

# FILM APPRECIATION

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*Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum* (English: *The Mainour and the Witness*) is a 2017 Indian Malayalam-language family-drama film directed by Dileesh Pothan and written by Sajeev Pazhoor. Syam Pushkaran co-wrote the dialogues and is also credited as the creative director. The film stars Suraj Venjaramoodu, Fahadh Faasil, Nimisha Sajayan, Alencier Ley Lopez, Vettukili Prakash, and Sibi Thomas. Rajeev Ravi was the cinematographer, while the songs and score were composed by Bijibal.

*Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum* was released in India on 30 June 2017. The film won two awards at the 48th Kerala State Film Awards—Best Screenplay and Best Character Actor (Alencier). At the 65th National Film Awards, it won three awards—Best Original Screenplay, Best Feature Film in Malayalam, and Best Supporting Actor (Fahadh).



The story follows the newly married inter-caste couple, Sreeja (Nimish Sajayan) and Prasad (Suraj Venjaramoodu), from Cherthala who move up north to Kasaragod. On a bus journey, Sreeja's gold chain is stolen by a thief also called Prasad (Fahadh Faasil). He swallows the chain, but not before Sreeja notices it. He gets caught by the passengers, who take him to the nearby police station. On police inquiry, Prasad (thief) denies the act. Eventually, after a medical examination, the chain is found stuck inside his stomach. How to extract the chain, then, becomes the question.

### Production

Initially Pazhoor thought of directing the film himself, before Pothen came on-board. About the genre of the film, Pothen said that he is not sure which genre the film falls in, but it surely has the elements of a "family drama". For some of the police roles, the film features real-life police officers in the cast. Newcomer Nimisha Sajayan was selected from general auditions. Principal photography commenced from 7 December 2016 in Kasaragod. Other locations include Vaikom and Cherthala.

# AWARDS

## 48th Kerala State Film Awards

Best Screenplay - Sajeev Pazhoor

Best Character Actor - Alencier Ley Lopez

## 65th National Film Awards<sup>[14]</sup>

Best Feature Film in Malayalam

Best Original Screenplay - Sajeev Pazhoor

Best Supporting Actor - Fahadh Faasil

## Asianet Film Awards

Asianet Film Awards for Best Film

Asianet Film Awards for Best Actor - Fahadh Faasil

Asianet Film Awards for Best Supporting Actor - Alencier Ley Lopez

Asianet Film Awards for Best Editor - Kiran Das

## 65th Filmfare Awards South

Filmfare Award for Best Film - Malayalam

Filmfare Award for Best Actor - Malayalam - Fahadh Faasil

Filmfare Award for Best Director - Malayalam - Lijo Jose Pellissery

Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actor - Malayalam - Alencier Ley Lopez

## Cast

Suraj Venjaramoodu as Prasad, a farmer

Fahadh Faasil as Prasad, the thief

Nimisha Sajayan as Sreeja (voice over by Srinda Arhaan)

Alencier Ley Lopez as A.S.I. Chandran

Vettukili Prakash as Sreekandan, Sreeja's father

Mini K. S. as Sreeja's mother

Sibi Thomas as Sub Inspector Sajan Mathew

Senior Civil Police Officer Sadhanandan as Police Constable

P. Sivadas as Police Writer

K. T. Sudhakaran as Sudhakaran

K. T. Balachandran as Babu Sir

Unniraj Chervathur as Rajesh Ambalathara

Aravindan as Faizal

Sarath Kovilakam as Sarath

Shince Mathew

Surabhi Mundath Payaneer

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