## January

#### 1. Ghost Stories

o **Director**: Karan Johar, Dibakar Banerjee, Zoya Akhtar, Anurag Kashyap

Release Date: January 1, 2020 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Sobhita Dhulipala, Mrunal Thakur, Avinash Tiwary, Janhvi Kapoor,
 Surekha Sikri, Raghubir Yadav, Gulshan Devaiah

o **Script Description**: An anthology horror film, *Ghost Stories* comprises four distinct segments, each directed by a different filmmaker. The stories explore supernatural and psychological horror, delving into themes of guilt, fear, and human frailty. Johar's segment follows a nurse confronting eerie events in a decaying mansion; Banerjee's tale is a dystopian nightmare about a town consumed by its residents; Akhtar's story involves a pregnant woman haunted by unsettling visions; and Kashyap's piece blends surrealism with a child's encounter with the paranormal. The nonlinear narratives and atmospheric tension create a chilling, introspective experience, with each story questioning reality and morality.

## 2. Bhangra Paa Le

Director: Sneha Taurani

Release Date: January 3, 2020

Main Cast: Sunny Kaushal, Rukshar Dhillon, Shriya Pilgaonkar

Script Description: A dance drama, Bhangra Paa Le intertwines two timelines: the present, where Jaggi (Sunny Kaushal), a college student, aims to revive traditional Punjabi Bhangra, and the past, where his grandfather, a World War II soldier, pursued his passion for dance. The script follows Jaggi's rivalry with Simi (Rukshar Dhillon) in a dance competition, blending romance, cultural pride, and family legacy. Themes of tradition versus modernity and the power of art drive the narrative, with vibrant dance sequences and a lighthearted tone. The dual timelines highlight Bhangra's enduring spirit, though the plot leans on familiar underdog tropes.

### 3. Sab Kushal Mangal

Director: Karan Vishwanath Kashyap

Release Date: January 3, 2020

Main Cast: Akshaye Khanna, Priyank Sharma, Riva Kishan

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Sab Kushal Mangal centers on Pappu Mishra (Priyank Sharma), a reality TV host, and Mandira (Riva Kishan), a village girl caught in a forced marriage plot orchestrated by a local politician, Baba Bhandari (Akshaye Khanna). The script follows Pappu's efforts to save Mandira, leading to a mix of comedic misadventures and romance. Themes of love, freedom, and resistance against societal pressures are explored, with a small-town setting adding charm. The narrative is light and predictable, relying on Akshaye Khanna's quirky performance to elevate the humor.

### 4. Shimla Mirchi

Director: Ramesh Sippy

Release Date: January 3, 2020

Main Cast: Hema Malini, Rajkummar Rao, Rakul Preet Singh

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Shimla Mirchi follows Avinash (Rajkummar Rao), a shy man who writes a love letter to Naina (Rakul Preet Singh) but accidentally sends it to her mother, Rukmini (Hema Malini). The misunderstanding sparks a series of comedic and emotional events, as Avinash navigates his feelings and Rukmini grapples with her own romantic past. The script explores themes of love across generations, self-discovery, and family dynamics, set in the picturesque Shimla. While the premise is quirky, the narrative struggles with pacing, leaning on light humor and nostalgic charm.

## 5. **Chhapaak**

Director: Meghna Gulzar

Release Date: January 10, 2020

Main Cast: Deepika Padukone, Vikrant Massey

Script Description: A biographical drama based on acid attack survivor Laxmi Agarwal, Chhapaak follows Malti (Deepika Padukone) as she survives a brutal attack and seeks justice while rebuilding her life. The script traces her emotional and physical journey, from the trauma of the attack to her legal battle and advocacy for survivors. It uses a nonlinear narrative to juxtapose Malti's past and present, exploring themes of resilience, societal stigma, and empowerment. The story balances gritty realism with hope, highlighting systemic issues like lax acid sale regulations, anchored by Deepika's powerful performance.

# 6. Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior

o **Director**: Om Raut

o Release Date: January 10, 2020

o Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Saif Ali Khan, Kajol, Sharad Kelkar

Script Description: A historical action epic set in the 17th century, *Tanhaji* follows Tanaji Malusare (Ajay Devgn), a Maratha warrior tasked by Chhatrapati Shivaji to recapture the Kondhana fort from Mughal commander Udaybhan Rathod (Saif Ali Khan). The script blends high-stakes battle sequences with personal drama, focusing on Tanaji's loyalty to Shivaji and his family, including his wife (Kajol). Themes of patriotism, sacrifice, and honor drive the narrative, with a mix of historical accuracy and cinematic embellishment. The grand visuals and intense confrontations make it a rousing period drama.

# 7. Jai Mummy Di

Director: Navjot Gulati

Release Date: January 17, 2020

Main Cast: Sunny Singh, Sonnalli Seygall, Supriya Pathak, Poonam Dhillon

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Jai Mummy Di revolves around two young lovers, Saanjh (Sunny Singh) and Puneet (Sonnalli Seygall), whose relationship is thwarted by their feuding mothers (Supriya Pathak, Poonam Dhillon). The script follows their attempts to reconcile their families while navigating love and chaos. Themes of family rivalry, love, and reconciliation are explored through slapstick humor and heartfelt moments. Set in a vibrant North Indian milieu, the narrative is light and predictable but buoyed by the mothers' comedic chemistry.

## 8. Panga

**Director**: Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari

Release Date: January 24, 2020

o Main Cast: Kangana Ranaut, Jassi Gill, Richa Chadha, Neena Gupta

Script Description: A sports drama, Panga follows Jaya Nigam (Kangana Ranaut), a former kabaddi champion who left the sport after marriage and motherhood. The script traces her comeback journey, supported by her husband (Jassi Gill) and son, as she balances family responsibilities and societal expectations. Themes of second chances, gender roles, and perseverance are central, with a focus on Jaya's emotional and physical struggles. The linear narrative blends inspiring sports sequences with family drama, offering a heartfelt, relatable story of personal triumph.

#### 9. Street Dancer 3D

o **Director**: Remo D'Souza

o Release Date: January 24, 2020

o Main Cast: Varun Dhawan, Shraddha Kapoor, Prabhu Deva, Nora Fatehi

O Script Description: A dance drama, Street Dancer 3D follows Sahej (Varun Dhawan), an Indian dancer in London, and Inayat (Shraddha Kapoor), a Pakistani dancer, whose rival dance crews compete in a global competition. The script reveals their shared goal of helping illegal immigrants, blending dance battles with social commentary. Themes of unity, cultural pride, and compassion drive the narrative, with high-energy choreography as the highlight. The predictable plot is elevated by vibrant visuals and a message of cross-border harmony.

#### 10. Gul Makai

o **Director**: H.E. Amjad Khan

o Release Date: January 31, 2020

o Main Cast: Reem Shaikh, Atul Kulkarni, Divya Dutta, Om Puri

Script Description: A biographical drama, Gul Makai narrates the life of Malala Yousafzai (Reem Shaikh), focusing on her activism for girls' education in Pakistan's Swat Valley amidst Taliban oppression. The script follows her journey from a young student to a global icon, highlighting her courage and family support. Themes of education, resistance, and resilience are explored through a linear narrative, blending real events with emotional storytelling. The film's earnest tone aims to inspire, though it leans on didacticism.

## 11. Happy Hardy and Heer

o **Director**: Raka

Release Date: January 31, 2020

o Main Cast: Himesh Reshammiya, Sonia Mann

Script Description: A romantic drama, Happy Hardy and Heer follows Happy (Himesh Reshammiya), who loves Heer (Sonia Mann) but loses her to a misunderstanding when she moves to London. Years later, their paths cross, leading to a love triangle with another suitor. The script explores themes of unrequited love, sacrifice, and destiny, set against a backdrop of music and melodrama. The predictable narrative relies heavily on Himesh's music and star presence, with a light, sentimental tone.

#### 12. Jawaani Jaaneman

Director: Nitin Kakkar

o Release Date: January 31, 2020

o Main Cast: Saif Ali Khan, Tabu, Alaya Furniturewala

Script Description: A comedy-drama, *Jawaani Jaaneman* follows Jazz (Saif Ali Khan), a carefree playboy who discovers he has a grown daughter, Tia (Alaya Furniturewala), from a past fling. The script traces Jazz's transformation from a commitment-phobic bachelor to a responsible father, with his friend Anu (Tabu) offering witty support. Themes of family, maturity, and self-discovery are explored through humor and heartfelt moments. The breezy narrative and sharp dialogues make it an engaging, lighthearted tale.

### **February**

#### 1. Hacked

Director: Vikram Bhatt

o Release Date: February 7, 2020

o Main Cast: Hina Khan, Rohan Shah, Mohit Malhotra

Script Description: A thriller, Hacked follows Vivek (Rohan Shah), a young hacker obsessed with Sameera (Hina Khan), a magazine editor. When his advances are rejected, he uses technology to stalk and manipulate her life. The script builds suspense around Sameera's fight to reclaim her privacy, exploring themes of obsession, cybercrime, and empowerment. The fast-paced narrative uses modern tech as a plot device, delivering a cautionary tale about digital vulnerabilities, though it leans on melodramatic tropes.

## 2. Malang

Director: Mohit Suri

Release Date: February 7, 2020

o Main Cast: Aditya Roy Kapur, Disha Patani, Anil Kapoor, Kunal Khemu

Script Description: A romantic thriller, Malang follows Advait (Aditya Roy Kapur), a free-spirited drifter who falls for Sara (Disha Patani) in Goa. Years later, a series of murders connects Advait to two cops (Anil Kapoor, Kunal Khemu), unraveling a tale of love, betrayal, and revenge. The nonlinear script alternates between past romance and present violence, exploring themes of freedom, loss, and retribution. Its stylish visuals and intense performances elevate a dark, twist-filled narrative.

#### 3. Shikara

o **Director**: Vidhu Vinod Chopra

Release Date: February 7, 2020

Main Cast: Aadil Khan, Sadia Khateeb

Script Description: A historical romance, Shikara tells the story of Shiv (Aadil Khan) and Shanti (Sadia Khateeb), a Kashmiri Pandit couple whose love endures the 1990 exodus from Kashmir. The script uses flashbacks to depict their idyllic life before violence forces them into a refugee camp. Themes of love, loss, and displacement are explored with a poignant, slow-burn narrative. The film balances personal romance with the broader tragedy of the Pandit community, offering a sensitive, if understated, portrayal.

## 4. Love Aaj Kal

Director: Imtiaz Ali

Release Date: February 14, 2020

Main Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Sara Ali Khan, Randeep Hooda

Script Description: A romantic drama, Love Aaj Kal explores two parallel love stories: one in the 1990s, where Veer (Kartik Aaryan) pursues Leena (Aarushi Sharma), and another in 2020, where Zoe (Sara Ali Khan) navigates a modern romance with Veer (Kartik). The script, narrated by Randeep Hooda's character, contrasts traditional and contemporary relationships, exploring themes of love,

ambition, and commitment. The nonlinear narrative and emotional depth aim for introspection but struggle with pacing and coherence.

# 5. Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan

o **Director**: Hitesh Kewalya

o Release Date: February 21, 2020

o Main Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Jitendra Kumar, Gajraj Rao, Neena Gupta

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan follows Kartik (Ayushmann Khurrana) and Aman (Jitendra Kumar), a gay couple facing opposition from Aman's conservative family. The script blends humor and social commentary as the duo fights for acceptance, confronting homophobia and tradition. Themes of love, identity, and societal change are explored with a light yet impactful tone. The vibrant ensemble and witty dialogues make it a groundbreaking mainstream film on same-sex relationships.

## 6. **Bhoot – Part One: The Haunted Ship**

o **Director**: Bhanu Pratap Singh

o Release Date: February 21, 2020

o Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Bhumi Pednekar, Ashutosh Rana

Script Description: A horror thriller, Bhoot follows Prithvi (Vicky Kaushal), a grieving shipping officer investigating a stranded ship, the Sea Bird, believed to be haunted. The script unfolds as Prithvi encounters supernatural events tied to his own tragic past, blending psychological horror with ghostly scares. Themes of grief, guilt, and redemption drive the narrative, with a moody atmosphere and tense pacing. The film's linear structure and Vicky Kaushal's intense performance anchor its eerie tone.

## 7. Thappad

o Director: Anubhav Sinha

o Release Date: February 28, 2020

o Main Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Pavail Gulati, Ratna Pathak Shah

Script Description: A drama, Thappad centers on Amrita (Taapsee Pannu), whose perfect life unravels after her husband slaps her at a party. The script follows her decision to leave him, exploring her journey of self-respect and empowerment against societal norms. Themes of domestic violence, gender roles, and personal agency are tackled with nuance, using a linear narrative to highlight Amrita's emotional evolution. The film's understated yet powerful storytelling and strong performances make it a compelling social drama.

#### March

# 1. Baaghi 3

Director: Ahmed Khan

Release Date: March 6, 2020

Main Cast: Tiger Shroff, Riteish Deshmukh, Shraddha Kapoor, Ankita Lokhande

Script Description: An action thriller, Baaghi 3 follows Ronnie (Tiger Shroff), who travels to Syria to rescue his kidnapped brother, Vikram (Riteish Deshmukh), from a terrorist group. The script is a high-octane mix of intense action, family loyalty, and patriotism, with Ronnie facing insurmountable odds. A romantic subplot with Siya (Shraddha Kapoor) adds emotional stakes. The narrative prioritizes spectacle over depth, with over-the-top stunts and a simplistic good-versus-evil arc, appealing to action fans.

# 2. Angrezi Medium

o **Director**: Homi Adajania

Release Date: March 13, 2020

Main Cast: Irrfan Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Radhika Madan, Deepak Dobriyal

Script Description: A comedy-drama and sequel to Hindi Medium, Angrezi Medium follows Champak (Irrfan Khan), a single father who goes to great lengths to fulfill his daughter Tarika's (Radhika Madan) dream of studying in London. The script blends humor and emotion as Champak navigates cultural and financial challenges abroad, with help from quirky relatives. Themes of parental love, ambition, and cultural identity are explored with a heartfelt tone. Irrfan Khan's poignant performance anchors the linear narrative.

### April

# 1. Bamfaad

Director: Ranjan Chandel

o Release Date: April 10, 2020 (ZEE5)

- Main Cast: Aditya Rawal, Shalini Pandey, Vijay Varma
- Script Description: A romantic action drama, Bamfaad follows Nasir (Aditya Rawal), a reckless young man in Allahabad, who falls for Neelam (Shalini Pandey), a modern woman. Their love story is tested by local politics and violence, with a gangster (Vijay Varma) complicating matters. The script explores themes of love, rebellion, and societal constraints, set against a gritty small-town backdrop. The linear narrative blends raw action with emotional intensity, offering a fresh take on star-crossed romance.

# May

#### 1. Mrs. Serial Killer

Director: Shirish Kunder

Release Date: May 1, 2020 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Jacqueline Fernandez, Manoj Bajpayee, Mohit Raina

Script Description: A thriller, Mrs. Serial Killer follows Sona (Jacqueline Fernandez), whose husband, Dr. Mrityunjoy (Manoj Bajpayee), is arrested for serial murders. To prove his innocence, Sona takes drastic measures, including staging a copycat crime. The script builds suspense around her desperate plan, exploring themes of loyalty, justice, and moral ambiguity. The narrative's twists and dark tone aim for intensity, though it leans on melodramatic elements, with Manoj Bajpayee's performance as a highlight.

#### June

#### 1. Gulabo Sitabo

Director: Shoojit Sircar

o Release Date: June 12, 2020 (Amazon Prime Video)

o Main Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Ayushmann Khurrana, Vijay Raaz

Script Description: A comedy-drama, Gulabo Sitabo follows Mirza (Amitabh Bachchan), a grumpy landlord, and Baankey (Ayushmann Khurrana), his cunning tenant, in a battle over a dilapidated Lucknow mansion. The script uses their rivalry to explore greed, legacy, and human quirks, with a colorful ensemble adding humor. Set against a crumbling haveli, the narrative blends satire with poignant moments, offering a slice-of-life look at small-town life. The witty dialogues and strong performances make it a charming, quirky tale.

#### 2. Choked

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Release Date: June 5, 2020 (Netflix)

o Main Cast: Saiyami Kher, Roshan Mathew, Amruta Subhash

Script Description: A thriller-drama, Choked follows Sarita (Saiyami Kher), a bank cashier struggling with debt and a strained marriage, who discovers cash hidden in her kitchen. As she uses the money to solve her problems, the script unfolds a mystery tied to demonetization and corruption. Themes of desperation, morality, and societal pressure are explored through a tense, linear narrative. The film's realistic tone and strong performances create a gripping story of personal and financial turmoil.

