

Forensic (2022 film)

Forensic: The Truth Lies Within, or also called ***Forensic***, is a 2022 Indian Hindi-language psychological crime thriller film directed by Vishal Furia.^[1] It is a remake of the 2020 Malayalam film *Forensic*.^[2] The film stars Vikrant Massey, Radhika Apte, Prachi Desai, Rohit Roy and Harbanddana Kaur.^{[3][4]} The story, set in Mussoorie, follows a police officer and forensic specialist who are on the trail together of a serial killer.^[5] It was released on ZEE5 on 24 June 2022.^[6] It received positive to mixed reviews soon after its release.

Plot

A young boy is watching a girl's birthday party from outside. The man who is with the girl sees the boy and later beats him for going there. He is later seen sneaking into the house of the birthday girl with a knife.

In Dehradun, Johnny Khanna (Vikrant Massey) is an eccentric forensic expert. He goes to a crime scene where a wife is murdered and the husband claims to be in cardiac distress. He immediately finds evidence that the husband murdered his wife.

In Mussoorie, a young girl in a school uniform sees another girl singing in a church, whose birthday it is. The birthday girl gives the schoolgirl candy. The next day, SI Megha Sharma (Radhika Apte) is called to a crime scene in the rain. The murder victim is the birthday girl, whose name is Jennifer.

At home, the school girl is Megha's deceased sister's daughter, Aanya Khanna (Harbandana Kaur), who lives with Megha and her mother (Madhuri Bandiwdekar). Aanya shows Megha a newspaper article with Johnny, who is her paternal uncle. Megha is visible annoyed.

Megha's superior officer tells her that they are bringing in forensic expert Johnny and hopes that the two of them can remain professional. Johnny comes to Megha's house to see Aanya and tries to address Megha. Megha coldly tells him that she is a stickler for police procedure and he should dry not to get in the way. A flashback shows that Johnny and Megha were in love and planned to marry. Johnny then goes to stay with his slightly depressed older brother, Abhay Khanna (Rohit Roy).

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Based on	<i>Forensic</i> by Akhil Paul- Anas Khan
Produced by	Deepak Mukut Mansi Bagla Varun Bagla
Starring	<u>Vikrant Massey</u> <u>Radhika Apte</u> <u>Rohit Roy</u> <u>Prachi Desai</u>
Cinematography	Anshul Chobey
Music by	Adrija Gupta
Production companies	<u>Mini Films</u> Soham Rockstar Entertainment
Distributed by	<u>ZEE5</u>
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At the church, Megha reviews the CCTV footage and sees Aanya talking to Jennifer. She also sees someone luring Jennifer outside and deduces that she may have known her killer. Megha asks Aanya about Jennifer and she tells her aunt that she was just listening to her sing. Johnny uses his forensic expertise to follow Jennifer's path outside and to the location where she hit her head. Megha remembers the CCTV footage and remembers that the person that lured Jennifer was the same height as her. She remembers seeing someone with Dwarfism in the CCTV footage. Constable Rawat (Vindu Dara Singh) identifies him as Charlie, a performer. They capture him for interrogation, but Johnny is able to prove his innocence using science.

Country	India
Language	Hindi

Aanya is seeing psychiatrist Dr. Ranjana (Prachi Desai) to overcome the trauma of losing her mother, Divya (Zeba Sheriff) and her twin sister, Aadya. Aanya claims her father loved Aadya more. Now Aadya is gone and she is not allowed to see her father. Dr. Ranjana practiced out of her house and takes care of her father figure and mentor (Anant Mahadevan). She tells Megha that he was in remission for cancer, but his cancer has returned. Dr. Ranjana tries to convince Megha to allow Aanya to see her father, but she refuses. Abhay requests Johnny talk to Megha about letting Aanya see her father. When Johnny tries to talk to Aanya about her dad, Megha and Johnny fight.

A flashback shows that 5 years ago, Abhay lost Aadya during a fair in Rishikesh. She was later found dead by Aanya, having suffered a fall and hit her head on a brick. In grief, Divya commits suicide. Megha blamed Abhay for the tragedies. She breaks up with Johnny and takes Aanya away from Abhay.

Aanya and her grandmother attend a birthday for Aditi birthday party. At the birthday party, she disappears. After analyzing the crime scene, Johnny deduces that the killer is a 10-12 year old. When Megha's superior officer struggles to accept such a young serial killer, Johnny shows past examples of child killers: Robert Thompson & Jon Venables, Mary Bell, and Amarjeet Sada.

Megha informs her superior of a witness who saw a child in the crime scene where Jennifer was murdered. They are able to get a sketch and distribute it. Megha gets a call from a mental asylum claiming that the sketch is that of Rohan, an 8-year old who killed his father. He escaped 3 months ago and was 11 at the time. The city goes on lockdown with school being canceled, along with birthday parties.

