

6 WEEKS 4 DAYS 20 HOURS 6 MINUTES?

A somewhat unusual title for a companion you may well be thinking. What the hell might that mean when it is at home? Well, for all the 'fact fans' among us, if you were to attempt the viewing of an identical Project #501 film journey for yourself, you are going to be sat on your backside for a grand total of 6 weeks, 4 days, 20 hours and 6 minutes. That is my friends, the combined running time of the 501 films. It should also be noted however, that this time does not include toilet breaks, putting the kettle on and those lengthy pauses during a viewing of 'Super 30' when it was of utmost importance that I repeatedly explain to my wife as to why it might be that I am not as handsome as Hrithik Roshan. And she is still not happy with the explanation by the way and has therefore issued an ultimatum. That being 'you'd better get a more handsome' Thank you Darling. I shall try.

Anyway, now I must admit that there are most certainly many varied methods by which one may obtain a similarly sore arse. Believe you me though, it is a fact that this particular method is extremely effective and perfectly suited to those of us that are allergic to burning calories. And just to round off this 'fact fun' section, here is a few more for your consideration. For instance, alongside the 501 films, I also watched, digested and studied...

54 and a half television shows, 20 international films and 17 shorts of which...

The longest film was? 'Gangs of Wasseypur' at 5 hours 21 minutes

The longest trilogy? Koi Mil 'Gaya / Krrish/ Krrish 3' coming in at 8 hours 28 minutes

And the longest film title? 'Neelakasham Pachakadal Chuvanna Bhoomi' 35 letters in total that translates as 'Blue Sky Green Sea Red Earth'

Right then I should imagine that we are all actually rather quite in need of a 'fun fact' vacation at this junction considering how long the book is. So, by way of a change of pace, and in anticipation of the golden question that is inevitably going to be repeatedly fired in my direction, that being 'so what films did you actually watch then?' I have complied the entire listing for you here, in magnificent film poster form. Presented in alphabetical order (for the sake of not just simplicity, but also my sanity as there is not a kutta's chance in the depths of hell that I am going to remember what order I watched the 501 films in)

Just before I leave you all in peace though, I will tell you this. Although I was blissfully unaware of it at the time, my Project #501 journey actually began a long time ago, during the long hot the summer of 1988. Saturday mornings, ole Blighty. The sun was shining and life was good. However, since its inception in 1982, Channel 4 had been offering fascinatingly curious alternative 'world' programming across the UK, insuring that pasty 'gora' types like me remained vampiric and tan free by opting to live our lives in darkened living rooms whilst feasting on a diet of international television, the likes of which we had never seen or dreamed of before. And once we'd gotten through an hour of the amazingly whacky spectacle that was 'Trans World Sports' keeping us up to date with all the happenings in the weird and wonderful world of the Indian national 'Kabaddi' league, guess what was on next? Ermmm, well to be honest, I am not entirely sure of how to pronounce this programmes title. What is it... 'Maaahaaabaaa?' Is that right? Close but no bedi. Nevertheless, every Saturday lunchtime, at precisely midday, we would all settle down on the sofa to witness the bafflingly mesmerizing extravaganza that was and still is the greatest story ever told... The mighty 'Mahabharat'

And whilst we were hypnotically glued to our television sets, not a single one of us knew what in the hell were we watching, and none of us ever cared ask. For the simple reason being, it was magical, mystifying and magnificent in its glory and splendour. Seriously though, just what in the name of all that is honest and good is going on here? Battles, chariots, magical arrows. And what country are these people even from? Oh, India you say? I see. Well, I must admit. I might not know what is happening, but I am bloody well hooked. In actual fact, I might even suggest that this is the greatest television show that I have ever misunderstood. At this point though, I must offer an admission of sorts. And I am slightly ashamed to say that, the 'half watched' television programme mentioned above? Well, embarrassingly, some 30 odd years later, and I am still to finish off watching the mighty 'Mahabharat'. It is 96 episodes long in my defence. One day though, I will get to the end...