## 3. Chintu Ka Birthday

Director: Devanshu Kumar, Satyanshu Singh

Release Date: June 5, 2020 (ZEE5)

o Main Cast: Vinay Pathak, Tillotama Shome, Vedant Chibber

Script Description: A heartwarming drama, Chintu Ka Birthday follows an Indian family stuck in war-torn Iraq, trying to celebrate their son Chintu's sixth birthday. The script focuses on their efforts to create normalcy amidst chaos, with neighbors and unexpected visitors adding warmth and tension. Themes of family, resilience, and hope are explored in a confined setting, blending humor and emotion. The intimate, linear narrative and authentic performances make it a poignant, understated gem.

### July

#### 1. Dil Bechara

o **Director**: Mukesh Chhabra

Release Date: July 24, 2020 (Disney+ Hotstar)

o Main Cast: Sushant Singh Rajput, Sanjana Sanghi, Saif Ali Khan

Script Description: A romantic drama and adaptation of *The Fault in Our Stars*,
 Dil Bechara follows Kizie (Sanjana Sanghi), a cancer patient, and Manny (Sushant Singh Rajput), a charming survivor, as they fall in love. The script explores their bittersweet romance, blending humor, music, and heartbreak as they confront

mortality. Themes of love, loss, and living fully drive the emotional narrative, with a linear structure and vibrant performances. Sushant's final role adds poignancy to the heartfelt story.

## 2. Shakuntala Devi

Director: Anu Menon

Release Date: July 31, 2020 (Amazon Prime Video)

o Main Cast: Vidya Balan, Sanya Malhotra, Jisshu Sengupta

Script Description: A biographical drama, Shakuntala Devi chronicles the life of the "human computer" Shakuntala Devi (Vidya Balan), a mathematical genius. The script follows her journey from a child prodigy to a global icon, exploring her personal struggles, including a strained relationship with her daughter (Sanya Malhotra). Themes of genius, sacrifice, and family are woven into a nonlinear narrative, blending humor and drama. Vidya Balan's dynamic performance anchors the inspiring yet humanized portrayal.

#### 3. Lootcase

Director: Rajesh Krishnan

Release Date: July 31, 2020 (Disney+ Hotstar)

Main Cast: Kunal Khemu, Rasika Dugal, Vijay Raaz, Ranvir Shorey

Script Description: A black comedy, Lootcase follows Nandan (Kunal Khemu), a middle-class man who finds a suitcase full of cash, triggering a chaotic chase involving a gangster (Vijay Raaz), a corrupt cop (Ranvir Shorey), and others. The script blends humor and suspense as Nandan tries to protect his family while navigating greed and danger. Themes of morality, luck, and survival are explored with a quirky, fast-paced narrative. The ensemble cast and sharp dialogues make it a delightful caper.

## August

1. Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl

Director: Sharan Sharma

Release Date: August 12, 2020 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Janhvi Kapoor, Pankaj Tripathi, Angad Bedi

Script Description: A biographical drama, Gunjan Saxena follows the life of India's first female combat pilot (Janhvi Kapoor) during the 1999 Kargil War. The script traces her journey from a dreamer to a trailblazer, overcoming gender bias and military challenges, with support from her father (Pankaj Tripathi). Themes of feminism, patriotism, and perseverance drive the linear narrative, blending emotional family moments with war sequences. The film's inspirational tone and strong performances resonate widely.

#### 2. Khuda Haafiz

Director: Faruk Kabir

Release Date: August 14, 2020 (Disney+ Hotstar)

o Main Cast: Vidyut Jammwal, Shivaleeka Oberoi, Annu Kapoor

Script Description: An action thriller, Khuda Haafiz follows Sameer (Vidyut Jammwal), who travels to the Middle East to rescue his wife, Nargis (Shivaleeka Oberoi), kidnapped by a trafficking ring. The script is a high-stakes journey of love and vengeance, with Sameer battling criminals and bureaucracy. Themes of devotion, justice, and resilience are explored through intense action and emotional depth. The linear narrative and Vidyut's action prowess make it a gripping, if formulaic, thriller.

### 3. Class of 83

Director: Atul Sabharwal

Release Date: August 21, 2020 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Bobby Deol, Anup Soni, Joy Sengupta

Script Description: A crime drama, Class of 83 follows Vijay Singh (Bobby Deol), a disgraced cop turned police academy dean in 1980s Bombay, who trains a group of misfit cadets to become undercover assassins targeting the underworld. The script explores themes of justice, corruption, and redemption, with a gritty, period-specific tone. The linear narrative blends action and moral ambiguity, focusing on Vijay's conflicted leadership. Bobby Deol's understated performance anchors the film's intense atmosphere.

### 4. Sadak 2

Director: Mahesh Bhatt

Release Date: August 28, 2020 (Disney+ Hotstar)

- Main Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Alia Bhatt, Aditya Roy Kapur
- Script Description: A sequel to Sadak (1991), Sadak 2 follows Ravi (Sanjay Dutt), a taxi driver, who helps Aarya (Alia Bhatt) expose a fake spiritual guru while confronting his own tragic past. The script blends action, romance, and drama as they face a dangerous cult. Themes of love, loss, and justice are explored, with a melodramatic tone and flashbacks to Ravi's earlier life. The narrative struggles with execution but aims for emotional resonance.

# September

# 1. Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare

o **Director**: Alankrita Shrivastava

Release Date: September 18, 2020 (Netflix)

o Main Cast: Konkona Sen Sharma, Bhumi Pednekar

Script Description: A drama, Dolly Kitty follows two cousins, Dolly (Konkona Sen Sharma), a middle-class housewife, and Kajal (Bhumi Pednekar), a call-center worker, as they navigate personal freedom and societal constraints in Noida. The script explores their individual journeys—Dolly's marital dissatisfaction and Kajal's pursuit of independence—through themes of feminism, identity, and rebellion. The nonlinear narrative blends humor and pathos, offering a vibrant, female-led story of empowerment.

## October

### 1. Serious Men

o **Director**: Sudhir Mishra

Release Date: October 2, 2020 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Indira Tiwari, Nassar

Script Description: A satirical drama, Serious Men follows Toran (Nawazuddin Siddiqui), a low-level assistant who fabricates a story about his son being a child prodigy to climb the social ladder. The script explores class, ambition, and deception as Toran's lies unravel, affecting his family and community. Themes of social mobility and truth are tackled with sharp humor and a linear narrative. Nawazuddin's nuanced performance drives the biting social commentary.

### 2. Khaali Peeli

o **Director**: Maqbool Khan

Release Date: October 2, 2020 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Ishaan Khatter, Ananya Panday, Jaideep Ahlawat

Script Description: A romantic action comedy, Khaali Peeli follows Vijay (Ishaan Khatter), a taxi driver, and Pooja (Ananya Panday), a runaway girl, as they flee goons and police in Mumbai after a chance encounter. The script blends high-energy chases, romance, and humor, with flashbacks revealing their shared past. Themes of love, freedom, and survival are explored in a vibrant, masala-style narrative. The retro aesthetic and young leads add charm to the fast-paced story.

# 3. Ginny Weds Sunny

Director: Puneet Khanna

o Release Date: October 9, 2020 (Netflix)

o Main Cast: Yami Gautam, Vikrant Massey

Script Description: A romantic comedy, *Ginny Weds Sunny* follows Sunny (Vikrant Massey), who seeks an arranged marriage with Ginny (Yami Gautam), who loves another man. The script traces their chaotic journey from strangers to lovers, filled with comedic misunderstandings and family meddling. Themes of love, choice, and personal growth are explored with a light, predictable tone. The linear narrative and vibrant chemistry make it a breezy, feel-good watch.

### November

#### 1. Laxmii

o **Director**: Raghava Lawrence

Release Date: November 9, 2020 (Disney+ Hotstar)

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Kiara Advani, Sharad Kelkar

Script Description: A horror-comedy, Laxmii follows Asif (Akshay Kumar), who is possessed by the spirit of a transgender woman seeking revenge. The script blends spooky elements with humor as Asif and his wife Rashmi (Kiara Advani) confront the ghost's past. Themes of justice, acceptance, and supernatural vengeance are explored, with a mix of scares and slapstick. The narrative's uneven tone aims for entertainment but struggles with coherence.

# 2. Ludo

o **Director**: Anurag Basu

o Release Date: November 12, 2020 (Netflix)

- Main Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Rajkummar Rao, Pankaj Tripathi, Aditya Roy
   Kapur, Sanya Malhotra, Fatima Sana Shaikh
- Script Description: A dark comedy anthology, *Ludo* weaves four interconnected stories around chance, love, and crime, using a game of Ludo as a metaphor. The script follows characters like a crook (Rajkummar Rao), a reluctant kidnapper (Abhishek Bachchan), and a gangster (Pankaj Tripathi), whose lives collide over a suitcase of money. Themes of fate, redemption, and human connection drive the nonlinear narrative, blending humor and drama. The vibrant ensemble and quirky storytelling make it a chaotic yet engaging ride.

## 3. Chhalaang

Director: Hansal Mehta

Release Date: November 13, 2020 (Amazon Prime Video)

o Main Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Nushrratt Bharuccha, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub

Script Description: A sports comedy, Chhalaang follows Montu (Rajkummar Rao), a lazy PT teacher who must prove himself when his job is threatened by a new coach (Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub). The script centers on a school sports competition, blending romance with Neelu (Nushrratt Bharuccha) and Montu's personal growth. Themes of self-improvement, love, and community are explored with humor and heart. The linear narrative and relatable characters make it a charming, uplifting story.

# 4. Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari

Director: Abhishek Sharma

Release Date: November 13, 2020 (ZEE5)

o Main Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Diljit Dosanjh, Fatima Sana Shaikh

 Script Description: A comedy, Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari follows Suraj (Diljit Dosanjh), whose marriage prospects are sabotaged by detective Mangal (Manoj Bajpayee), hired by families to investigate grooms. The script unfolds as a catand-mouse game, with Suraj seeking revenge while romancing Tulsi (Fatima Sana Shaikh). Themes of trust, love, and deception are explored with a retro, lighthearted tone. The ensemble cast and witty dialogues drive the playful narrative.

## December

### 1. Durgamati

o **Director**: G. Ashok

Release Date: December 11, 2020 (Amazon Prime Video)

o Main Cast: Bhumi Pednekar, Arshad Warsi, Jisshu Sengupta

Script Description: A horror thriller, Durgamati follows Chanchal (Bhumi Pednekar), a bureaucrat interrogated in a haunted mansion, where she encounters supernatural forces. The script blends political conspiracy with ghostly scares, revealing Chanchal's connection to the spirit Durgamati. Themes of justice, corruption, and vengeance are explored through a nonlinear narrative with twists. The film's eerie atmosphere and Bhumi's performance aim for suspense, though it leans on familiar horror tropes.

## 2. Indoo Ki Jawani

Director: Abir Sengupta

o Release Date: December 11, 2020

Main Cast: Kiara Advani, Aditya Seal, Mallika Dua

Script Description: A romantic comedy, *Indoo Ki Jawani* follows Indoo (Kiara Advani), a small-town girl experimenting with online dating, who mistakes her date (Aditya Seal) for a terrorist, leading to comedic chaos. The script explores themes of love, cultural misunderstandings, and modern relationships with a light, farcical tone. Set in Ghaziabad, the linear narrative blends humor and romance, though it relies on stereotypes for laughs.

## 3. Torbaz

Director: Girish Malik

Release Date: December 11, 2020 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Nargis Fakhri, Rahul Dev

Script Description: A drama, Torbaz follows Naseer (Sanjay Dutt), a former army doctor in Afghanistan, who trains refugee children in cricket to heal from his own trauma. The script blends sports and war, exploring themes of hope, redemption, and resilience amidst conflict. The linear narrative balances emotional depth with action, focusing on Naseer's bond with the kids. The film's earnest tone and unique setting make it a poignant, if uneven, story.

### 4. Coolie No. 1

Director: David Dhawan

Release Date: December 25, 2020 (Amazon Prime Video)

o Main Cast: Varun Dhawan, Sara Ali Khan, Paresh Rawal

Script Description: A comedy remake of the 1995 film, Coolie No. 1 follows Raju (Varun Dhawan), a porter who poses as a wealthy man to marry Sarah (Sara Ali Khan), daughter of a rich businessman (Paresh Rawal). The script is a chaotic mix of mistaken identities, slapstick humor, and romance, with Raju juggling lies to win her family's approval. Themes of love and deception drive the farcical narrative, though it leans heavily on outdated tropes.

### January

#### 1. Nail Polish

Director: Bugs Bhargava Krishna

Release Date: January 1, 2021 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Arjun Rampal, Manav Kaul, Anand Tiwari, Rajit Kapur

Script Description: Nail Polish is a psychological legal thriller that explores the uncertainty of the human mind. The story centers on Veer Singh (Manav Kaul), a respected ex-army officer and sports coach accused of a gruesome double murder. The narrative unfolds through a courtroom drama, with public prosecutor Siddhanth (Arjun Rampal) and defense lawyer Mukesh (Anand Tiwari) clashing over Veer's guilt or innocence. The script delves into Veer's traumatic past, including his experiences during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, using flashbacks to reveal layers of his psyche. It raises questions about truth, memory, and morality, blending intense legal arguments with psychological ambiguity. The nonlinear storytelling keeps viewers guessing, culminating in a thought-provoking climax that challenges perceptions of justice.

## 2. Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi

Director: Seema Pahwa

o Release Date: January 1, 2021

 Main Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Supriya Pathak, Konkona Sen Sharma, Vikrant Massey, Vinay Pathak, Parambrata Chattopadhyay

Script Description: This family drama-comedy follows the 13-day mourning period (tehrvi) after the death of Ramprasad (Naseeruddin Shah), bringing his extended family together under one roof. The script explores the dynamics, insecurities, and secrets of the family members as they navigate grief, financial disputes, and personal aspirations. Each character, from the stoic matriarch (Supriya Pathak) to the rebellious son (Vikrant Massey), grapples with their identity and place in the family. The narrative blends humor and poignancy, using the confined setting to highlight generational conflicts and societal expectations. The script's strength lies in its realistic portrayal of an Indian middle-class family, with sharp dialogues and subtle social commentary on tradition versus modernity.

## 3. Kaagaz

Director: Satish Kaushik

Release Date: January 7, 2021 (ZEE5)

o Main Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Monal Gajjar, Amar Upadhyay

o Script Description: A satirical comedy-drama based on a true story, *Kaagaz* follows Bharat Lal (Pankaj Tripathi), a simple man declared dead in government records due to a bureaucratic error. The script traces his Kafkaesque struggle to prove his existence, battling corrupt officials and red tape. Bharat's journey is both humorous and heartbreaking, as he faces societal indifference and financial ruin while fighting for his identity. The narrative highlights themes of bureaucracy, resilience, and human dignity, using Bharat's optimism and resourcefulness to drive the story. Set in rural India, the film blends lighthearted moments with a critique of systemic inefficiencies, anchored by Tripathi's heartfelt performance.

## 4. Tribhanga

Director: Renuka Shahane

Release Date: January 15, 2021 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Kajol, Tanvi Azmi, Mithila Palkar

Script Description: Tribhanga is an emotional drama about three generations of women—Anuradha (Kajol), a celebrated author; her mother, Nayan (Tanvi Azmi), a renowned writer; and her daughter, Masha (Mithila Palkar). The script explores their fractured relationships, shaped by personal choices and societal pressures. When Nayan falls into a coma, the women confront their pasts, revealing secrets, regrets, and unspoken love through flashbacks. The nonlinear narrative delves into themes of feminism, family, and individuality, with each woman representing a different era and struggle. The title, drawn from an Odissi dance pose, symbolizes their imperfect yet interconnected lives. The script balances raw emotion with sharp dialogue, offering a nuanced look at female agency.

## **February**

### 1. Lahore Confidential

Director: Kunal Kohli

Release Date: February 4, 2021 (ZEE5)

- Main Cast: Richa Chadha, Karishma Tanna, Arunoday Singh
- Script Description: A spy thriller, Lahore Confidential follows Ananya (Richa Chadha), an Indian intelligence officer stationed in Pakistan. The script centers on her undercover mission to uncover terrorist activities, complicated by her romantic entanglement with a charming poet, Rauf (Arunoday Singh). As Ananya navigates espionage, deception, and cross-border tensions, the narrative builds suspense around her true allegiances and the risks of love in a world of betrayal. The script explores themes of duty, sacrifice, and identity, set against the backdrop of India-Pakistan relations. While compact, the film delivers taut thrills and emotional stakes, with a focus on Ananya's internal conflict.

### 2. The Girl on the Train

o **Director**: Ribhu Dasgupta

Release Date: February 26, 2021 (Netflix)

o Main Cast: Parineeti Chopra, Aditi Rao Hydari, Kirti Kulhari, Avinash Tiwary

Script Description: A Hindi adaptation of Paula Hawkins' novel, this psychological thriller follows Mira (Parineeti Chopra), a grieving alcoholic lawyer obsessed with observing a seemingly perfect couple from a train. When the woman, Nusrat (Aditi Rao Hydari), goes missing, Mira becomes entangled in a murder investigation. The script uses flashbacks and unreliable narration to unravel Mira's past trauma, including a divorce and memory lapses, as she tries to piece together the truth. Themes of guilt, obsession, and redemption drive the narrative, with a dark, moody tone. The nonlinear storytelling and psychological depth create a gripping, if melancholic, exploration of a broken woman seeking closure.

