

= Priyanka Chopra =

Priyanka Chopra ( pronounced [ pr??ja??ka? ?t?o?p?a? ] ; born 18 July 1982 ) is an Indian actress , singer , philanthropist , and the winner of the Miss World pageant of 2000 . One of Bollywood 's highest @-@ paid actresses and one of the nation 's most high @-@ profile celebrities , Chopra has also gained popularity for her sense of style . She has received numerous awards , including a National Film Award , and five Filmfare Awards , and was awarded the Padma Shri , the fourth highest civilian award , by the Government of India in 2016 . That same year , Time named her as one of the 100 most influential people in the world .

Although Chopra initially aspired to study engineering or psychiatry , she accepted offers to join the Indian film industry , which came as a result of her pageant wins , making her Hindi film debut in The Hero in 2003 . She played the leading lady in the box @-@ office hits Andaaz ( 2003 ) and Mujhse Shaadi Karogi ( 2004 ) , and earned praise for her breakout role in the 2004 thriller Aitraaz . In 2006 , Chopra established herself as a leading actress of Indian cinema with starring roles in the top @-@ grossing productions Krrish and Don . Following a brief setback , she received critical acclaim for playing a troubled model in the drama Fashion ( 2008 ) , which won her the National Film Award and Filmfare Award for Best Actress . Chopra subsequently gained recognition for her versatility in portraying a range of unconventional characters in the films Kaminey ( 2009 ) , 7 Khoon Maaf ( 2011 ) , Barfi ! ( 2012 ) , Mary Kom ( 2014 ) , Dil Dhadakne Do ( 2015 ) , and Bajirao Mastani ( 2015 ) , all of which garnered her critical acclaim and several accolades . In 2015 , she began starring as Alex Parrish on the ABC drama series Quantico , becoming the first South Asian woman to headline an American network series .

In addition to her acting career , Chopra is noted for her philanthropic work , and was appointed as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Child Rights in 2010 . She promotes various causes such as environment , health and education , and women 's rights , and is particularly vocal about gender equality , and gender pay gap . Though she is reticent to discuss her personal life in public , her off @-@ screen life is the subject of substantial media coverage . As a singer , she has released three singles . Chopra is also the founder of the production company Purple Pebble Pictures .

= = Early life and background = =

Priyanka Chopra was born on 18 July 1982 in Jamshedpur , Bihar ( now in Jharkhand ) , to Ashok and Madhu Chopra , both physicians in the Indian Army . Her father was a Punjabi from Ambala , while her mother is from Jharkhand , the eldest daughter of Ms. Madhu Jyotsna Akhouri , a former member of Bihar Assembly , and Dr. Manohar Kishan Akhouri , a former Congress veteran . She has a brother , Siddharth , who is seven years her junior . Actresses Parineeti Chopra , Meera Chopra and Mannara are her cousins . Due to her parents ' occupations the family relocated to a number of places in India , including Delhi , Chandigarh , Ambala , Ladakh , Lucknow , Bareilly , and Pune . Among the schools she attended were La Martiniere Girls ' School in Lucknow and St. Maria Goretti College in Bareilly . In an interview published in Daily News and Analysis , Chopra said that she did not mind travelling regularly and changing schools ; she welcomed it as a new experience and a way to discover India 's multicultural society . Among the many places that she lived , Chopra has fond memories as a child of playing in the valleys of Leh , in the cold northwestern Indian desert region of Jammu and Kashmir . She has said , " I think I was in Class 4 when I was in Leh . My brother was just born . My dad was in the army and was posted there . I stayed in Leh for a year and my memories of that place are tremendous ... We were all army kids there . We weren 't living in houses , we were in bunkers in the valley and there was a stupa right on top of a hill which used to overlook our valley . We used to race up to the top of the stupa " . She now considers Bareilly her home town , and maintains strong connections there .

At the age of thirteen , Chopra moved to the United States to study , living with her aunt , and attending schools in Newton , Massachusetts , and Cedar Rapids , Iowa , after a stop in Queens , New York , as her aunt 's family also moved frequently . While in Massachusetts , she participated in several theatre productions and studied Western classical music , choral singing and Kathak dance .

During her teenage years in America , Chopra sometimes faced racial issues and was bullied for being Indian . She has said , " I was a gawky kid , had low self @-@ esteem , came from a modest middle @-@ class background , had white marks on my legs ... But I was damn hard working . Today , my legs sell 12 brands . "

After three years , Chopra returned to India , finishing the senior year of her high @-@ school education at the Army Public School in Bareilly . During this period , she won the local " May Queen " beauty pageant , after which she was pursued by admirers , leading her family to equip their home with bars for her protection . Her mother then entered her in the Femina Miss India contest of 2000 ; she finished second , winning the Femina Miss India World title . Chopra then went on to the Miss World pageant , where she was crowned Miss World 2000 and Miss World Continental Queen of Beauty ? Asia & Oceania at the Millennium Dome in London on 30 November 2000 . Chopra was the fifth Indian contestant to win Miss World , and the fourth to do so in seven years . She had enrolled in college , but left after winning the Miss World pageant . Chopra said that the Miss India and Miss World titles brought her recognition , and she then began receiving offers for film roles .

Chopra has maintained a strong relationship with her family , including her younger brother , Siddharth , and lives in an apartment on the same floor as her family . She was especially close to her father , who died in June 2013 ; in 2012 she got a tattoo reading " Daddy 's lil girl " , in his handwriting . Having not come from a film background , she describes herself as a self @-@ made woman . Her mother , a well @-@ established gynaecologist in Bareilly , gave up her practice to support Chopra as she embarked upon a film career .

