

Aishwarya Rai

An Actress Born to Rise

Aishwarya Rai has been one of India's most affluent people. A native of Karnataka state and daughter of Shri Krishnaraj Rai and Brinda Rai. This green blue-eyed beauty first began her career as a model. She got her first modelling assignment for Camelin industries when she was merely a student.

She began appearing in Pepsi commercials and modeling for Palmolive, Phillips, Casio Pager, Sheetal Diva and Prudent. She also managed to appear on one of the tops magazines such Vogue Magazines.



A pose for the camera

However her first turning point came when she was won the Miss World Title in 1994. This boosted her reputation and she began filming in many movies.

As a young and inexperienced woman, and coming right out of the world of modeling, Aishwarya Rai started off at an unusually slow pace. Critics labeled her an adequate actresses in many of her first movies.

But after, "Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam" hit the box office in 2000, Aishwarya was rolling on the top of the charts and began her career as an actress.

Filmography

Singularity (2006)
Guru (2006)
Jodha-Akbar (2006)
Dhoom 2 (2006)
The Last Legion (2006)
Umrao Jaan (2006)
The Heart of India (2006)
Provoked (2006)
The Mistress of Spices (2005)
Bunty Aur Babli (2005)
Shabd (2005)
Bride & Prejudice (2004)
Kyun...! Ho Gaya Na (2004)
Raincoat (2004)
Khakee (2004)

On the Path to International Stardom

Having realized her potential for great success, Aishwarya Rai stepped out of the norm and did what no other female Indian actress has ever done- working abroad in international films. Most Indian actresses stop once they feel their fame has reached their climax. However, Rai felt no hurry to stop just yet.

She became the first Indian actor to be a member of the jury at the Cannes Film Festival. She is also the latest member of the elite L'Oreal Dream Team, joining beauties Catherine Deneuve & Andie MacDowell as their international ambassador. She graced the covers

of India Today and the prestigious TIME Magazine. Time Magazine has also listed her on their list of the "100 Most Influential People in the World Today". She has graced numerous covers worldwide including USA, UK, China, Russia, Israel, United Emirates, Italy, Spain and France. Rai was also listed on Rolling Stone Magazine's annual "Hot List", Hello Magazine's Most Attractive Women in the World", Stuff Magazine, FHM magazine, V-Life from Variety Magazine, GQ Magazine, New York Times Magazine, Harper's & Queen and countless others.

2004 saw Aishwarya take on

the leading role in her first English language film for Gurinder Chadha in "Bride & Prejudice". She also became the first Indian female to be immortalized in wax at the world famous Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London.

In 2007, she started with appearances on "60 Minutes", "David Letterman Show" and the "Oprah Winfrey Show". She will soon be seen in *Mistress of Spices* for director Paul Berges and legendary film producer Dino De Laurentiis's *The Last Legion* opposite Colin Firth and Sir Ben Kingsley. Rai is moving on to do more movies and shows no means of stopping.