

= Dhoom 2 =

Dhoom 2 ( [ ?d ? ?u?m ] , English : Blast 2 , also abbreviated and known as D : 2 , D2 and Dhoom 2 : Back In Action ) is a 2006 Indian action film directed by Sanjay Gadhvi and produced by Aditya Chopra and Yash Chopra at an estimated budget of ? 350 million ( US \$ 5 @. @ 2 million ) under the Yash Raj Films banner . It is the second in the Dhoom series . Abhishek Bachchan and Uday Chopra star as buddy cops Jai Dixit and Ali , respectively . The duo attempt to capture Mr. A ( Hrithik Roshan ) , a professional thief whose passion is to steal rare and valuable collectibles using high @-@ technology gadgets . The film features Bipasha Basu and Aishwarya Rai in lead female roles . Dhoom 2 was shot primarily in India , Durban , and Rio de Janeiro , becoming the first major Hindi film to be shot in Brazil . The distributor , Yash Raj Films , promoted the film by forging associations with Pepe Jeans and Coca @-@ Cola . It premiered on 24 November 2006 in India , where it received the widest release in Indian cinema history with over 1800 prints . It was dubbed simultaneously in Tamil as well as in Telugu . Singer Vijay Prakash dubbed for ACP Jai Dixit in Tamil .

Dhoom 2 was generally well received by critics and audiences ; it was accepted well by children and adults . It became the highest @-@ grossing Indian film of 2006 , and was the highest @-@ grossing Bollywood film of all time as well at the time of its release . It is the seventh highest @-@ grossing Bollywood film in overseas markets . After grossing over ? 1 @. @ 5 billion ( US \$ 22 million ) , Dhoom 2 was elevated to a " blockbuster " rating on Box Office India . It received an 80 % approval rating among critics on Rotten Tomatoes . Critics praised Dhoom 2 for its exotic locales and elaborate action sequences . However , there was an appeal by the Mumbai city police commissioner to censor the fast @-@ paced rash driving scenes due to fears that it would inspire Indian youths to ride their motorcycles rashly , resulting in an increase in the number of road accidents . A sequel titled Dhoom 3 was released on 20 December 2013 , which also went on to become the highest @-@ grossing Bollywood film of all time .

= = Plot = =

The world 's oldest desert in Namibia ; A solitary railway line & A royal family on a royal journey . Mr.A ( Hrithik Roshan ) sky @-@ dives and lands on a train that is carrying the Queen . He steals her crown by disguising himself as the Queen , beats her guards easily and escapes . Newly promoted officer Ali ( Uday Chopra ) and Jai Dixit ( Abhishek Bachchan ) are introduced to Shonali Bose ( Bipasha Basu ) , a special officer assigned to investigate Mr. A 's case , who also happens to be a former classmate of Jai . After the initial investigation , Dixit analyses the underlying trend in Mr. A 's heists . As per his analysis , a theft in one of two famous Mumbai city museums will follow .

However , Dixit realizes that the artifact in the museum he is guarding happens to be imperfect . He immediately flees to the other museum when a disguised Mr. A steals a rare diamond and escapes . In a televised challenge to the police , Mr. A announces that he will steal an ancient warrior sword . In response , Dixit , Bose and Khan enforce a strict vigil at the location housing the sword . At night , Mr. A meets his impersonator in the room that holds the sword . The police are alerted , but they manage to steal the sword and escape . The impersonator turns out to be Sunehri ( Aishwarya Rai ) , a woman who idolises Mr. A , and after this they form an alliance .

In Rio de Janeiro , Mr. A and Sunehri plan their next heist . As Dixit 's analysis has named Rio the location of Mr. A 's next heist , Jai and Ali travel to the city . There they meet Monali ( Bipasha Basu ) , Shonali 's twin sister and Ali immediately falls for her . Meanwhile , the relationship between Mr. A and Sunehri evolves into romance and he unveils his real identity , Aryan , to her . However , he discovers that Sunehri was actually a spy working for Jai after seeing them together at a theatre and then a parade . Aryan forces Sunehri to play a game of Russian roulette . Sunehri cries and refuses to shoot Aryan because she loves him , but Aryan forces her . However , after six attempted shots from the gun , neither is injured because Aryan had not inserted a bullet into the gun . Sunehri admits she betrayed Aryan and that she loves him . In their final heist , Aryan and Sunehri successfully steal some early Lydian coins while disguised as performing dwarfs . Sunehri indicates

that she does not wish to remain allied with Jai , forcing Jai and Ali to go after them . After the chase , all of them end up on the top of a waterfall , where Sunehri is caught by Ali . Sunehri , despite conveying her feelings for Aryan , shoots him . Aryan falls from the waterfall , after which Jai allows Sunehri to go free .