= = Acting career = =

= = Debut and breakthrough ( 2002 ? 04 ) = =

After winning Miss India World , Chopra was cast as the female lead in Abbas @-@ Mustan 's romantic thriller Humraaz ( 2002 ) , in which she was to make her film debut . However , this fell through for various reasons : she stated the production conflicted with her schedule , while the producers said they re @-@ cast because Chopra took on various other commitments . Her screen debut occurred in the 2002 Tamil film Thamizhan as the love interest of the protagonist , played by Vijay . A review published in The Hindu was appreciative of the film for its wit and dialogue , however it felt that Chopra 's role was limited from an acting viewpoint .

In 2003 , Chopra made her Bollywood film debut as the second female lead opposite Sunny Deol and Preity Zinta in Anil Sharma 's The Hero : Love Story of a Spy . Set against the backdrop of the Indian Army in Kashmir , the film tells the story of an agent and his fight against terrorism . The Hero was one of the highest @-@ grossing Bollywood films that year , but received mixed reviews from critics . Derek Elley from Variety said that " mega @-@ looker Chopra makes a solid screen debut . " Later that year she appeared in Raj Kanwar 's box @-@ office success Andaz with Akshay Kumar , again sharing the female lead ( this time with the debuting Lara Dutta ) . Chopra played a vivacious young girl who falls in love with Kumar 's character . The Hindustan Times noted the glamour that she brought to the role ; Kunal Shah of Sify praised her performance and stated she had " all the qualities to be a star . " Her performance earned her the Filmfare Award for Best Female Debut ( along with Dutta ) and a nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress .

Chopra 's first three releases in 2004 ? Plan , Kismat , and Asambhav ? performed poorly at the box @-@ office . Chopra was typically cast during this earlier period as a " glamour quotient " , in roles that were considered " forgettable " by film critic Joginder Tuteja . Later that year she starred with Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar in David Dhawan 's romantic comedy Mujhse Shaadi Karogi , which became the third @-@ highest @-@ grossing film of the year in India and emerged as a major commercial success .

In late 2004 , she starred opposite Kumar and Kareena Kapoor in Abbas @-@ Mustan 's thriller Aitraaz . Chopra considers her first role as an antagonist , portraying Soniya Roy , an ambitious

woman who accuses her employee of sexual harassment , as the " biggest learning experience of her career . " The film was a critical and commercial success , and Chopra 's performance received critical acclaim . Author Rini Bhattacharya credited her for bringing back the seductress to the silver screen . The Hindustan Times cited it as the film that changed her career significantly . A reviewer writing for the BBC said , " Aitraaz is Priyanka Chopra 's film . As the deliciously wicked , gold digging , scheming seductress , she chews up every scene she is in with her magnetic screen presence . " She won a Filmfare Award for Best Performance in a Negative Role , becoming the second and final actress to win the award after Kajol ( the category was discontinued in 2008 ) . Chopra also received a nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress , and the Producers Guild Film Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role .

= = = Early success and setbacks ( 2005 ? 08 ) = = =

In 2005 , Chopra appeared in six films . Her first two releases ? Blackmail , and Karam ? were commercially unsuccessful . Shilpa Bharatan @-@ Iyer of Rediff.com considered Blackmail to be a very predictable film and believed that her role as a police commissioner 's wife was very limited from an acting point of view . Her performance in Karam was better received , Subhash K. Jha wrote that Chopra " with her poised interpretation of high drama , flies high creating a character whose vulnerability and beauty are endorsed by both the inner and outer worlds created for her character . " Later that year Chopra played the wife of Akshay Kumar in Vipul Amrutlal Shah 's family drama Waqt : The Race Against Time , the story of a small businessman ( played by Amitabh Bachchan ) who , hiding his illness , wants to teach his irresponsible son some lessons before he dies . During production , Chopra revisited Leh , a favourite childhood haunt , for the shooting of the song " Subah Hogi " . She suffered an accident during the filming for the song " Do Me A Favour Let 's Play Holi " when she electrocuted herself , spending a day recovering in hospital . The film was well received by critics , and was a commercial success .

She next starred opposite Arjun Rampal in the romantic mystery thriller Yakeen , portraying the role of a possessive lover . Critical reaction towards the film was mixed , but her performance received praise . Taran Adarsh wrote that Chopra " is bound to win laurels yet again [ ... ] the actor is emerging as one of the finest talents in these fast @-@ changing times " . Her next release was Suneel Darshan 's romance Barsaat , co @-@ starring Bobby Deol and Bipasha Basu . The film was a critical and commercial failure in India but fared better in the overseas market . Chopra 's performance received mixed reviews , with Bollywood Hungama describing it as " mechanical " . However , Rediff.com considered Chopra to be an " epitome of calm intelligence , who underplayed her role to perfection " . Later that year , Rohan Sippy cast her with Abhishek Bachchan , Ritesh Deshmukh and Nana Patekar in the comedy Bluffmaster ! Chopra played independent working woman Simran Saxena , Bachchan 's love interest . The film proved to be a box @-@ office success .

After starting 2006 with special appearances in three films , Chopra starred in Rakesh Roshan 's superhero film Krrish ( a sequel to the 2003 science @-@ fiction film Koi ... Mil Gaya ) . Co @-@ starring with Hrithik Roshan , Rekha and Naseeruddin Shah , Chopra played a young television journalist who schemes to take advantage of an innocent young man with remarkable physical abilities , but eventually falls in love with him . The film was the second @-@ highest @-@ grossing film of the year in India and grossed over ? 1 @-@ 17 billion ( US \$ 17 million ) worldwide attaining a blockbuster status . Her next film was Dharmesh Darshan 's romantic comedy Aap Ki Khatir , co @-@ starring Akshaye Khanna , Ameesha Patel and Dino Morea . Neither the film nor Chopra 's performance were well received . Sukanya Verma of Rediff.com stated that Chopra 's portrayal of Anu was " erratically sketched " and that her character was never consistent : " first flaky , then cool , and later , sensitive " .

