

Drishyam 2 (2022 film)

Drishyam 2 (transl. Visual 2) is a 2022 Indian Hindi-language crime thriller film directed by Abhishek Pathak and produced by Panorama Studios, T-Series Films and Viacom18 Studios. It is a remake of the 2021 Malayalam film of the same name and sequel to the 2015 film *Drishyam*. The film stars Ajay Devgn, Akshaye Khanna, Tabu and Shriya Saran alongside a supporting cast, including Ishita Dutta, Mrunal Jadhav, Rajat Kapoor and Kamlesh Sawant.^{[5][6]} The story is set seven years after the events of the first film.

Soon after the release of the original film in February 2021, the remake came into development and was finalized within the same year. All actors from the predecessor were retained, with Khanna as new addition. Principal photography occurred from February to June 2022, primarily in Goa with filming also taking place in Mumbai and Hyderabad. The music is composed by Devi Sri Prasad.

Released on 18 November 2022,^{[7][8]} *Drishyam 2* opened to positive reviews with critical acclaim directed upon the performances, writing, cinematography and editing. The film grossed ₹100 crore (US\$13 million) worldwide in four days and entered the 100 Crore Club in India within six days of release. Earning ₹345 crore (US\$43 million) worldwide, *Drishyam 2* emerged as a major financial success, becoming the third highest-grossing Hindi film of 2022 and the 24th highest-grossing Hindi film of all time.

Plot

On the night of 3 October 2014, a man named David Braganza flees from authorities after committing a murder. While hiding behind an under construction site, he witnesses Vijay Salgaonkar (Ajay Devgn) emerging from it. David later tries to escape with his wife and son but ends up getting arrested.

Seven years later, Vijay, Nandini (Shriya Saran), Anju (Ishita Dutta) and Anu (Mrunal Jadhav) are living contentedly. Vijay is now an affluent businessman who owns a movie theatre and still operates a cable company. He aspires to make a film of his own and is in frequent contact with screenwriter Murad Ali (Saurabh Shukla) to develop the script. Anju, on the other hand,

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Abhishek Pathak
Written by	Screenplay: Aamil Keeyan Khan Abhishek Pathak
Story by	Jeethu Joseph
Based on	<i>Drishyam 2</i> by Jeethu Joseph
Produced by	Bhushan Kumar Krishan Kumar Kumar Mangat Pathak Abhishek Pathak
Starring	Ajay Devgn Akshaye Khanna Tabu Shriya Saran

is a PTSD patient and has recurring episodes of epilepsy, a result of her involvement in Sam's death. Jealous of the family, a number of locals have resorted to spreading rumours about Anju being in a relationship with Sam, much to Nandini's distress. Her only solace is her friendly neighbor, Jenny ([Neha Joshi](#)), who is frequently abused by her alcoholic husband, Shiv.

On Sam's death anniversary, Vijay has an encounter with Sam's father Mahesh Deshmukh ([Rajat Kapoor](#)), who vainly asks him to disclose the location of his son's remains. Meanwhile, Nandini spends more time with Jenny and inadvertently reveals that Anju murdered Sam. Unknown to her, Jenny and Shiv are married undercover cops, assigned by IG Tarun Ahlawat ([Akshaye Khanna](#)), who is a close friend and colleague of his predecessor Meera Deshmukh ([Tabu](#)).

At the same time, David is released from jail. After struggling to reconcile with his now-estranged wife, he yearns to find employment. While coming to know that Vijay's case is still progressing, he recalls the latter's presence at the then-under-construction police station and realizes that Vijay was in fact complicit within the murder. He tips Tarun, who summons Meera and Mahesh from London. After the trio bribes him, David divulges what he saw, leading to the newly built police station being unearthed. The police eventually discover a skeleton. Vijay, having noticed this through his [CCTV](#) cameras which he had installed around the police station, seemingly gives up.

Tarun summons Vijay's family for questioning. While Vijay, Nandini, Anu, and Anju manage to maintain their alibi; Meera uncovers a voice recording of Nandini's prior confession to Jenny; the police bugged the family's residence, exposing the family. Gaitonde ([Kamlesh Sawant](#)) thrashes Nandini, Anju and Anu, causing Anju to have one of her fits. Distraught, Vijay falsely confesses to Tarun that he murdered Sam. With the police satisfied, the family are let go, and Vijay gets arrested and put on trial for Sam's murder, although Meera isn't satisfied and demands that Vijay's family be punished as well.

