



# Dipika Chikhlia



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**Deepika Chikhalia** (born 29 April 1965) is an [Indian](#) actress who rose to fame playing the role of [Sita](#) in [Ramanand Sagar's](#) hit television series *[Ramayan](#)*<sup>[1]</sup> and was known for acting in other mythological TV serials. She was also known for her successful debut film *Sun Meri Laila* (1983) opposite [Raj Kiran](#) and 3 hit Hindi films with [Rajesh Khanna](#) which were *Rupaye Dus Karod*, *Ghar Ka Chiraag*, *Khudai*. She did one Malayalam film *Ithile Iniyum Varu* (1986) with [Mammooty](#), her Kannada hits were *Hosa Jeevana* (1990) and *Indrajith* and had one Tamil hit film *Nangal* (1992) with [Prabhu](#), one Bengali hit film, *Asha O Balobasha* (1989) opposite [Prosenjit Chatterjee](#). She also had acted in few Gujarati movies like *Jode Rahejo Raj* and *Laju Lakhan* opposite to Gujarati Super Star [Naresh Kanodia](#).

Deepika Chikhalia	
<b>Born</b>	<div>Dipti Chikhalia</div> 29 April 1965 <div>Mumbai, Maharashtra, India</div>
<b>Other names</b>	Deepika, Deepika Topiwala
<b>Occupation(s)</b>	Film actress, Politician
<b>Years active</b>	1985–1995
<b>Spouse</b>	<div><span>Hemant Topiwala</span></div>

## Career

Deepika made her debut as lead actress in *Sun Meri Laila* (1983) opposite [Raj Kiran](#) but though her debut film was successful, she did not get A grade films till 1987. Chikhalia was part of the popular television serial *Dada Daadi Ki Kahani* in 1985. She meanwhile did supporting roles in flop films like *Bhagwan Dada* (1986), *Kala Dhanda Goray Log* (1986), *Doorie* (1989) and played lead heroine in B grade horror film *Cheekh* (1986) and *Raat Ke Andhere Mein* (1987) which were box office duds. Later on in 1987, she played the female lead role of [Sita](#) in [Ramanand Sagar's](#) hit television series *[Ramayan](#)* which gave her national fame. She continued getting lead roles in hit TV serials like *Vikram Aur Betaal* (1988), *The Sword of Tipu Sultan* and *Luv Kush* (both in 1989). Her only hits in Hindi films were *Ghar Ka Chiraag* (1989) and *Rupaye Dus Karod* (1991), both of which had [Rajesh Khanna](#) in the lead and she had supporting roles with lesser footage in these films. She got more footage in the film *Khudai*, but the film was commercial failure in 1994. She played romantic lead of [Rajesh Khanna](#) in 2 films *Ghar Ka Chirag* and *Khudai*. Her Kannada film as the lead heroine opposite [Shankar Nag](#) was a box office hit in 1990 and her Bengali films *Asha O Bhalobasha* (1989) opposite [Prosenjit Chatterjee](#) and Tamil film *Naangal* (1992) opposite [Prabhu](#) were box office hits. She also got a supporting role in a Malayalam movie *Ithile Iniyum Varu* (1986), which had [Mammooty](#) in the lead. She met with limited success in Hindi films in the after 1992, as *Sanam Aap Ki Khatir* (1992) flopped which had her in as main lead heroine, she only got

supporting roles in Hindi films. Chikhalia followed up her television and film career with a move into politics, riding her fame as a religious icon to an election victory as a Member of Parliament in the Indian Lok Sabha from Baroda constituency in 1991 as a Bharatiya Janata Party candidate.

## Personal life

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Chikhalia grew up in Girnar Apartments, in the affluent Pali Hill area of Bandra, a suburb of Mumbai.

She is married to Hemant Topiwala, owner of Shingar Bindi and Tips and Toes cosmetics. They have two daughters, Nidhi Topiwala & Juhi Topiwala<sup>[2]</sup>

## Filmography

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Year	Film	Language	Role	Notes
1983	<i>Sun Meri Laila</i>	Hindi		
1985	<i>Paththar</i>	Hindi		
1986	<i>Cheekh</i>	Hindi		
1986	<i>Bhagwaan Dada</i>	Hindi	Shanti	
1986	<i>Ghar Sansar</i>	Hindi		
1986	<i>Ithile Iniyum Varu</i>	Malayalam	Priya	
1987	<i>Raat Ke Andhere</i>	Hindi	Sexy Rosie	
1987	<i>Sajanwa Bairi Bhaile Hamar</i>	Bhojpuri		
1989	<i>Indrajith</i>	Kannada		
1989	<i>Ghar Ka Chiraag</i>	Hindi	Asha	
1989	"Asha O Bhalobasha"	Bengali		
1989	"Yamapasam"	Telugu		
1990	<i>Hosa Jeevana</i>	Kannada	Sita as wife of Shankarnag	
1990	<i>Periya Idathu Pillai</i>	Tamil		
1991	<i>Kaala Chakra</i>	Kannada		
1991	<i>Rupaye Dus Karod</i>	Hindi	Ravi's secretary/Hastinapur Ki Rani	
1992	<i>Naangal</i>	Tamil		
1994	<i>Khudai</i>	Hindi	Padmini Raj Anand	
1989	<i>Jode Rahejo Raj</i>	Gujarati		
1992	<i>Laju Lakhan</i>	Gujarati		
2018	<i>Gaalib</i>	Hindi		

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