## VISIONARY VISIONARY

A FILM BY SAGNIK DUTTA

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Country:

India

Language: Subtitles: Hindi, English

Runtime:

English 16.24 mins

Genre: Aspect Ratio: Sci-fi, Thriller Aspect Ratio:

Format:

MP4 H.264 Colour

Sound: Stereo





### Logline

A visually disabled young man participates in the trial of a medical device that allows blind people to experience vision. But the trial goes wrong, when the device shows him more than the human eye can perceive.

### **Synopsis**

A young man, known only as 'The Subject", who has been blind since birth, is invited to take part in the trial of a revolutionary new technology, developed by 'The Scientist'. The device, it turns out, works even better than intended, capturing things that exist beyond the physical realm. Trouble begins when it catches the attention of an entity, whose intentions may be malevolent towards them. The Subject and the Scientist must work together to escape this entity, and discover its true nature.

The story unfolds in a non-linear fashion, told through flashbacks during a meeting, in which the scientist presents her findings to an investor.

Visionary is the subversion of a supernatural thriller, which through grounded science fiction, tells a tale about isolation.





### **Director's Statement**

In the kingdom of darkness, the blind man is king.

Visionary is a story about the human need for connection, told through the mould of grounded science fiction. I wanted to tell a story which subverted the tropes of a typical location thriller. While working as an architect, I'm often confronted with the idea of how different people navigate the same spaces, but in different ways. Designing a space that is equally navigable by the differently abled is one of the biggest challenges in Architecture. While discussing these ideas with my collaborators, we would speculate on how new technology could be used to level the playing field. These discussions were what ultimately lead to the short film which is Visionary.

Visionary was made by a team of amateurs under a zero budget. All we had was an idea and a desire to tell a story of our own. It is my first attempt at making a proper short film, and the entire process was a huge learning experience for me as a filmmaker.





### Team



Sagnik Dutta Writer, Director, Camera & Edit Sagnik is a filmmaker based in Kolkata, India.



**Tushar Chandra** Lead Actor, Story & Poster Design



# Team **Rohit Ranjan** Actor, Producer Lopamudra Mohapatra



### Cast

Lopamudra Mohapatra as 'The Scientist' Tushar Chandra as 'The Subject' Rohit Ranjan as 'The Assistant' Prosenjit Dutta as 'The Investor'

### Crew

Screenplay, Director, Camera, Edit : Sagnik Dutta Producer: Rohit Ranjan Story: Tushar Chandra Production Assistant: Monica Dutta Location Courtesy: Sudeshna Banerjee

Filmed in Kolkata Completed in June, 2024 This Film was shot on the Panasonic Lumix G85 and Google Pixel 6a.





