

# Cuttputlli

Cuttputlli (transl. Puppet) is a 2022 Indian Hindi-language psychological crime thriller film directed by Ranjit M. Tewari and produced by Vashu Bhagnani, Jackky Bhagnani and Deepshikha Deshmukh under Pooja Entertainment. A remake of the 2018 Tamil film Ratsasan written and directed by Ram Kumar, it stars Akshay Kumar in the lead role with Rakul Preet Singh, Joshua LeClair, Chandrachur Singh and Sargun Mehta. [3][4]

The film premiered on Disney+ Hotstar on 2 September 2022. [5]

### **Plot**

The corpse of 15-year-old student Samiksha, who was brutally murdered, is discovered. Arjan Sethi is an aspiring filmmaker who wants to make a film on <u>Psychopaths</u>. After multiple rejections from film producers and pressure from his family, he becomes a <u>SI</u> in the Himachal Pradesh Police, with the help of his brother-in-law Narinder Singh, a police officer himself. While Arjan does have a significant rank, he is treated like a rookie, due to lack of police experience. He moves in with his sister Seem, Narinder, and their daughter Payal. Payal gets into trouble in school and asks Arjan for help, so he meets her teacher Divya at school, posing as Payal's father, though soon exposed. He also befriends Divya's hearing and speech-impaired niece, Iti.

Meanwhile, Arjan investigates the abduction of a schoolgirl, Amrita. He finds similarities between Samiksha and Amrita's case, due to the mutilations on a doll found at Amrita's house. But his attempts to convince his superior officer, SHO Gudiya Parmar, go futile. A few days later, Amrita's mutilated corpse is found. The coroner suggests that the perpetrator's modus operandi is the same as Samiksha's. Over the next few days, another hearing-impaired girl named Komal from Divya's school is abducted and killed. The search leads to Purushottam Tomar, a teacher at the new school Payal is enrolled in. Tomar is a pedophile who forces girls into inappropriate acts. Payal herself narrowly escapes Purushottam Tomar when Arjan nabs him after getting a tip-off from another victim. While trying to get a confession from him on the spot, Arjan discharges his service

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Official release poster

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Directed by	Ranjit M. Tewari	
Written by	Aseem Arora	
Screenplay by	Tushar Trivedi	
Story by	Ram Kumar	
Based on	<u>Ratsasan</u> (2018) by Ram Kumar	
Produced by	Vashu Bhagnani	
	Jackky Bhagnani	
	Deepshikha	
	Deshmukh	
	Akshay Kumar	
Starring	Akshay Kumar	
Starring	Akshay Kumar Rakul Preet Singh	
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Starring  Cinematography	Rakul Preet Singh	
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Cinematography	Rakul Preet Singh Sargun Mehta Rajeev Ravi	
Cinematography Edited by	Rakul Preet Singh Sargun Mehta Rajeev Ravi Chandan Arora	
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firearm. Tomar admits to being a sexual predator but denies the murder charges. In a bid to escape, he holds Parmar at gunpoint, but Arjan guns down Tomar.

The same day, Payal is abducted from her birthday party at home and Arjan finds her corpse in their car trunk two days later. To make things worse, Arjan is suspended for his negligence in using his gun when arresting Tomar. Dejected and angry, Arjan unofficially investigates the case himself with the help of a few policemen, including Head Constable Mahinder Guleria. Finding an audio clip from Komal's hearing aid, he

Production company	Pooja Entertainment
Distributed by	Disney+ Hotstar
Release date	2 September 2022
Running time	134 minutes
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	₹30 crore <sup>[1]</sup>

traces a piano tune back to a lady <u>magician/pianist</u> Agnes, who performed at all the victims' schools. Arjan informs his findings to SHO Parmar who believes him and re-appoints him on the case. Arjan finds that Agnes picks her victims by randomly calling them onto the stage, then kills them within the next few days and her next target would be a girl named Aisha. He tries to warn Aisha but despite constant surveillance, she is abducted. Arjan and his team track her location and save Aisha from being murdered. Agnes escapes and goes to Divya's house, where she attacks Divya and kidnaps Iti.

Arjan tracks Agnes to a nearby abandoned building and discovers that Agnes is a man. The man reveals himself to be Christopher, the son of Agnes, who was arrested many years ago after killing a young beautiful girl similar to the other victims. Christopher reveals that he has <u>progeria</u>, and was bullied when he was younger. A young girl, Sofia, became friends with him when he was younger, but when he confessed his love to her, she humiliated him. Agnes invited Sofia to her home sometime later, where Agnes helped Christopher kill her. Agnes took the blame for the murder, but after her passing, Christopher decided to dress up as her and continue killing other girls, as they reminded him of Sofia.

Arjan and Christopher fight, but thanks to Iti, Arjan is able to take him down. Divya comes to aid Arjan, as he and Iti walk away from Christopher's body.