Chopra 's final release of 2006 was Farhan Akhtar 's action @-@ thriller Don ( a remake of the 1978 film of the same name ) , with Shah Rukh Khan . Chopra portrayed Roma ( played by Zeenat Aman in the original film ) , who joins the underworld to avenge Don for killing her brother . Chopra received martial @-@ arts training for her role in the movie , and performed her own stunts . The

film was declared a box office success in India and overseas , with revenues of ₹ 16.05 billion ( US \$ 16 million ) . Raja Sen of Rediff.com found Chopra to be film 's " big surprise " ; he believed that Chopra convincingly portrayed Roma , " looking every bit the competent woman of action " and wrote " This is an actress willing to push herself , and has definite potential for screen magic . Not to mention a great smile . "

In 2007 , Chopra had two leading roles . Her first film was Nikhil Advani 's *Salaam Ishq : A Tribute to Love* , a romantic comedy in six chapters with an ensemble cast . She was featured opposite Salman Khan in the first chapter as Kamini , an item girl and aspiring actress who tries to land the lead role in a Karan Johar film with a publicity gimmick . Film critic Sukanya Verma praised her flair for comedy , especially her impressions of Meena Kumari , Nargis and Madhubala . Both *Salaam Ishq : A Tribute to Love* and her next film , *Big Brother* , proved unsuccessful at the domestic box office .

In 2008 , Chopra starred opposite Harman Baweja in his father 's *Love Story 2050* . Chopra played a double role , so she coloured her hair twice ; once red to portray the girl from the future and then black for the girl of the past . Her performance was poorly received ; Rajeev Masand was unimpressed with Chopra 's chemistry with her co star , remarking that her character " fails to inspire either affection or sympathy " . She next appeared in the comedy *God Tussi Great Ho* , portraying a TV anchor opposite Salman Khan , Sohail Khan and Amitabh Bachchan . The film was generally perceived to be plagiarised from the Hollywood comedy *Bruce Almighty* , although writer and director Rumi Jaffrey claimed it to be " a village folk tale about a Brahmin " . Chopra next starred as a kindergarten teacher in *Chamku* opposite Bobby Deol and Irrfan Khan , and played the role of Sonia in Goldie Behl 's fantasy superhero film *Drona* opposite Abhishek Bachchan and Jaya Bachchan . *Drona* , widely criticised for its extensive use of special effects , marked Chopra 's sixth film in succession which had failed at both the box office and critically , although Sukanya Verma of Rediff.com stated that Chopra displayed convincing action heroine skills . Critics generally perceived at this time that her career was over .

== Critical acclaim ( 2008 ? 11 ) ==

The string of poorly received films ended when Chopra starred in Madhur Bhandarkar 's *Fashion* , a drama about the Indian fashion industry which followed the lives and careers of several fashion models . She portrayed the ambitious supermodel Meghna Mathur , a role which she initially thought was out of her depth , but after six months ' consideration she accepted the role , inspired by Bhandarkar 's confidence in her . For the role , Chopra had to gain 6 kilograms ( 13 lb ) and steadily shed the weight during the production as the character progressed in the film . Both the film and her performance received critical acclaim , becoming a major turning point in her career . Rajeev Masand wrote , " Priyanka Chopra turns in a respectable performance , one that will inevitably go down as her best . " Kriti Verma from *Headlines India* noted " Priyanka Chopra simply rocked . Her transformation from a simple Chandigarh girl to an ambitious super model to an apologizing girl is excellent and beyond imagination . " Her performance won Chopra several awards , including the National Film Award for Best Actress , the Filmfare Award for Best Actress , the IIFA Award for Best Actress , the Screen Award for Best Actress , and the Producers Guild Film Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role . With a worldwide revenue of ₹ 600 million ( US \$ 9 million ) , *Fashion* emerged as a commercial success , and was listed by Subhash K. Jha as one of the best films of the decade with women protagonists . It was noted for being commercially successful despite being a women centric film with no male lead . She said in retrospect , " I think actually *Fashion* kick started ... the process of female dominated films . Today you have so many other films which have done well with female leads . "

Chopra 's final film of the year was Tarun Mansukhani 's romantic comedy *Dostana* , with Abhishek Bachchan and John Abraham . Set in Miami , the film tells the story of a friendship between her character and two men who pretend to be gay to share an apartment with her . Chopra played a stylish young fashion magazine editor Neha , who is trying to deal with professional pressures in her life . Produced by Dharma Productions , the film was a financial success with worldwide

revenues of over ₹ 860 million ( US \$ 13 million ) . Chopra 's performance and look in the film were praised .

The following year Chopra played a feisty Marathi woman named Sweety in Vishal Bhardwaj 's caper thriller *Kaminey* ( co -@-@ starring Shahid Kapoor ) , about twin brothers and the journey in their life linked with the underworld . The film received critical acclaim and became successful at the box @-@ office with the worldwide gross earnings of ₹ 710 million ( US \$ 11 million ) . Nikhat Kazmi of *The Times of India* thought that Chopra 's role completely reinvented her , and Rajeev Masand wrote : " Springing a delightful surprise in a smaller part is [ Chopra ] , who sprinkles her lines with a smattering of fluent Marathi and emerges one of the film 's most lovable characters . " Raja Sen of *Rediff.com* named Chopra 's performance as the best by an actress that year . Her role earned her several awards and nominations , including a second consecutive Producers Guild Film Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role after *Fashion* and Best Actress nominations at the *Filmfare* , *Screen* and *IIFA* awards . Chopra subsequently appeared in Ashutosh Gowariker 's romantic comedy *What 's Your Raashee ?* , based on the novel *Kimball Ravenswood* by Madhu Rye . The film depicts the story of a US @-@ based Gujrati NRI in search of his soulmate among 12 girls ( all played by Chopra ) associated with the 12 zodiac signs . She received the *Screen Best Actress Award* nomination for her performance in the film . She was also considered for inclusion in the *Guinness World Records* book for being the first film actress to portray 12 distinct characters in one film . Chopra 's heavy workload ? filming for several productions , travelling for endorsements and performing at live shows ( including the *Miss India* pageant ) ? took its toll ; she fainted during filming , and was admitted to hospital .

