



Some scenes from the film 'Destiny'

Bhupendra Singh Jadawat

have even won Academy Awards. YouTube has made it possible to show your film to the world." He however did do a course from The Roshan Taneja Acting School, to ensure he could see himself in the shoes of an actor before he directed one. "What you need most in filmmaking are the sensibilities and the life experiences. Nothing can replace that."

His first short film 'Screwdriver' is about a man whose motorbike breaks down and he needs a screwdriver to fix it. "Over the next few days, there are a few random cases of people being murdered with screwdrivers. As a kneejerk reaction, the government imposes a ban on the sale of screwdrivers and makes licensing mandatory for their possession.

'Screwdriver' was a satire that made fun of the 'ban culture' in India where bans are imposed very frequently."

His March 2018 release - a romantic short film titled 'Destiny' is 14 minutes long and is a youth-centric, slice-of-life comedy with a twist - giving insight into the changing culture of dating in urban India where social media plays an increasingly dominant role. "'Destiny' has crossed 1.75 million views on YouTube as we speak. I was awarded the 'Best Foreign Film' for it by The Ridgewood Guild International Film Festival' held in New Jersey, USA. I also received five other awards."

Vikkram now has several scripts ready for short films across various

genres including drama, crime and romance. "Some of these are on socially relevant topics such as poverty alleviation, drug abuse and the sufferings of senior citizens which I feel strongly about. Then there's a female-centric drama. I will be filming these now and expect to release them on the YouTube channel of my company, Quest Mercury. I'm also working on the script of a feature."

Since he admittedly loves his work, he says boundaries between work and play are rather blurred. "I watch a lot of movies. I love to read. We have over a thousand books at home and at the office on various subjects. I also travel when I can," he signs off!



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