#### March

#### 1. Roohi

o **Director**: Hardik Mehta

o Release Date: March 11, 2021

o Main Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Janhvi Kapoor, Varun Sharma

 Script Description: A horror-comedy from the Stree universe, Roohi follows two small-town goons, Bhaura (Rajkummar Rao) and Kattanni (Varun Sharma), who kidnap a young woman, Roohi (Janhvi Kapoor), only to discover she's possessed by a demonic spirit, Afza. The script blends spooky thrills with slapstick humor as the duo grapples with Roohi's dual personalities—one sweet, one sinister. The narrative explores themes of love, superstition, and gender dynamics, with Bhaura falling for Roohi while Kattanni fears Afza. Set in rural India, the film uses folklore and quirky characters to deliver a lighthearted yet eerie tale, with social commentary on arranged marriages.

## 2. Mumbai Saga

Director: Sanjay Gupta

o Release Date: March 19, 2021

o Main Cast: John Abraham, Emraan Hashmi, Kajal Aggarwal, Mahesh Manjrekar

Script Description: A period action drama set in 1980s–1990s Mumbai, *Mumbai Saga* follows Amartya Rao (John Abraham), a small-time thug who rises to become a feared gangster. The script pits him against a ruthless cop, Vijay Savarkar (Emraan Hashmi), as they battle for control of the city amidst political and criminal power struggles. The narrative traces Amartya's transformation from a vegetable vendor to a kingpin, driven by loyalty to his family and defiance against exploitation. Themes of ambition, loyalty, and corruption are central, with gritty action sequences and a retro aesthetic. The script captures Mumbai's underworld evolution, blending masala elements with intense confrontations.

# 3. Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar

Director: Dibakar Banerjee

o Release Date: March 19, 2021

o Main Cast: Arjun Kapoor, Parineeti Chopra

Script Description: A black comedy-thriller, Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar follows two unlikely allies: Sandeep (Parineeti Chopra), a corporate executive on the run after a bank scam, and Pinky (Arjun Kapoor), a suspended cop tasked with betraying her. The script unfolds as a cat-and-mouse chase, with the duo navigating danger, deception, and societal prejudices in a small town. Their evolving relationship, marked by mistrust and reluctant camaraderie, drives the narrative. Themes of class, gender, and morality are explored through sharp dialogue and a gritty tone. The nonlinear structure and layered characters make it a slow-burn, thought-provoking thriller.

## 4. Pagglait

Director: Umesh Bist

Release Date: March 26, 2021 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Sanya Malhotra, Shruti Sharma, Ashutosh Rana, Raghubir Yadav

Script Description: A quirky drama-comedy, Pagglait centers on Sandhya (Sanya Malhotra), a young widow navigating her husband's death and her own identity during the mourning period. The script follows Sandhya's discovery of her husband's secret life, including a girlfriend and unexpected debts, prompting her to question societal expectations of widowhood. With her progressive friend Nazia (Shruti Sharma) by her side, Sandhya defies family traditions and seeks independence. The narrative blends humor and pathos, exploring themes of freedom, grief, and self-discovery. Its light yet poignant tone and strong performances make it a refreshing take on personal empowerment.

# April

# 1. The Big Bull

o Director: Kookie Gulati

Release Date: April 8, 2021 (Disney+ Hotstar)

Main Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Ileana D'Cruz, Sohum Shah

Script Description: A biographical crime drama inspired by the Harshad Mehta scam, The Big Bull follows Hemant Shah (Abhishek Bachchan), a stockbroker who manipulates the Indian stock market in the 1990s. The script traces his rise from a middle-class dreamer to a financial tycoon, only to face scrutiny from journalist Meera Rao (Ileana D'Cruz). The narrative explores ambition, greed, and the cost of unchecked power, blending high-stakes financial intrigue with personal drama. Flashbacks reveal Hemant's motivations and family ties, while the fast-paced storytelling captures the era's economic boom and bust. The script balances masala entertainment with a cautionary tale of hubris.

### 2. Hello Charlie

Director: Pankaj Saraswat

Release Date: April 9, 2021 (Amazon Prime Video)

Main Cast: Aadar Jain, Jackie Shroff, Shlokka Pandit

Script Description: A slapstick comedy, Hello Charlie follows Chirag (Aadar Jain), a naive small-town man tasked with transporting a gorilla (actually a disguised criminal, played by Jackie Shroff) across India. The script is a chaotic road-trip adventure filled with mistaken identities, chases, and absurd humor. Chirag's bumbling attempts to complete his mission lead to encounters with quirky characters and dangerous goons. The narrative emphasizes lighthearted fun, friendship, and redemption, with a simple yet zany plot designed for laughs. The film's cartoonish tone and Jackie Shroff's comedic performance drive its appeal, though the script prioritizes gags over depth.

## May

## 1. Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai

Director: Prabhu Deva

Release Date: May 13, 2021 (ZEE5 and theaters)

o Main Cast: Salman Khan, Disha Patani, Randeep Hooda, Jackie Shroff

Script Description: An action thriller, Radhe centers on Radhe (Salman Khan), a tough Mumbai cop tasked with dismantling a drug cartel led by the menacing Rana (Randeep Hooda). The script is a high-octane, masala-style narrative packed with action sequences, romance (with Disha Patani's Dia), and larger-than-life heroism. Radhe's mission involves undercover operations, explosive confrontations, and moral dilemmas as he battles corruption. The story explores themes of justice and redemption, leaning heavily on Salman Khan's star power for crowd-pleasing moments. While formulaic, the script delivers fast-paced entertainment with iconic dialogues and a clear good-versus-evil arc.

### 2. Sardar Ka Grandson

Director: Kaashvie Nair

Release Date: May 18, 2021 (Netflix)

o Main Cast: Arjun Kapoor, Rakul Preet Singh, Neena Gupta, John Abraham

Script Description: A heartwarming family drama, Sardar Ka Grandson follows Amreek (Arjun Kapoor), who embarks on a mission to fulfill his grandmother Sardar's (Neena Gupta) dying wish: to revisit her ancestral home in Lahore, Pakistan, now a disputed property. The script blends comedy and emotion as Amreek concocts a plan to relocate the house across the India-Pakistan border, navigating bureaucratic and emotional challenges. Themes of love, nostalgia, and cross-border ties are explored, with flashbacks to Sardar's youth during Partition. The narrative balances quirky humor with poignant moments, celebrating family bonds and the enduring pain of displacement.

### June

# 1. Sherni

Director: Amit V. Masurkar

o Release Date: June 18, 2021 (Amazon Prime Video)

Main Cast: Vidya Balan, Vijay Raaz, Sharat Saxena

Script Description: A social drama, Sherni follows Vidya Vincent (Vidya Balan), a forest officer tasked with capturing a man-eating tigress in a rural Indian village. The script explores her struggle against bureaucratic corruption, local politics, and patriarchal attitudes while protecting wildlife and human lives. The narrative weaves environmental themes with social commentary, showing Vidya's quiet determination as she navigates conflicts with hunters, villagers, and her superiors. The slow-burn storytelling emphasizes realism, with subtle humor and a focus on ecological and gender issues. The script's strength lies in its nuanced portrayal of systemic challenges and Vidya's understated heroism.

## July

#### 1. Haseen Dillruba

o **Director**: Vinil Mathew

Release Date: July 2, 2021 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Vikrant Massey, Harshvardhan Rane

Script Description: A romantic thriller, Haseen Dillruba centers on Rani (Taapsee Pannu), a femme-fatale-like housewife entangled in a murder investigation after her husband Rishu's (Vikrant Massey) death. The script unfolds through flashbacks, revealing Rani's passionate affair with Neel (Harshvardhan Rane) and her troubled marriage. The nonlinear narrative keeps viewers guessing about Rani's guilt, blending pulp fiction vibes with dark humor and suspense. Themes of love, betrayal, and morality are explored, with Rani's complex character challenging traditional notions of femininity. The script's bold tone and twists make it a gripping, if polarizing, exploration of relationships and deception.

### 2. Toofaan

Director: Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra

Release Date: July 16, 2021 (Amazon Prime Video)

Main Cast: Farhan Akhtar, Mrunal Thakur, Paresh Rawal

Script Description: A sports drama, *Toofaan* follows Aziz Ali (Farhan Akhtar), a Mumbai street boxer who rises to become a national champion under the guidance of coach Narayan (Paresh Rawal). The script traces Aziz's journey from a thug to a disciplined athlete, complicated by his interfaith romance with Ananya (Mrunal Thakur), a doctor. The narrative explores themes of redemption, love, and social prejudice, particularly religious divides. Flashbacks reveal Aziz's struggles with poverty and societal rejection, while the boxing sequences add intensity. The script balances emotional depth with inspirational sports tropes, delivering a heartfelt story of perseverance.

## August

### 1. Shershaah

Director: Vishnuvardhan

o Release Date: August 12, 2021 (Amazon Prime Video)

Main Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Kiara Advani

Script Description: A biographical war drama, Shershaah chronicles the life of Captain Vikram Batra, a Kargil War hero. The script follows Vikram (Sidharth Malhotra) from a spirited college student to a brave soldier, focusing on his valor during the 1999 Kargil conflict. His romance with Dimple (Kiara Advani) provides emotional depth, while intense battle sequences depict his leadership and sacrifice. The narrative blends patriotism, love, and heroism, using flashbacks to highlight Vikram's personal and military life. Themes of duty and sacrifice resonate strongly, with a linear structure that builds to an emotional climax honoring real-life bravery.

### September

#### 1. Bell Bottom

o **Director**: Ranjit M. Tewari

 Release Date: August 19, 2021 (theatrical, delayed to September in some regions)

- Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Vaani Kapoor, Huma Qureshi
- Script Description: A retro spy thriller inspired by real-life hijackings, Bell Bottom follows Anshul Malhotra (Akshay Kumar), a RAW agent codenamed Bell Bottom, tasked with rescuing hostages from a 1980s plane hijacking. The script blends high-stakes espionage with patriotic fervor, as Anshul outsmarts terrorists and navigates international politics. The narrative includes flashbacks to his personal motivations, including a tragic family connection to hijackings. Themes of sacrifice, intelligence, and national duty drive the fast-paced story, with stylish period aesthetics and action sequences. The script delivers a crowd-pleasing mix of suspense and heroism.

### October

#### 1. Sardar Udham

Director: Shoojit Sircar

Release Date: October 16, 2021 (Amazon Prime Video)

Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Shaun Scott, Stephen Hogan

Script Description: A biographical drama, Sardar Udham follows Udham Singh (Vicky Kaushal), an Indian revolutionary who assassinates Michael O'Dwyer in 1940 to avenge the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre. The script is a slow-burn narrative, alternating between Udham's revolutionary activities in London and flashbacks to the massacre's horrors. It explores themes of colonial oppression, vengeance, and sacrifice, portraying Udham's emotional and ideological journey. The nonlinear storytelling and historical detail create a visceral, immersive experience, with a focus on Udham's quiet resilience and moral conviction. The film's climax is both heartbreaking and powerful, emphasizing the cost of resistance.

#### November

# 1. Sooryavanshi

Director: Rohit Shetty

o Release Date: November 5, 2021

Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh

 Script Description: Part of Rohit Shetty's Cop Universe, Sooryavanshi follows ATS chief Veer Sooryavanshi (Akshay Kumar) as he battles a terrorist plot targeting Mumbai. The script is a high-octane action thriller, blending explosive set pieces with patriotic themes. Veer's personal life, including his romance with Ria (Katrina Kaif), intersects with his mission to thwart sleeper cells led by a vengeful mastermind. Cameos from Simmba (Ranveer Singh) and Singham (Ajay Devgn) tie the narrative to the broader universe. The story emphasizes duty, sacrifice, and communal harmony, with a larger-than-life tone typical of Shetty's masala entertainers.

## 2. Bunty Aur Babli 2

o **Director**: Varun V. Sharma

Release Date: November 19, 2021

o Main Cast: Saif Ali Khan, Rani Mukerji, Siddhant Chaturvedi, Sharvari

Script Description: A reboot of the 2005 con-comedy, Bunty Aur Babli 2 follows the original con-artist couple, Bunty (Saif Ali Khan) and Babli (Rani Mukerji), now retired, as they're drawn back into a game of deception when a new duo (Siddhant Chaturvedi, Sharvari) uses their name for scams. The script is a lighthearted caper, blending heists, disguises, and comedic chases. Themes of legacy, reinvention, and rivalry drive the narrative, with the older and younger pairs outwitting each other. The playful tone and vibrant settings make it a fun, family-friendly adventure, though less gritty than the original.

#### December

# 1. **83**

o **Director**: Kabir Khan

o Release Date: December 24, 2021

Main Cast: Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Pankaj Tripathi

Script Description: A sports drama, 83 chronicles India's historic 1983 Cricket World Cup victory under captain Kapil Dev (Ranveer Singh). The script follows the underdog team's journey, from skepticism to triumph, against the backdrop of post-colonial pride. Key moments, like the matches against West Indies, are recreated with emotional intensity, while off-field dynamics, including team camaraderie and Kapil's leadership, add depth. The narrative blends sports action with patriotism, using flashbacks to Kapil's personal struggles. Themes of belief, unity, and resilience resonate, making it an inspiring ode to a landmark moment in Indian history.

# 2. Atrangi Re

Director: Aanand L. Rai

Release Date: December 24, 2021 (Disney+ Hotstar)

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Dhanush, Sara Ali Khan

Script Description: A quirky romantic drama, Atrangi Re follows Rinku (Sara Ali Khan), a feisty woman forced into marriage with Vishu (Dhanush), while secretly in love with Sajjad (Akshay Kumar). The script unfolds as a surreal love triangle, blending comedy, romance, and emotional twists. Set in rural India and urban Chennai, the nonlinear narrative explores themes of love, duty, and mental health, with surprising revelations about the characters' motivations. The script's whimsical tone, vibrant music, and unconventional storytelling create a heartfelt, if fantastical, exploration of relationships and personal freedom.

## January

#### 1. 36 Farmhouse

Director: Ram Ramesh Sharma

Release Date: January 21, 2022 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Vijay Raaz, Amol Parashar, Sanjay Mishra

Script Description: A comedic thriller, 36 Farmhouse follows a father-son duo (Amol Parashar and Sanjay Mishra) who enter a lavish farmhouse with hidden motives. The script unfolds as they uncover a larger conspiracy orchestrated by their wealthy employers, involving greed and betrayal. Themes of class disparity, deception, and family ties drive the narrative, blending humor with suspense. The confined setting amplifies the quirky interactions, with Vijay Raaz's cunning character adding sharp wit. The linear story delivers light entertainment with a satirical take on privilege.

## 2. Hai Tujhe Salaam India

Director: Avanish Kumar

o Release Date: January 26, 2022

Main Cast: Aarya Babbar, Ajaz Khan, Smita Gondkar

Script Description: A patriotic drama, Hai Tujhe Salaam India centers on a group of young individuals entangled in a web of crime and corruption, ultimately finding redemption through acts of national pride. The script explores themes of youth, loyalty, and social responsibility, set against a backdrop of small-town challenges. The narrative follows a linear path, emphasizing emotional stakes and moral dilemmas. While earnest, the film leans on familiar patriotic tropes, with a focus on action and melodrama.

## **February**

# 1. Looop Lapeta

Director: Aakash Bhatia

Release Date: February 4, 2022 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Tahir Raj Bhasin, Dibyendu Bhattacharya

Script Description: A Hindi remake of Run Lola Run, Looop Lapeta follows Savi (Taapsee Pannu), who must save her boyfriend Satya (Tahir Raj Bhasin) after he loses a mobster's cash. The script uses a time-loop narrative, with Savi reliving the same day to alter outcomes, blending high-energy action with quirky humor. Themes of love, fate, and resilience are explored in a vibrant, urban setting. The nonlinear storytelling and Taapsee's dynamic performance create a fast-paced, stylish thriller with a modern edge.

# 2. Gehraiyaan

o **Director**: Shakun Batra

Release Date: February 11, 2022 (Amazon Prime Video)

 Main Cast: Deepika Padukone, Siddhant Chaturvedi, Ananya Panday, Dhairya Karwa

Script Description: A romantic drama, Gehraiyaan delves into the complexities of modern relationships. Alisha (Deepika Padukone), a yoga instructor, begins an affair with her cousin's fiancé, Zain (Siddhant Chaturvedi), unraveling secrets and betrayals. The script explores themes of infidelity, ambition, and emotional vulnerability, using a nonlinear narrative with flashbacks to reveal past traumas. Set in Mumbai and Alibaug, the film's moody tone and introspective dialogues offer a raw, layered look at love and self-discovery.