#### **Cast**

- Akshay Kumar as SI Arjan Sethi
- Rakul Preet Singh as Divya Bakshi
- Joshua LeClair as Christopher "Agnes" Fernandez
- Chandrachur Singh as Narinder Singh
- Sargun Mehta as SHO Gudia Parmar
- Sujith Shankar as Purushottam Tomar
- Gurpreet Ghuggi as Head Constable Mahinder Guleria
- Shahid Latief as SI Ravichand Machchan
- Hrishita Bhatt as Seema Sethi Singh
- Renaye Tejani as Payal Singh
- Suhani Dhanki as RJ Roshini Beniwal
- Suhani Sethi as Sofia
- Shilpa Sapatnekar as class teacher

 Alireza Hasanvand (https://files.virgool.io/upload/users/281563/posts/vct7ws7aznt5/gncg4gij sug4.jpeg)

#### **Production**

In October 2018, <u>Vishnu Vishal</u>, the lead actor of <u>Ratsasan</u> confirmed that he acquired the <u>Hindi</u> remake rights of the film. <u>[6]</u> Initial reports claimed that actor <u>Ayushmann Khurrana</u> was approached for the remake. <u>[7][8]</u> However in July 2021, <u>Akshay Kumar</u> and <u>Rakul Preet Singh</u> were confirmed to star in the remake which was then titled <u>Mission Cindrella</u>. <u>[9]</u>

The film began first schedule on 21 August 2021 in  $\underline{UK}$  which ended in October 2021. Principal photography resumed in February 2022 at  $\underline{Mussoorie}$ , and the entire film  $\underline{wrapped\ up}$  in  $\underline{Dehradun}$  on 17 February 2022. [11][12]

#### **Soundtrack**

The music of the film is composed by <u>Tanishk Bagchi</u>, <u>Dr Zeus</u> and Aditya Dev. The background score is composed by <u>Julius Packiam</u>. The first single titled "Saathiya" was released on 24 August 2022. [14] The second single titled "Rabba" was released on 30 August 2022. [15]

No.	Title	Lyrics	Music	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Saathiya"	Tanishk Bagchi	Tanishk Bagchi	<u>Nikhil</u> <u>D'Souza,</u> Zahrah Khan	3:32
2.	"Rabba"	Omar Malik	Dr Zeus	Sukhwinder Singh	3:14
3.	"Tu Dis De"	Hamid Ali Naqeebi	Dr Zeus	Hamid Ali Naqeebi	3:54
4.	"Laapata"	Rashmi Virag	Aditya Dev	Payal Dev, Dev Negi	3:20
			To	tal length:	14:00

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Cuttputlli				
Soundtrack album by Tanishk				
Bagchi, Dr Zeus and Aditya Dev				
Released	30 August 2022 <sup>[13]</sup>			
Recorded	2022			
Genre	Feature film			
	soundtrack			
Length	14:00			
Language	Hindi			
Label	Zee Music			
	Company			
Official audio				
Cuttputlli - Full Album (https://www.y				
outube.com/watch?v=E4rCnmp06L				
s) on YouTube				

## Release

The film was originally titled as *Mission Cindrella* before being changed to *Cuttputtli* on 19 August 2022. The film was premiered on Disney+ Hotstar on 2 September 2022.  $\frac{[17][18][19]}{[17][18][19]}$ 

The film was sold for home media release for a sum of ₹ 135 Crore. [20]

## Reception

The film received mixed reviews reviews comparing the original to the remake. A critic for <u>DNA India</u> rated the film 4 out of 5 stars and wrote "The film offers everything, ranging from action, drama, tear-jerker moments and a whole lot more". A critic for <u>Zee News</u> rated the film 4 out of 5 stars and wrote "*Cuttputli* has a strong storyline, amazing production value and stellar performances". Ronak Kotecha of *The Times of India* rated the film 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "With its cold and damp setting in a

nondescript hill town, *Cuttputlli* gets the eerie atmospherics of a campy whodunit quite right". Devesh Sharma of *Filmfare* rated the film 3.5 out if 5 stars and wrote "*Cuttputlli* is an engaging thriller and all we can say is that perhaps they should have gambled". A critic for *Pinkvilla* rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "*Cuttputtli* is a faithful remake of Ratsasan that has some pros and some cons". Rohit Bhatnagar of *The Free Press Journal* rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and wrote "To come out of the bad hangover of recent Akshay Kumar films, *Cuttputlli* is a perfect binge-watch". Sandayopadhyay of *News 18* rated the film 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote "*Cuttputlli* would manage to hook you but there are quite a few distractions too, but overall the film does manage to maintain its pace". Sukanya Verma of *Rediff* rated the film 2 out of 5 stars and wrote "*Cuttputlli*'s absolutely absurd climax will have you rolling on the floor in unintended laughter". Shubhra Gupta of *The Indian Express* rated the film 1 out of 5 stars and wrote "Nothing about this thriller, which lacks thrills, works the way it should. Instead of tension, we get a mix of tired family drama-and-romance in this Akshay Kumar film".

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