

From Supporting Roles to Lead Heroes: The Rising Stars of Bollywood

Published on 20 Aug 2025 | By IFI Correspondent



News Correspondent/ Divya Solanki, Mumbai, Report

In recent years, Bollywood has witnessed a remarkable shift where actors once known for playing supporting roles are now stepping into the spotlight as lead performers. These artists are not only carrying entire films and web series on their shoulders but also redefining the industry through bold and unexpected choices. Let's take a closer look at six such actors who have made a swift and impactful transition from side roles to leading stars.

Jaideep Ahlawat

Starting out with supporting roles in *Gangs of Wasseypur*, Jaideep Ahlawat has proven to be a scene-stealer in every project. From *Paatal Lok* and *Maharaj* to *Jewel Thief*, he has established himself as a powerful performer who can shoulder entire stories with his presence.

Vijay Varma

From playing a menacing supporting villain in *Pink* to a close friend in *Gully Boy*, Vijay Varma showcased his immense potential early on. Today, he is the lead in daring projects like *Jaane Jaan*, *Dahaad*, and *Darlings*. His versatility makes it clear that even bigger roles await him in the future.

Ashish Verma

Known for smaller roles in films like *Atrangi Re*, *Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya*, and *Sui Dhaaga*, Ashish Verma recently experienced a turning point in his career. In his new web series *Court Kachahari*, he takes on the lead role, portraying a man struggling to find his place in the system. His nuanced performance has earned praise and proved that he can carry strong narratives as a solo lead.

Abhishek Banerjee

From *Stree* to *Apoorva* and the recent *Stolen*, Abhishek Banerjee has displayed incredible range as an actor. Known initially for his comic and spooky roles in the *Stree* franchise, he showcased his intensity in *Stolen*, winning over audiences as a powerful leading man.

Adarsh Gourav

Adarsh Gourav carved a distinct niche for himself with projects like *Hostel Daze* and *Superboys of Malegaon*. But it was his internationally acclaimed performance in *The White Tiger* that cemented his status as a global lead actor. Constantly seeking meaningful roles, he continues to stand apart in the industry.

Sparsh Shrivastava

Having gained recognition through *Jamtara*, Sparsh Shrivastava emerged as a promising lead actor with *Laapataa Ladies*. His natural and heartfelt performance proved his versatility and confirmed his rise as one of the most talented young stars in the industry.

These actors are not just carrying complex stories on their shoulders but are also shaping the evolving landscape of Hindi cinema. Their bold role choices are offering audiences fresh experiences and paving the way for a new era where talent and storytelling matter more than stardom.

DISCLAIMER: THE VIEWS/CONTENTS EXPRESSED/PRESENTED HEREIN, WITHIN THIS ADVERTORIAL AND PROMOTIONAL FEATURE ARE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS/EXPERT/THEIR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE/TRUNAL SAHUJI, TO WHICH EFFECT, PUBLICATION HOUSE/ITS REPRESENTATIVES/AFFILIATES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE/LIABLE WHATSOEVER.