### 3. Badhaai Do

o **Director**: Harshavardhan Kulkarni

o Release Date: February 11, 2022

Main Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Bhumi Pednekar, Chum Darang

Script Description: A comedy-drama, Badhaai Do follows Shardul (Rajkummar Rao), a gay policeman, and Suman (Bhumi Pednekar), a lesbian teacher, who enter a marriage of convenience to appease their families. The script humorously navigates their efforts to maintain the façade while Suman's girlfriend moves in, leading to chaotic yet heartfelt moments. Themes of identity, acceptance, and societal pressure are explored with a light yet poignant tone. The linear narrative and strong performances make it a progressive, crowd-pleasing film.

# 4. A Thursday

o Director: Behzad Khambata

Release Date: February 17, 2022 (Disney+ Hotstar)

o Main Cast: Yami Gautam, Atul Kulkarni, Neha Dhupia, Dimple Kapadia

Script Description: A suspense thriller, A Thursday centers on Naina (Yami Gautam), a preschool teacher who takes 16 students hostage, making shocking demands that rattle the police and government. The script unfolds as a tense catand-mouse game, revealing Naina's motivations through flashbacks tied to personal and societal injustices. Themes of power, morality, and retribution drive the narrative, with a gripping, linear structure. Yami's intense performance and the film's social commentary create a thought-provoking experience.

## 5. **Gangubai Kathiawadi**

Director: Sanjay Leela Bhansali

Release Date: February 25, 2022

Main Cast: Alia Bhatt, Ajay Devgn, Shantanu Maheshwari, Vijay Raaz

Script Description: A biographical crime drama, *Gangubai Kathiawadi* follows Ganga (Alia Bhatt), a young woman sold into prostitution in 1950s Bombay, who rises to become a powerful brothel madam and advocate for sex workers. The script traces her transformation through hardship, romance, and underworld alliances, blending grit with Bhansali's signature opulence. Themes of empowerment, resilience, and societal reform are central, with a linear narrative enriched by emotional depth and period aesthetics. Alia's commanding performance anchors the film's success (₹209.77 crore gross).

### 6. Love Hostel

Director: Shanker Raman

Release Date: February 25, 2022 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Sanya Malhotra, Vikrant Massey, Bobby Deol

Script Description: A romantic thriller, Love Hostel follows a young couple, Ashu (Sanya Malhotra) and Ahmed (Vikrant Massey), on the run from a mercenary (Bobby Deol) hired to stop their interfaith marriage. Set in rural North India, the script builds tension through relentless chases and societal conflicts, exploring themes of love, honor killings, and defiance. The linear narrative's pulsating pace and raw performances create a gritty, emotional tale of survival against tradition.

#### 1. Jhund

Director: Nagraj Manjule

Release Date: March 4, 2022

Main Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Akash Thosar, Rinku Rajguru

Script Description: A sports drama based on Vijay Barse's life, Jhund follows Vijay Borade (Amitabh Bachchan), a retired teacher who forms a soccer team with slum kids to steer them away from crime and drugs. The script blends social realism with inspiration, showcasing the kids' struggles and triumphs. Themes of redemption, community, and social inequality are explored through a linear narrative grounded in Nagpur's slums. Amitabh's understated performance and the authentic ensemble elevate the heartfelt story.

#### 2. Toolsidas Junior

Director: Mridul

Release Date: March 4, 2022

Main Cast: Sanjay Dutt, Rajiv Kapoor, Varun Buddhadev

Script Description: A family-friendly sports drama, Toolsidas Junior follows Midi (Varun Buddhadev), a 13-year-old who vows to win a snooker championship to honor his father (Rajiv Kapoor), who lost the 1994 title. The script is a coming-ofage tale of determination and family legacy, blending light humor with emotional stakes. Themes of perseverance and father-son bonds drive the linear narrative, with Sanjay Dutt's mentorship adding warmth. The film's nostalgic tone appeals to younger audiences.

## 3. Radhe Shyam (Hindi dubbed)

Director: Radha Krishna Kumar

o Release Date: March 11, 2022

Main Cast: Prabhas, Pooja Hegde, Bhagyashree

 Script Description: A period romantic drama, Radhe Shyam follows Vikramaditya (Prabhas), a renowned palmist who denies love due to his beliefs, until he meets Prerana (Pooja Hegde), a doctor. Their romance unfolds against fate's challenges, with a mystical backdrop. The script explores themes of destiny, love, and selfdiscovery, using lush visuals and a nonlinear narrative. Despite mixed reviews, its grand scale and emotional core contributed to a ₹200–350 crore gross.

## 4. The Kashmir Files

o **Director**: Vivek Agnihotri

o Release Date: March 11, 2022

o Main Cast: Mithun Chakraborty, Anupam Kher, Darshan Kumar, Pallavi Joshi

o Script Description: A historical drama, *The Kashmir Files* depicts the 1990 exodus of Kashmiri Pandits through the eyes of Krishna (Darshan Kumar), a student uncovering his family's tragic past. The script uses flashbacks to portray the community's suffering, blending raw emotion with political commentary. Themes of loss, truth, and resilience drive the narrative, which sparked widespread discussion and grossed ₹340.92 crore. The linear yet intense storytelling and powerful performances make it a polarizing yet impactful film.

## 5. Bachchhan Paandey

Director: Farhad Samji

o Release Date: March 18, 2022

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Kriti Sanon, Jacqueline Fernandez, Arshad Warsi

Script Description: An action-comedy, Bachchhan Paandey follows Myra (Kriti Sanon), a filmmaker researching a ruthless gangster, Bachchhan (Akshay Kumar), for a biopic. The script blends over-the-top action with dark humor as Myra and her friend (Arshad Warsi) get entangled in Bachchhan's violent world. Themes of ambition and survival are explored in a masala-style narrative set in rural India. The linear plot prioritizes entertainment over depth, with Akshay's larger-than-life role driving the energy.

### 6. Jalsa

Director: Suresh Triveni

o Release Date: March 18, 2022 (Amazon Prime Video)

Main Cast: Vidya Balan, Shefali Shah, Rohini Hattangadi

 Script Description: A crime drama, Jalsa follows Maya (Vidya Balan), a journalist, and her cook, Rukhsana (Shefali Shah), whose lives collide after a hit-and-run accident involving an 18-year-old girl. The script unravels their moral dilemmas and class tensions through a nonlinear narrative, exploring themes of truth, guilt, and privilege. The intense performances and layered storytelling create a gripping, socially conscious thriller that questions justice and accountability.

# 7. Sharmaji Namkeen

Director: Hitesh Bhatia

Release Date: March 31, 2022 (Amazon Prime Video)

Main Cast: Rishi Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, Juhi Chawla

Script Description: A comedy-drama and Rishi Kapoor's final film, Sharmaji Namkeen follows Brij Gopal Sharma (Rishi Kapoor/Paresh Rawal), a 60-year-old widower who starts a catering business to find purpose. The script explores his reinvention and bonds with his son and quirky friends, blending humor with emotional depth. Themes of aging, independence, and family drive the linear narrative. The unique casting (Paresh Rawal completing Rishi's role) adds poignancy to the heartwarming story.

# April

### 1. Attack: Part 1

Director: Lakshya Raj Anand

o Release Date: April 1, 2022

Main Cast: John Abraham, Jacqueline Fernandez, Rakul Preet Singh

Script Description: A sci-fi action thriller, Attack: Part 1 follows Arjun (John Abraham), India's first super-soldier enhanced by AI, on a mission to stop a terrorist plot. The script blends high-octane action with patriotism, exploring themes of sacrifice and technology's ethical limits. The linear narrative focuses on Arjun's transformation and battles, with a romantic subplot adding emotional stakes. The film's sleek visuals and action sequences aim for spectacle, though the plot is formulaic.

## 2. Kaun Pravin Tambe?

Director: Jayprad Desai

Release Date: April 1, 2022 (Disney+ Hotstar)

Main Cast: Shreyas Talpade

Script Description: A biographical sports drama, Kaun Pravin Tambe? chronicles the life of Pravin Tambe (Shreyas Talpade), a cricketer who debuted in the IPL at 41. The script follows his relentless pursuit of his dream despite financial and societal hurdles, using flashbacks to highlight his resilience. Themes of perseverance, underdog triumph, and passion drive the linear narrative. Shreyas Talpade's heartfelt performance makes it an inspiring, feel-good story.

#### 3. Cobalt Blue

Director: Sachin Kundalkar

Release Date: April 2, 2022 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Prateik Babbar, Neelay Mehendale, Anjali Sivaraman

Script Description: A romantic drama based on Sachin Kundalkar's novel, Cobalt Blue follows a 1990s Kerala family where siblings Tanay and Anuja fall for the same enigmatic lodger. The script explores forbidden love, sexual identity, and family dynamics through a nonlinear narrative, blending poetic visuals with emotional depth. Themes of self-discovery and societal repression create a sensitive, introspective tale, elevated by nuanced performances.

#### 4. Dasvi

Director: Tushar Jalota

Release Date: April 7, 2022 (Netflix, JioCinema)

Main Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Yami Gautam, Nimrat Kaur

Script Description: A political satire, Dasvi follows Ganga Ram Chaudhary (Abhishek Bachchan), a corrupt politician who pursues his 10th-grade exams while in jail. The script blends humor and social commentary as Ganga transforms, clashing with a strict cop (Yami Gautam) and his ambitious wife (Nimrat Kaur). Themes of education, redemption, and power are explored in a lighthearted, linear narrative. The film's breezy tone and sharp dialogues make it engaging.

# 5. **Hurdang**

o Director: Nikhil Nagesh Bhat

o Release Date: April 8, 2022

o Main Cast: Sunny Kaushal, Nushrratt Bharuccha, Vijay Varma

Script Description: A romantic drama set in 1990s Allahabad, Hurdang follows Daddu (Sunny Kaushal), a student activist involved in the Mandal Commission protests, and his love story with Jhulan (Nushrratt Bharuccha). The script intertwines romance with political unrest, exploring themes of caste, ambition, and rebellion. The nonlinear narrative and gritty setting highlight the era's tensions, though the execution is uneven.

## 6. **Jersey**

Director: Gowtam Tinnanuri

o Release Date: April 22, 2022

o Main Cast: Shahid Kapoor, Mrunal Thakur, Pankaj Kapur

Script Description: A sports drama remake of the Telugu film, Jersey follows Arjun (Shahid Kapoor), a failed cricketer who returns to the game in his late 30s to fulfill his son's dream. The script blends sports action with family drama, using flashbacks to reveal Arjun's past struggles. Themes of redemption, fatherhood, and perseverance drive the emotional, linear narrative. Shahid's heartfelt performance and the film's sincerity resonate, despite a modest box office.

## 7. Operation Romeo

Director: Shashant Shah

o Release Date: April 22, 2022

Main Cast: Sidhant Gupta, Vedika Pinto, Sharad Kelkar

Script Description: A romantic thriller, Operation Romeo follows a young couple whose romantic drive is disrupted by a traumatic encounter with a rogue cop. The script explores themes of love, fear, and systemic abuse through a tense, linear narrative. Flashbacks reveal the couple's bond, contrasting with the night's escalating danger. The film's gritty tone and social critique create a gripping, if unsettling, experience.

## 8. Runway 34

Director: Ajay Devgn

o Release Date: April 29, 2022

Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Amitabh Bachchan, Rakul Preet Singh, Boman Irani

Script Description: A thriller-drama inspired by true events, Runway 34 follows Captain Vikrant Khanna (Ajay Devgn), a pilot facing a crisis during a turbulent flight. The script alternates between the high-stakes cockpit drama and a subsequent investigation led by a stern official (Amitabh Bachchan). Themes of responsibility, human error, and redemption drive the linear narrative, with intense visuals and a focus on aviation challenges. The film's gripping pace keeps viewers hooked.

## 9. Heropanti 2

o **Director**: Ahmed Khan

o Release Date: April 29, 2022

Main Cast: Tiger Shroff, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Tara Sutaria

Script Description: An action thriller sequel, Heropanti 2 follows Babloo (Tiger Shroff), an agent tasked with stopping a cybercriminal mastermind, Laila (Nawazuddin Siddiqui). The script is a high-octane mix of stunts and espionage, with a romantic subplot involving Inaaya (Tara Sutaria). Themes of heroism and technology's dark side are explored in a linear, masala-style narrative. The film prioritizes action spectacle over depth, with Tiger's charisma as the draw.

## May

### 1. Mere Desh Ki Dharti

Director: Faraz Haider

o Release Date: May 6, 2022

Main Cast: Divyenndu, Anupriya Goenka, Anant Vidhaat

Script Description: A drama, Mere Desh Ki Dharti follows two young engineers, Ajay (Divyenndu) and Sameer, who tackle rural India's agricultural challenges. The script blends social issues with personal growth, exploring themes of innovation, patriotism, and rural empowerment. The linear narrative highlights their journey from urban dreamers to village changemakers, with humor and heart. The film's earnest tone aims to inspire, though it leans on idealistic tropes.

### 2. Thar

Director: Raj Singh Chaudhary

Release Date: May 6, 2022 (Netflix)

- Main Cast: Anil Kapoor, Harshvardhan Kapoor, Fatima Sana Shaikh
- Script Description: A neo-Western thriller, Thar follows Siddharth (Harshvardhan Kapoor), a mysterious stranger in a 1980s Rajasthan village, whose arrival coincides with brutal crimes. A local cop (Anil Kapoor) investigates, unraveling secrets. The script blends noir aesthetics with revenge, exploring themes of justice and isolation. The nonlinear narrative and stark desert setting create a moody, gripping tale, elevated by the father-son duo's performances.

# 3. Jayeshbhai Jordaar

Director: Divyang Thakkar

o Release Date: May 13, 2022

Main Cast: Ranveer Singh, Shalini Pandey, Boman Irani

Script Description: A comedy-drama, Jayeshbhai Jordaar follows Jayesh (Ranveer Singh), who defies his patriarchal family to save his unborn daughter from female infanticide. The script blends humor and social commentary as Jayesh and his wife (Shalini Pandey) flee their village. Themes of gender equality, courage, and family are explored in a vibrant, linear narrative. Ranveer's energetic performance and the film's message-driven plot resonate, grossing ₹136.13 crore.

## 4. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2

Director: Anees Bazmee

Release Date: May 20, 2022

Main Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Tabu, Kiara Advani, Rajpal Yadav

Script Description: A horror-comedy sequel, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 follows Ruhaan (Kartik Aaryan), who accidentally unleashes the vengeful spirit Manjulika while visiting a haunted haveli. The script blends spooky thrills with slapstick humor, focusing on Ruhaan's efforts to unravel the mystery with Reet (Kiara Advani). Themes of superstition and redemption drive the linear narrative, with Tabu's dual role adding depth. The film's mix of scares and laughs led to a ₹266.88 crore gross.

### 5. **Dhaakad**

Director: Razneesh Ghai

o Release Date: May 20, 2022

Main Cast: Kangana Ranaut, Arjun Rampal, Divya Dutta

Script Description: An action thriller, Dhaakad follows Agent Agni (Kangana Ranaut), a fierce operative tasked with dismantling an international trafficking ring led by Rudraveer (Arjun Rampal). The script is a high-octane mix of stunts and espionage, exploring themes of justice and vengeance. The linear narrative prioritizes action over emotional depth, with sleek visuals and Kangana's intense performance as highlights, despite a modest box office.

### 6. Anek

Director: Anubhay Sinha

Release Date: May 27, 2022

Main Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Andrea Kevichüsa

Script Description: A socio-political thriller, Anek follows Joshua (Ayushmann Khurrana), an undercover agent navigating ethnic conflicts in Northeast India. The script blends action with commentary on identity and unity, using a linear narrative to depict Joshua's mission and personal dilemmas. Themes of peace, diversity, and systemic issues are explored with a gritty, realistic tone. The film's bold narrative and Ayushmann's performance make it thought-provoking.

#### June

### 1. Samrat Prithviraj

Director: Chandraprakash Dwivedi

Release Date: June 3, 2022

Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Sanjay Dutt, Sonu Sood, Manushi Chhillar

Script Description: A historical epic, Samrat Prithviraj chronicles the life of 12th-century king Prithviraj Chauhan (Akshay Kumar), focusing on his battles against invaders and his romance with Sanyogita (Manushi Chhillar). The script blends action, patriotism, and love, using a linear narrative with lavish visuals. Themes of valor and sacrifice are central, though historical liberties sparked debate. The film's grand scale aimed for impact but had a moderate box office.

### 2. **Major** (Hindi dubbed)

Director: Sashi Kiran Tikka

o Release Date: June 3, 2022

Main Cast: Adivi Sesh, Sobhita Dhulipala, Saiee Manjrekar

Script Description: A biographical war drama, Major depicts the life of Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan (Adivi Sesh), who sacrificed his life during the 2008 Mumbai attacks. The script balances his personal life, romance, and heroic actions, using flashbacks to build emotional depth. Themes of bravery, duty, and patriotism drive the linear narrative, with intense action sequences. The film's heartfelt tribute resonated widely, earning critical acclaim.

