



## Amazon Prime Video releases trailer for biopic of “human computer”, Shakuntala Devi, starring Vidya Balan

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*Produced by Sony Pictures Networks Productions and Vikram Malhotra, and directed by Anu Menon, Shakuntala Devi stars National award-winning actor Vidya Balan in the lead, alongside Sanya Malhotra, Amit Sadh and Jisshu Sengupta.*

*Prime members in India and more than 200 countries and territories can stream the global premiere of Shakuntala Devi from 31<sup>st</sup> July.*

*Amazon Prime Video offers incredible value with unlimited streaming of the latest and exclusive movies, TV shows, stand-up comedy, Amazon Originals, ad-free music through Amazon Prime Music, free fast delivery on India's largest selection of products, early access to top deals, unlimited reading with Prime Reading and mobile gaming content with Prime Gaming, all available only for ₹129 a month*

**MUMBAI, India, 15 July, 2020** – Amazon Prime Video today unveiled the trailer for *Shakuntala Devi*, the eagerly awaited biographical drama based on the life of the world-renowned math genius. The Hindi title is the first Indian language biopic to make its global premiere exclusively on Prime Video and stars National Award winner, [Vidya Balan](#) (*Kahaani*, *Turnhari Sulu*, *The Dirty Picture*) as Shakuntala Devi, who was famously referred to as the “human computer” for her ability to do incredibly fast calculations. Directed by Anu Menon ( *Waiting*, *Four More Shots Please S1*) and produced by Sony Pictures Networks Productions and Vikram Malhotra (*Abundantia Entertainment*), the biographical drama also stars Sanya Malhotra (*Photograph*, *Dangal*, *Badhaai Ho*), who will be seen playing the role of Shakuntala Devi's daughter with whom the genius enjoyed a complicated but extraordinary relationship. Actors Jisshu Sengupta (*Piku*, *Mardaani 2*, *Barfi*) and Amit Sadh (*Breathe*, *Kai Po Che*, *Gold*) also essay pivotal roles in the film. The screenplay is written by Anu Menon and Nayanika Mahtani, while the dialogues are penned by Ishita Moitra. Prime members in India and more than 200 countries and territories worldwide can watch the highly anticipated biopic from 31<sup>st</sup> July.

“Stepping into the world of Shakuntala Devi was as intimidating as it was exhilarating” said actress Vidya Balan. “Her story is inspirational and makes you see how if we believe in ourselves, the world is our oyster. A direct release on Prime Video will bring Shakuntala Devi one step closer to audiences across the globe where they can watch the movie at their convenience.”

“I’ve always been fascinated by Shakuntala Devi and felt hers is an incredible story that resonates with today’s world,” said Director Anu Menon. “While most of us will be familiar with her natural ability for math, the film also explores the lesser-known personal story of Shakuntala Devi – a brilliant but vulnerable woman and mother who lived life ahead of her times and on her own terms. I am certain the global audiences will enjoy the film as much as we enjoyed creating it for them.”

“Following the success of our Amazon Original Series – *Breathe*, we are excited to bring Prime Video viewers the extraordinary and inspiring story of Shakuntala Devi,” said Vikram Malhotra, Producer and CEO - Abundantia Entertainment Pvt Ltd. “This is a story of triumph against all odds, of family, of relationships and above all the story of an Indian woman who held her own against the world. I am confident that this incredible story has the power to cut across geographic boundaries when it reaches audiences across 200 countries and territories.”

Vivek Krishnani, Managing Director, Sony Pictures Films India says, “At Sony Pictures we believe in telling stories that inspire and entertain people. *Shakuntala Devi* is one such film that echoes our values and will resonate with audiences across the world. We are happy that millions of subscribers of Amazon Prime Video will be able to witness the glory of this super genius on 31<sup>st</sup> July.”

**Watch the trailer here:**

### **Synopsis:**

*Shakuntala Devi* – or the ‘Human Computer, as she was called – was not only a world-renowned math genius, but also a woman ahead of her times. She lived life on her own terms, and did so unapologetically. But, our film is not just about Shakuntala Devi, the math wizard, it is also about Shakuntala - the woman and mother, with all her brilliance, vulnerabilities and flaws.