And lastly, for those of you who may still be contemplating embarking on this magnificent filmic pilgrimage, I will share with you this, the complete and utterly made up...

Project #501 'The Rules Of Engagement'

- 1. Films must be watched in their entirety, including all end credits in case a post credit sequence has been included*
- 2. The skipping of item songs and credit sequences is strictly prohibited. The skipping of the Government sponsored anti-smoking campaign films that accompany most features is permitted due to their horrendous nightmare inducing nature*
- 3. Only films with a running time greater than 90 minutes qualify for inclusion within the 501. Films with a running time of 89 minutes or below qualify as 'shorts'
- 4. Television and OTT shows only quality for inclusion once a complete series has been watched.
- 5. 'Chakna' grazing during the showing of any film, television / OTT series or short is strictly prohibited*

^{*}To the best of my recollection, not a single film included a post credit sequence. Despite the best of intentions, it was not possible to adhere to rule No. 1 in the case of the film 'Main Aur Charles'. Honesty, I tried my level best, but I feared that my eyes were about to begin to bleed.

^{*}Honesty, they are simply terrifying due to their unflinchingly realistic depiction of the resulting horrors of smoking. These short films are actually far more frightening than most Indian horror films.

^{*}Evidently, the 'Wife' was either blissfully unaware of this particular 'strictly no grazing' policy, or simply chose to ignore the ruling through the consumption of approximately 14 metric tonnes of salted popcorn during the majority of screenings.

THE FILM COLLECTION



- 1. 2 States 2. 2.0 3. 3 Idiots 4. 3 5. 5 Weddings
- 6. 7 Khoon Maaf 7. 14 Phere 8. 102 Not out 9. 2016 The End 10. A Death In The Gunj
- 11. A Centleman 12. Aankhen 13. Act 1978 14. Action Jackson 15. Action Replayy
- 16. Adai 17. Ae Dil Hai Mushkil 18. Agent Sai Srinivasa Athreya 19. Agent Vinod 20. Agneepath
- 21. Airliff 22. Aiyyaa 23. Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani 24. Ajeeb Daastaans 25. AK Vs AK



















































26. Akira 27. Aladin 28. Aligarh 29. Andaz Apna Apna 30. Andhadhun 31. Android Kunjappan Version 5.25 32. Angamaly Diaries 33. Angrezi Medium 34. Angry Indian Goddesses 35. Anjaana Anjaani

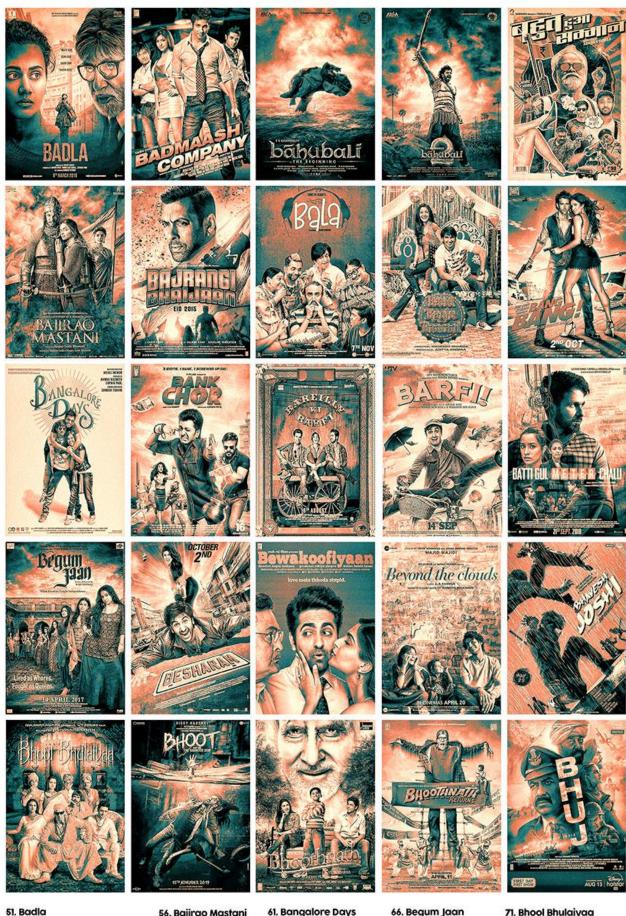
36. Ankhon Dekhi 37. Anwar Ka Ajab Kissa 38. Article 15