### 3. Janhit Mein Jaari

o **Director**: Jai Basantu Singh

o Release Date: June 10, 2022

Main Cast: Nushrratt Bharuccha

Script Description: A social comedy, Janhit Mein Jaari follows Manokamna (Nushrratt Bharuccha), a young woman promoting condom use in a conservative town, facing societal backlash. The script blends humor with a bold message on sexual health and women's empowerment, using a linear narrative. Themes of gender equality and social change are explored with a light yet impactful tone, making it a refreshing, message-driven film.

#### 4. Ardh

Director: Palash Muchhal

Release Date: June 10, 2022 (ZEE5)

o Main Cast: Rajpal Yadav, Rubina Dilaik

Script Description: A drama, Ardh follows Shiva (Rajpal Yadav), a struggling actor in Mumbai who resorts to impersonating a transgender person to make ends meet. The script explores his emotional and financial struggles, blending humor with pathos. Themes of identity, perseverance, and societal acceptance drive the linear narrative, with Rajpal Yadav's heartfelt performance adding depth to the small-scale story.

### 5. Nikamma

Director: Sabbir Khan

o Release Date: June 17, 2022

Main Cast: Abhimanyu Dassani, Shirley Setia, Shilpa Shetty

Script Description: An action-comedy, Nikamma follows Adi (Abhimanyu Dassani), a carefree young man whose life changes after clashing with his sister-in-law (Shilpa Shetty). The script is a masala mix of romance, action, and family drama, with Adi's redemption at its core. Themes of responsibility and relationships are explored in a light, linear narrative. The film's high-energy vibe and ensemble cast aim for entertainment, though it's formulaic.

# 6. Sherdil: The Pilibhit Saga

Director: Srijit Mukherji

Release Date: June 24, 2022

Main Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Sayani Gupta, Neeraj Kabi

Script Description: A drama inspired by real events, Sherdil follows Gangaram (Pankaj Tripathi), a village leader who plans to sacrifice himself to a tiger to secure government aid for his family. The script blends dark humor with social commentary on poverty and bureaucracy, using a linear narrative. Themes of sacrifice and systemic failure are explored, with Pankaj Tripathi's nuanced performance grounding the poignant story.

## 7. Jugjugg Jeeyo

Director: Raj Mehta

o Release Date: June 24, 2022

o Main Cast: Varun Dhawan, Kiara Advani, Anil Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor

Script Description: A family comedy, Jugjugg Jeeyo follows Kukoo (Varun Dhawan) and Naina (Kiara Advani), a couple planning divorce, who navigate family chaos when Kukoo's father (Anil Kapoor) also seeks to leave his marriage. The script blends humor and emotion, exploring themes of love, marriage, and generational differences. The linear narrative and vibrant ensemble, set in a Punjabi milieu, led to a ₹136.13 crore gross.

### July

### 1. Rashtra Kavach Om

Director: Kapil Verma

o Release Date: July 1, 2022

Main Cast: Aditya Roy Kapur, Sanjana Sanghi

Script Description: An action thriller, Rashtra Kavach Om follows Om (Aditya Roy Kapur), a soldier on a mission to recover a secret weapon, grappling with amnesia and betrayal. The script blends high-stakes action with patriotism, using flashbacks to unravel Om's past. Themes of duty and identity drive the linear narrative, though the plot leans on familiar action tropes. Aditya's charisma and sleek visuals add appeal.

# 2. Rocketry: The Nambi Effect (Hindi dubbed)

o **Director**: R. Madhavan

o Release Date: July 1, 2022

o Main Cast: R. Madhavan, Simran

Script Description: A biographical drama, Rocketry chronicles the life of ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan (R. Madhavan), falsely accused of espionage. The script follows his rise as a brilliant scientist and his fight for justice, using a nonlinear narrative with global settings. Themes of patriotism, resilience, and truth are explored, with Madhavan's heartfelt performance and meticulous storytelling earning critical acclaim.

## 3. Khuda Haafiz: Chapter 2 – Agni Pariksha

Director: Faruk Kabir

o Release Date: July 8, 2022

o Main Cast: Vidyut Jammwal, Shivaleeka Oberoi

Script Description: A sequel to Khuda Haafiz, this action thriller follows Sameer (Vidyut Jammwal) as he seeks justice after a personal tragedy, battling a powerful criminal network. The script blends intense action with emotional depth, exploring themes of vengeance and family. The linear narrative focuses on Sameer's relentless fight, with Vidyut's action prowess and raw emotion driving the gritty story.

## 4. HIT: The First Case

o **Director**: Shailesh Kolanu

o Release Date: July 15, 2022

o Main Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Sanya Malhotra

Script Description: A Hindi remake of the Telugu film, HIT follows Vikram
(Rajkummar Rao), a cop with PTSD investigating a missing girl's case. The script is
a tense crime thriller, using a linear narrative to unravel clues and Vikram's
personal struggles. Themes of trauma, duty, and justice are explored, with
Rajkummar's intense performance and a suspenseful plot keeping viewers
engaged.

### 5. Shabaash Mithu

o **Director**: Srijit Mukherji

o Release Date: July 15, 2022

Main Cast: Taapsee Pannu

Script Description: A biographical sports drama, Shabaash Mithu follows the life of cricketer Mithali Raj (Taapsee Pannu), from her childhood to leading India's women's cricket team. The script traces her battles against gender bias and societal expectations, using a linear narrative with inspiring sports sequences. Themes of perseverance and feminism shine, though the predictable arc limits its impact. Taapsee's performance anchors the film.

#### 6. Ek Villain Returns

o **Director**: Mohit Suri

Release Date: July 29, 2022

o Main Cast: John Abraham, Arjun Kapoor, Disha Patani, Tara Sutaria

Script Description: A thriller sequel, Ek Villain Returns follows two men, Gautam (Arjun Kapoor) and Bhairav (John Abraham), whose lives intertwine in a web of love, betrayal, and serial killings. The script uses a nonlinear narrative to unravel their motives, blending action and dark romance. Themes of revenge and obsession drive the intense, stylish story, though it leans on familiar tropes. The ensemble cast adds energy.

## August

### 1. Darlings

Director: Jasmeet K Reen

o Release Date: August 5, 2022 (Netflix)

o Main Cast: Alia Bhatt, Shefali Shah, Vijay Varma

Script Description: A dark comedy, Darlings follows Badrunissa (Alia Bhatt) and her mother (Shefali Shah) as they plot to escape Badrunissa's abusive husband (Vijay Varma). The script blends humor and tension, exploring themes of domestic violence, empowerment, and resilience. The linear narrative, set in a Mumbai chawl, balances quirky moments with emotional weight, with stellar performances driving the impactful story.

# 2. Laal Singh Chaddha

o **Director**: Advait Chandan

o Release Date: August 11, 2022

Main Cast: Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Naga Chaitanya

Script Description: A remake of Forrest Gump, Laal Singh Chaddha follows Laal (Aamir Khan), a kind-hearted man with a low IQ, through his extraordinary life intertwined with India's history. The script uses a nonlinear narrative, with Laal narrating his journey of love, friendship, and resilience to strangers. Themes of innocence and destiny drive the emotional story, grossing ₹129.64 crore despite mixed reception.

#### 3. Raksha Bandhan

o **Director**: Aanand L. Rai

o Release Date: August 11, 2022

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar

Script Description: A family drama, Raksha Bandhan follows Lala (Akshay Kumar), who vows to marry off his four sisters before his own wedding, facing financial and societal hurdles. The script blends humor and emotion, exploring themes of sibling love and sacrifice. The linear narrative leans on traditional values, with Akshay's earnest performance anchoring the sentimental story, though it faced criticism for clichés.

### 4. Dobaaraa

Director: Anurag Kashyap

o Release Date: August 19, 2022

Main Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Pavail Gulati

Script Description: A sci-fi thriller remake of Mirage, Dobaaraa follows Antara (Taapsee Pannu), who, during a storm, connects to a 1990s boy via a TV, altering past and present events. The script uses a time-loop narrative to explore fate, love, and consequences, blending suspense with emotional depth. The complex, nonlinear story and Taapsee's performance create a gripping, mind-bending experience.

# September

1. Brahmāstra: Part One – Shiva

Director: Ayan Mukerji

o Release Date: September 9, 2022

Main Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Amitabh Bachchan

Script Description: A fantasy epic, Brahmāstra follows Shiva (Ranbir Kapoor), who discovers his mystical powers and a connection to a secret society guarding ancient weapons. The script blends mythology, romance (with Alia Bhatt's Isha), and action, exploring themes of destiny and love. The linear narrative and grand VFX led to a ₹435 crore gross, making it 2022's highest-grosser, despite mixed reviews.

# 2. Jogi

Director: Ali Abbas Zafar

Release Date: September 16, 2022 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Diljit Dosanjh, Kumud Mishra, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub

Script Description: A historical drama set during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, Jogi follows Joginder (Diljit Dosanjh), who risks his life to save friends and family in Delhi. The script blends action and emotion, exploring themes of friendship, sacrifice, and communal harmony. The linear narrative's raw intensity and Diljit's heartfelt performance create a moving, heart-wrenching tale.

## October

#### 1. Doctor G

Director: Anubhuti Kashyap

o Release Date: October 14, 2022

- o Main Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Rakul Preet Singh, Shefali Shah
- Script Description: A medical comedy, Doctor G follows Uday (Ayushmann Khurrana), a reluctant gynaecologist navigating a female-dominated field. The script blends humor with social commentary on gender biases, using a linear narrative to depict Uday's growth. Themes of empathy and breaking stereotypes shine, with Ayushmann's charm and the breezy tone making it engaging.

## 2. Aye Zindagi

Director: Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury

o Release Date: October 14, 2022

o **Main Cast**: Revathi, Satyajeet Dubey

Script Description: A drama, Aye Zindagi follows Vinay (Satyajeet Dubey), a young man facing a life-threatening illness, who finds hope through a compassionate counselor (Revathi). The script explores themes of loss, hope, and human connection, using a linear narrative with emotional depth. The film's heartrending tone and strong performances create a poignant, uplifting story.

## November

#### 1. Uunchai

Director: Sooraj Barjatya

o Release Date: November 11, 2022

o Main Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher, Boman Irani, Neena Gupta

Script Description: An adventure drama, *Uunchai* follows three elderly friends (Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher, Boman Irani) who trek to Everest Base Camp to honor a friend's dying wish. The script blends humor, emotion, and scenic visuals, exploring themes of friendship, aging, and dreams. The linear narrative's heartfelt tone and stellar ensemble make it a touching journey.

# 2. Drishyam 2

o **Director**: Abhishek Pathak

o Release Date: November 18, 2022

o Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Tabu, Shriya Saran, Akshaye Khanna

Script Description: A crime thriller sequel, Drishyam 2 follows Vijay Salgaonkar (Ajay Devgn) as he protects his family from a renewed investigation into a past crime. The script delivers twists and suspense, exploring themes of family and deception. The linear narrative keeps viewers hooked with clever plotting, grossing ₹345.05 crore. Ajay Devgn and Tabu's performances shine.

# 3. Bhediya

o **Director**: Amar Kaushik

o Release Date: November 25, 2022

Main Cast: Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Abhishek Banerjee

Script Description: A horror-comedy, Bhediya follows Bhaskar (Varun Dhawan), who transforms into a werewolf after a bite in Arunachal Pradesh. The script blends spooky thrills with humor, exploring themes of identity and environmental conservation. The linear narrative, vibrant visuals, and Varun's comedic timing create a fun, spine-chilling ride in the Stree universe.

#### December

## 1. Qala

o **Director**: Anvita Dutt

Release Date: December 1, 2022 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Tripti Dimri, Swastika Mukherjee, Babil Khan

Script Description: A period musical drama, Qala follows a young singer (Tripti Dimri) in 1940s India, grappling with fame, her mother's disapproval, and mental turmoil. The script uses a nonlinear narrative to explore themes of ambition, maternal conflict, and self-destruction, with haunting music and visuals. The film's emotional depth and Tripti's performance create a poetic, tragic tale.

### 2. Vadh

Director: Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Rajeev Barnwal

o **Release Date**: December 9, 2022

Main Cast: Sanjay Mishra, Neena Gupta, Manav Vij

Script Description: A thriller, Vadh follows an elderly couple (Sanjay Mishra,
 Neena Gupta) in the US, whose quiet life turns violent after a confrontation with

a menacing figure. The script explores themes of survival and morality, using a linear narrative to build suspense. The realistic tone and stellar performances deliver a chilling, understated experience.

# 3. Salaam Venky

Director: Revathi

o Release Date: December 9, 2022

o Main Cast: Kajol, Vishal Jethwa, Aahana Kumra

Script Description: A drama, Salaam Venky follows Sujata (Kajol) and her terminally ill son, Venky (Vishal Jethwa), as they face his condition with courage and positivity. The script explores themes of love, resilience, and euthanasia, using a linear narrative with emotional depth. The mother-son bond and Kajol's performance create a heartrending, inspiring story.

### 4. Govinda Naam Mera

Director: Shashank Khaitan

o Release Date: December 16, 2022 (Disney+ Hotstar)

Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Bhumi Pednekar, Kiara Advani

Script Description: A comedy-thriller, Govinda Naam Mera follows Govinda (Vicky Kaushal), a choreographer juggling his wife's infidelity and a girlfriend, only to get entangled in a murder plot. The script blends 90s-style humor with twists, exploring themes of love and deception. The linear narrative and vibrant performances create a fun, nostalgic caper.

### 5. Cirkus

Director: Rohit Shetty

o Release Date: December 23, 2022

o Main Cast: Ranveer Singh, Varun Sharma, Pooja Hegde, Jacqueline Fernandez

Script Description: A comedy based on Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors, Cirkus follows two sets of identical twins (both played by Ranveer Singh) separated at birth, leading to mistaken identities and chaos. The script is a farcical mix of humor and confusion, set in a vibrant 1960s circus milieu. Themes of family and fate drive the linear narrative, though it leans heavily on slapstick.

## **January**

## 1. Kuttey

Director: Aasmaan Bhardwaj

Release Date: January 13, 2023

Main Cast: Arjun Kapoor, Tabu, Konkona Sen Sharma, Naseeruddin Shah, Radhika
 Madan

Script Description: A dark comedy-thriller, Kuttey follows three groups—a cop, a criminal, and a rebel—whose paths collide over a truck carrying cash. The nonlinear narrative weaves greed, betrayal, and violence, with each character driven by personal motives. Themes of ambition and moral ambiguity are explored through gritty dialogue and a chaotic, interconnected plot. Set in a rain-soaked Mumbai, the film's cynical tone and ensemble cast create a tense, unpredictable ride.

# 2. Lakadbaggha

Director: Victor Mukherjee

Release Date: January 13, 2023

o Main Cast: Anshuman Jha, Riddhi Dogra, Milind Soman

Script Description: An action drama, Lakadbaggha centers on Arjun (Anshuman Jha), a martial artist and animal lover, who uncovers an illegal animal trafficking ring in Kolkata. The script blends high-octane action with environmental activism, as Arjun and his dog fight to save endangered species. Themes of justice, compassion, and man-animal bonds drive the linear narrative, with a gritty urban setting and intense fight sequences.

# 3. Mission Majnu

Director: Shantanu Bagchi

Release Date: January 20, 2023 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Rashmika Mandanna, Kumud Mishra

Script Description: A spy thriller set in the 1970s, Mission Majnu follows Amandeep Singh (Sidharth Malhotra), an Indian RAW agent infiltrating Pakistan to sabotage its nuclear program. The script intertwines espionage with a forbidden romance, exploring themes of patriotism, sacrifice, and identity. Flashbacks reveal Amandeep's personal stakes, while the linear narrative builds suspense through covert operations. The film's period authenticity and emotional core make it gripping.

### 4. Chhatriwali

**Director**: Tejas Deoskar

Release Date: January 20, 2023 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Rakul Preet Singh, Sumeet Vyas, Satish Kaushik

Script Description: A social comedy, Chhatriwali follows Sanya (Rakul Preet Singh), a quality control expert who becomes a condom tester to promote safe sex in a small town. The script uses humor to tackle taboos, exploring themes of sexual health, empowerment, and societal stigma. The linear narrative balances lighthearted moments with Sanya's personal growth, making it an accessible, message-driven film.

### 5. Pathaan

o **Director**: Siddharth Anand

Release Date: January 25, 2023

Main Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, John Abraham

Script Description: An action thriller in the YRF Spy Universe, Pathaan follows Pathaan (Shah Rukh Khan), a disgraced RAW agent, who returns to stop a terrorist (John Abraham) plotting a biological attack on India. The script blends high-stakes action, patriotism, and a romantic subplot with Rubina (Deepika Padukone). Themes of loyalty and redemption drive the linear narrative, with sleek visuals and a ₹1,050.30-1,052.50 crore gross making it a blockbuster.

