

= Kuch Kuch Hota Hai =

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai (English : Something Happens) also known as KKHH , is an Indian Hindi coming @-@ of @-@ age romantic comedy drama film , released in India and the United Kingdom on 16 October 1998 . It was written and directed by Karan Johar , and starred the popular on @-@ screen pair of Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol in their fourth film together . Rani Mukerji featured in a supporting role , while Salman Khan had an extended guest appearance .

Filmed in India , Mauritius , and Scotland , this was Karan Johar 's directorial debut . One of his goals for the film was to set a new level for style in Hindi cinema . The plot combines two love triangles set years apart . The first half covers friends on a college campus , while the second tells the story of a widower 's young daughter who tries to reunite her dad with his old friend .

The film was extremely successful in India and abroad , becoming the highest @-@ grossing Indian film of the year and the third highest @-@ grossing Indian film ever behind Hum Aapke Hain Koun .. ! and Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge . The film was also the first Bollywood film to enter the UK cinema top ten . Outside India , the film was the highest grossing Hindi film ever until its record was broken by Karan 's next directorial , Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham ... (2001) . Kuch Kuch Hota Hai received a positive reception from critics , with special praise directed to Kajol 's performance . The soundtrack also became the biggest seller of the year . The film won many major awards including the National Film Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment and the " Best Film " honor at the Filmfare Awards , Zee Cine Awards , Screen Awards , and Bollywood Movie Awards . The film won 8 Filmfare Awards and is the only film in history to win all the four acting category awards at the ceremony . The film remains highly popular on Indian television and has achieved a cult classic status .

= = Plot = =

The film starts with Rahul (Shah Rukh Khan) standing near a fire mourning the loss of his wife Tina (Rani Mukerji) . A series of flashbacks is then shown with Rahul & Tina 's marriage , their honeymoon , Tina pregnant with her baby girl and , in a year of marriage , Tina gives birth to the baby girl . Tina was told that she would have complications in her pregnancy earlier but decided not to tell Rahul as she knew how much he wanted the child . Tina , who also loved the baby more than her life , has little time left , so she had previously written eight letters to her daughter (one for each of her first eight birthdays) and gives them to Rahul 's mother (Farida Jalal) so that she will know her mother . Before dying , Tina asks Rahul to promise her to name their daughter Anjali .

Eight years pass , and Rahul is a single parent living with his daughter Anjali Khanna (Sana Saeed) and loving mother . On her eighth birthday , little Anjali reads the last and most important letter that her mother left her ; it tells the story of how Rahul met Tina .

We are then taken back in time : Rahul Khanna and Anjali Sharma (Kajol) were best friends in St. Xavier 's College . The college principal Mr. Malhotra (Anupam Kher) had a beautiful daughter Tina , who came to St. Xavier 's from London to finish her degree . She became friends with both Rahul and Anjali . When Anjali realized that she was in love with Rahul , she was encouraged by her motherly guardian Rifat Bi (Himani Shivpuri) to tell him so . Instead , Anjali was left heartbroken when Rahul told her that he loved Tina . Anjali decided to leave college and shared a tearful goodbye with Rahul , going away from Rahul and Tina 's lives forever . Tina then realized that she came between two best friends . Back in the present , Tina explains in her letter that Rahul always said that love is friendship , and without friendship there can be no love . Rahul is a single parent and lacks a friend in his life , so Tina gives her daughter the mission of reuniting Rahul with Anjali Sharma and bringing back Rahul 's lost love .

The next day , Rahul , little Anjali and his mom head to Faridabad where they meet Mr. Malhotra for Tina 's death anniversary . Anjali Sharma is no longer the tomboy she was in college ; she is now more feminine , and is engaged to Aman Mehra (Salman Khan) , an NRI living in London . However , she explains to her mother (Reema Lagoo) that she does not really love him and is marrying him as a compromise as she feels she can never love again after losing Rahul . Aman also

suspects that she does not really love him . Anjali Khanna and her grandmother search for Anjali Sharma and soon learn that she is going to be working at a summer camp . Rahul tells Anjali that she is not going to summer camp and heads to a conference , only to find out that his mom and daughter went without telling him but Anjali left a letter . They travel there , with a plan to later lure Rahul to come as well , and the two Anjalis meet each other . One night while watching television , Anjali Sharma realizes she has met her best friend 's daughter , and that Tina is dead . Rahul soon arrives at Camp Sunshine when his daughter Anjali fakes a cough , where he and Anjali Sharma are surprised and delighted to see each other again , sharing a sweet reunion . Throughout the days spent at the camp , Rahul and Anjali feel themselves falling in love . However , Anjali remembers that she is engaged and feels guilty . Aman arrives and tells Rahul that he is Anjali 's fiancée . Rahul is heartbroken but congratulates Anjali . She takes this as him rejecting her again , so she leaves summer camp and decides to get married to Aman as soon as possible .

