 1969, in New Delhi, Delhi to action director Veeru Devgan and his wife Veena Devgan. He is an Indian actor, film director and producer who works in the Bollywood industry and is one of the highest-paid celebrities in India. Devgn started his film ...

19.

Akshay Kumar

Actor |

Hera Pheri

Rajiv Hari "Akshay Kumar" Om Bhatia was born on September 09, 1967, in Amritsar, Punjab to Aruna Bhatia and Hari Om Bhatia. He is an Indian actor, film producer, former model, and television personality. He went to Bangkok to learn how to use a sword and also worked as a waiter in a restaurant. He ...

20.

Rajinikanth

Actor |

Enthiran

Rajinikanth has been a superstar in the Tamil movie industry since the 70s. He is one of the highest earning actors in Asia. Primarily starring in Tamil movies, he has also worked in Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, and Hollywood movies. He was born in Bangalore (India), and was employed as a bus conductor ...

21.

Anil Kapoor

Actor |

Slumdog Millionaire

Living in a Chawl in Tilak Nagar, Punjabi-speaking Anil was born in 1959 to Surinder and Nirmal aka Suchitra Kapoor. He has an elder brother, Boney, a sister, Reena, and a younger brother, Sanjay. His dad used to be Shammi Kapoor's Secretary. A loner, without many friends, he studied in the nearby ...

Mr. India (1987)

Parinda(1989)

Slumdog Millionaire (2008)

Nayak (2001)

1942 A Love Story (1994)

22.

Dharmendra

Actor |

Sholay

Dharmendra is one of the biggest stars of Indian cinema. Dharmendra Deol played the romantic hero in woman Cedric films from 1960-1968 and became romantic hero from 1968-69 and played the role of action hero from 1971-1997. Dharmendra has appeared in 306 films. He is known as 'Garam' Dharam in ...

One of the handsome actors in Bollywood.

Sholay (1975)

Chupke Chupke (1975)

Mera Naam Joker (1972)

Yadoon Ki Baarat (1973)

Apne (2007)

23.

Hrithik Roshan

Actor |

Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara

Hrithik Roshan is an Indian actor, born on 10th January 1974, well known globally for his versatile roles, unmatched dancing skills and attractive looks. After having appeared in films as a child actor in the 1980s, Roshan made his film debut in a leading role in *Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai* (2000) for ...

Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara (2011)

Lakshya (2004)

Jodhaa Akbar (2006)

Guzaarish (2010)

Koi Mil gaya (2003)

24.

Salman Khan

Actor |

Sultan

Abdul Rashid Salim Salman Khan was born on December 27, 1965, in Mumbai to legendary screenwriter Salim Khan, who penned many super-hits in the yesteryear's like *Sholay* (1975), *Deewaar* (1975), and *Don* (1978). Khan started his acting career by doing a supporting role in the movie *Biwi Ho To Aisi* (...)

The bad boy of Bollywood.

Andaz Apna Apna (1994)

Hum Aapke Hai Koun (1994)

Maine Pyar Kiya (1989)

Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam (1999)

Baghban (2003)

25.

Madhavan

Actor |

Vikram Vedha

Ranganathan Madhavan was born on June 01, 1970, to businessman R. Iyengar and his wife R. Saroja in a Tamil family. He is an Indian actor, writer, film director and producer. At the age of 18, his college entrusted him with the responsibility of representing India as a Cultural Ambassador to Canada....

3 Idiots (2009)

Ambe Sivam (2003)

Peck on the Check (2002)

Guru (2007)

Mumbai Meri Jaan (2008)

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