39. Aruvi

40. Athiran

41. Atithi Tum Kab Jaoge 42. Atkan Chatkan 43. Avane Srimannarayana 44. Awe 45. Axone

46. Baazaar 47. Babumoshai Bandookbaaz 48. Baby 49. Bachna Ae Haseeno 50. Badhaai Ho



51. Badla 52. Badmaa\$h Company 53. Bahubali - The Beginning 54. Bahubali - The Conclusion 55. Bahut Hua Sammaan

56. Bajirao Mastani 57. Bajrangi Bhaijaan 58. Bala 59. Band Baaja Baaraat 60. Bang Bang

61. Bangalore Days 62. Bank Chor 63. Bareilly Ki Barfi 64. Barfi! 65. Batti Gul Meter Chalu

66. Begum Jaan 67. Besharam 68. Bewakoofiyaan 69. Beyond The Clouds 70. Bhavesh Joshi Super Hero

71. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 72. Bhoot Part One The Haunted Ship 73. Bhoothnath 74. Bhoothnath Returns 75. Bhuj The Pride Of India



















































76. Billu 77. Black 78. Blackmail 79. Bobby Jasoos 80. Bol Bachchan

81. Bombay Velvet 82. Brahman Naman 83. Brij Mohan AmarRahe 84. Bucket List 85. Budhia Singh Born to Run 86. Bulbbul 87. Bunker 88. Bunty Aur Babli 89. C U Soon

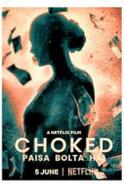
89. C U Soon 90. Cargo 91. Chak De! India 92. Chaman Bahaar 93. Chandni Chowk To China 94. Charlie 95. Cheeni

