# Khetrapal Story To Come Alive On Screen

MUMBAI: Director Sriram Raghavan and producer Dinesh Vijan have teamed up once again after "Badlapur" for the biopic of on Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, who was posthumously awarded a Param Vir Chakra (PVC) the nation's highest honour for gallantry during the 1971 war with Pakistan..

The official Twitter account of the production company Maddock Films tweeted on Monday morning that the duo will bring the spectacular life of Khetarpal on the silver screen.

A tweet from Maddock Films read: "Dinesh Vijan and Sriram Raghavan team up once again after 'Badlapur' to bring to life the spectacular story of Param Vir Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal!"

"When I heard the story of Arun Khetarapal, I was inspired. He is the youngest recipient of the Param Vir Chakra. What he did and the kind of life he lived was absolutely exemplary and unbelievable," Vijan said in a statement. He says it is a huge huge



responsibility to make a film with such an inspirational message.

"Arun involves a lot of passion since we all are moved by it. We are doing our homework," he added.

Talking abour working with Raghavan: "Sriram is one of the most talented directors around, and (writer) Ritesh (Shah) is as passionate, so I feel

it's the perfect team."

The script of the film is likely to be finalised in the next couple of weeks. The makers will need six months of prep and so the film is expected to go on floors next year.

Raghavan is known for directing films like "Ek Hasina Thi", "Johnny Gaddaar" and "Agent Vinod".

## It's A Grand Comeback For Ashutosh Rana

MUMBAI: Actor Ashutosh Rana has completed shooting for four films in the past six months, making a grand comeback of sorts into Bollywood. He says it was high time he returned as people had started questioning him about "vanishing" from the industry.

Ashutosh has been working a lot in the southern film industry for the past few years

Now he has seven big Bollywood releases in a span of the next two years. The projects include Dharma Productions' "Dhadak", Anubhav Sinha's "Mulk", Abhishek Chaubey's "Sonchiraiya", Tigmanshu Dhulia's "Milan Talkies", Rohit Shetty's "Simmba", Ismail Darbar's "Tigdum" and Shekhar Sirrin's "Chicken Curry Law".

On working in back-to-back projects, Ashutosh said. "In a party, I met someone who said that I have vanished from the industry, and it wasn't like that. I have been working in the south industry and a film in Bollywood at regular intervals.



"I guess that comment hit a nerve and I decided to make an imprint here again and I took up the projects. There is lot of work in the south, but I guess it was high time to jump back. So, I completed everything in one shot."

Perhaps he found a comfort in southern film projects. "Directors in the south industry don't typecast you and let you

explore as an actor. "And along with us, they also think out-of-the-box and are keen on exploring and pushing you beyond the limit. Whereas here (in Bollywood), after doing larger than life characters in 'Sangharsh' and 'Dushman', people couldn't think of anything else for me," said the actor, whose last Hindi film was "Brothers".

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