

Sahyadri Filmworks

Saud Sheikh — Location Manager, Mahabaleshwar & Panchgani

About Saud Sheikh

Saud Sheikh was born and brought up in Mahabaleshwar — the same misty, strawberry-red hills that production designers now fly across the country to shoot in. That's the edge he brings to a call sheet: he isn't scouting a place he read about, he's opening doors he's known his whole life.

For over 15 years, he has worked as a location manager across Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani, coordinating film, television and advertising units — from securing permissions and negotiating with landowners, to managing crowd control, logistics and unit movement on some of the most demanding hill-station shoots in the country.

Sahyadri Filmworks — Location · Production · Film Services

Saud's location and production work runs under **Sahyadri Filmworks**, a Mahabaleshwar-based outfit built around location scouting, production support and full film services across the Sahyadri range.

Equipment & Fleet available:

Camera & Movement

- Camera & Grip — production-ready camera support, tripods, sliders and rigging
- Cranes, Jibs & Dollies — Panther dollies, jib arms and cranes, the heavy gear most local units struggle to source at a hill station
- Aerial & Drones — licensed drone operators for aerial coverage

Power & Lighting

- Power & Generators — silent generators and backup power
- Lighting & Electrical — full lighting packages for day, night and interior shoots

Unit, Crowd & Transport

- Production Vans & Vehicles — unit vans, equipment trucks and cast vehicles
- Extras & Crowd Management — background and junior artists, plus crowd control for busy scenes
- Crew & Manpower — local crew, runners and unit hands

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Selected Credits

Films RRR · Singham Again · OG (Pawan Kalyan) · Peddi · Fauji · Freddy · Golmaal 5

Web & TV Tripling — Season 3 · Hoichoi Series · Nain Tara

Music Videos Wohi Toh Khuda (Armaan Malik) · Khubsoorat (Mithoon) · Sun Sun Barsaath Ke Dun · Notyal · Zubain

Ad Films Moov · Vivo · Hyundai Alcazar

Permissions & Liaison

Every shoot Sahyadri Filmworks runs needs the ground cleared before a camera turns on. Saud coordinates permissions, crowd management and on-site security directly with:

- **Local Police** — law and order, crowd control, traffic movement for unit convoys
- **Forest Department** — permissions and compliance for shoots on forest and protected land
- **District Administration** — location permits, event clearances and civic coordination

This liaison network is what lets a production move fast in Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani without losing days to paperwork.

Dizzyland Tours & Travels

For 20 years, Saud has run **Dizzyland Tours and Travels** — a taxi and transport service tied up with hotels across Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani. It's the same network of drivers, routes and relationships he relies on to move film units through the hills, now available to guests, travellers and productions alike.

- Hotel tie-ups & guest transfers
 - Airport & station pickups
 - Local sightseeing routes
 - Production & unit logistics support
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Public Life

Saud Sheikh serves as **Shahar Adhyaksh** (City President) of the **Republican Party of India (Ambedkar)** for Mahabaleshwar, under national president Deepak Bhau Nikalje — a civic role that keeps him closely tied to the town's political and community life.

Get in Touch

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