

= Anushka Sharma =

Anushka Sharma (pronounced [ʌˈnʊʃkə ʃərma] ; born 1 May 1988) is an Indian film actress and producer . She has established a career in Hindi cinema , and is one of the most popular actresses in India . She has received one Filmfare Award from six nominations .

Born in Ayodhya and raised in Bangalore , Sharma had her first modelling assignment for the fashion designer Wendell Rodricks in 2007 and later moved to Mumbai to pursue a full @-@ time career as a model . Following an audition at Yash Raj Films , she made her screen debut opposite Shah Rukh Khan in Aditya Chopra 's Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi (2008) , for which she received her first Filmfare Award for Best Actress nomination . The sleeper hit Band Baaja Baaraat (2010) marked a turning point in her career , earning her praise and several accolades .

In 2012 , Sharma won the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress for portraying a documentary filmmaker in the Yash Chopra @-@ directed romance Jab Tak Hai Jaan . She had her biggest commercial successes with the roles of a television reporter in the fantasy drama PK (2014) and a wrestler in the sports drama Sultan (2016) , both of which rank among the highest @-@ grossing Indian film of all time . In 2015 , she starred and co @-@ produced the crime thriller NH10 , which garnered her critical acclaim , and appeared alongside an ensemble cast in the comedy @-@ drama Dil Dhadakne Do , both of which earned her the Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress nominations at Filmfare .

In addition to acting in films , Sharma is the ambassador for multiple brands and has an active social media presence . She also supports multiple charities and causes , including gender equality and animal rights . She and her brother are the founders of the production company Clean Slate Films .

= = Early life and modelling career = =

Sharma was born on 1 May 1988 in Ayodhya , Uttar Pradesh . Her father , Colonel Ajay Kumar Sharma , is an army officer , and her mother , Ashima Sharma , is a homemaker . Her father is a native of Uttar Pradesh , while her mother is a Garhwali . She has an elder brother , Karnesh Sharma , who is in the Merchant Navy . Prior to joining the Merchant Navy , Karnesh played for the under @-@ 19 Bangalore Ranji cricket team . Sharma has stated that being a military brat played an important role in shaping her as a person and contributing to her life . In an interview with The Times of India in 2012 , she said , " I take pride in saying that I am an army officer 's daughter even more than being an actor . "

Sharma was raised in Bangalore . She was educated at the Army School there , and received a degree in arts from Mount Carmel College . Sharma originally intended to pursue a career in modelling or journalism , and had no aspirations to be an actress . After graduation , she moved to Mumbai to further her modelling career . She enrolled herself at Elite Model Management , and was groomed by style consultant Prasad Bidapa . She began her modelling at the Lakme Fashion Week as a model for Wendell Rodricks 's Les Vamps Show and was picked to be Rodricks 's finale model at the Spring Summer 2007 Collection . Since then she has done campaigns for the brands Silk & Shine , Whisper , Nathella Jewelry and Fiat Palio . Sharma later said , " I think I was born to emote and act . I would walk down the ramp and smile and they used to say , ? give us a blank look . ? It was really difficult , not to smile " .

= = Film career = =

= = = Film debut and breakthrough (2008 ? 10) = = =

Sharma 's acting debut was in Aditya Chopra 's Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi (2008) , opposite Shah Rukh Khan . She took a day to prepare for her screen test at the Yash Raj Films studio and refused to do an impromptu one . She landed the leading role of Tani Sahni , a young bride to a middle @-@

aged man , portrayed by Khan . Giving the film a three @-@ and @-@ half star rating , Khalid Mohamed called her " assured and upright " , while Nikhat Kazmi wrote about Sharma 's performance that she " lacks all chutzpah and can barely hold your attention " . The film received positive reviews and was a major commercial success , emerging as the second @-@ highest grossing Hindi film of that year . It earned her the Filmfare Awards nomination for Best Actress and Best Female Debut .

Two years later , Sharma played the leading lady in the crime @-@ comedy Badmaash Company , directed by Parmeet Sethi and co @-@ starring Shahid Kapoor , Vir Das and Meiyang Chang . The film , dealing with four underachieving friends who begin a scam business enterprise , met with mixed reviews . Later in 2010 , Sharma completed her three @-@ film contract with Yash Raj Films by starring in Band Baaja Baaraat , a romantic comedy directed by Maneesh Sharma and co @-@ starring debutant Ranveer Singh . Her role was that of Shruti Kakkar , an ambitious middle @-@ class Punjabi girl who starts her own wedding planning business . In preparation for the part , Sharma learned to speak in the Punjabi dialect , which she cited as the toughest part of her role ; she described the way the lead characters in the film interact as " crude but cute " which required her to " talk fast , sometimes mix words and even omit words completely " .