After seeing Tina in a vision , Rahul and his family go to Anjali 's wedding , where Rahul silently confesses to Anjali that he loves her , and watches in tears as she is brought forth for the wedding . Realizing this , Anjali is hesitant to go on with the marriage , and stands weeping . Aman notices the tears in her eyes and realizes that she has always been in love with Rahul . He releases Anjali from the engagement and tells her to marry Rahul . Rahul and Anjali have an emotional hug and as the two marry , little Anjali sees a vision of Tina , who is smiling and giving her the thumbs up .

= = Cast = =

Shah Rukh Khan as Rahul Khanna : A student at St. Xavier 's college and Anjali Sharma 's best friend . He falls in love with Tina Malhotra and marries her and they give birth to a baby girl and name her ' Anjali ' Khanna .

Kajol as Anjali Sharma : The tomboy girl in college and the best friend of Rahul , who secretly loves Rahul so much and afraid of telling him .

Rani Mukerji as Tina Malhotra : The principal 's daughter , the prettiest girl in the college , feminine , sophisticated , an alumna from Oxford University . She falls in love with Rahul and marries him , having a daughter with him , but has always felt guilty for coming between Anjali and Rahul . She passes away after giving birth to her child Anjali Khanna .

Sana Saeed as Anjali Khanna : Named after Anjali Sharma by Tina , she is Rahul and Tina 's daughter and matchmaker between her father and his old friend Anjali .

Salman Khan as Aman Mehra : Anjali Sharma 's fiancé .

Farida Jalal as Mrs. Khanna : Rahul 's mother .

Anupam Kher as Principal Malhotra : Tina 's father . He is slightly infatuated with Ms. Briganza .

Archana Puran Singh as Ms. Briganza : A showy flirtious English teacher . She constantly flirts with Principal Malhotra .

Reema Lagoo as Mrs. Sharma : She is Anjali Sharma 's mother and has doubts about her daughter 's motives for marrying Aman .

Himani Shivpuri as Rifat Bi : St. Xavier 's girl 's hostel housekeeper .

Johnny Lever as Col. Almeida : The manager of Camp Sunshine .

Parzan Dastur as Silent Sardarji : A Sikh boy at Camp Sunshine that doesn 't talk but asks Anjali Sharma when she is leaving summer camp and tells her not to go in Punjabi . He loves Anjali Khanna .

Neelam Kothari as Neelam in a special appearance : She is the host of The Neelam Show .

Nikhil Advani in a special appearance

Farah Khan in a special appearance as the new girlfriend of Nikhil Advani

Geeta Kapoor in a special appearance in the song " Tujhe Yaad Na Meri Aayee "

= = Production = =

= = = Story = = =

After the experience of assisting and acting in his cousin Aditya Chopra 's directorial debut , the romance film Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge , Karan Johar was encouraged to try his own hand at directing . With Kuch Kuch Hota Hai , he chose to pair up the same lead actors , Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol , for his own romance film . During the filming of Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge , Khan had also encouraged Johar to make his own film , and said that he would be willing to star in it .

Johar first wrote a story , which was a love triangle between a tomboy , a very pretty girl and a slightly insensitive boy , but he shelved the idea because he was not very satisfied with it . Then he wrote another plot about a widower and his child , which he shelved as well . Eventually he decided to merge the two stories into one . He explained in an interview with Rediff.com : " It was about the trauma of a widower and his little child . How the child really wants a mother and how she brings her mother into her father 's life . Then I thought : Why not bring a youth aspect to the story ? Why not a flashback ? That 's how the story got made . " The story also includes a " personal desires vs. parental loyalties " theme , and has some " East meets West " themes , but instead of the characters going abroad , it creates a virtual West inside India .

= = = Development = = =

Karan Johar was certain from the beginning that he wanted to cast Shah Rukh Khan in the lead role , having observed him during the making of Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge . It took longer to fill the role of Tina . The role was written with Twinkle Khanna in mind , but she turned it down . Other actresses such as Tabu , Shilpa Shetty , Urmila Matondkar , Aishwarya Rai , Raveena Tandon and Karisma Kapoor were offered the role but also turned it down . Rani Mukerji , without being asked , read the script and volunteered for the part , which gave a boost to her career . Saif Ali Khan , Ajay Devgan and Chandrachur Singh were initially offered the role of Aman , but they all turned it down , thus prompting Johar to rope in Salman Khan .