Having learnt of Vijay's arrest, Murad visits Tarun, Meera and Mahesh. He reveals that during one of his encounters with Vijay, the latter had fabricated a script for a future crime thriller, loosely based on Sam's murder. He reveals that the script had been turned into a novel titled *Drishyam*, although it was published under Murad's name for copyright protection. Vijay pleads not guilty, with his lawyer claiming that the police used *Drishyam*'s plot as a means to frame him. Furthermore, the judge reveals that the DNA tests conducted on the skeleton do not match Sam's DNA, much to everyone's shock.

Murad reveals that Vijay had created an alternate climax for his film in which the hero, knowing his initial plan might fail, would get the remains of another male of the same age and sex who had died of similar injuries to those of the villain, by befriending the gravedigger of the local cemetery. The hero would keep the skeletal remains with him for three years before befriending the security guard of the district medical college morgue under the pretext of promising him a role in his film. The same night the remains which were excavated from the police station arrive at the morgue, the hero would swap the bodies before the DNA examination takes place.

Cinematography	Sudhir K. Chaudhary
Edited by	Sandeep Francis
Music by	Devi Sri Prasad
Production companies	Panorama Studios Viacom18 Studios T-Series Films
Distributed by	Panorama Studios Yash Raj Films
Release date	18 November 2022
Running time	140 minutes ^[1]
Country	India
Language	Hindi
Budget	₹50–70 crore ^{[2][3]}
Box office	<u>est.</u> ₹345.05 crore ^[4]

Vijay is released on bail due to a lack of evidence, and the police are prohibited from investigating the family. The judge calls Tarun to his chambers and tells him to end all investigations against Vijay and his family, as he believes both families deserve justice, but the legal system is unable to provide it to them. The judge also tells him that such cases are not new to the system. Outside the courthouse, Murad discloses to Meera and Mahesh that Vijay's alternative climax had a twist in which the hero would hand over the villain's cremated remains to the bereaved parents. At the same time, Vijay has Sam's cremated remains anonymously handed over to Meera and Mahesh.

Mahesh immerses Sam's remains and persuades Meera to let go of her animosity towards Vijay, as he accepts they have found closure and believes Vijay would do anything to protect his family. Vijay, who was watching from afar, solemnly leaves.

Cast

- [Ajay Devgn](#) as Vijay Salgaonkar
- [Shriya Saran](#) as Nandini Salgaonkar
- [Akshaye Khanna](#) as IG Tarun Ahlawat [IPS](#)
- [Tabu](#) as Meera Deshmukh
- [Ishita Dutta](#) as Anju Salgaonkar
- [Mrunal Jadhav](#) as Anu Salgaonkar
- [Rajat Kapoor](#) as Mahesh Deshmukh
- [Neha Joshi](#) as Jenny Thomas
- [Saurabh Shukla](#) as Murad Ali
- [Kamlesh Sawant](#) as Laxmikant Gaitonde
- [Yogesh Soman](#) as [Inspector](#) Sawant
- [Samvedna Suwalka](#) as [Advocate](#) Gayatri Mohan
- [Prathamesh Parab](#) as Jose
- [Siddharth Bodke](#) as David Braganza
- [Nishant Singh](#) as Shiv
- [Ashmita Jaggi](#) as Mary Braganza
- [Sameer Deshpande](#) as [Public Prosecutor](#) Siraj Ahmed
- [Sharad Butadiya](#) as Martin

Production

Drishyam 2 (2021) is the sequel to the original 2013 [Malayalam](#) film *Drishyam* (2013), and was released in February 2021.^{[9][10]} It was decided that Abhishek Pathak will direct the film.^[11] The film is produced by [Panorama Studios](#) and distributed by [Yash Raj Films](#).

[Principal photography](#) of the remake sequel commenced on 17 February 2022 in [Mumbai](#) and was extensively shot in [Goa](#) with [Ajay Devgn](#) and [Shriya Saran](#). [Tabu](#) joined the sets on 26 April, and later on, [Akshaye Khanna](#) joined on 30 April.^[12] The film was wrapped up on 21 June 2022 in [Hyderabad](#).^[13]

Music

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The film's music is composed by Devi Sri Prasad and lyrics are written by Amitabh Bhattacharya.^[14] The first single, "Saath Hum Rahein," was released on 1 November 2022.^[15]

All lyrics are written by Amitabh Bhattacharya

Track listing

No.	Title	Singer(s)	Length
1.	"Sahi Galat"	King	2:49
2.	"Saath Hum Rahein"	Jubin Nautiyal	4:02
3.	"Drishyam 2 - Title Track"	Vijay Prakash, Usha Uthup	3:20
Total length:			10:11

Reception

Critical response

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 70% of 10 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 6.1/10.^[16]

