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Born	August 27, 1980 (age 30) Cochin, Kerala , India
Other names	Chotu
Occupation	Actress , model
Years active	2000–present

Neha Dhupia ([Punjabi](#): ਨੇਹਾ ਧੂਪਿਯਾ) is an Indian actress who appears in [Bollywood](#) films. She is a former beauty queen and winner of [Femina Miss India](#) 2002.

Early life

Dhupia was born in [Cochin, Kerala](#) to a [Punjabi Sikh](#) family on 27 August 1980.^[1] Her father, Commander Sandip Dhupia, served in the [Indian Navy](#) and mother, Manpinder, is a homemaker. She went to Naval Public School then transferred to [Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi](#).^[2] She graduated from Jesus and Mary College, [Delhi University](#) with honors majoring in History.^[3]

[edit] Career

Dhupia made her acting debut in a play in New Delhi called *Graffiti*. Thereafter she appeared in a music video for Indipop band [Euphoria](#) and also modeled for various advertisement campaigns. She then appeared in the TV serial "[Rajdhani](#)". In 2002 she entered the [Femina Miss India](#) pageant finishing in first place, winning the Femina Miss India Universe title, and was subsequently sent to the [Miss Universe](#) 2002 pageant in Puerto Rico. She was placed in the top 10.

Film career

Dhupia made her film debut in the 2003 [Bollywood](#) film *[Qayamat: City Under Threat](#)* (2003), which performed averagely at the box office. She rose to fame with her role in the film *[Julie](#)* and then appeared in *[Sheesha](#)* (2005) in a dual role of twin sisters, but the film did not do well at the box office. She then starred in films such as *[Kyaa Kool Hai Hum](#)* (2005) and *[Shootout at Lokhandwala](#)* (2007), which did well at the box office, and also featured in a segment of the anthology film *[Dus Kahaniyaan](#)* (2007).

In the following years, Dhupia appeared in supporting roles in multiple critically and commercially acclaimed films including *[Chup Chup Ke](#)* (2006), *[Ek Chalisi Ki Last Local](#)* (2007), *[Mithya](#)* (2008), *[Maharathi](#)* (2008), *[Singh Is King](#)* (2008) and *[Dasvidaniya](#)* (2008). In 2011, she plays Eva Braun in the film *[Dear Friend Hitler](#)* -a film about Mahatma Gandhi.

Her most recent films are *[Paying Guest](#)*, *[Action Replayy](#)* and *[De Dana Dan](#)*. She has also worked on her first international project with [Chris Kattan](#) in IFC's *[Bollywood Hero](#)*.

Filmography

Year	Film ^[4]	Role	Other notes
1999	<i>Rajdhani</i>		TV Series.
2000	<i>Nattu Odoru! Ninja Densetsu</i>	Meena	Japanese
	<i>Ninney Ishta Paddaanu</i>		Telugu
2003	<i>Qayamat: City Under Threat</i>	Sapna	
	<i>Villain</i>		Telugu , remake of Tamil's <i>Villain</i> .
	<i>Julie</i>	Julie	
2004	<i>Rakht: What If You Can See the Future</i>	Rhea Trehan	Special Appearance
	<i>Siskiyaan</i>	Ayesha Sheikh	
2005	<i>Sheesha</i>	Sia/Ria Malhotra	
	<i>Kyaa Kool Hai Hum</i>	Dr. Rekha	
	<i>Garam Masala</i>	Maggi	
	<i>Fight Club - Members Only</i>	Komal	Special Appearance
2006	<i>Teesri Aankh</i>	Sapna	
	<i>Chup Chup Ke</i>	Meenakshi	Credited as Bandyā
	<i>Utthaan</i>	Kiran Talreja	
	<i>Delhii Heights</i>	Suhana	
	<i>Ek Chalis Ki Last Local</i>	Madhu	
2007	<i>Shootout at Lokhandwala</i>	Rohini	
	<i>Heyy Babyy</i>	Special appearance in song	
	<i>Dus Kahaniyaan</i>		
	<i>Rama Rama Kya Hai Dramaana</i>	Shanti	
	<i>Mithya</i>	Sonam	
2008	<i>Kabhi Pyar Na Karna</i>		Pakistani film in Urdu .
	<i>De Taali</i>	Sara	Special Appearance
	<i>Singh Is Kinng</i>	Julie	
	<i>Dasvidaniya</i>	Neha Dhanot	
	<i>Maharathi</i>	Mallika	
	<i>Paying Guests</i>	Aarti Gupta	
2009	<i>Bollywood Hero</i>	Lalima Lakhani	Indian-American Miniseries .
	<i>De Dana Dan</i>	Anu Chopra	

	<u><i>Raat Gayi Baat Gayi</i></u>	Sophia	Nominated, <u>Star Screen Award for Best Supporting Actress</u>
2010	<u><i>Action Replayy</i></u>	Mona	
	<u><i>Phas Gaye Re Obama</i></u>	Munni Gangster	
2011	<u><i>Parama Veera Chakra</i></u>	Razia Sultana	<u>Telugu</u> Film
	<u><i>Dear Friend Hitler</i></u>	Eva Braun	<u>Amrapali Media Vision</u> Film