In 2010 , Chopra starred with Uday Chopra in Jugal Hansraj 's unremarkable romantic comedy *Pyaar Impossible !* as Alisha , a beautiful college girl ( and later a working mother ) who falls in love with a nerdy boy . Later that year , she co @-@ starred with Ranbir Kapoor in Siddharth Anand 's romantic comedy *Anjaana Anjaani* . The film , set in New York and Las Vegas , follows the story of two strangers , both trying to commit suicide , who eventually fall in love with each other . The film was a moderate commercial success , and her performance received mixed reviews from critics . Sarita Tanwar of *Mid Day* wrote , " Priyanka Chopra is at her casual and spontaneous best . She embraces the character completely and makes it totally believable " , while Anupama Chopra dismissed her acting as " artificial " .

She starred as a femme fatale in her first film of 2011 , Vishal Bhardwaj 's black comedy *7 Khoon Maaf* . Based on the short story " *Susanna 's Seven Husbands* " by Ruskin Bond , *7 Khoon Maaf* centres on Susanna Anna @-@ Marie Johannes , an Anglo @-@ Indian woman ( played by Chopra ) who murders her seven husbands in an unending quest for love . The film and her performance received acclaim from critics . Nikhat Kazmi remarked , " *7 Khoon Maaf* would undoubtedly end up as a milestone in Priyanka Chopra 's career graph . The actor displays exquisite command over a complex character that is definitely a first in Indian cinema . " Aniruddha Guha of *Daily News and Analysis* wrote : " Priyanka Chopra takes on a character that most of her contemporaries would shy away from and enacts it in a way that only she possibly can . For a woman with as many shades as Susanna , Chopra gets a crack at a role of a lifetime and she sparkles like never before . " Chopra 's performance earned her the *Filmfare Critics Award for Best Actress* and a nomination for the *Filmfare Award for Best Actress* , the *IIFA Award for Best Actress* , the *Screen Award for Best Actress* , and the *Producers Guild Film Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role* .

== = Commercial success ( 2011 ₹ 13 ) == =

Chopra 's final release of the year saw her reprising her role as Roma in the second installment of the *Don* franchise , *Don 2* . Although the film received mixed reviews , Chopra 's performance earned positive feedback from critics . According to *The Express Tribune* , " Chopra ... seems to be the perfect choice for an action heroine . As you watch her effortlessly beat up some thugs in the movie , you come to the realisation that she may be the first proper female action hero in Bollywood . " *Don 2* was a major success in India and overseas , earning over ₹ 2 @.@ 06 billion ( US \$ 31 million ) worldwide . *Don 2* was showcased at the 62nd *Berlin International Film Festival* and ( with

Don ) at the 2012 International Film Festival of Marrakech , in Morocco .

Chopra 's first film of 2012 was Karan Malhotra 's action drama Agneepath , in which she starred with Hrithik Roshan , Sanjay Dutt and Rishi Kapoor . Produced by Karan Johar , the film is a remake of his father 's 1990 production of the same name . In one of several accidents to happen during production , Chopra 's lehenga ( a traditional skirt ) caught fire while filming a sequence for an elaborate Ganapati festival song . She featured as Kaali Gawde , Roshan 's loquacious love interest in the film . Mayank Shekhar noted how much Chopra stood out in the male @-@ dominated film . Agneepath broke Bollywood 's highest opening @-@ day earnings record , and had a worldwide gross of ? 1 @. @ 93 billion ( US \$ 29 million ) . Chopra next co @-@ starred with Shahid Kapoor in Kunal Kohli 's romance , Teri Meri Kahaani . The film relates the stories of three unconnected couples ( each played by Kapoor and Chopra ) , born in different eras . The film opened to mixed reactions from critics , but Chopra 's performance was generally well received .

Anurag Basu 's Barfi ! , with Ranbir Kapoor and Ileana D 'Cruz , was her final appearance of 2012 . Set in the 1970s , the film tells the story of three people , two of whom are physically disabled . Chopra played Jhilmil Chatterjee , an autistic woman who falls in love with a deaf , mute man ( Kapoor ) . Rituparno Ghosh , an acclaimed director , considered it a " very , very brave " role to accept given how demanding it is for an actor to convincingly portray a woman with autism . To prepare for the role , Chopra visited several mental institutions and spent time with autistic people . The film received rave reviews from film critics and was a major commercial success , earning ? 1 @. @ 75 billion ( US \$ 26 million ) worldwide . Chopra received unanimous praise for her portrayal , which several reviewers regarded as her best performance at that time . The Indo @-@ Asian News Service review said , " Priyanka Chopra as the autistic Jhilmil steals the show from Ranbir , if that 's possible . Her inherent glamorous personality simply disappears into her character . We don 't see the actress on screen at all ! We see only Jhilmil who reminds us in a very pleasant way of Sridevi in Sadma . This is one of the most flawless interpretations of a physical @-@ psychological disability seen on celluloid . " Pratim D. Gupta of The Telegraph noted Ranbir and Priyanka turn in two of the finest performances seen on the Indian screen . Chopra received Best Actress nominations at the Filmfare , Screen , IIFA and Producers Guild Film Awards . The film was screened at the Busan and Marrakech International Film Festivals , and was chosen as India 's entry for the 85th Academy Awards . Don 2 , Agneepath and Barfi ! rank among the highest grossing Bollywood films of all time .