Drishyam 2 received positive reviews from critics and audience.^[17] Bollywood Hungama rated the film 4 out of 5 stars and termed the film a "*paisa vasool* experience" and also praised the performances and climax.^[18] Archika Khurana of *The Times of India* rated the film 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote: "*Drishyam 2* dishes out plenty of twists and turns to keep you hooked throughout, just like its predecessor. And the story of the Salgaokars will continue to remain in public memory".^[19] Anna M. M. Vetticad of *Firstpost* rated the film 3.25 out of 5 stars. Offering a detailed comparison between the original Malayalam *Drishyam 2* starring Mohanlal and this Hindi remake, she wrote: "This is an adaptation that, while faithfully reproducing Jeethu Joseph's story, gives us a flavour of the cultural setting to which it has been transplanted from Kerala and does things with the new location that mark a refreshing change from the resurgence of prejudice and community stereotyping witnessed in Bollywood in the last decade."^[20] Rohit Bhatnagar of *The Free Press Journal* rated the film 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote: "*Drishyam 2* ticks almost every box on the checklist of a Bollywood film lover and makes it a great watch for massy cinephiles".^[21] Devesh Sharma of *Filmfare* rated the film 3.5 out of 5 stars and wrote: "Everything hinges on the performances and the entire cast has chipped in with their best efforts. Tabu looks the very picture of grief and angst. Akshaye Khanna is the new player in the field and his quirks and punch dialogue make you smile. The film rests squarely on Ajay Devgn's able shoulders".^[22] Shalini Langer of *The Indian Express* rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and wrote: "The Ajay Devgn-Akshaye Khanna-Tabu starrer very deftly picks up from where the two main protagonists, both fierce parents, left off in *Drishyam*. Its execution is not as smooth as the last time though".^[23] Sonil Dedhia of *News 18* rated the film 3 out of 5 stars and wrote: "*Drishyam 2* doesn't feel nearly as tense or urgent as it ought to, and its plot simply isn't as deliciously complex as it could've been. As a result, it's a watchable film, but not an unforgettable one".^[24] Anindita Mukherjee of *India Today* rated the film 2.5 out of 5 stars and wrote: "Ajay Devgn's *Drishyam 2* has plenty of nail-biting moments but it will somewhere leave you missing 2015 film, *Drishyam*".^[25]

Box office

Soundtrack album by <u>Devi Sri Prasad</u>		
Released	18 November 2022 ^[14]	
Recorded	2022	
Genre	<u>Feature film</u> <u>soundtrack</u>	
Length	10:11	
Language	Hindi	
Label	<u>Panorama Music</u>	
<u>Devi Sri Prasad</u> chronology		
<i><u>Ranga Ranga</u></i>	<i>Drishyam 2</i>	<i><u>Cirkus</u></i> (2022)
<i><u>Vaibhavanga</u></i> (2022)	(2022)	
Official audio		
Drishyam 2 - Full Album (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_75HPK2zZE) on <u>YouTube</u>		

Drishyam 2 earned ₹15.38 crore at the domestic box office on its opening day. On the second day the film collected ₹21.59 crore, while on the third day it collected ₹27.17 crore taking the domestic weekend collection to ₹64.14 crore.^[26] *Drishyam 2* had a superb hold on Monday with collections dropping just 20% from the Friday and the Friday itself was a very good 15.38 crore nett. The Monday collections of the film are in the 11.75 crore nett range which is simply outstanding and in four days since release the film has collected almost 75 crore nett.^[27] *Drishyam 2* continues with fantastic collections on Tuesday as it collected 10.50 crore nett. The five day business of the film has reached 85 crore nett.^[28]

As of 26 January 2023 the film earned ₹240.54 crore (US\$30 million) net in India.^[29] India overall gross collection is ₹286.36 crores and, overseas gross is ₹58.69 crores taking worldwide collection to ₹345.05 crore (US\$43 million).^[26]

Accolades

Year ^[a]	Award	Category	Recipient(s)	Result	Ref.
2023	23rd IIFA Awards	<u>Best Film</u>	<i>Drishyam 2</i>	Won	[30]
		<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Ajay Devgn</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Supporting Actress</u>	<u>Tabu</u>	Nominated	
		<u>Best Story (Adapted)</u>	Aamil Keeyan Khan and Abhishek Pathak	Nominated	
	68th Filmfare Awards	<u>Best Actor</u>	<u>Ajay Devgn</u>	Nominated	[31]
		<u>Best Editing</u>	Sandeep Francis	Nominated	
		<u>Best Action</u>	Amin Khatib	Nominated	

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a. Refers to the year in which the ceremony was held.

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