

## Girish Maliks JAL surprises audiences and critics alike

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Girish Malik directorial debut “JAL” which has been receiving rave reviews at international film festivals continued its great run even in India as critics and audiences gave thumbs up to the movie. The way the subject was dealt with, not only surprised the critics but also the audiences.

Speaking about the movie Bollywood Heartthrob Ayushman Khurana said “I am a nature lover and always used to wonder when Indian cinema will make a film on complex and beautiful relationship between man and nature. Jal does that and so much more. Thanks Girish Malik for giving us Jal.”

“JAL makes a rock-solid impact. It's poignant and powerful and I suggest you take time out to watch this truly gripping fare.” added Taran Adarsh.

Another reputed critic Subash K Jha probably gave one of the most telling comments “Never before, probably never again...Jal is a work of remarkable resonance. Once-in-a-Lifetime experience. Girish Malik's directorial debut takes your breath away.” What stood out for critics was the way the subject was dealt with, director Girish Malik managed to find the perfect

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balance with his screenplay and storytelling. Critics have gone gaga over the movie Komal Nahata further went on to praise the movie saying, "Jal quenches your thirst for meaningful and good cinema. It boasts of wonderful performances and superb taking and making. You need to watch this film to understand where the world is headed" while The Times of India said, "It's a picture-perfect album with stark sights and parched souls. Debutant director Girish Malik throws in some light-hearted moments, which nicely water down the intensity of those long, sun-stroked scenes. " and Jituraj of Radio Mirchi summed it up best when he said "Super cinematography and great story makes Jal an awesome work"

Apart from the brilliant direction and screenplay, what has worked for the movie is the amazing cinematography by Sunita Radia. Sunita has captured the Rann of Kutch beautifully and the movie is a visual treat. The music of the film is like another character in the film, Sonu Nigam and Bickram Ghosh who have debuted as music directors from the film have done a fabulous job with the background score. Above all the performances by the actors are outstanding. Audiences were not left far behind; social media was raining praises for the movie. Below are few of the tweets from audiences.

Archana L. Pania: The best thing about #jal is that its cinematography of ran in kutch! Awesome & makes u respect every drop of water! THE end @Purab\_Kohli

Hanson K: @Purab\_Kohli I watched @JalTheFilm I felt as if I was in Rann of Kutch and all characters around me!! U & @kulharikirti were Simply amazing!

Bhanu Pratap ☐ : Jal is a beautiful masterpiece <3 @JalTheFilm U made it worth watching :-\* @Purab\_Kohli @kulharikirti @SaidahJules

Vanita Kariappa : @Purab\_Kohli watching Jal. Its not a movie, its a piece of art! A must watch.

Viraj Baraskar : @purab\_kohli jal is one of those finest movies ever made @kulharikirti has less space but worth it..u both rock

Rj kaavya : bhagti zindagi mein..2 pal ruk kar kuch accha mehsos karna chaho to milo bakka se

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..what a movie..suparb acting by @Purab\_Kohli @JalTheFilm

@JalTheFilm was not enough the first time. Its happening again and so is the @Purab\_Kohli magic.

Shweta: #Jal is a MUST WATCH! Amazing acting by @Purab\_Kohli, beautiful cinematography.I hardly recommend Hindi movies,but this one needs a mention!

Akash Verma: @bollywoodmixer @jalthefilm @kulharikirti @malik\_girish @purab\_kohli rally jal a awesome movie..kai dino baad kuch achha dekhno ko milla..

Ashit Sharma : @Purab\_Kohli Heart wrenching film! @JalTheFilm Background score, cinematography and the performances WOW!International film,it's that classy

Below are few other reviews:

NDTV – 4 stars - Subhash K Jha

Never before... probably never again. Once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Bollywood Hungama – 3.5 stars - Taran Adarsh

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Komal Nahta - JAL quenches your thirst for meaningful and good cinema

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IB times- Its Poignant, Powerful Film

Zoom Tv – 3.5 stars –

A visual delight. PURAB KOHLI IS SUBTLE AND INTENSE IN THE LEAD ROLE, THOUGH THE GRANDEUR OF JAL WILL MAKE YOU FORGET EVERYTHING

Aaj Tak- 3.5 stars

Zee News- 4 stars

India Today- 3.5 stars

Times of India - 3.5 stars

It's a picture-perfect album with stark sights and parched souls. Debutant director Girish Malik throws in some light-hearted moments, which nicely water down the intensity of those long, sun-stroked scenes.

Jeeturaaj- 4 stars

Super cinematography and great story makes Jal an awesome work-

Bharati Pradhan, Film Street Journal - 3.5 stars

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An absorbing tale-

-Mid day- 3 stars

This cinematic endeavour's beauty lies in its research. The characters are well fleshed out; the setting is local and the tone, real. The film is also marked by some top-notch performances

Hindustan Times- Jal is a simple story about human emotions and it is that simplicity which touches your heart.