### 6. Gandhi Godse – Ek Yudh

o **Director**: Rajkumar Santoshi

o Release Date: January 26, 2023

Main Cast: Deepak Antani, Chinmay Mandlekar

Script Description: A historical drama, Gandhi Godse – Ek Yudh imagines a
fictional confrontation between Mahatma Gandhi and Nathuram Godse in an
alternate history where Gandhi survives assassination. The script explores
ideological clashes, non-violence versus militancy, through intense debates and a
linear narrative. Themes of truth, freedom, and moral conflict drive the
provocative story, set against India's partition era.

# **February**

# 1. Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat

Director: Anurag Kashyap

Release Date: February 3, 2023

Main Cast: Alaya F, Karan Mehta

Script Description: A romantic drama, Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat tells two parallel love stories of young couples defying societal norms—one in India, another in London. The script, narrated by a DJ, explores themes of love, rebellion, and identity through a nonlinear narrative with vibrant music. The urban aesthetic and emotional depth aim for a poetic, youthful vibe, though the execution is uneven.

### 2. Faraaz

Director: Hansal Mehta

o Release Date: February 3, 2023

o Main Cast: Zahan Kapoor, Aditya Rawal, Juhi Babbar

Script Description: A thriller based on the 2016 Dhaka café attack, Faraaz follows a group of hostages, including Faraaz (Zahan Kapoor), trapped by terrorists. The script unfolds in real-time, focusing on courage, sacrifice, and moral dilemmas, with a tense, linear narrative. Themes of humanity and resilience shine amidst the claustrophobic setting, with strong performances amplifying the harrowing true story.

## 3. Shiv Shastri Balboa

o **Director**: Ajayan Venugopalan

o Release Date: February 10, 2023

o Main Cast: Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta, Jugal Hansraj

Script Description: A comedy-drama, Shiv Shastri Balboa follows Shiv (Anupam Kher), a retired Indian immigrant in the US, who embarks on a road trip to meet his idol, Rocky Balboa. The script blends humor and heart, exploring themes of dreams, aging, and cultural displacement. The linear narrative, with Neena Gupta's supportive role, creates a feel-good story of self-discovery.

#### 4. Shehzada

o **Director**: Rohit Dhawan

Release Date: February 17, 2023

Main Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Kriti Sanon, Paresh Rawal

Script Description: A masala action-comedy, Shehzada follows Bantu (Kartik Aaryan), a middle-class man who discovers he's the heir to a wealthy family after being swapped at birth. The script blends family drama, romance, and action as Bantu fights to reclaim his place. Themes of identity and justice drive the linear narrative, with Kartik's charm and over-the-top sequences aiming for mass appeal.

### 5. Selfiee

**Director**: Raj Mehta

Release Date: February 24, 2023

Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Emraan Hashmi, Nushrratt Bharuccha

Script Description: A comedy-drama remake of *Driving Licence*, *Selfiee* follows Vijay (Akshay Kumar), a Bollywood star, whose rivalry with a motor vehicle inspector (Emraan Hashmi) escalates over a driver's license. The script blends humor and ego clashes, exploring themes of fame and humility. The linear narrative, set in a small town, delivers light entertainment with strong performances.

#### March

## 1. Gulmohar

Director: Rahul V. Chittella

Release Date: March 3, 2023 (Disney+ Hotstar)

Main Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Sharmila Tagore, Simran

Script Description: A family drama, Gulmohar follows the Batra family as they prepare to leave their ancestral Delhi home. The script explores generational bonds, secrets, and identity through a heartfelt, linear narrative. Sharmila Tagore's matriarch and Manoj Bajpayee's nuanced role drive themes of legacy and change, set against a nostalgic backdrop, earning critical acclaim.

#### 2. Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar

o **Director**: Luv Ranjan

o Release Date: March 8, 2023

o Main Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Shraddha Kapoor, Anubhav Singh Bassi

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar follows Rohan (Ranbir Kapoor), a breakup consultant, who falls for Tinni (Shraddha Kapoor), leading to a battle of wits and hearts. The script blends humor, romance, and modern relationship dynamics, exploring themes of love and trust. The linear narrative and vibrant chemistry led to a ₹223 crore gross.

## 3. Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway

Director: Ashima Chibber

o Release Date: March 17, 2023

Main Cast: Rani Mukerji

Script Description: A biographical drama based on a true story, Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway follows Debika (Rani Mukerji), an Indian mother fighting Norway's child welfare system to regain custody of her children. The script explores themes of motherhood, cultural bias, and resilience through an emotional, linear narrative. Rani's powerful performance drives the heart-wrenching tale.

# 4. Zwigato

Director: Nandita Das

o Release Date: March 17, 2023

Main Cast: Kapil Sharma, Shahana Goswami

Script Description: A social drama, Zwigato follows Manas (Kapil Sharma), a
delivery rider navigating financial struggles in a gig economy. The script, set in
Bhubaneswar, explores themes of dignity, class, and survival through a realistic,

linear narrative. Kapil's understated role and the film's grounded storytelling offer a poignant look at modern India.

### 5. **Bheed**

Director: Anubhav Sinha

o Release Date: March 24, 2023

o Main Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Bhumi Pednekar, Dia Mirza

Script Description: A social drama set during India's COVID-19 lockdown, Bheed follows multiple characters, including a migrant worker (Rajkummar Rao) and a checkpoint cop, whose lives intersect amid crisis. Shot in black-and-white, the script explores themes of inequality and humanity through a nonlinear narrative. The stark portrayal amplifies its social commentary.

### 6. Bholaa

Director: Ajay Devgn

Release Date: March 30, 2023

Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Tabu

Script Description: An action thriller remake of *Kaithi*, *Bholaa* follows Bholaa (Ajay Devgn), an ex-convict racing to save his daughter while battling criminals and corrupt cops. The script blends intense action with emotional stakes, exploring themes of redemption and family. The linear narrative, with stylized visuals, delivers a high-energy experience.

## 7. Gaslight

Director: Pawan Kripalani

o Release Date: March 31, 2023 (Disney+ Hotstar)

Main Cast: Sara Ali Khan, Vikrant Massey, Chitrangda Singh

Script Description: A psychological thriller, Gaslight follows Misha (Sara Ali Khan), who returns to her ancestral palace and suspects foul play involving her father's disappearance. The script builds suspense through a linear narrative, exploring themes of trust and manipulation. The eerie setting and twists aim for intrigue, with Vikrant Massey's role adding depth.

### April

#### 1. Gumraah

Director: Vardhan Ketkar

o Release Date: April 7, 2023

o Main Cast: Aditya Roy Kapur, Mrunal Thakur, Ronit Roy

Script Description: A crime thriller remake of *Thadam*, *Gumraah* follows a cop (Aditya Roy Kapur) investigating a murder involving two lookalikes, unraveling a web of deception. The script uses a nonlinear narrative to explore themes of identity and justice, with twists driving the suspense. The urban setting and strong performances create a gripping mystery.

#### 2. Mrs. Undercover

Director: Anushree Mehta

o Release Date: April 14, 2023 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Radhika Apte, Sumeet Vyas

Script Description: A spy comedy, Mrs. Undercover follows Durga (Radhika Apte), a homemaker and secret agent, tasked with catching a serial killer. The script blends humor and action, exploring themes of empowerment and duality. The linear narrative balances domestic life with undercover missions, with Radhika's performance adding charm to the lighthearted thriller.

#### 3. Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan

Director: Farhad Samji

o Release Date: April 21, 2023

o Main Cast: Salman Khan, Pooja Hegde, Venkatesh

Script Description: An action-family drama, Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan follows Bhaijaan (Salman Khan), a vigilante protecting his brothers and community while finding love. The script blends masala action, romance, and family values, exploring themes of loyalty and sacrifice. The linear narrative prioritizes Salman's star power, with a vibrant ensemble and a modest box office.

### May

# 1. Afwaah

Director: Sudhir Mishra

Release Date: May 5, 2023

Main Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Bhumi Pednekar

Script Description: A political thriller, Afwaah follows Rahab (Nawazuddin Siddiqui) and Nivi (Bhumi Pednekar), who are hunted after a rumor spirals into violence. The script explores themes of misinformation, power, and survival through a tense, linear narrative. Set in a volatile small town, the film's sharp commentary and performances create a gripping tale.

# 2. The Kerala Story

Director: Sudipto Sen

Release Date: May 5, 2023

Main Cast: Adah Sharma, Yogita Bihani, Sonia Balani

Script Description: A controversial drama, The Kerala Story follows Shalini (Adah Sharma), a Hindu woman manipulated into converting and joining a terrorist group. The script, based on alleged real events, explores themes of radicalization and faith through a linear narrative. Its polarizing narrative sparked debate but grossed ₹303.97 crore due to strong audience response.

#### 3. **IB71**

Director: Sankalp Reddy

o Release Date: May 12, 2023

Main Cast: Vidyut Jammwal, Anupam Kher

Script Description: A spy thriller, IB71 follows Dev (Vidyut Jammwal), an Intelligence Bureau agent orchestrating a covert operation during the 1971 India-Pakistan war. The script blends action and strategy, exploring themes of patriotism and sacrifice. The linear narrative, with period details, delivers a tense, action-packed story anchored by Vidyut's performance.

### 4. Kathal

Director: Yashowardhan Mishra

Release Date: May 19, 2023 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Sanya Malhotra, Anant V Joshi

Script Description: A satirical comedy, Kathal follows Mahima (Sanya Malhotra), a police officer investigating the theft of two jackfruits, uncovering deeper societal issues. The script blends humor and social commentary, exploring themes of bureaucracy and class. The linear narrative, set in a small town, delivers a quirky, thought-provoking story with Sanya's charm.

#### 5. Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai

o **Director**: Apoorva Singh Karki

Release Date: May 23, 2023 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Manoj Bajpayee

Script Description: A courtroom drama based on true events, Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai follows P.C. Solanki (Manoj Bajpayee), a lawyer fighting a powerful godman accused of sexual assault. The script explores themes of justice and courage through a linear narrative, with intense courtroom scenes. Manoj's commanding performance makes it a compelling, inspiring tale.

#### June

## 1. Zara Hatke Zara Bachke

o **Director**: Laxman Utekar

o Release Date: June 2, 2023

Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Sara Ali Khan

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Zara Hatke Zara Bachke follows Kapil and Soumya (Vicky Kaushal, Sara Ali Khan), a couple faking a divorce to secure a government housing scheme. The script blends humor and romance, exploring themes of love and middle-class struggles. The linear narrative's small-town charm and chemistry led to strong box office performance.

# 2. Bloody Daddy

Director: Ali Abbas Zafar

Release Date: June 9, 2023 (JioCinema)

Main Cast: Shahid Kapoor, Diana Penty

 Script Description: An action thriller, Bloody Daddy follows Sumair (Shahid Kapoor), a cop entangled in a drug cartel after stealing a stash. The script unfolds over one night, blending intense action with betrayal, exploring themes of survival and morality. The linear narrative and Shahid's gritty performance create a fast-paced, adrenaline-fueled ride.

# 3. Adipurush

o **Director**: Om Raut

o Release Date: June 16, 2023

o Main Cast: Prabhas, Kriti Sanon, Saif Ali Khan

Script Description: A mythological epic based on the Ramayana, Adipurush follows Raghav (Prabhas) as he battles Lankesh (Saif Ali Khan) to rescue his wife, Janaki (Kriti Sanon). The script blends action and spirituality, exploring themes of duty and good versus evil. Despite a ₹350 crore gross, its VFX and dialogues faced criticism.

# 4. Satyaprem Ki Katha

Director: Sameer Vidwans

o Release Date: June 29, 2023

Main Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani

Script Description: A romantic drama, Satyaprem Ki Katha follows Sattu (Kartik Aaryan), a jobless man in a marriage of convenience with Katha (Kiara Advani), who hides a traumatic past. The script explores themes of love, healing, and gender sensitivity through a linear narrative. The emotional depth and chemistry make it a heartfelt hit.

### July

## 1. Neeyat

o **Director**: Anu Menon

o Release Date: July 7, 2023

o Main Cast: Vidya Balan, Ram Kapoor, Rahul Bose

Script Description: A murder mystery, Neeyat follows Mira (Vidya Balan), a
detective investigating a billionaire's death at a Scottish castle. The script uses a
whodunit structure, exploring themes of greed and deception through a

nonlinear narrative with twists. The atmospheric setting and Vidya's sharp performance create a classic mystery vibe.

### 2. Tarla

Director: Piyush Gupta

Release Date: July 7, 2023 (ZEE5)

Main Cast: Huma Qureshi, Sharib Hashmi

Script Description: A biographical drama, Tarla follows Tarla Dalal (Huma Qureshi), a homemaker who becomes a culinary icon through cookbooks and TV shows. The script explores themes of ambition and empowerment through a linear narrative, blending humor and inspiration. Huma's warm performance captures Tarla's journey from kitchen to fame.

## 3. Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani

o **Director**: Karan Johan

Release Date: July 28, 2023

Main Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Dharmendra

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani follows Rocky (Ranbir Kapoor), a Punjabi gym owner, and Rani (Alia Bhatt), a Bengali journalist, navigating cultural differences in love. The script blends humor, family drama, and social commentary, exploring themes of tradition and modernity. The vibrant, linear narrative grossed ₹355.61 crore.

## August

### 1. **Gadar 2**

Director: Anil Sharma

o Release Date: August 11, 2023

Main Cast: Sunny Deol, Ameesha Patel, Utkarsh Sharma

Script Description: A sequel to Gadar, Gadar 2 follows Tara Singh (Sunny Deol) during the 1971 India-Pakistan war, rescuing his son from enemy captivity. The script blends action, patriotism, and family drama, exploring themes of sacrifice and love. The linear narrative's emotional intensity and nostalgia led to a ₹687–691.08 crore gross.

#### 2. **OMG 2**

Director: Amit Rai

o Release Date: August 11, 2023

o Main Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Akshay Kumar, Yami Gautam

Script Description: A satirical drama, OMG 2 follows Kanti (Pankaj Tripathi), a father fighting for his son's right to sex education after a scandal. The script blends humor and social commentary, exploring themes of morality and education. The linear narrative, with Akshay Kumar's divine role, grossed ₹221.08 crore, resonating with audiences.

#### 3. Ghoomer

o **Director**: R. Balki

o Release Date: August 18, 2023

o Main Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Saiyami Kher

Script Description: A sports drama, Ghoomer follows Anina (Saiyami Kher), a
paraplegic cricketer mentored by a failed player (Abhishek Bachchan). The script
explores themes of resilience and redemption through a linear narrative,
blending emotional depth with inspiring sports sequences. The innovative
bowling technique and performances create a moving story.

#### 4. Dream Girl 2

Director: Raaj Shaandilyaa

o Release Date: August 25, 2023

o Main Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Ananya Panday

Script Description: A comedy sequel, *Dream Girl 2* follows Karam (Ayushmann Khurrana), who impersonates a female voice to solve financial woes, leading to chaotic entanglements. The script blends slapstick humor and romance, exploring themes of identity and deception. The linear narrative's lighthearted tone delivers laughs and entertainment.

## September

## 1. Jawan

Director: Atlee

Release Date: September 7, 2023

o Main Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Nayanthara, Vijay Sethupathi

Script Description: An action thriller, Jawan follows Vikram (Shah Rukh Khan), a vigilante leading a heist to expose corruption, with a dual role revealing his past. The script blends massy action, social commentary, and emotion, exploring themes of justice and sacrifice. The linear narrative's scale and Shah Rukh's charisma led to a ₹1,148.32-1,159 crore gross, 2023's highest.

# 2. The Great Indian Family

Director: Vijay Krishna Acharya

Release Date: September 22, 2023

Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Manushi Chhillar

 Script Description: A family comedy, The Great Indian Family follows Ved (Vicky Kaushal), a devout Hindu who discovers he's Muslim, sparking identity and family conflicts. The script blends humor and heart, exploring themes of religion and unity. The linear narrative's small-town setting and Vicky's performance create a warm, relatable story.

## 3. **Fukrey 3**

Director: Mrighdeep Singh Lamba

o **Release Date**: September 28, 2023

Main Cast: Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma, Richa Chadha

Script Description: A comedy sequel, Fukrey 3 follows the gang—Hunny, Choocha, and friends—entangled in a political scam involving water scarcity. The script blends slapstick humor and chaos, exploring themes of friendship and greed. The linear narrative's quirky characters and gags deliver lighthearted fun, continuing the franchise's appeal.

# October

## 1. Mission Raniganj

Director: Tinu Suresh Desai

o Release Date: October 6, 2023

Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Parineeti Chopra

Script Description: A biographical drama, Mission Raniganj follows Jaswant Singh Gill (Akshay Kumar), an engineer leading a daring rescue of miners trapped in a 1989 coal mine flood. The script explores themes of bravery and humanity through a tense, linear narrative. The real-life heroism and Akshay's performance create an inspiring story.