*Shakuntala Devi* will join the thousands of TV shows and movies from Hollywood and Bollywood in the Prime Video catalog. These include Indian films *Gulabo Sitabo*, *Ponmagal Vandhal* and *Penguin*, Indian-produced Amazon Original series like *Breathe: Into the Shadows*, *Paatal Lok*, *The Forgotten Army – Azaadi Ke Liye*, *Four More Shots Please S1 and 2*, *The Family Man*, *Mirzapur*, *Inside Edge S1, and S2*, and *Made In Heaven*. Prime members can also watch award-winning and critically acclaimed global Amazon Original series like *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*, *The Boys*, *Hunters*, *Fleabag*, and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. All this is available at no extra cost for Amazon Prime members. The service includes titles in Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Punjabi, and Bengali.

Prime members will be able to watch *Shakuntala Devi* anywhere and anytime on the Prime Video app for smart TVs, mobile devices, Fire TV, Fire TV stick, Fire tablets, Apple TV, etc. In the Prime Video app, Prime members can download episodes on their mobile devices and tablets and watch anywhere offline at no additional cost.

Prime Video is available in India to Prime members for just ₹999 annually, or ₹129 monthly. New customers can find out more at [www.amazon.in/prime](http://www.amazon.in/prime) and subscribe to a free 30-day trial.

## **ABOUT AMAZON PRIME VIDEO**

Prime Video is a premium streaming service that offers Prime members a collection of award-winning Amazon Original series, thousands of movies, and TV shows—all with the ease of finding what they love to watch in one place. Find out more at [PrimeVideo.com](https://www.primevideo.com).

- **Included with Prime Video:** *Shakuntala Devi* joins thousands of TV shows and movies from Hollywood and Bollywood, including Indian-produced Amazon Original series such as *Breathe: Into the Shadows*, *Paatal Lok*, *The Family Man*, *Mirzapur*, *Inside Edge* and *Made In Heaven*, and award-winning and critically acclaimed global Amazon Original series including *Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan*, *The Boys*, *Hunters*, *Fleabag*, and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, all of which are available for unlimited streaming with a Prime membership. Prime Video includes titles available in Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Punjabi and Bengali.
- **Instant Access:** Members can watch *Shakuntala Devi* anywhere, anytime on the Prime Video app for smart TVs, mobile devices, Fire TV, Fire TV stick, Fire tablets, Apple TV, and multiple gaming devices. Prime Video is also available to consumers through Airtel and Vodafone pre-paid and post-paid subscription plans. In the Prime Video app, Prime members can download episodes on their mobile devices and tablets and watch anywhere offline at no additional cost.
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- **Included with Prime:** Prime Video is available in India at no extra cost with Prime membership for just ₹999 annually or ₹129 monthly, new customers can find out more at [amazon.in/prime](https://amazon.in/prime) and subscribe to a free 30-day trial.

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## **About Abundantia**

Founded in 2013, Abundantia is India's premier content company focused on developing and producing progressive, insight-based and uniquely Indian stories for a global audience.

Operating across Film, TV and Digital platforms, Abundantia's first title, *Baby*, met with spectacular success in 2015 and its next film, *Airlift* (2016), was a massive hit at the box-office, earning unprecedented critical and audience acclaim. Abundantia notched up another winner with *Toilet-Ek Prem Katha* and also boasts of titles like *Chef* – the remake of Jon Favreau's Hollywood indie by the same name as part of its filmography.

The company has an exciting slate of films for 2020 and beyond, top-lined by a film on math genius, *Shakuntala Devi*, starring Vidya Balan and Sanya Malhotra which will have its world premiere on Amazon Prime Video, the Hindi remake of the super hit South film *Bhaagamathie* - titled *Durgavati*, starring Bhumi Pednekar and Newton director, Amit Masurkar's next, *Shermi* starring Vidya Balan.

Also in the pipeline is the official remake of Hollywood hit *Begin Again*, the Hindi remake of acclaimed Malayalam hit, *Angamaly Diaries*, as well as films by talented filmmakers like Suresh Triveni, Shashanka Ghosh, Bharatbala and Aarif Sheikh among others.

In 2017, Abundantia created a buzz in the digital space with India's premiere Amazon Original, *Breathe*. The second season of the show, which marks the digital debut of movie star Abhishek Bachchan, released on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. In March 2019, Abundantia also announced its latest series, *THE END*, which has Indian superstar Akshay Kumar leading the cast. There is an active pipeline of digital content under development at Abundantia, which includes a serialized drama based on the book *Men Who Killed Gandhi*, and a multi-season procedural crime-drama series on the bestselling *Rita Ferreira* books.