Johar , who is also a costume designer , wanted to set a new level for style in Hindi cinema with this film . He and his friend Manish Malhotra , the film 's costume designer , made trips to London for costumes , much to the chagrin of his father and producer Yash Johar , who was concerned about the budget . Many of the costumes in the film prominently displayed logos from designers such as DKNY and Polo . In addition to the designer fashions , Johar also created a somewhat fantastical world where the students speak Hinglish and enjoy a pristine college campus , where there is no crime or hate , and traditional Hindu values are pervasive . Johar admitted that the look and feel of the college scenes in the film were patterned after Beverly Hills 90210 , saying , " The art , the costumes , tilt toward the West , but the soul of the film is Indian . " He hired Sharmishta Roy as art director , and told her to produce something similar to Riverdale High School of the Archie Comics , with some 90210 influence as well . Johar said of the outcome , " If you see KKH , Shahrukh plays Archie , Rani Mukherji plays Veronica , and Kajol played Bettie . It was exactly that . And the principal looked like Weatherbee , and Ms. Grundy was Archana Puran Singh . " Johar also hired Farah Khan to do the choreography , Jatin @-@ Lalit to provide the music , Santosh Thundiyil as cinematographer , and Nikhil Advani as his associate director . Shabina Khan assisted Manish Malhotra with costume design .

= = = Filming = = =

Filming began on 21 October 1997 . The crew was young and inexperienced to the point where Shah Rukh Khan had to explain basic technicalities of filming . Khan later said , " Karan makes no bones of the fact that his technical knowledge of filmmaking was not at its peak when he made the biggest hit of the decade . " The entire film was shot in nine and half months with a substantial part of it shot in Mauritius . The title song was filmed over a ten @-@ day period. in several picturesque locations in Scotland , including Eilean Donan , Glen Coe , Loch Lomond and Tantallon Castle with the nearby Bass Rock as a backdrop in one scene .

During the bicycle sequence in the " Yeh Ladka Hai Deewana " song , Kajol lost control of her bike ,

fell flat on her face and was knocked unconscious while also injuring her knee . During the promotional Making of Kuch Kuch Hota Hai TV special , Kajol stated that the accident was her most memorable part of shooting the film because she doesn 't remember it . During preparation for the reunion scene where the two leads met after more than 8 years apart , the director told them to improvise and rehearse the reactions that they might use , but he secretly taped them , and was so pleased with the result that it was put into the film .

= = Soundtrack = =

The Kuch Kuch Hota Hai soundtrack was composed by Jatin @-@ Lalit and the lyrics were penned by Sameer . It was released by the Sony Music label on 13 August 1998 . Mukul Deshpande of Planet Bollywood rated the soundtrack 8 @.@ 5 out of 10 stars although he did not like all of the songs . The album became the best selling Bollywood soundtrack of the year . The title song remained on the Indian music charts for over a year , and the album peaked at number 2 on the Malaysian albums chart (RIM) in 1999 . In 2012 it was voted as the most popular film song of the previous decade by NDTV . The full soundtrack came in second place in a similar poll conducted by the BBC .

= = Release = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

While comparing the film to Dil To Pagal Hai of 1997 , Nikhat Kazmi of The Times of India gave Kuch Kuch Hota Hai 3 @.@ 5 out of 5 stars . She especially liked the performance of Kajol , and thought that the film would appeal to young and romantic viewers primarily for its " MTV ambiance " and " Valentine Day flavours " . On the negative side , she said " The second half however gets drowned in a sea of emotions . Too many people begin to cry a bit too much . " Anish Khanna of Planet Bollywood rated the film 9 @.@ 5 out of 10 stars , calling it " pure escapist cinema at its best . " He praised the cinematography , choreography , set decoration , and also raved over Kajol 's performance , along with her onscreen chemistry with Shah Rukh Khan . Overall , he said " Karan Johar makes an impressive directorial debut , has a good script sense , and knows how to make a film with S @-@ T @-@ Y @-@ L @-@ E . " In contrast to these views , the reaction of Sujata C J , writing for Rediff.com , was that the film was very disappointing , with many cliches and a bad story line , though Santosh Thundiyil and Sharmishta Roy were praised for their camerawork and art direction , respectively . Nandita Chowdhury in a review for India Today , said that Karan Johar was almost able to rekindle the Khan @-@ Kajol magic of Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge , and that overall the film was " a good distraction " .

= = = Box office = = =

There were great expectations for Kuch Kuch Hota Hai leading up to its premiere , because it re @-@ united the Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge team of Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol , and specifically concerning the debut of Karan Johar , whether he would be in the same league as Aditya Chopra as a first @-@ time writer / director .

