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Payal Rohatgi (born 9 November 1978)^[3] is an Indian actress and [reality TV](#) performer who appears in [Hindi](#) films.^[4] She was a contestant in the reality show *[Bigg Boss](#)* in 2008.^[5] In 2022, she participated in [ALT Balaji](#)'s reality television show *[Lock Up](#)* and emerged as the runner-up.

Early life [\[edit \]](#)

Rohatgi was born on 9 November 1978 in [Hyderabad](#) and earned a degree in computer engineering and was also a Gujarat Board Topper.^[6]

Career [\[edit \]](#)

Rohatgi started her career by being part of the *[Femina Miss India](#)* pageant. She later went on to represent India as Miss India Tourism in [Miss Tourism World](#) pageant internationally.^[7] ^{*[better source needed]*} There Rohatgi won the title of Supermodel Miss Tourism World.^[8]

Rohatgi modeled for various brands, including [Amul](#), [Nirma](#), [Nescafe](#), and [Dabur Hair Oil](#).^{*[citation needed]*} She gained attention after appearing in a television ad for [Cadbury's Temptations Chocolates](#). Around this time she also appeared in [music videos](#) by rock band *[Silk Route](#)* and [Indipop](#) artist [KK](#).^[9]^{*[better source needed]*}

In 2002, she did her debut with *[Yeh Kya Ho Raha Hai?](#)*, and in 2006, she appeared in *[36 China Town](#)*.^{*[citation needed]*} In the

Payal Rohatgi



Rohatgi in 2012

Born	9 November 1978 (age 46) ^[1] <div>Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh (present-day Telangana), India</div>
Occupation(s)	Actress, model
Years active	2002–2022
Title	Supermodel Miss Tourism World 2001 <div>Miss India Tourism 2001^[2]</div>
Spouse	<div> Sangram Singh (m. 2022)</div>

same year, she was offered an [item song](#) in the [Madhur Bhandarkar](#) film *[Corporate](#)*. She made a cameo appearance in *[Ugly Aur Pagli](#)*, which was released in August 2008. In mid-September, she appeared opposite [Irrfan Khan](#) in *[Dil Kabaddi](#)*.^[*citation needed*] Rohatgi was considered a sex symbol by the Indian media during her early career in films.^[10]^[11]

Payal Rohatgi made her [theatre](#) debut with director and producer Vandana Sajnani's play called *[Fourplay](#)* in 2010.^[12]

In September 2013, Rohatgi was featured in [Life OK's](#) TV fiction show *[Hum Ne Li Hai Shapath](#)* where she played the supervillain Gong in a special episode of the comic series.^[13] In 2014, Rohatgi was part of the [national anthem](#) shot by director Rajeew Walia.^[14] In September 2014, Rohatgi made her television debut on the [Sony TV](#) show *[Humsafars](#)*.^[15] In April 2015, Rohatgi with her fiancé wrestler Sangram Singh were seen in the dance reality show *[Nach Baliye 7](#)*, on [Star Plus](#). They lasted in the show till the seventh final episode.^[16]^[17]^[18] Both of them also did a film together, called *[Night](#)*.^[*citation needed*] In February 2022, she made a comeback to entertainment industry as she participated in the OTT reality show *[Lock Upp](#)*.



Payal Rohatgi and Sangram Singh with Sumeet Raghavan on the sets of *[Jay Hind!](#)* show

Personal life ^{[[edit](#)]}

Rohatgi started dating wrestler [Sangram Singh](#) in 2011, whom she met on the sets of reality show *[Survivor India](#)*.^[19] On 27 February 2014, she got engaged to wrestler Sangram Singh in Ahmedabad.^[20] They both got married in August 2022.

They were the [brand ambassadors](#) of International Human Rights Organisation (IHRO), an Indian [NGO](#) from New Delhi,^[21]^[22]^[*better source needed*]

Controversies ^{[[edit](#)]}

Rohatgi shared fake news and fringe theories multiple times from Twitter account.^[23]^[24]^[25]^[26] She was locked from Twitter for a week for "communalising" [2019 Hyderabad gang rape](#).^[27] Twitter handle of Mumbai police blocked Rohatgi in 2019 but later unblocked her when Chief Minister's wife, [Amruta Fadnavis](#), voiced support for her.^[28]^[29]

During [2018 Kerala floods](#), Payal Rohatgi claimed that it was wrath of God due to cow slaughter.^[26] Her remarks were called as "insensitive" and she was trolled on Twitter due to her remarks.^[30]

In July 2019, she also commented on inequality in [Islam](#) in Instagram over [Zaira Wasim's](#) decision to leave Bollywood.^[31] Police complaint against her was lodged at Oshiwara police station in August 2019 over her remarks.^[32]^[33]

