

= Dabangg =

Dabangg (English : Fearless) is a 2010 Indian action film directed by Abhinav Kashyap , and produced by Arbaaz Khan under Arbaaz Khan Productions . Arbaaz 's elder brother Salman Khan stars in the lead role , with Sonakshi Sinha (in her acting debut) , Arbaaz Khan , Om Puri , Dimple Kapadia , Vinod Khanna , Anupam Kher , Mahesh Manjrekar and Mahie Gill featuring in supporting roles , while Sonu Sood plays the main antagonist . The film marks the debut of Arbaaz as a producer and Kashyap as a director . Malaika Arora Khan appears in " Munni Badnaam Hui " .

Dabangg is set in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh , and tells the story of a corrupt but fearless police officer , Chulbul Pandey , and his troubled relationship with his stepfather and half @-@ brother . Made with a budget of ? 300 million and marketed at ? 120 million , Dabangg was shot primarily in the town of Wai in Maharashtra , while other major scenes were shot in the United Arab Emirates .

Dabangg was released during Eid on 10 September 2010 in nearly 2100 cinemas worldwide . It opened to generally positive reviews , and went on to gross ? 2 @.@ 15 billion worldwide . It is the highest @-@ grossing Bollywood film of 2010 and , as of December 2011 , the fourth highest ? grossing Bollywood film of all time . Dabangg has won several awards ? the National Film Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment and six Filmfare Awards , including Best Film and Best Female Debut (Sinha) . It was later remade in Tamil as Osthe , and in Telugu as Gabbar Singh . A sequel , titled Dabangg 2 was released in 2012 .

= = Plot = =

Chulbul Pandey , a young boy , lives with his younger half @-@ brother , Makhanchan " Makkhi " Pandey , stepfather Prajapati Pandey (Vinod Khanna) and mother , Naina Devi (Dimple Kapadia) in Laalgunj , Uttar Pradesh . He has a troubled relationship with his stepfather and Makkhi . After 21 years , Chulbul (Salman Khan) becomes a policeman . Chulbul , who calls himself " Robin Hood " Pandey , lives with his family . Makkhi (Arbaaz Khan) is in love with Nirmala (Mahi Gill) , whose father Masterji (Tinu Anand) opposes the relationship . Chulbul falls in love with a girl named Rajjo (Sonakshi Sinha) , who he meets during a police encounter .

A corrupt political leader named Chedi Singh (Sonu Sood) meets Chulbul and both quickly become enemies . Makkhi asks his father to arrange his marriage with Nirmala . His father refuses saying that he needs money to repay the loans he took to make his factory , so he needs his son to marry a rich girl . Makkhi , in desperate need of money , steals it from Chulbul 's cupboard , and gives it to Nirmala 's father in order to convince him to marry Nirmala . Meanwhile , Chulbul meets Rajjo and proposes marriage , which she rejects , as she has to take care of her father , Haria (Mahesh Manjrekar) ? a drunkard .

Chulbul comes home to find his mother dead . He goes to his stepfather to make peace , as he is the only family left . His stepfather refuses and despises him as an outcast . Makkhi invites Chulbul to his marriage with Nirmala . Chulbul convinces Rajjo 's father to marry her . Rajjo 's father commits suicide , as he knows that his daughter will not marry anyone while he is alive . Chulbul takes Rajjo to Makkhi 's exuberant wedding . Realising that Makkhi has stolen his money to finance the wedding , Chulbul marries Rajjo in an impromptu ceremony . Nirmala 's father feels disgraced and cancels his daughter 's wedding .

Makkhi beats up one of the workers in his factory due to a small mishap . The worker goes to the police station with his mother to file a complaint . Chulbul beats up Makkhi in public to disgrace him . Chedi takes advantage of the situation , and takes Makkhi along with his father to the police station . Makkhi 's father resolves the situation by accepting an apology from Chulbul . Chulbul meets Dayal Babu (Anupam Kher) , a local political leader , who also dislikes Chedi . With his help , Chulbul adulterates the breweries of Chedi , and wrongly frames him for it .