## 2. Thank You For Coming

Director: Karan Boolani

o Release Date: October 6, 2023

Main Cast: Bhumi Pednekar, Shehnaaz Gill

Script Description: A coming-of-age comedy, Thank You For Coming follows Kanika (Bhumi Pednekar), a single woman exploring her sexuality and relationships. The script blends bold humor and emotional depth, exploring themes of self-discovery and empowerment. The linear narrative's urban vibe and ensemble cast make it a fresh, feminist tale.

#### 3. Dhak Dhak

Director: Tarun Dudeja

o Release Date: October 13, 2023

o Main Cast: Ratna Pathak Shah, Dia Mirza, Fatima Sana Shaikh

Script Description: A road-trip drama, Dhak Dhak follows four women on a motorcycle journey to Ladakh, discovering friendship and self-worth. The script explores themes of liberation and sisterhood through a linear narrative, with scenic visuals and heartfelt performances. The empowering story resonates with its adventurous spirit.

### 4. The Vaccine War

o **Director**: Vivek Agnihotri

o Release Date: October 20, 2023

Main Cast: Nana Patekar, Pallavi Joshi

 Script Description: A drama, The Vaccine War follows Indian scientists developing a COVID-19 vaccine under pressure. The script blends patriotism and science, exploring themes of innovation and resilience through a linear narrative. The earnest storytelling and ensemble cast aim to honor real-life heroes, though it faced mixed reviews.

### November

# 1. Tiger 3

Director: Maneesh Sharma

o Release Date: November 12, 2023

o Main Cast: Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, Emraan Hashmi

Script Description: A spy thriller in the YRF Spy Universe, Tiger 3 follows Tiger (Salman Khan) and Zoya (Katrina Kaif) battling a terrorist (Emraan Hashmi) threatening global peace. The script blends action and patriotism, exploring themes of duty and love. The linear narrative's high-octane sequences grossed ₹466.63 crore.

### 2. Khichdi 2: Mission Paanthukistan

o **Director**: Aatish Kapadia

o Release Date: November 17, 2023

o Main Cast: Supriya Pathak, Rajeev Mehta

 Script Description: A comedy sequel, Khichdi 2 follows the Parekh family on a chaotic mission to a fictional nation, Paanthukistan. The script blends absurd humor and adventure, exploring themes of family and patriotism. The linear narrative's quirky gags and ensemble chemistry deliver nostalgic laughs.

#### 3. 12th Fail

o **Director**: Vidhu Vinod Chopra

o **Release Date**: November 3, 2023

o Main Cast: Vikrant Massey, Medha Shankr

Script Description: A biographical drama, 12th Fail follows Manoj Kumar Sharma (Vikrant Massey), a rural youth overcoming poverty to become an IPS officer. The script explores themes of perseverance and education through a linear narrative, blending emotional depth with inspiring moments. Critically acclaimed, it resonated widely.

### December

#### 1. Animal

Director: Sandeep Reddy Vanga

Release Date: December 1, 2023

o Main Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol

Script Description: An action drama, Animal follows Ranvijay (Ranbir Kapoor), whose obsessive love for his father leads to a violent feud with a rival (Bobby Deol). The script explores themes of family, revenge, and toxic masculinity through a nonlinear narrative with intense action. Its ₹905–917.82 crore gross and polarizing themes sparked debate.

#### 2. Sam Bahadur

Director: Meghna Gulzar

o Release Date: December 1, 2023

o Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Sanya Malhotra

 Script Description: A biographical war drama, Sam Bahadur chronicles the life of Sam Manekshaw (Vicky Kaushal), India's first Field Marshal. The script spans his military career, exploring themes of leadership and patriotism through a nonlinear narrative. Vicky's transformative performance anchors the inspiring, well-crafted story.

#### Dunki

Director: Rajkumar Hirani

o Release Date: December 21, 2023

o Main Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal

Script Description: A comedy-drama, *Dunki* follows a group of friends pursuing illegal migration to the UK, led by Hardy (Shah Rukh Khan). The script blends humor and tragedy, exploring themes of dreams and human struggle through a linear narrative. Its emotional depth and ₹470.6 crore gross made it a heartfelt hit.

## January

### 1. Tauba Tera Jalwa

o **Director**: Akashaditya Lama

o Release Date: January 5, 2024

o Main Cast: Jatin Khurana, Ameesha Patel, Angela Krislinzki

Script Description: A romantic thriller, Tauba Tera Jalwa follows a businessman entangled in a web of love, deceit, and crime. The linear narrative blends melodrama with suspense, exploring themes of betrayal and redemption. Set in an urban backdrop, the film's twists and emotional stakes aim for mass appeal, though it received mixed reviews.

# 2. Merry Christmas

o **Director**: Sriram Raghavan

o Release Date: January 12, 2024

o Main Cast: Katrina Kaif, Vijay Sethupathi, Sanjay Kapoor

Script Description: A neo-noir thriller, Merry Christmas follows two strangers, Albert and Maria, whose chance meeting on Christmas Eve spirals into a dark tale of romance and crime. The nonlinear narrative explores themes of deception and fate, with a slow-burn pace and atmospheric Mumbai setting. Critically praised for its suspense and performances.

### 3. Main Atal Hoon

Director: Ravi Jadhav

o Release Date: January 19, 2024

o **Main Cast**: Pankaj Tripathi

 Script Description: A biographical drama, Main Atal Hoon chronicles the life of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, India's former Prime Minister, focusing on his political journey and personal values. The linear narrative blends patriotism and emotional depth, exploring themes of leadership and integrity. Pankaj Tripathi's nuanced performance anchors the film.

## 4. Fighter

Director: Siddharth Anand

Release Date: January 25, 2024

o Main Cast: Hrithik Roshan, Deepika Padukone, Anil Kapoor

Script Description: An action drama, Fighter follows elite Indian Air Force pilots, led by Shamsher (Hrithik Roshan), facing a terrorist threat. The script blends high-octane aerial action with patriotism, exploring themes of duty and sacrifice. With a linear narrative and ₹344.46 crore gross, it's a visually spectacular blockbuster.

## **February**

## 1. Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya

Director: Amit Joshi, Aradhana Sah

o Release Date: February 9, 2024

o Main Cast: Shahid Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, Dharmendra

Script Description: A sci-fi romantic comedy, the film follows Aryan (Shahid Kapoor), who falls for Sifra (Kriti Sanon), a humanoid robot, unaware of her true nature. The script explores themes of love and technology through a lighthearted, linear narrative. Its quirky premise and ₹133.64 crore gross made it a crowd-pleaser.

## 2. Bhakshak

Director: Pulkit

Release Date: February 9, 2024 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Bhumi Pednekar, Sanjay Mishra, Aditya Srivastava

Script Description: A crime drama, Bhakshak follows Vaishali (Bhumi Pednekar), a journalist uncovering a child trafficking ring. The linear narrative blends investigative tension with social commentary, exploring themes of justice and perseverance. Bhumi's intense performance and the film's gritty realism earned critical acclaim.

# 3. Article 370

Director: Aditya Suhas Jambhale

o Release Date: February 23, 2024

Main Cast: Yami Gautam, Priyamani, Arun Govil

Script Description: A political thriller, Article 370 follows Zooni Haksar (Yami Gautam), a field agent tasked with curbing violence in Kashmir post-2016 unrest. The script blends action and patriotism, exploring themes of national security and sacrifice. With a linear narrative and ₹110.57 crore gross, it resonated with audiences.

#### 4. Crakk

Director: Aditya Datt

Release Date: February 23, 2024

Main Cast: Vidyut Jammwal, Nora Fatehi, Arjun Rampal

Script Description: An action drama, Crakk follows Siddhu (Vidyut Jammwal), a slum dweller entering an underground extreme sports competition. The script explores themes of ambition and survival through a high-energy, linear narrative. Despite mixed reviews, its stunts and ₹20 crore gross appealed to action fans.

### March

# 1. Laapataa Ladies

Director: Kiran Rao

o Release Date: March 1, 2024

o Main Cast: Nitanshi Goel, Pratibha Ranta, Sparsh Shrivastava, Ravi Kishan

Script Description: A satirical comedy-drama, Laapataa Ladies follows two brides accidentally swapped on a train, leading to humorous and heartfelt chaos. The script explores themes of identity, sisterhood, and empowerment through a linear narrative. Critically acclaimed with a 4.6/5 user rating, it's a standout.

### 2. Shaitaan

Director: Vikas Bahl

Release Date: March 8, 2024

o Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, R. Madhavan, Jyothika

Script Description: A supernatural thriller, Shaitaan follows a family terrorized by a mysterious man (R. Madhavan) using black magic. The script builds suspense through a linear narrative, exploring themes of fear and protection. With ₹211.06 crore gross, its chilling atmosphere and performances were widely praised.

### 3. Yodha

Director: Sagar Ambre, Pushkar Ojha

Release Date: March 15, 2024

o Main Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Disha Patani, Raashii Khanna

Script Description: An action thriller, Yodha follows Arun (Sidharth Malhotra), a commando on a mission to thwart a terrorist hijacking. The script blends high-stakes action with patriotism, exploring themes of duty and courage. The linear narrative and slick action sequences made it a moderate hit.

### 4. Murder Mubarak

**Director**: Homi Adajania

Release Date: March 15, 2024 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Pankaj Tripathi, Sara Ali Khan, Vijay Varma

Script Description: A mystery-comedy, Murder Mubarak follows a detective (Pankaj Tripathi) investigating a murder at an elite Delhi club. The nonlinear narrative weaves humor and suspense, exploring themes of class and deception. The ensemble cast and quirky tone earned it streaming popularity.

## 5. **Crew**

Director: Rajesh A Krishnan

o Release Date: March 29, 2024

o Main Cast: Tabu, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Kriti Sanon, Diljit Dosanjh

Script Description: A heist comedy, *Crew* follows three air hostesses entangled in a smuggling scheme. The script blends humor and chaos, exploring themes of friendship and ambition through a fast-paced, linear narrative. With ₹157.08 crore gross, its star power and wit made it a commercial hit.

## April

## 1. Bade Miyan Chote Miyan

Director: Ali Abbas Zafar

Release Date: April 11, 2024

Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, Prithviraj Sukumaran

Script Description: An action thriller, Bade Miyan Chote Miyan follows two commandos (Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff) hunting an Al-wielding villain. The script blends high-octane action with patriotism, exploring themes of loyalty and technology. Despite a ₹200 crore gross, it received mixed reviews for its formulaic plot.

### 2. Maidaan

Director: Amit Sharma

o Release Date: April 11, 2024

Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Priyamani, Gajraj Rao

 Script Description: A biographical sports drama, Maidaan chronicles Syed Abdul Rahim (Ajay Devgn), the coach who revolutionized Indian football in the 1950s– 60s. The linear narrative explores themes of legacy and perseverance, with emotional depth and a ₹100 crore gross, earning critical praise.

# 3. Amar Singh Chamkila

o **Director**: Imtiaz Ali

Release Date: April 12, 2024 (Netflix)

Main Cast: Diljit Dosanjh, Parineeti Chopra

Script Description: A biographical musical drama, Amar Singh Chamkila traces the life of Punjab's folk singer Chamkila (Diljit Dosanjh) and his wife Amarjot, whose provocative songs led to fame and tragedy. The nonlinear narrative explores themes of art and censorship, earning a 7.8/10 IMDb rating for its soulful storytelling.

## May

#### 1. Srikanth

Director: Tushar Hiranandani

Release Date: May 10, 2024

Main Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Jyothika, Alaya F

 Script Description: A biographical drama, Srikanth follows Srikanth Bolla (Rajkummar Rao), a visually impaired entrepreneur building an inclusive business. The linear narrative explores themes of resilience and equality, with Rajkummar's transformative performance earning a 4.0/5 critic rating and strong audience response.

### 2. Mr. & Mrs. Mahi

Director: Sharan Sharma

Release Date: May 31, 2024

Main Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Janhvi Kapoor

Script Description: A sports-romance drama, Mr. & Mrs. Mahi follows Mahendra (Rajkummar Rao), who coaches his wife Mahima (Janhvi Kapoor) to become a cricketer. The script blends love and ambition, exploring themes of partnership and dreams through a linear narrative. Its emotional core and ₹40 crore gross resonated well.

### June

## 1. Chandu Champion

Director: Kabir Khan

Release Date: June 14, 2024

Main Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Vijay Raaz

Script Description: A biographical sports drama, Chandu Champion follows
 Murlikant Petkar (Kartik Aaryan), India's first Paralympic gold medalist. The
 nonlinear narrative explores themes of grit and triumph, blending emotional
 depth with inspiring sports sequences. Critically acclaimed with a 3.5/5 rating,
 it's a motivational hit.

# 2. Munjya

Director: Aditya Sarpotdar

o Release Date: June 7, 2024

Main Cast: Sharvari, Abhay Verma, Mona Singh

Script Description: A horror-comedy in the Maddock Supernatural Universe, Munjya follows a young man haunted by a mischievous spirit from folklore. The script blends scares and humor, exploring themes of tradition and fear through a linear narrative. With ₹132.13 crore gross, it's a surprise hit.

## July

#### 1. Sarfira

Director: Sudha Kongara

o Release Date: July 12, 2024

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Paresh Rawal, Radhika Madan

Script Description: A biographical drama, Sarfira follows Vir (Akshay Kumar), an entrepreneur aiming to launch a low-cost airline. The linear narrative explores themes of ambition and social change, inspired by real events. Akshay's earnest performance and a 3.5/5 rating made it an inspiring watch despite modest box office.

#### 2. Bad Newz

Director: Anand Tiwari

o Release Date: July 19, 2024

Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Tripti Dimri, Ammy Virk

Script Description: A comedy-drama, Bad Newz follows a woman (Tripti Dimri) pregnant with twins from two fathers (Vicky Kaushal, Ammy Virk) due to a rare medical condition. The script explores love and family through a humorous, linear narrative. With ₹115.74 crore gross, its quirky premise clicked.

## **August**

# 1. Stree 2

o **Director**: Amar Kaushik

o Release Date: August 15, 2024

Main Cast: Shraddha Kapoor, Rajkummar Rao, Pankaj Tripathi

 Script Description: A horror-comedy sequel, Stree 2 follows Chanderi's residents facing a new supernatural threat, Sarkata. The script blends scares, humor, and folklore, exploring themes of community and courage. With a ₹874.58 crore gross and 4.4/5 user rating, it's 2024's highest-grossing Hindi film.

## 2. Vedaa

Director: Nikkhil Advani

o Release Date: August 15, 2024

o Main Cast: John Abraham, Sharvari, Abhishek Banerjee

Script Description: An action-drama, Vedaa follows a young woman (Sharvari) and her mentor (John Abraham) fighting caste-based oppression. The script blends action and social commentary, exploring themes of justice and resistance.
 With a 3.5/5 rating, its intense narrative resonated despite modest box office.

## 3. Khel Khel Mein

Director: Mudassar Aziz

o Release Date: August 15, 2024

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Taapsee Pannu, Vaani Kapoor, Ammy Virk

Script Description: A comedy-drama, Khel Khel Mein follows friends revealing secrets during a truth-or-dare game, leading to hilarious chaos. The script explores themes of trust and relationships through a linear narrative. Its ensemble cast and 3.5/5 rating made it a fun, lighthearted watch.

## September

## 1. The Buckingham Murders

Director: Hansal Mehta

o Release Date: September 13, 2024

o Main Cast: Kareena Kapoor, Ranveer Brar, Keith Allen

Script Description: A crime thriller, The Buckingham Murders follows Jas (Kareena Kapoor), a detective grieving a personal loss while solving a child's murder in the UK. The script explores themes of grief and justice through a moody, linear narrative. Its 3.5/5 rating praised Kareena's intense performance.

## 2. Binny and Family

Director: Ssanjay Tripaathy

o Release Date: September 27, 2024

o Main Cast: Pankaj Kapoor, Himani Shivpuri, Charu Shankar

 Script Description: A family comedy-drama, Binny and Family follows a teenager navigating generational gaps with her grandparents. The script explores themes of family and understanding through a heartwarming, linear narrative. Its 3.5/5 rating and relatable story made it a charming watch.

### October

# 1. Jigra

Director: Vasan Bala

o Release Date: September 27, 2024

o Main Cast: Alia Bhatt

Script Description: A coming-of-age action drama, Jigra follows Satya (Alia Bhatt), a sister risking everything to rescue her brother from a foreign prison. The script blends emotion and action, exploring themes of sibling bonds and sacrifice. The linear narrative and Alia's performance earned moderate praise.

#### November

# 1. Singham Again

Director: Rohit Shetty

o Release Date: November 1, 2024

Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Akshay Kumar

Script Description: An action-drama in the Cop Universe, Singham Again follows Bajirao Singham (Ajay Devgn) battling a terrorist inspired by the Ramayana. The script blends mythology and patriotism, with a ₹389.64 crore gross. Its highenergy, linear narrative thrilled audiences despite some flaws.

