

Raat Baaki Hai

Raat Baaki Hai is a ZEE5 Hindi thriller movie starring [Rahul Dev](#), [Anup Soni](#), [Paoli Dam](#), [Saanand Verma](#) and [Dipannita Sharma](#) directed by [Avinash Das](#). Based on Atul Satya Koushik's Hindi play *Ballygunge 1990*, the film is set in [Rajasthan](#). The film is about a murder investigation of a top actress, who was found murdered in the suite of the hotel where she was engaged.^[1]

Plot

On their engagement night, film writer Kartik Sharma's ([Anup Soni](#)) fiancée famous actress Vaani Chopra ([Dipannita Sharma](#)), is brutally murdered in her hotel room. Police officer Rajesh Ahlawat ([Rahul Dev](#)) arrives at the scene and takes charge of the investigation. Initial findings reveal that Kartik is the only person missing among the attendees of the engagement, making him the prime suspect. Meanwhile, Rajesh is maintaining regular phone communication, updating someone about the progress of the investigation.

In a state of panic, Kartik runs through the city and manages to seek help from a passing car. He explains to the driver that he is attempting to escape a serious problem without involving the police.

At the crime scene, the police focus their attention on a new suspect, film producer Rehan Mustafa ([Saurabh Sachdeva](#)) who launched Vaani. CCTV footage reveals that during the engagement, Rehan had a confrontation with Kartik due to his inappropriate behavior towards Vaani. Rehan denies the murder accusation, admitting to his past relationship with Vaani. Witnessing Vaani's engagement to another person triggered his emotional response. The CCTV footage shows Rehan walking towards Vani and Kartik's room later that night, but mysteriously, the footage is missing beyond that point. Rehan claims he intended to apologize to Vani and Kartik but turned back before reaching their room.

As the car Kartik is in approaches a police checkpoint, he becomes anxious and asks the driver to avoid it. The driver, named Manohar, becomes troubled by Kartik's behavior and asks him to exit the car. He suggests that Kartik seek help from King Raja Sujan Singh, who resides nearby. Kartik agrees.

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Promotional poster

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Starring	Rahul Dev Anup Soni Paoli Dam Dipannita Sharma
Cinematography	Manoj Soni
Edited by	Archit D Rastogi
Distributed by	ZEE5
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Country	India
Language	Hindi

Upon reaching King Raja Sujan Singh's residence, Kartik is surprised to discover that his ex-girlfriend, Vashuki ([Paoli Dam](#)), is now the King's wife and Queen. Vashuki informs Kartik that the King is absent and requests him to wait for his return. Kartik confesses to Vashuki that he was intoxicated earlier and woke up to find Vani dead with a knife in his hand. Due to excessive alcohol consumption, he experienced a blackout and cannot recall what happened. He cannot even be certain whether he killed Vaani or not.

The police later dismiss Rehan as a suspect when a waitress provides testimony affirming that Vani was seen alive by her after Rehan walked towards Vani's room. The waitress further confirms Rehan's intention to apologize to Vani and Kartik.

Through phone surveillance, the police learn that Kartik may be hiding in the King's residence, prompting them to head there for investigation. On their way, Rajesh narrates untold stories surrounding the murder to his colleague. A few days before the engagement, Vaani was having an affair with King Raja Sujan, and the person Rajesh keeps updating about the investigation is none other than the King himself.

At the King's residence, Vashuki reveals more details to Kartik about the murder. After discovering the King's affair with Vaani, Vashuki became consumed by jealousy and desperation. She confesses to being the one who killed Vani with the help of a waitress and planted the knife in Kartik's hand. Additionally, she admits to killing King Raja Sujan moments before Kartik's arrival. Earlier, Vashuki showed Kartik a knife that she claims to be an expensive souvenir she bought in [Istanbul](#). She tricked Kartik to touch that knife, making his fingerprints left on the handle. Now she reveals that knife is the exact weapon she used to kill the King, so Kartik will be taken as the prime suspect.

Overwhelmed, Kartik loses control and attempts to strangle Vashuki just as the police arrive and arrest him. Vashuki successfully frames Kartik for both the murders of King Raja Sujan and Vani.

Cast

- [Rahul Dev](#) as Rajesh Ahlawat
- [Anup Soni](#) as Kartik Sharma
- [Paoli Dam](#) as Vasuki Singh
- [Dipannita Sharma](#) as Vaani Chopra
- [Saurabh Sachdeva](#) as Rehan Mustafa
- Sameer Malhotra as Raja Sujan Singh
- Aakash Dahiya as S.I. Sangram Singh
- [Saanand Verma](#) as Manohar

Release

Raat Baaki Hai was premiered on [ZEE5](#) on 16 April 2021.^[1]

Reception

Vibhor from [FreePress Journal](#) wrote a review with title "It's better to go to sleep than watch this". He expanded: "The best part about this one hour forty minute film is that it is for one hour forty minutes only. It would have been a real task to sit through another five minutes of this snoozefest."^[2] Archika Khurana from [Times of India](#) wrote "*Raat Baaki Hai* circles around a murder investigation and the existing lives of the lead characters which could have been an interesting watch but it lacks the right elements to entertain.

Despite some known faces and convincing acts, it comes across as a not-so-thrilling suspense drama."^[3] Inext wrote about the film "*Raat Baaki Hai* claims to be a suspense thriller drama but it is not suspense thriller from any angle. When you can predict what's going to happen next only by seeing the face of artists, you don't call such films thrillers but scam."^[4] Tatsam Mukherjee from *Firstpost* stated the film as "a simple murder mystery with no element of intrigue or entertainment".^[5]

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