To take revenge , Chedi burns Makkhi 's factory . Makkhi 's father suffers a heart attack due to shock and is hospitalised . Makkhi goes to Chedi seek help from him , without knowing that it was Chedi , who burnt his factory . Chedi agrees to finance his father 's treatment , if he delivers a crate

of mangoes to Dayal Babu 's house . Unknown to Makkhi , there is a bomb inside the crate , which explodes after he leaves , killing Dayal Babu . Chedi gives Makkhi a task to kill Chulbul . Makkhi accepts , and confesses it to Chulbul . He reveals to Chulbul that Chedi made him plant the bomb unknowingly . Chulbul forgives him and reconciles with his stepfather . Makkhi then reveals to Chulbul that it was Chedi , who killed their mother . Enraged , Chulbul suffocates Chedi to death . Later , Chulbul gets Makkhi married to Nirmala in the presence of her father , while Rajjo reveals that she is pregnant .

= = Cast = =

Credits adapted from Bollywood Hungama .

= = Production = =

= = = Casting = = =

Salman Khan grew a moustache after consulting with his brother and prepared his hair to suit his role . For the former , he had to try out nearly fifty styles in a span of four months before commencement of the filming . Photo @-@ shoots were held to finalise his look . Abhinav Kashyap , in an interview with Bollywood Hungama , revealed that initially he had considered a few others for the role of Chulbul Pandey , but eventually changed his mind and approached Salman . Kashyap had seen Arbaaz in Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na , doing a cameo and approached him to be a part of the project . After reading it , he had instantly accepted to produce and star in it . Sonu Sood was selected for playing the lead antagonist . He revealed that his character was that of a " youth leader with grey shades . " Mahesh Manjrekar was later approached to play the father of Sinha 's character , although he had plans to quit acting .

In April 2009 , Sonakshi Sinha signed for her debut role . Salman had seen her at a function engaging in dancing and offered her the role . Speaking about it , she said that she had lost a weight of 30 kg over two years to prepare for her character of a village girl by " a combination of proper diet and vigorous exercise " . She added that she had been " observing people and trying to pick up nuances " as a step of further preparation . Malaika Arora , who had performed a few item numbers in her career , most notably in Dil Se .. , was confirmed to do the same in the film . This was the first of its kind in her home production .

= = = Filming = = =

Dabangg 's shooting took place primarily in Wai and the United Arab Emirates . The shooting commenced in September 2009 . Production designer Wasiq Khan drew over 100 sketches detailing out every set in the film . The cinematography was performed by Mahesh Limaye . The first schedule began in the town of Wai and continued for 45 days , during which Sonu Sood , the main antagonist fractured his nose . A schedule , primarily involving a song shoot , was captured in the Khalid Bin Al Waheed station in Dubai , making Dabangg the first film to be shot there . Some scenes were also filmed at the Emirates Palace hotel in Abu Dhabi .

The film , involving around five action sequences , was choreographed by S. Vijayan , who previously served as the stunt director of Wanted , and shot over 60 days . Later , special effects were incorporated into those scenes . The songs were choreographed by Raju Khan and Shabina Khan , while Farah Khan choreographed the item number , " Munni Badnaam Hui " . The shooting was completed in early June 2010 , and the film went into post @-@ production . A party was held to commemorate the completion of the shooting and the success of the theatrical promo . It was attended by the main cast and crew .

= = = Pre @-@ release = = =

Dabangg 's theatrical trailer , running for about two and a half minutes , was released on 23 July 2010 , alongside Priyadarshan ' s Khatta Meetha . Dabangg was described as one of the most anticipated films of the year by the The Indian Express . It was reported to have broken pre -@-@ release records for hype by Cinematix , a filming awareness product originated by Ormax Media . A special screening of the film took place at Film City on 6 September 2010 . The premiere of Dabangg was held in Mumbai on 9 September 2010 .

= = Soundtrack = =

The soundtrack album was composed by the music director duo Sajid @-@ Wajid and Lalit Pandit , while the lyrics were penned by Faiz Anwar , Lalit Pandit and Jalees Sherwani . Lalit Pandit wrote the song " Munni Badnaam Hui " . The album was launched on 6 August 2010 in Delhi . The album contains five original songs , four remixes and one theme song . The audio rights of Dabangg were sold for about ? 90 million (US \$ 1 @.@ 3 million) to T @-@ Series .

The track " Munni Badnaam Hui " is said to be inspired by an old Bhojpuri folk song " Launda Badnaam Hua Naseeban Tere Liye " . Director Abhinav Kashyap accepted using the folk song saying that he , being from Uttar Pradesh , was familiar with the song since childhood so he suggested the very song to be improvised and rephrased to fit the film 's requirement . It was alleged that it was inspired from the Pakistani song " Ladka Badnaam Hua " from the film Mr. Charlie (1992) .