After six months , it is revealed that Aryan had survived , and now has opened a restaurant in the Fiji islands with Sunehri . Jai meets Aryan and Sunehri at the restaurant and states that despite their crimes , he does not wish to imprison the couple . Aryan shows him where all the stolen artifacts can be found . Jai is aware of the couple 's feelings towards each other , but warns them against returning to their life of crime . Jai later informs Ali that they should be heading back to India for their next case .

= = Cast = =

Hrithik Roshan as Aryan / Mr. " A " , a master thief living in disguise . He steals museum pieces such as the first man @-@ made coins , a queen 's crown , ancient sword and more . He only steals at selected museums to mark " A " , the first letter of his name , on the map of the world .

Abhishek Bachchan as ACP Jai Dixit , an Assistant Commissioner trying to find Mr. A. Jai is accompanied by inspector Ali and married to Sweety Dixit .

Aishwarya Rai as Sunehri , another thief who was blackmailed by Jai Dixit to find out more about Mr. A , because she was a petty thief in Mumbai and was forced to help him or face jail time .

Uday Chopra as Ali Akbar Fateh Khan , an assistant to Jai Dixit and an inspector .

Bipasha Basu as Shonali Bose and Monali Bose , twins with different personalities . Shonali is a tough assistant commissioner , and an old friend of Jai , while Monali is a joyful girl living in Rio de Janeiro .

Rimi Sen in a guest appearance as Sweety Dixit , Jai 's wife . She is pregnant and is suspicious of Jai 's friendship with Shonali .

= = Production = =

= = = Development = = =

The Dhoom series began with the release of Dhoom in 2004 . The film became a commercial box office hit and received generally positive reviews from audiences , but not so much from critics . As a result , producer Yash Chopra announced plans for a sequel , titled Dhoom 2 : Back in Action . John Abraham , portrayer of Kabir Sharma , the villain of the predecessor , was eliminated from the sequel because Chopra did not want Dhoom 2 to repeat the stories featured in its predecessor . Instead , Hrithik Roshan and Aishwarya Rai were introduced into the franchise as the sequel 's main villains . Aishwarya Rai 's character was summarised as Catwoman , a female fictional comic book femme fatale or anti @-@ hero . Rai stated , " All I can tell you is it would be nothing like anything you 've seen me do before . " Producer Aditya Chopra told Rai to lose weight after she gained it for her role in 2004 's Bride & Prejudice . Yash Chopra stated , " But yes , the role does require Aishwarya to convey oodles of sensuality . She has asked for a couple of months to get into shape . We ( at Yash Raj Films ) are very clear about every character in every script and what 's required of the actors . Before Dhoom , Esha Deol was specifically briefed about the look and the attitude she needed to cultivate . She readily agreed , and look at what Dhoom did to her career ! " Roshan also lost twelve pounds of weight at Aditya Chopra 's request . With the exception of Abraham and Esha Deol , all of the other main actors in Dhoom were hired again for Dhoom 2 .

= = = Filming = = =

Dhoom 2 was filmed in Mumbai ( India ) , Namibia , Durban ( South Africa ) , and Rio de Janeiro , ( Brazil ) , making it the first Bollywood movie to be shot in Brazil . In total , production lasted eighteen

months and cost of ? 350 million ( US \$ 5 @. @ 2 million ) . To ensure the sequel would be different from the original , which became famous for its brash motorcycle stunts , director Sanjay Gadhvi included very few motorcycles in Dhoom 2 . Nonetheless , Roshan 's role required him to perform several dangerous stunts involving activities such as roller @-@ blading , sand boarding and snow boarding .

Dhoom 2 made extensive use of visual effects , which were filmed at Yash Raj Studios . While shooting at Yash Raj Studios , the film suffered from a flood that destroyed the studio sets and delayed production . Fight and action sequences were storyboarded before being shown to Gadhvi and Allan Amin , who would make changes . The scenes were then sketched , given " proper shot list [ s ] " , and shared with Tata Elxsi , who oversaw the pre @-@ visualization of the sequences . Several scenes were filmed with the use of green screen and computer @-@ generated imagery . For example , the stunts Roshan 's performed on a train in the Namib Desert used green screen ; after Roshan recorded the stunts on a set , Gadhvi traveled to the desert to film the background . Other stunts were performed by stuntmen whose faces were later digitally exchanged with the actors ' .