Aanya disappears from Dr. Ranjana's house. When Megha appears, she finds Aanya playing on a see-saw with Rohan. They capture Rohan and find Aditi's body nearby. With the "Birthday Killer" caught, the city is now relaxed.

However, Johnny doesn't think Rohan is the killer because he is right handed and evidence shows the killer is left handed. Megha and Johnny fight about this, until Megha discovers another young girl has disappeared. Aanya is shown pushing a wagon with a dead Birthday Girl on it.

Megha asks Dr. Ranjana to talk to Rohan to extract information on the missing Birthday Girl Bindya Pandit. Rohan tells her that a young girl tells him what to do. The news shows a video of Aanya pushing Bindya's dead body on a wagon. Megha tries to find Aanya, but she is missing. Her teacher informs her that Aanya has been skipping school. Megha is suspended and Johnny is dismissed. Megha is put under house arrest.

Johnny sneaks in and convinces her to help him prove Aanya's innocence. He tells her that he found Bindya's body and has determined that the killer is an adult that may have manipulated Rohan and Aanya. Evidence led him to a house, where he found Bindya's DNA. They don't think the killer will murder

Aanya until 3 days later, which is her birthday.

After seeing a drawing of Aanya's, Johnny and Megha go to a Villa where they find Abhay with Aanya. Aanya has been meeting her father for a year, behind Megha's back. Abhay confesses that when he saw Aanya's news footage, he panicked and brought her to the villa. He was afraid that the killer might be after Aanya. Since her birthday is coming up, he tells Megha that he doesn't want to lose Aanya on her birthday, the way she lost Aadya on her birthday. This gives Megha a hunch. Aanya also tells her that she was following the instructions of a young girl. Megha agrees to let Aanya stay with Abhay for her protection.

Megha's hunch is confirmed: similar cases of girls murdered on their birthdays were reported in Rishikesh 5 years ago. Johnny seeks assistance from his mentor, the country's foremost forensic scientist, Dr. Solanki (Narendra Gupta). Assessment of bite marks from Bindya's body and a Rishikesh victim shows the same DNA, but different bite marks.

The Rishikesh victims had a common psychiatrist, Dr. Ramesh Gupta. A neighbor informs them that Dr. Gupta went into remission from cancer but he was not happy. Upon discovering Dr. Gupta's cancer, his adopted son Shashi committed suicide by jumping in front a train. Since the other victims were also found on train tracks, Megha suspects that Dr. Gupta was replaying his sons death with the victims. Upon seeing Dr. Gupta's picture, Megha realizes that Dr. Gupta is none other than Dr. Ranjana's mentor. Megha and Johnny rush back to Mussoorie thinking Dr. Ranjana and Aanya are in danger.

Aanya is having seizure, so Abhay calls Dr. Ranjana who rushes over. Advance DNA phenotyping shows the DNA is of Dr. Gupta's son Shashi. A closer examination shows that Shashi and Dr. Ranjana are one in the same.

Dr. Gupta reveals that he adopted the disturbed Shashi, the boy shown at the beginning of the movie, when he was about 12. Shashi wants to be a child psychiatrist, but his father's cancer diagnoses triggers Shashi who goes on a killing spree. He then fakes his death and becomes Dr. Ranjana.

When his father's cancer returns, he again goes in a killing spree. Shashi's father loved his sister but not him. So seeing these girls with their fathers when he is about to lose his triggers her to kill. He also believes his father will recover if he kills these girls, just as he did in Rishikesh.

Dr. Ranjana attacks Abhay and hypnotizes Aanya using a little girls voice. Flashback reveals how she hypnotized all the previous victims, who were all under her care.

Aanya is taken to the same house that the girls were murdered. Johnny and Megha go to rescue Aanya. Johnny rescues Aanya while Megha faces off with Dr. Ranjana. Johnny is forced to shoot her to save Aanya and Megha.

Abhay is reunited with Aanya. Megha and Johnny are back together and seen relaxing on a beach. They both receive calls about a series of murders in Goa, excited that they will get a chance to work together again.

Cast

- Vikrant Massey as Forensic Specialist Johnny Khanna, Abhay's younger brother
- Radhika Apte as SI Megha Sharma, Divya's younger sister
- Harbandana Kaur as Aanya Khanna, Abhay and Divya's daughter

- Rohit Roy as Abhay Khanna, Jonny's older brother, Aanya's father
- Prachi Desai as Dr. Ranjana / Shashi Ramesh Gupta
- Vindu Dara Singh as Constable Rawat
- Anant Mahadevan as Dr. Ramesh Gupta
- Narendra Gupta as Dr. Solanki, Johnny's mentor

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