In 2013 , she lent her voice to the character of Ishani , the reigning Pan @-@ Asian champion from India and the love interest of the main protagonist in the Disney Animation Studios 's film Planes , a spinoff of Pixar 's Cars franchise . Chopra , a fan of Disney films , had fun voicing the character saying " The closest I could come to being a Disney princess , I think , was Ishani " . The film was a commercial success , grossing approximately US \$ 240 million worldwide . She played an NRI girl in the Apoorva Lakhia 's bilingual action drama Zanjeer ( Thoofan in Telugu ) , a remake of the 1973 Hindi film of the same name , which met with poor reactions from critics and was unsuccessful at the box office . Chopra next reprised her role of Priya in Rakesh Roshan 's Krrish 3 ? a sequel to the 2006 superhero film Krrish ? with Hrithik Roshan , Vivek Oberoi and Kangana Ranaut . The film earned positive reviews though critics opined that Chopra 's role in the film was small . Writing for Daily News and Analysis , Sarita A Tanwar commented that " Priyanka is saddled with a role that doesn 't do her justice . She deserved a meatier role . " The feature became a box office success , earning over ? 3 billion ( US \$ 45 million ) worldwide , to become Chopra 's biggest commercial success till date and her fourth major hit in the last two years . She also appeared in an item number titled " Ram Chahe Leela " for Sanjay Leela Bhansali 's Goliyon Ki Rasleela Ram @-@ Leela . The song , which took four days to rehearse , saw Chopra execute a contemporary mujra , that incorporated complicated dance steps .

= = = Recent work ( 2014 ? present ) = = =

In 2014 , Chopra played the lead female role in Yash Raj Films 's romantic action drama Gunday directed by Ali Abbas Zafar , alongside Ranveer Singh , Arjun Kapoor and Irrfan Khan . She

portrayed Nandita , a cabaret dancer in Calcutta . Set in the 1970s , the film tells the story of two best friends , who fall in love with Chopra 's character . Gunday proved to be a box @-@ office success , grossing over ? 1 billion ( US \$ 15 million ) worldwide . She next featured in Mary Kom , a biographical film of the five time world boxing champion and Olympic bronze medalist Mary Kom . To prepare for the role , she spent time with Kom and received four months of boxing training . The film premiered at the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival , received positive reviews from critics , and her performance received critical acclaim . Namrata Joshi from Outlook felt that Chopra 's sincere and earnest performance brings out Kom 's " determination as well as her vulnerabilities , and insecurities " , and Indo @-@ Asian News Service wrote " Priyanka expresses every shade of her character with a pitch @-@ perfect bravado . The actress controls curbs and quantifies every component of her character 's personality without losing that basic element of spontaneity . " Mary Kom emerged as a major commercial success , with revenues of ? 1 @.@ 04 billion ( US \$ 15 million ) at the box @-@ office . Chopra won the Screen Award for Best Actress , the Producers Guild Film Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role , and received another nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Actress for the film .

The following year , Chopra starred in Zoya Akhtar 's Dil Dhadakne Do , an ensemble comedy @-@ drama alongside Anil Kapoor , Shefali Shah , Ranveer Singh , Anushka Sharma and Farhan Akhtar . The film tells the story of a dysfunctional Punjabi family ( the Mehra ) , who invite their family and friends on a cruise trip to celebrate the parents ' 30th wedding anniversary . She portrayed the role of Ayesha Mehra , a successful entrepreneur and the eldest child . Pratim D. Gupta from The Telegraph considered Chopra to be one of the winners of the film and wrote " From the propah body language to the measured speech [ ... ] shows the kind of depth she is able to bring to her lines and characters these days . Rajiv Vijayakar of India @-@ West wrote " Dil Dhadakne Do happily boasts stellar performances . Topping the list is the nuanced , magnificent work of Priyanka Chopra as Ayesha . Her tiny expressions and nuances , as well as her vocal inflections truly bring her character alive . " The film was a critical and commercial success , grossing ? 1 @.@ 47 billion ( US \$ 22 million ) worldwide within seventeen days of release . Chopra won the Screen Award for Best Ensemble Cast , and was nominated for the Screen Award for Best Actress , and the Producers Guild Film Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role .

Chopra signed a talent holding deal with ABC Studios and in February 2015 was cast in the television pilot Quantico , which was picked to series . The series premiered on 27 September 2015 on ABC , making Chopra the first South Asian to headline an American network drama series . Based at the FBI Academy , the season one of Quantico follows a group of young FBI recruits , each having a specific reason for joining , one of whom will be responsible for blowing the Grand Central Terminal in the future . She plays the role of an FBI recruit , Alex Parrish , who is suspected of engineering the most devastating terrorist attack on American soil since the September 11 attacks . The series received positive reviews from television critics and Chopra was praised for her performance . James Poniewozik of The New York Times described Chopra as the " strongest human asset " of the show , and added that " she is immediately charismatic and commanding . " She received the People 's Choice Award for " Favourite Actress In A New TV Series " for her role in Quantico , becoming the first South Asian actress to win a People 's Choice Award .

