

= Taapsee Pannu =

Taapsee Pannu ( born 1 August 1987 ) is an Indian model and actress , who mainly works in the South Indian film industry , though she has also appeared in Bollywood films . Taapsee worked as a software professional and also pursued a career in modelling before becoming an actress . During her modelling career , she appeared in a number of commercials and won titles such as " Pantaloons Femina Miss Fresh Face " and " Safi Femina Miss Beautiful Skin " in 2008 .

After a short stint with modelling , Taapsee made her acting debut with the 2010 Telugu film Jhummandi Naadam directed by Raghavendra Rao . Since then , she has appeared in a number of critically acclaimed films such as Aadukalam , Vastadu Naa Raju and Mr. Perfect . Her Tamil film Aadukalam won six National Film Awards at the 58th National Film Awards . She has also worked in a Malayalam film and has been signed on for three Telugu films and a Hindi film . She was awarded Most Enthusiastic Performer @-@ Female Award at the 2014 Edison Awards for her performance in Tamil film Arrambam ( 2013 ) . In 2015 , she starred in the critically and commercially successful film Baby .

= = Early life and modeling = =

Taapsee was born on 1 August 1987 in New Delhi into a Jat Sikh family . She has a sister named Shagun Pannu and plans to launch her into films as well . She did her schooling at the Mata Jai Kaur Public School in Ashok Vihar , Delhi . After completing her graduation in Computer Science Engineering from the Guru Tegh Bahadur Institute of Technology in New Delhi , she worked as a software engineer . She became a full @-@ time model after she auditioned and was selected for Channel V 's talent show Get Gorgeous , which eventually led her to acting . Taapsee has appeared in numerous print and television commercials and won several titles during her modelling days , including " Pantaloons Femina Miss Fresh Face " and " Safi Femina Miss Beautiful Skin " at the 2008 Femina Miss India contest . As a model , she endorsed brands like Reliance Trends , Red FM 93 @. @ 5 , UniStyle Image , Coca @-@ Cola , Motorola , Pantaloon , PVR Cinemas , Standard Chartered Bank , Dabur , Airtel , Tata Docomo , World Gold Council , Havells and Vardhman . She has also been featured on the cover of magazines Just For Women and MaaStars . After a few years , she lost interest in modelling as she thought that she could never gain proper recognition through modelling but only through films and finally , decided to act .

= = = 2010 ? 2015 : Debut in films = = =

Taapsee made her cinematic debut in 2010 with K. Raghavendra Rao 's romantic musical Jhummandi Naadam . She played the role of the daughter of a US @-@ based millionaire who comes to India to research traditional Telugu music . Taapsee got three more offers in Telugu prior to the film 's release . Her next film Aadukalam ( 2011 ) , marked her debut in Tamil cinema . She played the role of an Anglo @-@ Indian girl falling in love with a rural man played by Dhanush . The film , set in the backdrop of Madurai , revolves around cockfights . It was critically acclaimed and proceeded to win six National Film Awards at the 58th National Film Awards ceremony . Speaking about her role , a reviewer from Sify said , " Debutant Taapsee is a promising find and she suits the character of an Anglo @-@ Indian girl to the T. " She returned to the Telugu film industry with Vastadu Naa Raju ( 2011 ) opposite Vishnu Manchu . She made a foray into Malayalam cinema later that year , with Doubles ( 2011 ) opposite Mammooty and Nadiya Moidu . Paresh C Palicha of Rediff commented , " Taapsee Pannu as Saira Banu , whose entry into the scene becomes the bone of contention between the siblings , has nothing noteworthy to do " .

Taapsee played a short role in her next release , Mr. Perfect ( 2011 ) . In it , she acted alongside Prabhas and Kajal Aggarwal and the film was a moderate success . She starred in a high budget film titled Veera ( 2011 ) opposite Ravi Teja and Kajal Aggarwal , which received moderate reviews . She was next seen in her second Tamil film Vandhaan Vendraan that fetched mixed reviews and did not fare well at the box office . Her next film was Krishna Vamsi 's Mogudu where she acted as a

traditional Telugu girl opposite Gopichand and garnered critical acclaim for her performance . She worked on the Tamil ? Telugu bilingual Gundello Godari ? titled Maranthen Mannithen in Tamil ? apart from Daruvu and Shadow . She also made her Bollywood debut through Chashme Baddoor where she shares the screen with Siddharth , Rishi Kapoor , Divyendu Sharma and Ali Zafar . The film is a remake of the 1981 film with the same title . Taapsee was also approached to dub the voice of Hollywood actress Katee Sackhoff in the Tamil , Telugu and Hindi versions of the science fiction film Riddick , but declined the offer due to her prior commitments . In later 2013 , she was seen in the big budget action thriller Arrambam co @-@ starring Ajith Kumar and Arya . She was awarded Most Enthusiastic Performer @-@ Female Award at the 2014 Edison Awards for her performance in the film .

After a year without releases , she starred opposite Akshay Kumar in Neeraj Pandey 's film Baby ( 2015 ) , as an undercover agent . Later , she had two Tamil releases , the horror comedy Muni 3 opposite Raghava Lawrence and Aishwarya R. Dhanush 's Vai Raja Vai , which featured her in special appearance . Her upcoming films include the Hindi films Running Shaadi.com alongside Amit Sadh , and Agra Ka Daabraa by Amit Roy and a Tamil film to be directed by Selvaraghavan .

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After finishing Baby , Taapsee joined Shoojit Sircar 's next film , titled Pink , and the bilingual submarine film Ghazi , to be directed by debutant Sankalp . She is also working in Prakash Raj ? s Hindi directorial debut Tadka Which also stars Shriya Saran , Nana Patekar and Ali Fazal .

= = Personal life = =

When asked in January 2015 about her personal relationships , Taapsee said , " I have dated a South Indian . Also I have never dated a star and will never date one and that I can write and give you on a stamp paper . I am clear that there can be only one star in the relationship and that 's me . I personally don 't think it can work out between an actor and an actress . "

= = Filmography = =