Rohatgi also attacked the 19th century Indian social reformer [Raja Ram Mohan Roy](#) as a "traitor" & lackey of British, and accused him of defaming the tradition of [Sati](#).^{[34][35]} She also glorified the tradition of Sati, saying that women burned themselves alive in order to evade rape by Islamic invaders.^{[36][37][38]} [Hindol Sengupta](#) and [Sanjeev Sanyal](#) presented balanced view of the events over her remarks. Museum Secretary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Memorial Museum said that Rohatgi seems to know nothing about him.^[39]

In June 2019, Rohatgi claimed that [maratha](#) ruler [Shivaji](#) was born in [shudra varna](#) and later moved up in caste hierarchy.^{[40][41]} NCP leader [Jitendra Awhad](#) filed complaint against her in Mumbai and demanded arrest of her over her remarks.^[citation needed] She issued a video apology over Twitter.^{[42][43][44]}

Rohatgi claimed that [Jawaharlal Nehru](#), first prime minister of India, was not legitimate child of [Motilal Nehru](#) but born out of an illicit relationship of [Kamala Nehru](#) with another man in Facebook video in October 2019.^[45] She also alleged that Motilal Nehru had five wives.^[46] Youth Congress leader lodged police complaint against her for insulting the Nehru family.^{[47][48][49][50]} Later, she offered public apology to Priyanka Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi.^[51] On 15 December, she was detained by [Bundi Police](#) in [Ahmedabad](#) due to her remarks on Nehru-Gandhi family.^[52] She was later arrested. On 16 December 2019 Court sent her in Judicial custody for 9 days till 24 December 2019.^[53] On 17 December she was released on bail.^[54]

Rohatgi wrote a series of vulgar tweets about Muslim women participating in [Citizenship \(Amendment\) Bill protests](#) for which Twitter suspended her account for a week in June 2020. Her account was permanently suspended in July 2020.^[55] A Metropolitan Magistrate court in Mumbai noted that the tweets prima facie "show disregard against Muslim women and Community" and ordered a technical investigation.^{[56][57]}

Filmography [[edit](#)]

Films [[edit](#)]

Year	Title	Role	Language	Notes
1991	Keechu Raallu	child artist	Telugu film	
2002	<i>Yeh Kya Ho Raha Hai?</i>	Esha	Hindi debut film	
	<i>Patth</i>		Hindi	
2003	<i>Tumse Milkar</i>	Flora		
2004	<i>Plan</i>	Tanya		
	<i>Police Force: An Inside Story</i>	Item Song		
	<i>Rakht</i>	Tanya		
	<i>Tauba Tauba</i>	Payal		
2005	<i>Laila – A Mystery</i>	Laila		
	<i>Chetna: The Excitement</i>	Chetna		

	<i>Fun - Can Be Dangerous Sometimes</i>	Natasha		
2006	<i>36 China Town</i>	Gracy		
	<i>Mr. 100%</i>			
	<i>Corporate</i>	Item Song		
	<i>Heyy Babyy</i>	Special appearance		
2007	<i>Mahanandi</i> ^[58]	Item Song	Telugu	
	<i>Dhol</i>	Sophie		
2008	<i>Ugly Aur Pagli</i>	Guest appearance	Hindi	
	<i>Dil Kabaddi</i>	Kaya		
2012	<i>Valentine's Night</i>	Sanjana		
2018	<i>Halfa Macha Ke Gail</i> ^[59]	Item Song	Bhojpuri	

Television [[edit](#)]

Year	Title	Role	Notes	Ref.
2007	<i>Fear Factor India 2</i>	Contestant	4th Place	
2008	<i>Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 1</i>		Eliminated, 13th place	^[60]
	<i>Bigg Boss 2</i>		9th place (Evicted on Day 54)	^[61]
2009	<i>Raaz Pichhle Janam Ka</i>			
2010	<i>Meethi Choori No 1</i>			
	<i>CID</i>	Herself		
2011	<i>Zor Ka Jhatka: Total Wipeout 1</i>	Contestant		
2012	<i>Survivor India 1</i>		6th place(Semifinalist)	
2013	<i>Hum Ne Li Hai-Shapath</i>	Payal		
	<i>Welcome – Baazi Mehmaan Nawazi Ki 1</i>	Contestant	Winner	
	<i>Bigg Boss 7</i>	Herself	Guest	
2014	<i>Box Cricket League 1</i>	Contestant		^[62]
2014–2015	<i>Humsafars</i>	Anam		
2015	<i>Nach Baliye 7</i>	Contestant	9th place	

	<i>2025 Jaane Kya Hoga Aage</i>	Forum	Special appearance	
	<i>Agent Raghav - Crime Branch</i>	Manjeera		
2016	<i>Suryaputra Karn</i>	<i>Amba / Shikhandini / Shikhandi</i>		
2022	<i>Lock Upp</i>	Contestant	1st Runner-up	

Orations [[edit](#)]

Year	Speech At	Topic	About
2022	TEDxIIM Rohtak	Glitz, Glamour and The Grind ^[63]	Payal Rohatgi was invited as a Motivational Speaker at the TEDxIIM Rohtak function. It was her first ever oration where she could inspire the youth and the students of IIM which is considered to be an acclaimed education institution all over the world

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