

CID is "Jab Daya ka hath padta hai, to muh ke andar daaton se piano bajne lagta hai" (meaning "When Daya slaps someone, then a piano plays in the mouth by the teeth"). One of the most famous dialogues in *CID* is that of ACP Pradyuman asking him, "Daya darwaaza tod do" (meaning "Daya, break the door"). This dialogue became so popular that it is even used in the film *Singham Returns* and *Singham Again* in one of its most appreciated scenes. In *CID*, Daya is also critical in finding clues to solve cases. Although tough in appearance, he is also soft-mannered and sympathetic in nature and is always the first one to support team members and others when they need help the most.



(From L-R) Dayanand Shetty, [Ansha Sayed](#), [Janvi Chheda](#), [Shivaji Satam](#), [Vineet Kumar Chaudhary](#) and [Aditya Srivastava](#) on the set of *CID*

Shetty has acted in TV commercials, plays and films. He also won the "Best Looking Guy" vote, conducted by Indian Television in 2002. He also participated in *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa* (Season 4), a dance reality show.

A song was recorded for *CID* episode (aired on 21 January 2012), which was a lullaby sung by Shetty and his fellow actors Shivaji Satam and Aditya Shrivastava. His talent as a singer has been appreciated in talk shows like *Movers and Shakers* as well.

The movies he has acted in include *Johnny Gaddaar*, *Runway*, *Singham Returns* and *Singham Again*.

Shetty has made guest appearances in shows like *Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin* and *Kkusum*. He has acted in *Gutur Gu*, which is a silent comedy show (in both season one and two). He has made appearances as a celebrity guest in shows including *Deal Ya No Deal*, *Entertainment Ke Liye Kuch Bhi Karega (season 4)*, *Kahani Comedy Circus Ki* and *Aapka Sapna Hamara Apna*.

He participated in *5th season of Khatron Ke Khiladi* doing many stunts, but was eventually eliminated.^{[8][9]}

Shetty and [Shivaji Satam](#) appeared as celebrity guests on the TV show *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa L'il Champs* (in the Independence Day Special episode of 2011). Shetty, Satam, [Aditya Srivastava](#) and [Narendra Gupta](#) also appeared on *Kaun Banega Crorepati* in 2014.^[10] He has won the best-supporting actor award (for the role of Senior Inspector Daya in *CID*) in the Gold Awards 2012.

Shetty and Srivastava teamed up for a travel and food-based YouTube non-fiction show called *Safarkhana* in 2024.^[11]

Shetty also played the role of ACP Daya in film *Singham Again*.

Filmography [\[edit \]](#)

Films [\[edit \]](#)

Key

†	Denotes film or TV productions that have not yet been released
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- All films are in Hindi unless otherwise noted.*

Year	Title	Role	Notes	Ref.
1996	<i>Diljale</i>	Gunman		
2007	<i>Johnny Gaddaar</i>	Shiva		
2009	<i>Runway</i>	Police Inspector		
2014	<i>Singham Returns</i>	Sr. Inspector Daya		^[12]
2022	<i>Govinda Naam Mera</i>	Inspector Javed Khan		^[13]
2023	<i>Yaan Superstar</i>	Bala Krishna	Tulu film	^[14]
	<i>Navras Katha Collage</i>	Pakistani Police Officer		
2024	<i>Singham Again</i>	ACP Daya		^[15]

Television ^{[[edit](#)]}

Year	Title	Role	Notes	Ref.
1998–2018; 2024–present	<i>CID</i>	Sr. Inspector Daya		[16]
2005	<i>CID: Special Bureau</i>			
2010	<i>Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 4</i>	Contestant	8th place	
2010–2012	<i>Gutur Gu</i>	Harpreet Singh		[17]
2012	<i>Gutur Gu</i>	Daya Singh	Season 2	
2014		Bully's neighbour	Season 3	
	<i>CID Vs Adaalat – Karmyudh</i>	Sr. Inspector Daya	Telefilm	[18]
	<i>Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 5</i>	Contestant	13th place	[19]
2019	<i>CIF</i>	Inspector Hanuman Pandey		[20]
2021	<i>Savdhaan India</i>	Host		
2024	<i>Safarkhana With Aditya & Daya</i>	Host		

Special appearance ^{[[edit](#)]}

Year	Title	Role	Ref.
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2005	<i>Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin</i>	Himself	
	<i>Kkusum</i>		
2011	<i>Surya The Super Cop</i>	Sr. Inspector Daya	
2012	<i>Adaalat - CID Viruddh Adaalat</i>		[21]
2014	<i>Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah</i>		[22]
2016	<i>Gupp Chupp</i>	Rocky	

Awards and nominations [[edit](#)]

Year	Awards	Category	Work	Result	Ref
2013	Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards India	Favorite Actor	<i>CID</i>	Nominated	
2016				Nominated	
2011	Gold Awards	Best Supporting Actor		Won	[23]
2018		Hall of Fame		Won	[3]

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