Dabangg 's soundtrack received generally positive reviews from music critics . Joginder Tuteja of Bollywood Hungama gave the album 3 stars and said , " [it] delivers what it promised . One expected a masala soundtrack and this is what one gets with a couple of item song sequences , a couple of theme tracks and two love songs which are actually the highlight of the film . A soundtrack that has something in store for mass as well as class . " Atta Khan of Planet Bollywood gave it a rating of 6 out of 10 , and called the soundtrack " simple , catchy , easy on the ears and fun " . In a 3 @-@ star rating , critic Devesh Sharma of Filmfare praised Sajid @-@ Wajid 's composition , and the track " Chori Kiya Re Jiya " , calling it " [pleasure] to the ears " .

The album performed well on the charts after its release . The tracks " Tere Mast Mast Do Nain " and " Munni Badnaam " were successful , and entered the list of top 20 most frequently played songs on radio in India . In August 2010 , the track " Tere Mast Mast Do Nain " reached number @-@ one on the Official Asian Download Chart in the United Kingdom based on legal downloads in that country .

Tracklist

= = Release = =

Dabangg released worldwide on 10 September 2010 . It opened up across 1 @, @ 800 screens in India and around 300 screens overseas . The film was released in 2300 theatres worldwide . It was also screened in Norway at an international film festival . The film 's DVDs and VCDs were launched by the Reliance Big Home Video on 12 October 2010 . It was released on YouTube on 28 January 2011 for free viewing to audiences in India . The satellite rights were pre @-@ sold for ? 100 million (US \$ 1 @.@ 5 million) to Colors .

= = = Critical response = = =

The film generally received positive reviews from critics , most of whom praised the performance of Salman Khan . Taran Adarsh of Bollywood Hungama gave it 4 @.@ 5 stars in his review and praised the film 's action and music , and Khan 's performance . In a 4 @-@ star review for Koimoi , Komal Nahta ensured that the film would be a commercial success . Film critic Aniruddha Guha of Daily News and Analysis called the film " slightly mad , and terribly entertaining . "

Mathures Paul of The Statesman gave the film 3 @.@ 5 stars and commented , " Dabangg aligns

itself with viewers frustrated by the nonexistence of uncomplicated heroism on screen . " In a 3 @-@ star review for Rediff.com , Abhishek Mande stated " Dabangg is not a movie for non @-@ Salman fans . But for those who worship him it 's a film you simply cannot afford to miss . " Anupama Chopra of NDTV and Sukanya Venkatgarhavan of Filmfare gave it 3 stars , and both praised Khan 's performance . Gaurav Malani of Indiatimes was critical towards the film 's story , remarking " the film doesn 't care a damn for coming up with any innovative storyline . " Rajeev Masand of CNN @-@ IBN panned the film 's screenplay , but praised Khan 's performance . Shobhaa De of the Bangalore Times was critical , concluding " Let 's hand it to Salman who has pulled off the stunts and pelvic thrusts . Nothing new there . But it is the naughty self @-@ parodying , which is so camp , so out there , which delivers the biggest punch . What 's left for this guy now ? all he needs is a cape . And he can call himself Superman . "

= = = Legal issues = = =

" Munni Badnaam Hui " included a brand name ' Zandu Balm ' in its lyrics , much to the displeasure of Emami ? the makers of the brand . A trademark case was settled by the producers and Emami out of court , and Malaika Arora Khan was later chosen to an official advertising campaign promoting Zandu Balm . Activist Rajkumar Tak filed a case in the Bombay High Court , demanding that the deletion of the word " Hindustan " from the song , claiming that the censor board had not responded to his queries in regard to the " defaming " lyrics . He found them " highly objectionable " and " unpardonable " and labelled the song a " mockery " for the country , as a girl was " indecently " dancing in the presence of corrupted officers , which , according to him , threw bad light on the nation and " hurt the patriotic sentiments of every Indian " .

Before release , critic and writer Shobhaa De called for a boycott of Dabangg , due to Salman 's comments on the 2008 Mumbai attacks . She criticised it as " arrogance , ignorance and plain stupidity . " This sparked off a fight with the producers via Twitter , and continued after her negative review of the film . Anurag Kashyap , brother of Abhinav Kashyap , tweeted " Salman khan thinks he made my brother 's life .. Hope he can do the same for his brother Arbaaz with Dabangg 2 . " This was taken as " slamming " Salman and resulted in Arbaaz retorting back by referring to the comment as " attitude " instead of " gratitude " . However , Anurag later apologised for his remarks , which Arbaaz accepted .