Chopra next starred alongside Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone in Sanjay Leela Bhansali 's epic historical romance drama Bajirao Mastani . She portrayed Kashibai , the first wife of the maratha general Peshwa Bajirao I. The film opened to major critical acclaim , and Chopra received praise for her portrayal which several reviewers regarded as her best performance to date . Rajeev Masand wrote " the film benefits from a nice touch of playfulness and humor in Priyanka Chopra 's Kashibai . Chopra brings grace to the character , and practically steals the film . " Film critic Raja Sen thought Chopra , who , while not in the title , owned the film , and wrote " Chopra 's terrific in the part , her intelligently expressive eyes speaking volumes and her no @-@ nonsense Marathi rhythm bang @-@ on . " A major commercial success , Bajirao Mastani grossed ? 3 @.@ 5 billion ( US \$ 52 million ) at the box @-@ office , becoming one of the highest @-@ grossing Indian films of all time . For her performance , she won the Screen Award for Best Supporting Actress and the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress . She also received a nomination for the Producers

Guild Film Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role . In 2016 , she starred as a police officer in Prakash Jha 's social drama Jai Gangaajal .

= = = = Upcoming projects = = = =

Chopra has several projects at the various stages of production . She is currently filming the second season of Quantico in the New York City . Chopra has completed her work on the action comedy Baywatch , directed by Seth Gordon , co @-@ starring Dwayne Johnson , Zac Efron , and Alexandra Daddario , in which she plays the main antagonist . In addition , she is producing two regional language films under her production company Purple Pebble Pictures ? the Marathi film Ventilator , and untitled Punjabi film , both of which are scheduled to release in 2016 .

= = Music career = =

Chopra 's main vocal influence was her father , who she said was " an incredible singer " , and helped develop her interest in singing . She used her vocal talent early in her pageantry career . Her first recording , the song " Ullathai Killathe " in the Tamil film Thamizhan ( 2002 ) , was made at the urging of her director and co @-@ star , Vijay ( who had noticed her singing on the set ) . She declined to sing playback for " Tinka Tinka " in her film Karam ( 2005 ) , preferring to concentrate on her acting career , but later sang the song live on the television programme Sa Re Ga Ma Pa . Chopra recorded an unreleased song for Bluffmaster ! ( 2005 ) . In August 2011 , Universal Music Group signed Chopra to a worldwide recording agreement with DesiHits . The deal indicated that her first studio album would be released by Interscope Records in North America and by Island Records elsewhere . Her first song as a playback singer in Bollywood was " Chaoro " from Mary Kom ( 2014 ) .

In July 2012 , Chopra became the first Bollywood star signed by Creative Artists Agency , an entertainment and sports agency based in Los Angeles . Travelling to the United States to work on her album , Chopra collaborated with Sam Watters , Matthew Koma and Jay Sean . The album will be produced by RedOne . Her first single , " In My City " , debuted in the US on 13 September 2012 in a TV spot for the NFL Network 's Thursday Night Football , 12 hours after the full song debuted in India ; a shortened version of the song was used to open each show of the season . " In My City " features rapper will.i.am ; according to Chopra , a co @-@ writer , the song was inspired by her unsettled childhood and her journey from a small @-@ town girl to a celebrity . " In My City " trended at number one on Twitter several minutes after release . The song received mixed reviews from critics , and was a commercial success in India ; it sold more than 130 @,@ 000 copies in its first week , topped the Hindi pop chart and was certified triple platinum . In the United States the single was unsuccessful , with 5 @,@ 000 digital downloads in its first week according to Nielsen SoundScan , and did not receive radio play . In October 2012 , the single won her the Best International Debut award at the People 's Choice Awards India . In December 2012 , she received three nominations : Best Female Artist , Best Song and Best Video ( for " In My City " ) at the World Music Awards . She also received the Trailblazer Award from the South Asian Media , Marketing and Entertainment Association for becoming the first Bollywood actor to win a major record deal in the U.S. Chopra was also a featured artist on " Erase " , an EDM song produced by the American DJ and producer duo The Chainsmokers .

In July 2013 , Chopra released her second single " Exotic " featuring American rapper Pitbull , along with its music video . " Exotic " debuted at number 16 on the Billboard Dance / Electronic Songs and number 11 on the Dance / Electronic Digital Songs chart in the 27 July 2013 issue . The single also entered at number 74 on the Canadian Hot 100 chart . " Exotic " debuted at number 44 on the Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs chart and peaked at number 12 . Her third single , a cover of Bonnie Raitt 's " I Can 't Make You Love Me " was released in April 2014 . The song 's accompanying video was released around the same time . The song peaked at number 28 on the Billboard Hot Dance / Electronic Songs chart .



= = Philanthropy = =

Chopra supports various causes related to the girl child through her foundation " The Priyanka Chopra Foundation for Health and Education " , which works towards providing support to unprivileged girls across the country in the areas Education and Health . She donates ten percent of her earnings to fund the foundation ' s operations , and pays for educational and medical expenses for seventy children in India , fifty among whom are girls .

She often speaks out on women ' s issues : against female infanticide and foeticide , and in support of education for girls . A believer in feminism , Chopra also speaks about women ' s rights , gender equality , and gender pay inequality . In 2006 , a " day with Chopra " was auctioned on eBay ; the proceeds were donated to an NGO , Nanhi Kali , which helps educate girls in India . She has made appearances in support of other charities , such as the 2005 HELP ! Telethon Concert to raise funds for the victims of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake . In 2009 , she shot a documentary for the organisation Alert India to increase understanding of leprosy . She modelled for designer Manish Malhotra and Shaina NC ' s charity fashion show to raise funds for the Cancer Patients Aid Association ( CPAA ) NGO . In 2010 Chopra was one of several celebrities who created promotional messages for Pearls Wave Trust , which campaigns against violence and abuse of women and girls . Chopra also launched the " Save the Girl Child " campaign , which aims to change the attitudes of Indians towards girls .

