

## IN FOCUS: RANVIR SHOREY

### "It's about **changing GENDER ROLES.**"

Although they have parted ways, Ranvir Shorey and Konkona Sen Sharma, co-parent their son, Haroon. Shorey talks about being a hands-on-dad, and why he feels strongly that gender roles need to be redefined

**Q** You've said that you love to babysit. Do you still do it? What is the most rewarding part of it?

Oh yes! I babysit most of the times. I take care of Haroon's studies (which is the most rewarding part), although Konkona takes care of his studies more than me. Both of us, as parents, are always there for our son. So, no tutor



for him. Chance *hi nahi hai je!* We help him with his studies, and when he grows up, I'm sure he will study all by himself.

**Q** Was co-parenting your idea of being more involved in the formative years?

Because his mom is usually busier than I am, we came up with this idea. It's not so much about spending a few hours bonding with my son as it's about child rearing.

**Q** Why do you think being a stay-at-home dad is considered a huge deal in India?

I find this the coolest concept, something that should come organically, and not be imposed on anyone. The problem is that in Indian households gender roles are pre-defined. It is assumed that only the man can be the bread earner and the woman is the nurturer. That's not true. Women are breaking ceilings everywhere. It's our time to show that we are up to some good too.

# CATCH THEM If You Can

You may not know the movie, but you know the lines. Times NIE brings you a list of popular catchphrases that instantly brings back memories. How many can you recall?



## There's No Place Like Home 'The Wizard of Oz' (1939)

It's the quintessential expression of homesickness. The phrase has been uttered so many times, it's sometimes difficult to remember the origin. In the film, it is Dorothy Gale's (the protagonist) mantra.

## Bond, James Bond 'James Bond Series' (1962)



It's ironic that a super secret spy would become famous for saying his actual name out loud, but, in his defense, it is quite catchy. He says it often enough! Most of the time, it's how he does it that makes this dialogue memorable. Admit it, you've tried it out with your name...

## I'll Make Him An Offer He Can't Refuse! 'The Godfather' (1972)

When Don Corleone's godson begs for help landing a major movie role, Brando tells him that it's as good as done. What does he mean by this? He makes him an offer he can't say no to... The phrase was listed as "most popular" by 'Guardian'.



## May The Force Be With You 'Star Wars' (1977)

It's used to wish someone luck in a galaxy far far away. This line technically has more geek cred than it's main sci-fi rival's "live long and prosper". Though certainly not the only quotable phrase from the series, this is the line that has been used most.



## Yippee Ki-Yay 'Die Hard Series' (1988)

This phrase has become the battle cry of the modern cowboy. A signature of the series, it's used in each of the installments, usually to help John McClane (Bruce Willis) punctuate something badass. With each iteration of the franchise, fans eagerly wait for him to say the words.



## You Can't Handle the Truth! 'A Few Good Men' (1992)

This phrase is used during a heated exchange between the protagonist (Tom Cruise) and the Colonel (Jack Nicholson) - when the hotheaded Colonel explains why he thinks he's above reproach.



## WHAT'S WALTZ ALL ABOUT?

A dance born in the suburbs of Vienna and in the alpine region of Austria. As early as the 17th century, waltzes were played in the ballrooms of the Hapsburg Court. The weller, or turning dances, were danced by peasants in Austria and Bavaria even before that time.

The original form of Waltz was first used by 13th century peasants in Germany, who devised rolling folk dance that was quite different from all court dances popular at that time. Their folk dance filled with rolls, glides and turns was received well, and by 1500s it reached Volta, where it was adapted with styles of other local dances. By the end of 16th century, people of Vienna embraced Waltz and morphed it into a dance form called 'weller'. Dancers describe the form as a "dance form in which two dancers move in triple time as they turn together in circles". It was eventually renamed as the waltz. There was music especially composed for this dance form, and the music was also called "waltz". If you aspire to be a competitive ballroom dancer, you'll need to master the waltz.

This dance form was used as an inspiration for many other ballroom dances that were later developed. Subsequently, new types of waltzes were developed - some were more faithful to folk steps, and several others were ballroom dances.