Trade analysts expressed doubt on Band Baaja Baaraat 's financial prospect , citing the middling response to Yash Raj Films ' last few productions , the lack of a male star , and saying that by then Sharma was an " almost @-@ forgotten " actress . However , Band Baaja Baaraat earned positive reviews and emerged a sleeper hit . The film grossed approximately ? 214 @. @ 4 million after five weeks , making it a moderate box office success . Sharma 's performance was praised by critics , many of whom cited it as her best work up to date . Film critic Anupama Chopra praised Sharma and said that she " comes into her own as the ambitious Delhi girl , who dreams of upgrading to multi @-@ crore Sainik Farms weddings " . For her work in the film , Sharma received her second nomination for the Filmfare Award for Best Actress .

= = = Rise to prominence (2011 ? 14) = = =

Sharma 's first venture outside of the Yash Raj banner was the drama Patiala House (2011) directed by Nikhil Advani and co @-@ starring Akshay Kumar . The film tells the story of a budding cricketer (played by Kumar) who encounters trouble in convincing his father of his profession ; Sharma was cast as the love interest of Kumar 's character . Sukanya Verma of Rediff.com praised Sharma 's work and labelled her a " metaphor for energy " . The same year , she re @-@ united with her Band Baaja Baarat co @-@ star Ranveer Singh and director Maneesh Sharma for the comedy @-@ drama Ladies vs Ricky Bahl , produced by Yash Raj Films . She featured as Ishika Desai , a salesgirl hired to outwit a conman (essayed by Singh) , who ends up falling in love with him instead . The film and Sharma 's performance received mixed reviews , with Piyali Dasgupta of NDTV calling her " believable but not endearing " . Despite mixed reviews , the film was a moderate success at the box office .

In 2012 , Sharma played a supporting role alongside Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif in Yash Chopra 's " swan song " , the romance Jab Tak Hai Jaan , which marked her fifth collaboration with Yash Raj Films and her second with Khan . She was cast as Akira Rai , a Discovery Channel reporter who harbours an ambition of making documentary films . CNN @-@ IBN 's Rajeev Masand wrote that Sharma " brings a spark to the film " , however , Raja Sen disagreed and said that " while Anushka can indeed play spunky , she needed here to tone it down several notches " . For her role , she won the Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actress . Jab Tak Hai Jaan went on to become the third highest @-@ grossing Bollywood film of 2012 .

Sharma then appeared in Vishal Bhardwaj 's Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola (2013) , a political satire set in a village in Haryana . Co @-@ starring alongside Pankaj Kapur , Imran Khan and Shabana Azmi , Sharma played the titular role of Bijlee Mandola , a strong @-@ headed girl who engages in a romantic affair with Khan 's character despite being engaged to another man . The film received positive to mixed reviews from critics , and underperformed at the box office . Several critics noted that Sharma was being stereotyped as a loud and loquacious girl ; Raja Sen noted that she " is

great in a couple of scenes near the climax , " though Kanika Sikka of Daily News and Analysis was more critical and found her " unconvincing " . The following year , she portrayed Jagat " Jaggu " Janini , a television journalist who befriends an alien (played by Aamir Khan) , in Rajkumar Hirani 's religious satire PK . Critic Saibal Chatterjee wrote that Sharma plays " a feisty poetry @-@ loving girl who knows her mind far more than most Hindi film heroines are allowed to " and praised her for " hold [ing] her own " against Khan . The film garnered critical acclaim and emerged as the highest @-@ grossing Bollywood film with a worldwide revenue of over ? 7 billion (US \$ 100 million) .