She has worked with UNICEF since 2008 , recording public @-@ service announcements and participating in media panel discussions promoting children ' s rights and the education of girls , and also participated in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child . She was appointed a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Child Rights on 10 August 2010 . UNICEF Representative Karin Hulshof said of the appointment : " She is equally passionate about her work on behalf of children and adolescents . We are proud of the work she has done with us so far on child rights , and , we are thrilled about all what we will be doing together so that no child gets left behind . " In 2012 Chopra spoke at the launch of Awakening Youth , an anti @-@ addiction programme .

Chopra is a supporter of environmental charities and is brand ambassador for NDTV Greenathon , an initiative to support eco @-@ friendliness and provide solar power to rural villages without electricity supplies . She appeared with children in an animated video to support the cause , and removed rubbish from the banks of the Yamuna river in Agra to increase awareness of environmental issues . During the third and fourth editions of Greenathon , She adopted up to seven villages to provide with a regular supply of electricity . She adopted a tigress in 2011 and a lioness in 2012 at the Birsa biological park , paying for both animals ' upkeep for a year . To promote organ donation , Chopra pledged to donate her own organs after death and was co @-@ keynote speaker at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center ' s Bollywood @-@ themed 20th @-@ anniversary celebration of its liver @-@ transplant programme in 2012 .

She donated ? 5 million ( US \$ 74 @,@ 000 ) to Nanavati hospital to build a cancer ward . The ward , which is named after her late father , was inaugurated by her in 2013 . The same year , she provided voice @-@ over in English and Hindi for the documentary film Girl Rising for the organisation of the same name . She was invited as one of the speakers alongside Gordon Brown , Steve Wozniak , Bill Clinton , and Charlie Baker for the 50th anniversary of the World Leaders Conference at the Hynes Convention Center , Boston . She spoke about women empowerment through education , discussing inequality and the challenges of education for women , and received a standing ovation for her speech . Chopra also lent her voice to a music video of John Lennon ' s " Imagine " . The video featuring her along with other singers , including Katy Perry , and The Black Eyed Peas was created as part of a global campaign by UNICEF to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child .

Indian prime minister Narendra Modi selected Chopra as one of his nine nominees called " Navratna " in 2014 for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan , a national cleanliness campaign by the Government of India . She lent her support to the campaign by cleaning and rehabilitating a garbage @-@ laden neighbourhood in Mumbai , and urged people to maintain the cleanliness . In 2015 , she

voiced People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals ( PETA 's ) life @-@ size robotic elephant named " Ellie " , who visited schools across the United States and Europe to educate kids about elephants and captivity , and to urge people to boycott circuses .

= = Other works = =

= = Television presenting and stage performances = = =

In 2007 , Chopra was on the judges ' panel of the Miss India pageant . She stated , " Miss India will always remain special . That 's where it all started for me . And maybe that 's where it would 've ended if I hadn 't won the crown . " She also served as a judge at Miss World 2009 . In 2010 , she hosted the third season of the reality show Fear Factor : Khatron Ke Khiladi on the Colors channel , taking over from previous host Akshay Kumar . According to contestants , in hosting the series , Chopra had " transformed into quite a whip @-@ wielding dictator " , relentlessly pushing the contestants to work . She performed most of her own stunts , adamant to prove that she could rival Akshay Kumar , who had hosted the previous two seasons . The opening ratings of the show topped those of the two previous seasons . The show was praised by critics , and earned her the Indian Telly Award for Most Impactful Debut on Television . She visited Jawan troops in Tenga , in eastern India , for a special episode of the NDTV show Jai Jawan celebrating the 60th anniversary of India 's independence . In February 2016 , Chopra presented the award for Best Film Editing at the 88th Academy Awards .

Chopra has participated in a number of world tours and concerts . She took part in a world concert tour , " Temptations 2004 " , and performed with other Bollywood actors ( including Shah Rukh Khan , Saif Ali Khan , Rani Mukerji , Preity Zinta and Arjun Rampal ) in 19 stage shows . In 2011 , she participated ( with Shahid Kapoor and Shah Rukh Khan ) in a concert in Durban , South Africa celebrating 150 years of India ? South Africa friendship . In 2012 , she performed at M. A. Chidambaram Stadium , Chennai in the opening ceremony of the fifth season of cricket 's Indian Premier League with Amitabh Bachchan , Salman Khan , Kareena Kapoor and Katy Perry . The same year , she performed at Dubai Festival City 's Ahlan Bollywood Concert with other Bollywood stars such as Salman Khan and Sophie Choudry .

= = = Column writing = = =

Chopra began writing an opinion column , " The Priyanka Chopra Column " , for the Hindustan Times in 2009 . She wrote a total of fifty columns for the newspaper . She said after her first year of writing : " I 'm a private person and never thought that I could express my feelings . But strangely enough , whenever I sat down to write this column , my inner most thoughts came to the fore . " In March 2009 , she met several readers who had submitted feedback on her weekly column . She continued to write sporadically for newspapers . In August 2012 she wrote a column published in The Times of India titled " No woman in Mumbai feels safe any longer " , discussing the murder of 25 @-@ year @-@ old Pallavi Purkayastha , whom she met while working on Don . In the article , Chopra expressed her views about the safety of women in cities . She wrote : " The magnitude of this crime can perhaps only truly be understood by a woman . It has much larger ramifications . We can 't allow this to happen . We have to , in whichever way we can , ensure that what happened with Pallavi does not happen again . We need to remind ourselves that we women today are a vital contributor to the growth of the new India . "

In a July 2014 article published in The Guardian , she criticised female genital mutilation and child marriage . She wrote : " These practices violate the fundamental rights of girls and women , and hold back social and economic development that would benefit children , communities and countries . Child marriage and FGM destroy childhoods , disrupt schooling , leave girls at higher risk of dying from pregnancy @-@ related causes , and contribute to a cycle of poverty . " In December 2014 , Chopra wrote an op @-@ ed for The New York Times titled " What Jane Austen Knew " about the

importance of education for girls . She praised and quoted Nobel Peace Prize winners Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi , and described how her desire to help others was triggered when , at just nine years old , she joined her parents while they volunteered their spare time to offer modern health care to the rural poor . In late 2014 , Chopra began writing a monthly column , " Pret @-@ a @-@ Priyanka " , for " Elle.com " . In an article published in January 2015 , she expressed her views on diversity and being a global citizen .