# 2. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3

Director: Anees Bazmee

o Release Date: November 1, 2024

o Main Cast: Kartik Aaryan, Vidya Balan, Madhuri Dixit, Tripti Dimri

o **Script Description**: A horror-comedy sequel, *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3* follows Rooh Baba (Kartik Aaryan) tackling a haunted palace's secrets. The script blends scares, humor, and mystery, exploring themes of belief and deception. With ₹423.85 crore gross and a 3.5/5 rating, it's a Diwali hit.

### December

1. Yo Yo Honey Singh: Famous

o **Director**: Not specified

o **Release Date**: December 20, 2024

o Main Cast: Yo Yo Honey Singh

 Script Description: A documentary, Yo Yo Honey Singh: Famous traces the rapper's journey from Delhi to global fame, exploring his struggles and comeback. The linear narrative blends interviews and archival footage, focusing on themes of resilience and fame. Its 3.5/5 rating reflects its raw, engaging storytelling.

### January

## 1. Baap

Director: Not specified

Release Date: January 3, 2025

Main Cast: Not specified

Script Description: A lesser-known action-drama, Baap likely follows a high-stakes family or revenge narrative, typical of its title's connotation. Limited details suggest a linear story with themes of loyalty and conflict, aimed at mass audiences. Specific plot and cast information is sparse, reflecting its lower profile.

#### 2. Santosh

Director: Sandhya Suri

Release Date: January 10, 2025

Main Cast: Shahana Goswami

Script Description: A crime drama, Santosh follows a newly widowed woman
who inherits her husband's job as a police constable in rural Northern India. She's
drawn into a murder investigation under a feminist inspector, exploring themes
of gender, power, and justice. The linear narrative blends gritty realism with
social commentary, earning a 4.0/5 critic rating.

### 3. Azaad

Director: Abhishek Kapoor

Release Date: January 17, 2025

Main Cast: Aaman Devgan, Rasha Thadani

 Script Description: A coming-of-age drama, Azaad follows a young man navigating personal dreams and societal pressures, possibly with a romantic subplot. The linear narrative emphasizes youth and ambition, with debutants Aaman Devgan and Rasha Thadani bringing fresh energy. Its emotional tone resonated with audiences.

## 4. Mission Grey House

Director: Not specified

Release Date: January 17, 2025

Main Cast: Not specified

 Script Description: A thriller, Mission Grey House likely involves espionage or a covert operation, given its title. The script presumably uses a linear narrative to explore themes of secrecy and danger, but limited details suggest it's a smaller release with moderate buzz.

## 5. Tu Meri Puri Kahaani

o **Director**: Not specified

o Release Date: January 17, 2025

o Main Cast: Not specified

 Script Description: A romantic drama, Tu Meri Puri Kahaani centers on a love story with emotional stakes, possibly exploring themes of commitment and sacrifice. The linear narrative aims for heartfelt storytelling, typical of Bollywood's romantic genre, though it lacks widespread attention.

#### 6. Hisaab Barabar

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: January 24, 2025

Main Cast: R. Madhavan

Script Description: A thriller, Hisaab Barabar follows Radhe Mohan Sharma (R. Madhavan), a railway ticket checker uncovering a massive bank scam after a small deduction from his account. The linear narrative explores themes of justice and perseverance, blending suspense with social commentary. Its engaging plot earned praise on ZEE5.

# 7. Sweet Dreams

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: January 24, 2025

Main Cast: Not specified

Script Description: Likely a lighthearted drama or comedy, Sweet Dreams
explores aspirations and personal growth, possibly with a family-oriented
narrative. Limited details suggest a linear story with emotional resonance, aimed
at niche audiences.

#### 8. **Deva**

o **Director**: Not specified

Release Date: January 31, 2025

o Main Cast: Shahid Kapoor

Script Description: An action thriller, Deva follows a rogue cop (Shahid Kapoor) entangled in a high-stakes crime case. The script blends intense action with moral dilemmas, exploring themes of justice and redemption. Despite high expectations, it received mixed reviews but contributed to January's action-heavy slate.

## 9. Sky Force

o Director: Sandeep Kewlani, Abhishek Anil Kapur

o Release Date: January 24, 2025

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Veer Pahariya

Script Description: A patriotic action drama, Sky Force depicts India's first airstrike, focusing on a pilot's (Akshay Kumar) bravery. The linear narrative explores themes of valor and sacrifice, with a ₹135 crore gross. Hailed as 2025's first successful Bollywood film, its aerial action and patriotism resonated.

### **February**

## 1. The Mehta Boys

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: February 7, 2025

o Main Cast: Shreya Chaudhry, Avinash Tiwary, Boman Irani, Harssh Singh

 Script Description: A family drama, The Mehta Boys explores father-son dynamics in a relatable, urban setting. The linear narrative delves into themes of reconciliation and personal growth, with Boman Irani's emotional performance earning a 4.0/5 critic rating. Its grounded storytelling feels deeply personal.

## 2. Loveyapa

Director: Advait Chandan

o Release Date: February 7, 2025

o Main Cast: Junaid Khan, Khushi Kapoor

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Loveyapa is a Hindi remake of Love
 Today, following a young couple navigating modern love and misunderstandings.
 The linear narrative blends humor and romance, exploring themes of
 relationships and social media. Its vibrant energy and debutant leads created
 buzz.

#### 3. Badass Ravi Kumar

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: February 7, 2025

o Main Cast: Himesh Reshammiya, Prabhu Deva, Kirti Kulhari, Sunny Leone

Script Description: An action-musical, Badass Ravi Kumar follows Ravi Kumar (Himesh Reshammiya), a hero battling multiple foes with flair. The script combines high-energy action, music, and drama, exploring themes of heroism and spectacle. Its over-the-top style targets mass audiences.

### 4. Anuja

Director: Not specified

Release Date: February 5, 2025

 Main Cast: Nagesh Bhonsle, Rudolfo Rajeev Hubert, Sajda Pathan, Ananya Shanbhag

 Script Description: A short drama (23 minutes), Anuja follows a young girl's struggle against child labor, blending sacrifice and aspiration. The linear narrative delivers powerful social commentary, earning a 4.0/5 critic rating for its poignant storytelling.

### 5. **Chhaava**

Director: Laxman Utekar

o Release Date: February 14, 2025

Main Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Rashmika Mandanna, Akshaye Khanna

Script Description: A historical drama, Chhaava portrays Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj (Vicky Kaushal), battling Mughal forces. The linear narrative explores themes of valor and sacrifice, with a ₹600 crore gross making it 2025's highestgrossing Hindi film so far. Mixed reviews praised its climax but noted uneven pacing.

### 6. **Dhoom Dhaam**

o **Director**: Not specified

o Release Date: February 14, 2025

o Main Cast: Yami Gautam, Pratik Gandhi, Eijaz Khan, Neelu Kohli

Script Description: An action-comedy-romance, *Dhoom Dhaam* follows a chaotic adventure with mystery and romance, driven by Yami Gautam and Pratik Gandhi's chemistry. The linear narrative blends humor and thrills, exploring themes of love and adventure, earning a 3.5/5 rating.

#### 7. Mere Husband Ki Biwi

Director: Mudassar Aziz

o Release Date: February 21, 2025

Main Cast: Arjun Kapoor, Bhumi Pednekar, Rakul Preet Singh

Script Description: A romantic comedy, Mere Husband Ki Biwi explores tangled relationships and infidelity with humor. The linear narrative delivers twists and laughs, focusing on themes of love and trust. Its lighthearted tone and ensemble cast made it a fun watch.

## 8. Inn Galiyon Mein

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: February 28, 2025

Main Cast: Jaaved Jaaferi, Avantika Dasanj, Vihaan Shah, Veenay Bhasskar

Script Description: A romantic drama, Inn Galiyon Mein delves into love, societal
expectations, and social media's impact on relationships. The linear narrative
explores emotional complexities, offering a thought-provoking experience with a
strong ensemble.

# 9. Superboys of Malegaon

Director: Not specified

Release Date: February 28, 2025

o Main Cast: Adarsh Gourav, Shashank Arora, Vineet Kumar Singh, Manjiri Pupala

 Script Description: A drama, Superboys of Malegaon tells an underdog story of amateur filmmakers in a small town chasing cinematic dreams. The linear narrative explores ambition and resilience, earning a 4.5/5 critic rating for its heartfelt storytelling.

## 10. Crazxy

Director: Not specified

Release Date: February 28, 2025

Main Cast: Sohum Shah, Girish Kohli, Mukesh Shah, Amita Suresh Shah, Adesh
 Prasad

 Script Description: A Tarantino-esque drama, Crazxy blends tension, style, and raw intensity, paying homage to Amitabh Bachchan. The script explores bold character arcs and conflict, earning a 4.0/5 critic rating for its boundary-pushing narrative.

## March

## 1. The Diplomat

Director: Not specified

Release Date: March 14, 2025

Main Cast: John Abraham, Sadia Khateeb, Revathi, Kumud Mishra, Sharib Hashmi

 Script Description: An action thriller, The Diplomat follows a diplomat (John Abraham) navigating a high-stakes international crisis. The linear narrative blends espionage and patriotism, exploring themes of duty and strategy, earning a 3.5/5 rating for its compelling narrative.

### 2. **Dhadak 2**

Director: Shazia Iqbal

o Release Date: March 14, 2025

o Main Cast: Siddhant Chaturvedi, Tripti Dimri, Zakir Hussain

Script Description: A tragic romantic drama, Dhadak 2 follows Vidhi and Neelesh (Siddhant Chaturvedi, Tripti Dimri) battling caste and societal barriers. A spiritual sequel to Dhadak and remake of Pariyeum Perumal, it explores love and inequality with a 3.5/5 rating and ₹7 crore in two days.

### 3. Tumko Meri Kasam

o **Director**: Vikram Bhatt

o Release Date: March 21, 2025

o Main Cast: Anupam Kher, Ishwak Singh, Adah Sharma, Esha Deol

Script Description: A drama inspired by Dr. Ajay Murdia, *Tumko Meri Kasam* follows a couple navigating infertility's emotional challenges. The linear narrative explores resilience and hope, delivering a poignant, socially relevant story with strong performances.

#### 4. Sikandar

Director: AR Murugadoss

o Release Date: March 28, 2025

o Main Cast: Salman Khan, Rashmika Mandanna

Script Description: An action drama, Sikandar features Salman Khan as a larger-than-life hero in a high-octane conflict. The linear narrative blends action and emotion, exploring themes of heroism and sacrifice, with a ₹130 crore gross. Its Eid release amplified its mass appeal.

### April

## 1. Chhorii 2

Director: Not specified

Release Date: April 11, 2025

Main Cast: Nushrratt Bharuccha, Soha Ali Khan, Gashmeer Mahajani, Kuldeep
 Sareen

 Script Description: A horror sequel, Chhorii 2 follows a woman (Nushrratt Bharuccha) facing supernatural terrors tied to social issues. The linear narrative blends unnerving visuals with strong performances, exploring fear and resilience, earning a 3.5/5 rating.

# 2. Kesari Chapter 2: The Untold Story of Jallianwala Bagh

o **Director**: Not specified

o Release Date: April 18, 2025

o Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, R. Madhavan, Ananya Panday

Script Description: A historical drama, Kesari Chapter 2 depicts the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, exploring British corruption and Indian resistance. The linear narrative focuses on sacrifice and rebellion, with a ₹93 crore gross and 3.5/5 rating.

### 3. Phule

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: April 25, 2025

Main Cast: Pratik Gandhi, Patralekhaa, Vinay Pathak

 Script Description: A biographical drama, *Phule* chronicles Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule's fight against caste and gender norms. The linear narrative explores social reform and courage, earning a 3.5/5 rating for its inspiring true story.

### 4. Ground Zero

o **Director**: Not specified

Release Date: April 25, 2025

o Main Cast: Emraan Hashmi, Sai Tamhankar, Zoya Hussain, Mukesh Tiwari

 Script Description: A historical action thriller, Ground Zero blends intense drama with real events, exploring themes of survival and valor. The linear narrative delivers thrills without over-dramatization, earning a 3.5/5 rating.

### 5. Jewel Thief: The Heist Begins

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: April 25, 2025

o Main Cast: Saif Ali Khan, Jaideep Ahlawat, Kunal Kapoor, Nikita Dutta

 Script Description: An action-adventure thriller, Jewel Thief follows a high-stakes heist with deception and drama. The linear narrative explores greed and strategy, with standout performances earning a 3.5/5 rating.

### May

## 1. Raid 2

o **Director**: Raj Kumar Gupta

Release Date: May 1, 2025

o Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Riteish Deshmukh, Vaani Kapoor, Rajat Kapoor

Script Description: A crime thriller sequel, Raid 2 follows IRS officer Amay Patnaik (Ajay Devgn) tackling financial corruption. The linear narrative blends suspense and social commentary, with a ₹179 crore gross and 3.5/5 rating, thrilling fans of the original.

## 2. Chidiya

**Director**: Not specified

o Release Date: May 30, 2025

 Main Cast: Svar Kamble, Amruta Subhash, Vinay Pathak, Hetal Gada, Brijendra Kala

 Script Description: A family drama, Chidiya follows a young boy's journey of selfdiscovery in a small town. The linear narrative explores innocence and growth, earning a 3.5/5 rating for its heartwarming storytelling.

#### June

### 1. Stolen

Director: Not specified

Release Date: June 4, 2025

Main Cast: Abhishek Banerjee, Harish Khanna, Mia Maelzer, Shubham Vardhan

 Script Description: A drama-thriller, Stolen depicts India's class divide through a tense narrative of survival. The linear story explores social inequality and resilience, earning a 3.5/5 rating for its raw portrayal.

## 2. Sitaare Zameen Par

Director: Not specified

Release Date: June 20, 2025

o Main Cast: Aamir Khan, Genelia Deshmukh, Aroush Datta, Gopi Krishnan Varma

Script Description: A comedy-drama sequel to Taare Zameen Par, Sitaare Zameen Par explores childhood dreams and challenges with humor and heart. The linear narrative, with a ₹166 crore gross and 3.5/5 rating, blends compassion and charm.

# July

### 1. Kaalidhar Laapata

Director: Not specified

Release Date: July 4, 2025

Main Cast: Abhishek Bachchan, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Anngad Raaj,
 Sahidur Rahaman

Script Description: A comedy-drama, Kaalidhar Laapata follows Kaalidhar (Abhishek Bachchan), a man with memory loss disowned by his family, finding redemption through a new ally, Ballu. The linear narrative explores identity and hope, earning a 3.5/5 rating for its touching story.

## 2. Metro... In Dino

o **Director**: Not specified

o Release Date: July 4, 2025

 Main Cast: Aditya Roy Kapur, Sara Ali Khan, Ali Fazal, Fatima Sana Sheikh, Konkona Sen Sharma, Pankaj Tripathi, Neena Gupta, Anupam Kher

 Script Description: A romantic drama anthology, Metro... In Dino weaves interconnected urban love stories. The nonlinear narrative explores modern relationships and emotions, earning a 3.5/5 rating for its breezy, intimate storytelling.

### 3. Tanvi: The Great

Director: Not specified

o Release Date: July 18, 2025

 Main Cast: Shubhangi, Iain Glen, Anupam Kher, Arvind Swamy, Nassar, Pallavi Joshi, Karan Tacker

 Script Description: A drama, Tanvi: The Great delivers emotionally honest storytelling, avoiding melodrama. The linear narrative explores personal struggles and triumph, earning a 4.0/5 critic rating for its simple yet profound moments.

# 4. Saiyaara

o **Director**: Not specified

Release Date: July 2025 (exact date not specified)

Main Cast: Not specified

Script Description: A romantic drama, Saiyaara likely explores intense love and emotional stakes, resonating with audiences. With a ₹315 crore gross and strong advance bookings (724K–621K tickets), its linear narrative captivated viewers, though specific plot details are limited.

## August

#### 1. Son of Sardaar 2

o **Director**: Vijay Kumar Arora

o Release Date: August 1, 2025

o Main Cast: Ajay Devgn, Mrunal Thakur, Ravi Kishan

Script Description: A comedy sequel, Son of Sardaar 2 follows Jassi (Ajay Devgn)
in a Punjabi family drama with vibrant traditions and humor. The linear narrative
emphasizes familial bonds and masala entertainment, earning a 3.5/5 rating and
strong buzz.

### 2. Housefull 5

o **Director**: Tarun Mansukhani

Release Date: August 2025 (exact date not specified)

Main Cast: Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh, Abhishek Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt,
 Fardeen Khan, Nana Patekar, Jackie Shroff

 Script Description: A comedy sequel, Housefull 5 delivers chaotic humor through an ensemble cast entangled in absurd situations. The linear narrative explores friendship and mischief, with a ₹200 crore gross and strong advance bookings (380K–144K tickets).