

# India: Is one of those nations that reads newspapers avidly

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Part of the global news was America's latest gun massacre. Our country often looks strange from the vantage point of a nation that is not swimming in firearms. The Times of India carried this metric: "Five Days: the longest America has gone without a mass shooting where four or more people, not including the shooter, were shot or killed in the same location this year."

Rajasthan is the fabled land of maharajas, their immense fortifications, armies, wives and concubines. We saw three of those forts. Kumbalgarh was the most impressive, with a 37-kilometer wall — the second longest in the world, behind the Great Wall of China.

As we entered Jaisalmer, we noticed another kind of fortification: the Indian army and air force's heavy presence. We were less than 15 miles from the Pakistan border.

On our last day in Kumbalgarh, we hiked a trail below the fort that was the corridor to the king's hunting ground, in which he hunted resident tigers to extinction. As we walked out of this arid jungle, for miles we observed the tracks of panthers, bears and Indian wildcats.



Brenda Penner photos

LEFT: Women carrying firewood are a common sight at the edge of highways. RIGHT: These shrouded women were on a Jodhpur street.

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# TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings  
FRIDAY—SUNDAY

### FRIDAY EVENING

A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach

### JANUARY 12

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and various TV channels (KATU, KOMO, KING, KOIN, KIRO, KGW, KRCW, KOPB, KPX, KPXD, KCPQ, KBS, KZJ, ESPN, ESPN2, NICK, DISN, F3, FMC, LIFE, ROOT, FS1, SPIKE, COM, A&E, TLC, DISC, NGE, TNT, AMC, USA, FOOD, HGTV, FX, CNN, FNC, CNBC, BRAV, TCM, SYFY, RFD). Rows list program titles and times.

### SATURDAY EVENING

A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach

### JANUARY 13

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### SUNDAY EVENING

A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach

### JANUARY 14

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