

A Day Like Any Other

Ek Din Pratidin

India/1997/35mm/Colour/95'/Bengali

Direction, Screenplay: Mrinal Sen

Producer: Mrinal Sen

Cinematography: K. K. Mahajan

Editing: Gangadhar Naskar

Music: B. V. Karanth

Cast: Satya Bannerjee, Gita Sen, Sreela Mazumder, Mamata Shankar, Tapan Das, Umanath Bhattacharya

Awards/Festivals

Cannes Film Festival, 1980, National Award ,Best Film in Bengali, Best Director, Best Editing

Chinu, the bread-winning daughter of a middle-class family fails to return from work one evening. The night begins with worries at home, followed by midnight searches and finally a deepening crisis arising out of economic and moral constraints prevalent in the society. The parents' reactions to Chinu's unexplained absence soon begin to betray the underlying social rigidity and cultural myopia that has trapped them in their gradually declining circumstances. The mother's concern turns to hostile indignation over Chinu's presumed insensitivity towards the family and the father fears that a full-fledged search for his missing daughter may uncover a delicate situation and cause the family embarrassment.