= = = Professional expansion (2015 ? present) = = =

In 2014 , Sharma established her own production company named Clean Slate Films , who 's first release was Navdeep Singh 's thriller NH10 (2015) , in which she also played the lead role . Screened at the 5th Beijing International Film Festival , the film tells the story of a married couple whose lives are endangered after an encounter with a group of criminals . In preparation for the role , Sharma underwent interval training for three months in order to build stamina and remain fit . Writing for NDTV , critic Saibal Chatterjee found the film to be a " taut and riveting thriller " and praised Sharma for " conveying a range of moods as she moves from the vulnerable to the fearless in a battle in which the odds are stacked heavily against her " , and Prarthana Sarkar of International Business Times credited her for " breaking the ' Miss Bubbly ' stereotype " . The film also emerged as a box office success .

In Anurag Kashyap 's period crime drama Bombay Velvet (2015) , (based on the historian Gyan Prakash 's book Mumbai Fables) co @-@ starring Ranbir Kapoor and Karan Johar , Sharma was cast in the role of a jazz singer , Rosie Noronha . Her character was referenced from yesteryear stars like Brigitte Bardot , Helen and Waheeda Rehman . As part of her preparation , Sharma watched a lot of films of the 1950s and 1960s , as well as a documentary showing the development of hair and make @-@ up over the years . She also revealed to have used temporary lip enhancers as a part of her make up in the film , citing it as the reason behind her changed appearance on a chat show in 2014 , and refuting media speculations about her having undergone plastic surgery .

Bombay Velvet was screened at the Locarno and Bucheon film festivals , but critical reviews on it were mixed . Writing for Business Standard , Ritika Bhatia praised Sharma 's performance in the song " Dhadaam Dhadaam " : " she fills the stage with such raw emotion that her mascara @-@ laden tears and fake eyelashes flutter with arresting passion " . However , the film proved to be a box office failure , failing to recover its ? 1 @.@ 2 billion (US \$ 18 million) investment . The same year , she featured in a supporting role of a dancer aboard a cruise ship in Zoya Akhtar 's Dil Dhadakne Do , an ensemble comedy @-@ drama starring Anil Kapoor , Shefali Shah , Priyanka Chopra , Ranveer Singh and Farhan Akhtar . The song " Pehli Baar " in the film was choreographed by her and Singh ; Shilpa Jamkhedkar of Reuters praised their on @-@ screen chemistry and described it as " crackling " . Her performances in NH10 and Dil Dhadakne Do earned her Filmfare Award nominations for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress , respectively .

Sharma next reunited with Yash Raj Films in Sultan (2016) , a romantic sports drama from the writer @-@ director Ali Abbas Zafar . She took on the role of Aarfa Hussain , a wrestler from Haryana who inspires the title character (played by Salman Khan) to take up the sport . Sharma was initially hesitant about the role as she did not have the physique of a wrestler , and researched on different weight categories to " beat people 's perception that all wrestlers are huge . " She was trained for six weeks in the sport , learned to speak the Haryanvi dialect and also interacted with female wrestlers from the state . The film , as well as her performance received mixed to positive reviews . Critics were appreciative of her substantial role in an androcentric film ; Filmfare 's Rachit Gupta described Sharma as " the best thing in the film " and noted that [e] ven though she doesn 't have the physique of a wrestler , her spirited performance makes you believe in her tough but emotional character . " However , Suprateek Chatterjee of The Huffington Post felt that she was unconvincing as a wrestler , writing that " she possesses literally zero muscles and somehow always finds the time to get her make @-@ up just right . ? With earnings of over ? 5 billion (US \$ 74 million) worldwide , Sultan ranks among Indian cinema 's biggest grossers .

== == Upcoming projects == ==

As of July 2016 , Sharma has completed work on her next production venture entitled Phillauri , a romantic comedy featuring Sharma alongside Diljit Dosanjh and Suraj Sharma . She is also filming for Karan Johar 's romantic drama Ae Dil Hai Mushkil , co -starring Ranbir Kapoor and Aishwarya Rai . Sharma has confirmed that she will be a part of Imtiaz Ali 's next film , which will mark her third collaboration with Shah Rukh Khan .

== Personal life and off -screen work ==

As of September 2014 , Sharma is pursuing a Master of Economics degree through correspondence . She started practising vegetarianism in 2015 . The Times of India has listed her as one of " Bollywood 's hottest vegetarian celebrities " . She was also named as the " hottest vegetarian of 2015 " by PETA . She is an avid practitioner of Transcendental Meditation . Sharma has confessed to being a victim of anxiety disorder and seeking treatment for it . As of September 2015 , Sharma is in a relationship with cricketer Virat Kohli . Their relationship has attracted substantial media coverage in India , though she is reluctant to openly talk about it .