The bullet effects and Hrithik 's gadgets and mechanical arm were also computer generated . The scene involving Abhishek Bachchan coming out of a lake using a jet ski was created using a green screen . The stunt came out at 90 degrees , but Sanjay Gandhvi wanted a 60 degrees jump . So , it was shot with a Super 35 , and hence the angle could be changed . Gandhvi discussed the use of technology in an interview :

We 've done animation and pre @-@ visualization for all the action sequences in Dhoom 2 and that is very important in terms of planning , cost effectiveness and also it 's a new way of preparing for shoot and the film specially which is as set on such a large canvas such as Dhoom 2 . In Dhoom 1 we had all the action sequences broken down and written . In this movie we had very big action sequences so we had all the scenes storyboarded and they would be checked , double checked and triple checked by myself , Alan Amin and Adi and we would then rectify if needed and that would be our level of planning .

= = Soundtrack = =

The soundtrack of Dhoom 2 was recorded at YRF Studios . The music was composed by Pritam with background score by Salim @-@ Sulaiman . The lyrics were penned by Sameer except " Dhoom Again " by Asif Ali Beg and " Crazy Kiya Re ? Remix " was remixed by Bunt Rajput . Although most of the song 's lyrics are primarily written in Hindi with some English , " Dhoom Again " is almost entirely in English . The soundtrack pulled average reviews from critics but higher praise from the public . It became the best selling Bollywood soundtrack of the year .

All music composed by Pritam .

= = Release = =

Dhoom 2 was released on 24 November 2006 in India , where it received the widest release in Indian cinema history at the time with over 1800 prints , including 250 digital copies . Some locations raised ticket prices for the film .

It was promoted with several tie @-@ ins . Coca @-@ Cola promoted the film as " Coke Uthale , Dhoom Machale " . India 's video game producing company FXLabs developed a game based on the film . Pepe Jeans sold Dhoom 2 @-@ related garments , including shirts , jeans , bandannas , caps , and metal accessories . Chetan Shah , the country head of Pepe Jeans London , stated : " Pepe Jeans is tremendously excited to be associated with the most awaited movie of the year Dhoom : 2 . The incredible starcast of Hrithik Roshan , Aishwarya Rai , Abhishek Bachchan , Bipasha Basu and Uday Chopra and the exciting and explosive content of the movie encapsulates everything that the Pepe Jeans brand stands for- young , cool , trendy , hip , fashionable and innovative .

### === Box office ===

In India , Dhoom 2 broke several box office records , mainly those for opening day and opening weekend grosses , including a first week of ₹ 66 million ( US \$ 980,000 ) in Mumbai and ₹ 179 million ( US \$ 2.7 million ) for all of India . In Mumbai , distributors received a profit of ₹ 94 million ( US \$ 1.4 million ) on the first week 's business . Box Office India awarded it a " blockbuster " rating after the film netted ₹ 803 million ( US \$ 12 million ) in India and grossed ₹ 1.5 billion ( US \$ 22 million ) worldwide on a budget of ₹ 350 million ( US \$ 5.2 million ) . It is currently the 13th highest grossing film in India ( unadjusted for inflation ) .

Dhoom 2 grossed US \$ 979,000 in North America in 63 theatres over its three day opening weekend ( \$ 1.3 million over four days ) , becoming the third largest opening weekend for a Bollywood film in North America . Overall , it was the seventeenth ranked film at the American box office . Box Office Mojo reports it earned a total of \$ 2,643,586 inside the United States and a total of \$ 29,752,841 in other countries , including India . In Dubai , it achieved the highest first day opening for a Bollywood film .

Dhoom 2 ranked sixth among opening weekends for international films at the United Kingdom box office with a gross ( average per screen ) of £ 8,151 . At the Australian box office , it had the twelfth highest opening and collected approximately A \$ 176,462 . It grossed approximately NZ \$ 51,453 on five screens in New Zealand . Dhoom 2 is estimated to have grossed US \$ 8,750,000 total in the overseas markets .