= = = Awards and nominations = = =

Dabangg received accolades in major film award functions in India . Among them , it won the National Film Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment . It was given six awards at the 56th Filmfare Awards , including one for Best Film , seven Screen Awards , nine Zee Cine Awards , and ten IIFA Awards .

= = Box office = =

= = = Domestic = = =

Dabangg opened to ? 145 million (US \$ 2 @. @ 2 million) nett collections in its first day , and became the highest opener of all time across India . On the second day , it netted ? 165 million (US \$ 2 @. @ 5 million) . At the end of its weekend , the film collected the total of ? 495 million (US \$ 7 @. @ 4 million) . The film netted ? 106 million (US \$ 1 @. @ 6 million) on Monday , ? 86 million (US \$ 1 @. @ 3 million) on Tuesday , ? 70 million (US \$ 1 @. @ 0 million) on Wednesday , and ? 60 million (US \$ 890 @, @ 000) on Thursday taking the total nett collections to around ? 815 million (US \$ 12 million) in its first week of release . It subsequently became the highest opening week nett grosser .

Dabangg netted ? 62 million (US \$ 920 @, @ 000) on the second Friday , ? 75 million (US \$ 1

@. @ 1 million) on Saturday and ? 105 million (US \$ 1 @. @ 6 million) on Sunday , for a ? 238 million (US \$ 3 @. @ 5 million) second weekend , a drop of around 50 % from the opening weekend . In its second week , the film earned ? 360 million (US \$ 5 @. @ 3 million) , taking the total nett collections to ? 1 @. @ 16 billion (US \$ 17 million) in two weeks , thus becoming the second highest @-@ grossing film of all time in two weeks . The distributor share of Dabangg was declared to be ? 770 million (US \$ 11 million) ? the second highest in Bollywood . Dabangg collected ? 160 million (US \$ 2 @. @ 4 million) during the third week and ? 60 million (US \$ 890 @, @ 000) in its fourth week , taking the domestic nett collections to ? 1 @. @ 4 billion (US \$ 21 million) . The domestic nett collections in eleven weeks was ? 1 @. @ 4 billion (US \$ 21 million) . It eventually progressed to ? 1 @. @ 41 billion (US \$ 21 million) .

= = = Overseas = = =

Dabangg opened to a positive response in the overseas markets as well . The film 's final overseas collections were US \$ 6 @. @ 10 million . It grossed a total of US \$ 4 @. @ 20 million in the international markets at the end of its second weekend .

In the United States , Dabangg collected \$ 628 @, @ 137 from 62 screens in its opening weekend and \$ 1 @, @ 068 @, @ 589 at the end of its second weekend . In the United Arab Emirates , it collected 3 @. @ 2 million Dirhams in the opening weekend , and \$ 1 @, @ 550 @, @ 000 at the end of the second weekend . Dabangg collected a total of \$ 5 @. @ 50 million , making it the fifth highest @-@ grossing in United Arab Emirates with a \$ 2 million gross . In the United Kingdom , it collected £ 332 @, @ 673 from 41 screens in its opening weekend and £ 570 @, @ 566 by the end of its second weekend . In Australia , the film collected \$ 126 @, @ 000 from 14 screens in the opening weekend , and A \$ 272 @, @ 909 at the end of its second weekend . In Mauritius and South Africa , it collected US \$ 25 @, @ 000 each in its opening weekend . In Fiji , the film collected US \$ 20 @, @ 000 the opening weekend . In other territories of Europe and Africa , the film collected \$ 100 @, @ 000 in its opening weekend .

= = Sequel and remakes = =

After the release of Dabangg , Arbaaz Khan announced that he was planning a sequel to it . After the commercial success of the film , Khan reported " Dabangg 2 may take time to hit the floors , but it is definitely on the cards . " He also announced that the main leads , Salman Khan and Sonakshi Sinha were already cast to reprise their parts in the sequel . Among the new cast members are Prakash Raj , who plays the main antagonist , while Kareena Kapoor performs an item number in the film . Director Abhinav Kashyap opted out of directing the sequel , and therefore Arbaaz took over as the film 's director .

Dabangg 2 became one of the highest @-@ grossing Bollywood film of all time in India . Dabangg was remade in Tamil as Osthe by Dharani with Silambarasan playing the lead role , and Sonu Sood reprising his original role . It was also remade in Telugu as Gabbar Singh , starring Pawan Kalyan .