= = In the media = =

Chopra has been described by the critics as one of the most talented actresses in Bollywood . Analysing Chopra 's career highlights , Bollywood Hungama noted : " Despite a career that has seen a constant flip @-@ flop [ ... ] the performer in her has seen a constant growth with every passing year . " After playing strong characters in a series of films , she gained recognition for her versatility in portraying a range of unconventional roles , leading CNN @-@ IBN to describe her " as one of the most powerful actresses in the current lot and someone who doesn 't shy away from experimenting with roles within the realms of popular cinema " . The Times of India called her a " game changer " and added that she " made the age @-@ old demarcation between a hero and heroine redundant and one can easily describe her as a Shero " . In 2012 , film critic Subhash K. Jha labelled her " the best actress in the post @-@ Sridevi generation " and listed her character in Barfi ! as being " one of the finest inwardly ravaged characters in Bollywood . " Chopra has often featured on Rediff.com 's annual listing of " Bollywood 's Best Actresses " , and was featured in their list of " Top 10 Actresses of 2000 ? 2010 " .

Chopra is one of Bollywood 's highest @-@ paid actresses , and considered one of the most popular and high @-@ profile celebrities in India . She is described as a sex symbol and a style icon . Her body , figure , eye , lips and exotic looks have been cited by the media as her distinctive physical features . Designers Falguni and Shane Peacock wrote , " She is comfortable in her own skin and looks ravishing in whatever she wears , be it a bikini , short or long dress or even a sari . " She ranks high on lists of the most influential , powerful , popular and attractive Indian celebrities . In 2006 , 2012 , 2014 and 2015 , the UK magazine Eastern Eye ranked her first on their " World 's Sexiest Asian Women " list , and she was featured on Verve 's list of most powerful women in 2009 and 2010 . She was named " India 's Best @-@ Dressed Woman of the Year " by People in 2011 , and Maxim selected her twice ( 2011 and 2013 ) as " Hottest Girl of the Year " . In 2012 , she was declared the most influential Indian on the social @-@ media circuit in a survey conducted by Pinstorm . In 2015 , People featured her as one of the " Most Intriguing People of the Year " . In 2016 , Time named her one of the " 100 Most Influential People in the World " and also featured on the cover of the issue .

Chopra was declared queen of brand endorsements in India , ranking second in on the list of brand ambassadors of 2008 ( only after Shah Rukh Khan ) in a survey conducted by TAM AdEx . The following year , she was named " India 's top brand endorser " by the same agency , becoming the first woman to top the endorsement charts in India . Manish Porwal of Alchemist Talent Solutions said in 2012 that Chopra was a stable and dependable brand endorser , and many brands renewed their contract with her . Chopra has represented many brands , including TAG Heuer , Pepsi , Nokia , Garnier and Nestlé ; she was the first female representative of Hero Honda . She and three other Bollywood actors ( Shah Rukh Khan , Kajol and Hrithik Roshan ) had their likenesses made into a series of miniature dolls for Hasbro and the UK @-@ based Bollywood Legends Corporation . In 2009 , Chopra became the first Indian actress to cast a foot impression at the Salvatore Ferragamo Museum in Florence , Italy , and she received custom @-@ designed shoes from the Ferragamo house . In 2013 , she became the first Indian model to represent Guess , whose CEO Paul Marciano called her " the young Sophia Loren " . The actress became the first Indian actress to feature in a school textbook . Her life is described in a chapter of Roving Families , Shifting Homes , a book taught at Springdales School . The book also includes pictures of her family and the moment she was crowned Miss World in 2000 .

Chopra is particularly known in the Indian media and film industry for her professionalism and is

often referred to as " Piggy Chops " , a nickname given her by co @-@ stars on the set of Bluffmaster ! in 2005 . She is popularly referred to by the media and the film industry as " PeeCee " or simply " PC " . Although she is known for her media @-@ friendly attitude , Chopra is reticent to discuss details of her personal life in public . She has had a Twitter account since January 2009 , and has the greatest number of followers of any Indian actress . In 2015 , Chopra appeared in The Huffington Post 's " 100 Most Influential Women on Twitter " list , where she was named the most influential Indian woman on Twitter .

= = Filmography and awards = =

= = = Selected filmography = = =

= = = Television = = =

Quantico ( 2015 ? present ; ABC )

= = = Awards and nominations = = =

Among Chopra 's film awards are a National Film Award for Best Actress for Fashion ( 2008 ) and five Filmfare Awards : Best Female Debut for Andaaz ( 2003 ) , Best Performance in a Negative Role for Aitraaz ( 2004 ) , Best Actress for Fashion ( 2008 ) , Critics Award for Best Actress for 7 Khoon Maaf ( 2011 ) , and Best Supporting Actress for Bajirao Mastani ( 2015 ) . In 2016 , she received the People 's Choice Award for " Favourite Actress In A New TV Series " for Quantico , making her the first South Asian actress to win a People 's Choice Award . The same year , she was awarded the Padma Shri , the fourth highest civilian award , by the Government of India .

= = Discography = =

As lead artist

As featured artist

Other appearances