### === Reception ===

#### === India ===

In India , the film received mostly positive reviews from critics . Taran Adarsh of Bollywood Hungama gave 4.5 out of 5 stars , reporting " On the whole , Dhoom 2 is a winner all the way . For Yash Raj , who 've not only produced but also distributed the film , Dhoom 2 should emerge as one of the biggest hits of their career . " Rajesh Karkera of Rediff gave it three and a half stars out of five , calling it " A complete roller coaster ride which left me completely enthralled and exhausted . Sure , there are faults when you stop to think rationally . But that does not stop you from being dazzled by the film . " Rajeev Masand of CNN-IBN gave it a three star rating , saying that Dhoom 2 is without doubt better than its predecessor , and that Hrithik Roshan is the heart and soul of the film . Vijay Venkataramanan of Planet Bollywood gave it seven out of ten stars ; while complaining about flaws in the plot and Aishwarya Rai 's performance , he still called it a good adrenaline pumping entertainer .

#### === International ===

Review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes reported 83 % of six critics were positive and gave it a " fresh " certificate . Variety commented , " Loaded with enough attitude , Bollywood stardom and buff bodies to stop a speeding train , Dhoom 2 has been doing humongous biz since its November 24 worldwide opening , and provides adequate proof that Yash Raj Films is good for more than just family oriented comedy dramas . "

Rachel Saltz of The New York Times reviewed , " The pleasure principle is palpable in the giddy , slick Dhoom 2 , a satisfying example of the new , thoroughly modern Bollywood . It may represent the newfangled Bollywood , but old fashioned star power is what animates and elevates it above its occasional narrative flaws and longueurs . " Film Journal International 's Ethan Alter said , " Dhoom 2 has all of the benefits of a big budget Bollywood production : big name stars , exotic locales , well produced musical numbers and elaborate ( by Bollywood standards , anyway ) action sequences . It makes no lasting contributions to world cinema , but if two and a half hours of disposable entertainment are all you 're after , you could do far worse . "

L.A. Weekly 's David Chute stated the film was , " A movie meal as satisfying as this one can make you feel that nothing else matters . " Jaspreet Pandohar of the BBC gave it a two @-@ star rating , writing " By roping in acclaimed action director Alan Amin to take care of the thrills and spills , you 'd expect Gadhvi to have spent time crafting out a sophisticated storyline instead of simply sending his cast on a cat @-@ and @-@ mouse chase around the globe . It 's only Roshan 's charismatic performance as the criminal mastermind , and the sizzling chemistry he shares with Rai 's sassy cohort , that rescues this adventure from becoming an elongated tourism commercial . " Manish Gajjar , Bollywood Correspondent for BBC Shropshire said , " With its high @-@ powered action sequences matching Hollywood standards , Dhoom 2 is a winner all the way at the box office ! "

= = = Controversies = = =

The city of Mumbai 's police commissioner called for censoring of the fast @-@ paced rash driving scenes in the film due to fears that it would inspire Indian youths to ride their motorcycles rashly , resulting in an increase in the number of road accidents . Unlike the original , the robberies depicted in Dhoom 2 were not inspired by any real @-@ life crimes . Dhoom 2 , however , inspired the robbery of a man by his nephew , who wore clothing similar to Hrithik 's in the film while committing the crime .

= = Accolades = =

Dhoom 2 was nominated for several awards that year , but only picked up a few of the major ones . At the Filmfare Awards , Hrithik Roshan won the Best Actor , out of five total nominations for the film . At the International Indian Film Academy Awards ( IIFA ) , the film won for Best Makeup and the Best Costume Design . At the Stardust Awards , Aishwarya Rai won Star of the Year ? Female and director Sanjay Gadhvi won the Hottest Young Film Maker title .

At the 2007 MTV India Style Awards , however , Dhoom 2 swept nearly all of the movie awards , winning the following :

Most Stylish Film : Dhoom 2  
Most Stylish Actor ? Male : Hrithik Roshan  
Most Stylish Actor ? Female : Aishwarya Rai  
Most Stylish New Look : Hrithik Roshan  
Most Stylish Body : Hrithik Roshan  
Most Stylish Couple : Hrithik Roshan & Aishwarya Rai  
Most Stylish Song in A Film : Shiamak Davar ( choreographer )  
Most Stylish Bollywood Designer : Anaita Shroff Adajania

= = Home media = =

Dhoom 2 was released in DVD format on February 2007 . It was distributed by Yash Raj Films in all regions as a two @-@ disc set and for region 1 as a single @-@ disc set . It was released on Blu @-@ ray in December 2009 .

The film is also noteworthy because its soundtrack is the first in Indian cinema to be released in DVD @-@ Audio in addition to other audio formats . The tracks have been mixed in London in 5 @.@ 1 Surround Sound and audiophiles can choose the format from the audio menu . Four bonus tracks from other films are included , and the lyrics of all 10 tracks can be viewed on @-@ screen while the music is playing , enabling karaoke sing @-@ along .