In September 2013 , Sharma participated and walked the ramp in a fashion show that was held in memory of the late filmmaker , Yash Chopra . She participated in the opening ceremony of the 2015 Indian Premier League held at Kolkata , along with other celebrities including Hrithik Roshan , Shahid Kapoor , Saif Ali Khan , Farhan Akhtar and composer Pritam .

Apart from acting , Sharma supports a number of charities and causes . She walked the ramp to support Shabana Azmi 's Mijwan Welfare Society , an NGO that helps empower women . In 2013 , alongside other Bollywood actors , she pledged to support the education of India 's young girls as part of NDTV 's " Our Girls , Our Pride " fundraiser . That same year , she appeared alongside other celebrities in a commercial , produced by the National Film Development Corporation of India , to create awareness about the ' Right to Education ' for children . In December 2014 , Sharma auctioned the leather jacket she wore in Jab Tak Hai Jaan on eBay , with proceeds going to the redevelopment of the flood -ravaged states of Kashmir and Assam . Sharma had also fronted a campaign to collect donations for the victims of the April 2015 Nepal earthquake . She supports the annual Mumbai Film Festival , and donated money in its cause in 2015 . Sharma has been vocal about the disparity in the pay that actresses command , in comparison with their male counterparts in the film industry . In 2016 , she supported India 's first transgender band , the 6 -Pack Band (initiated by Y -Films) , by providing a voice over in their first single , " Hum Hain Happy . "

Sharma has also spoken up for animal rights on social media . In April 2014 , she took to Twitter to ask for a ban on horse -drawn carriages in Mumbai . In June 2015 , she condemned the Yulin Dog Meat Festival in China , and urged her fans to sign an online petition aimed at stopping it . In October 2015 , she launched ' Pawsitivity ' , a campaign aimed at sensitising people about the adverse effects of noise , air , water and soil pollution on animals . She said , " Animals make the world a better place and it is our responsibility to be sensitive towards them as they don 't have a voice . "

== Media image ==

Priya Gupta of The Times of India has said that " the best part of [Sharma 's] stardom is that she does not have the trappings of a star . " Kalpana Nair of Firstpost stated : " actresses like Sharma command the respect they do in a largely conservative and male -dominated industry and the fact that their fan base grows when they take on roles that are not conventional is good reason for us to beam widely and walk with a spring in our step " . Samar Srivastava , writing for Forbes , called her " unafraid " , and added : " you would be hard -pressed to associate Sharma with the stereotype of a mainstream leading lady . " The Times of India published that " .. she never shies away from putting [her opinion] across . "

Sharma featured on Rediff.com 's list of " Bollywood 's Best Actors " for Band Baaja Baaraat (2010) , and NH10 (2015) . She was also featured in their list of " Bollywood 's Best Dressed Actresses " in 2012 ? 13 . She held the fifth position on The Times of India 's listing of the " Most Desirable Woman " in 2011 . In 2012 , she appeared in the Forbes Celebrity 100 , a list based on income and popularity of India 's celebrities . She remained in the top fifty spots for three consecutive years , listed at the thirty @-@ sixth spot in 2012 , the thirty @-@ first spot in 2013 , and the forty @-@ second spot in 2014 . In 2015 , she was ranked nineteenth with an estimated annual earning of ? 26 @.@ 83 crore (US \$ 4 @.@ 0 million) , making her one of the highest paid actresses in the country . Sharma maintains a Twitter account and has an official Facebook page . She is cited as one of the most popular Indian celebrities on social media . In 2015 , She appeared on The Huffington Post 's list of " 100 most influential women on Twitter " . The same year , she also topped the Times Celebex list of Bollywood stars , in terms of highest box @-@ office collection . In 2016 , she featured on The Times of India ' s ' Most Engaging on Twitter ' list of Hindi film actors . Filmfare magazine 's fashion poll of 2015 voted her as being " Amazing with Androgyny " and said that " ... [she] has carved a niche for her easy breezy high street style . " She also featured on Verve magazine 's " Best Dressed 2015 " list .

Sharma is a celebrity endorser for various brands and products , including TVS Scooty , Nivea , Elle 18 cosmetics , Bru coffee and Pantene .

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