## MAGNETIC FIELDS FESTIVAL

**WHERE:** Alsisar Mahal, Rajasthan

**WHEN:** December 13-15

**What about it:** It is a festival of contemporary music best known for showcasing underground and experimental music. This year's lineup includes DJs Deena Abdelwahed and Daniel Avery.

**MUST KNOW:** You can expect some underground international stars alongside a cultural programme



## GOA ARTS & LITERATURE Festival

**WHERE:** The International Centre Goa

**WHEN:** December 5-7

**What about it:** Mridula Garg, Ivo de Figueiredo, Mamang Dai and Priyamvada Gopal will be some of the writers at the 10th edition of the festival that was conceived by Vivek Menezes and Damodar Mauzo

**MUST KNOW:** Entry is free



# SEASON OF FESTS

Does the rest of the year hang heavy? As you wait for 2020 to begin, these music, crafts, literature and film festivals - from Delhi to Goa to Pune are vying for attention



## U2: THE JOSHUA TREE TOUR

**WHERE:** DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai

**WHEN:** December 15, 4 pm

**What about it:** It is the first

concert in India of the legendary rock band, helmed by Bono. Go if you are a life-long fan.

**MUST KNOW:** The Joshua Tree album will be played in sequence again like it was in 2017.



## INDIA CRAFT WEEK

**WHERE:** Aerocity, New Delhi

**WHEN:**

December 4-8

**What about it:** Organised by Craft Village, it is a chance to see the best contemporary crafts and meet the artisans behind some of those works.

## ECHOES OF EARTH

**WHERE:** Bengaluru

**WHEN:** December 7-8

**What about it:** Positioned as the country's "greenest music festival", this will feature over 40 Indian and international acts over two days.

**MUST KNOW:** This upholds the 'leave no trace' policy, entailing a commitment to sustenance and preservation of Earth.



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## MUST SEE

## MUST DO

### TELEVISION



**WILD FRANK, ANIMAL PLANET, 3.00 PM:** Frank Cuesta, a Spanish adventurer, explores various places and strives to survive in an environment full of dangerous animals.

**WHERE THE WILD MEN ARE WITH BEN**

**INDIA: MARVELS & MYSTERIES, HISTORY TV18, 8.00 PM:** The host visits several regions and sheds light on the mysteries and fascinating stories surrounding them.

### MOVIES ON TV

**THE TERMINATOR, MNX, 3.20 PM:** A cyborg assassin is sent back in time to kill Sarah, a waitress, in a bid to stop her son who will wage a long war against his enemy in the future unless the course of history is altered.



**MEN IN BLACK, &LIX, 4.55 PM:** MIB agents K and J must stop an alien from getting its hands on the Galaxy, a powerful object, and save the world from destruction.

**DESPICABLE ME 2, SONY PIX SD, 6.54 PM:** When a new criminal comes to town, the Anti-Villain League decides to hire Gru in order to fight him off. He eventually agrees after his aide goes back to his evil ways.

**THE PREDATOR, STAR MOVIES, 8.50 PM:** Quinn McKenna, an army sniper, along with some fugitives and a scientist, sets out to kill the Predator and save Rory.

### THIS DAY THAT YEAR

**1819:** George Eliot English author was born in Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

**1906:** The International Radio Telegraphic Convention in Berlin adopted the SOS distress signal.

**1910:** Arthur F Knight patented a steel shaft to replace wood shafts in golf clubs.

**1963:** John F Kennedy, 35th president of the US, was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

**1967:** The UN Security Council approved resolution 242. The resolution called for Israel to withdraw

from territories it had captured in 1967 and called on adversaries to recognise Israel's right to exist.

**1974:** The UN General Assembly gave the Palestine Liberation Organisation observer status.

**1986:** Mike Tyson became youngest to wear the world heavyweight-boxing crown (20 yrs & 4 months).

**2005:** Angela Merkel was elected as Germany's first female chancellor.

**2018:** Leaning Tower of Pisa's tilt was reduced by 4 cm in 20 year project to stabilise it.