

## 11: Bollywood Birthday



### Infobox India



Bollywood is the largest film industry in the world, making more than 1.000 films each year – twice as many as Hollywood.

Bollywood is the informal name given to the popular Mumbai-based Hindi language film industry in India. The name is a blend of Bombay, the English name for Mumbai, and Hollywood, the centre of the American film industry.

### Indian Style

The traditional Indian clothes for women are called **sari** (also spelled saree). Men often wear special shirts called **kurta**, often in combination with colourful **scarves**.

**Bangles** and **earrings** are part of traditional Indian jewellery. Bangles are worn mainly by women, but men also wear them, on their arms and wrists. They are usually circular in shape, and, in contrast to bracelets, are not flexible. Most Indian women like to wear either gold or glass bangles or both in combination.

A **bindi** (Hindi: meaning “dot”) is an Indian forehead decoration. Married Hindu women traditionally wear a bindi on their foreheads. The traditional bindi is made with red powder. It is put low in the centre of the forehead, close to the eyebrows.



**Present the most important information to the others.**

#### These questions might help you:

- Why is India's film industry called Bollywood?
- What is the difference between men's and women's clothes?
- What is traditional Indian jewellery?
- How do you wear a bindi?