The film grossed ₹ 80 @.@ 12 crore (US \$ 12 million) in India and \$ 6 @.@ 3 million (₹ 26 @.@ 61 crore) in other countries , for a worldwide total of ₹ 1 @.@ 06 billion (US \$ 16 million) , against its ₹ 10 crore (US \$ 1 @.@ 5 million) budget , and became the third film to gross over ₹ 1 billion (US \$ 15 million) worldwide after Hum Aapke Hain Koun .. ! and Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge . It had a worldwide opening weekend of ₹ 8 @.@ 06 crore (US \$ 1 @.@ 2 million) , and grossed ₹ 15 @.@ 13 crore (US \$ 2 @.@ 2 million) in its first week . It is the highest @-@ grossing film of 1998 worldwide .

===== India =====

It opened on Friday , 16 October 1998 , across 240 screens , along with *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* and earned ₹ 87 lakh (US \$ 130 @, @ 000) nett on its opening day . It grossed ₹ 2 @. @ 74 crore (US \$ 410 @, @ 000) nett in its opening weekend , and went on to record the second highest first week of the year with collections around ₹ 5 @. @ 64 crore (US \$ 840 @, @ 000) nett after *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* which grossed ₹ 6 @. @ 33 crore (US \$ 940 @, @ 000) nett . The film earned a total of ₹ 46 @. @ 86 crore (US \$ 7 @. @ 0 million) nett , plus a distributor share of ₹ 29 @. @ 88 crore (US \$ 4 @. @ 4 million) , and was declared " All Time Blockbuster " by Box Office India . It is the highest @-@ grossing film of 1998 in India .

===== Overseas =====

It had an opening weekend of \$ 800 @, @ 000 (₹ 3 @. @ 38 crore) and went on to gross \$ 1 @. @ 3 million (₹ 5 @. @ 49 crore) in its first week . It became the first film to cross \$ 5 million mark outside India , and became the highest grosser ever that time . The film earned a total of \$ 6 @. @ 3 million (₹ 26 @. @ 61 crore) at the end of its theatrical run . It became the second Bollywood film to break into the UK cinema top 10 after *Dil Se ..* which released the same year . It was a bigger box office success than *Titanic* when it was screened in Indonesia . Overseas , It is the highest @-@ grossing film of 1998 .

===== Accolades =====

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai won many awards , including sweeping all the major categories at the year 's Filmfare Awards , held on 21 February 1999 . It was the third film to win the four major awards (Best Film , Best Director , Best Actor and Best Actress) at Filmfare . Others include *Guide* (1966) , *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge* (1995) (also starring Shahrukh Khan and Kajol) , *Devdas* (2002) and *Black* (2005) .

===== Post @-@ release =====

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai was the subject of reviews and critical analysis following its initial release . Fuad Omar called it a phenomenal debut for director Karan Johar ; he said that the film has a memorable " feelgood factor " . Subhash K Jha called the film " a simple stylish , sensuous and ambrosial love story , " further adding that the chemistry between the lead pair was unbeatable . A reviewer for *Timeout Film Guide* , while commenting that the second love triangle went on too long , liked most of the film , saying that " its performances , camerawork , storytelling and extensive musical numbers [are] all energetically colourful . " In 2004 , Meor Shariman of *The Malay Mail* called the film a " must watch " for Bollywood fans , and also for those seeking an introduction to Bollywood . The film has also been criticized for creating unreal worlds and characters , to which Johar has said that this was part of his vision of escapism .

A few years after its release , Sony purchased satellite rights for the film for ₹ 4 crore . The film was also released on VHS , DVD , and eventually Blu @-@ ray . Now *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* , along with Johar 's second film *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham ...* , often play on television to consistently high ratings . Johar said , " It 's gratifying to know that they 've aged well and passed the test of time . " One of the best examples of the iconic status of *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* was the 2012 film *Shirin Farhad Ki Toh Nikal Padi* . Farah Khan and Boman Irani re @-@ created scenes and characters from *KKHH* for posters to promote their film , and also paid homage in one of the songs , " *Ramba Mein Samba* " . In 2010 , *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* was selected by Time as one of their " Five Essential Bollywood movies to Netflix " .

Koochie Koochie Hota Hai is an animated remake of the original , directed by Tarun Mansukhani . Shahrukh Khan , Kajol , Rani Mukherjee , Anupam Kher are reprising their roles as Rahul aka Rocky , Anjali aka Angie , Tina , and the Principal . New cast members include Uday Chopra , Ritesh

Deshmukh , Sanjay Dutt and Simi Garewal . The story will have an anthropomorphic animal cast . As of October 2012 , Karan Johar has placed the project on permanent hold . He said , " Animation films are not working nowadays , so as of now I have kept it on stand @-@ by . "