96. Cheeni Kum 97. Chennai Express 98. Chhalaang 99. Chhapaak 100. Chhappad Phaad Ke



















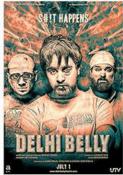






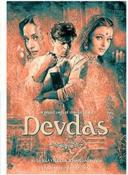


























101. Chhichhore 102. Chippa 103. Chittagong 104. Choked 105. Chopsticks

106. Class Of '83 107. Cocktail 108. Comali 109. Coolie No.1 110. Courf

111. Dabangg 112. Dangal 113. Dasvidaniya 114. Dear Zindagi 115. Dehi Belly

116. Detective Byomkesh Bakshy! 117. Dev. D 118. Devdas 119. Dheet Patangey 120. Dhh

121. Dhobi Ghat 122. Dhoom 2 123. Dhoom 3 124. Dial 100 125. Dil Bechara



















































126. Dil Chahta Hai 127. Dil Dhadakne Do 128. Dilwale 129. Do Dooni Chaar 130. Dolly Ki Doli

132. Don 133. Doorbeen 134. Doordarshan 135. Dream Girl

136. Drishyam 137. Drishyam 2 138. Drive 139. Dum Laga Ke Haisha 140. Duniyadari

141. Ee Ma Yau 142. Eeb Allay Ooo! 143. Eega 144. Ek Mini Katha 145. Ek Thi Daayan

146. English Vinglish 147. Enthiran 148. Fan 149. Freaky Ali 150. French Biriyani



151. Fukrey 152. G - Zombie 153. Gabbar Is Back 154. Game Over 155. Gangs Of Madras

156. Gangs of Wasseypur Part 1 157. Ghajini 158. Ghoomketu 159. Ginny Weds Sunny 160. Gippi

161. Go Goa Gone 162. Goliyon Ki Rasleela Ram Leela 163. Golmaal Again 164. Gone Kesh 165. Good Newwz

166. Guddu Ki Gun 167. Gulabo Sitabo 168. Gully Boy 169. Gunday 170. Gunjan Saxena The Kargil Girl

171. Guzaarish 172. Haider 173. Halkaa 174. Happy Ending 175. Haraamkhor

































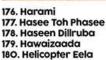














181. Hellaro 182. Hello Charlie 183. Helmet 184. Heyy Babyy 185. Hichki



186. Highway 187. Hindi Medium 188. Hirkani 189. Honeymoon Travels Pvf. Ltd. 190. Hotel Salvation



191. House Arrest 192. Housefull 4 193. Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania 194. Hunterrr 195. Iblis



196. Idak The Goat 197. Ikkat 198. Irul 199. Ishqiya 200. Jaane Tu... Ya Jaane Na



















































201. Jab Harry Met Sejal 202. Jab Tak Hai Jaan 203. Jab We Met 204. Jackpot 205. Jagame Thandhiram 206. Jagga Jasoos 207. Jai Mummy Di 208. Jalebi 209. Jallikattu 210. Jamun

211. Jawaani Jaaneman 212. Jhalki 213. Jodhaa Akbar 214. Joji 215. Jolly LLB 2 216. Judgemental Hai Kya 217. K.G.F Chapter 1 218. Kaabil 219. Kaagaz 220. Kaalakaandi 221. Kaamyaab 222. Kaante 223. Kaashmora 224. Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Cham 225. Kabir Singh



































226. Kadakh 227. Kahaani 228. Kahaani 2 229. Kai po che! 230. Kala 231. Kalank 232. Kaminey 233. Kannum Kannum Kollaiyadithaal 234. Kanpuriye 235. Kapoor & Sons 236. Karthik Calling Karthik 237. Karwaan 238. Kedarnath 239. Kennedy Club 240. Kesari 241. Khaali Peeli 242. Khandaani Shafakhana 243. Khari Biscuit 244. Khichik 245. Kho Kho

246. Khuda Haafiz 247. Ki & Ka 248. Kilometers And Kilometers 249. Knock Out 250. Koi Mil Gaya



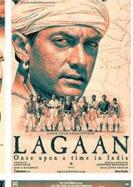








































254. Kumbalangi Nights 255. Kuruthi



256. Laal Kaptaan 257. Ladies Vs Ricky Bahl 258. Lagaan Once Upon A Time In India 259. Lage Raho Munna Bhai 260. Laxmii



261. Life In A Metro 262. Lipstick Under My Burkha 263. Lootcase 264. Lootera 265. Love Per Square Foot



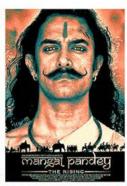
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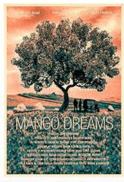


271. M.S. Dhoni The Untold Story 272. Maari 273. Madaari 274. Made In China 275. Magadheera

















































276. Main Aur Charles 276. Main Aur Charles 277. Malang 278. Mangal Pandey The Rising 279. Mango Dreams 280. Manikarnika The Queen of Jhansi

281. Manjhi The Mountain Man 282. Manmarziyaan

283. Manto 284. Mard Ko Dard Nahin Hota 285. Mardaani

286. Mardaani 2 287. Margarita With A Straw 288. Marjaavaan 289. Mary Kom 290. Masaan

291. Master 292. Mastizaade 293. Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola 294. Mere Pyare Prime Minister 295. Middle Class Melodies

296. Mimi 297. Mission Mangal 298. Mohenjo Daro 299. Monsoon Shootout 300. Mookuthi Amman





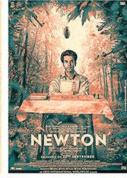


















































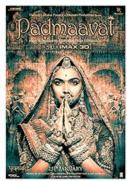
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306. Neelakasham Pachakadal Chuvanna Bhoomi 307. Neerja 308. Newton 309. NH10 310. Ninnila Ninnila

311. Nirvana Inn 312. No One Killed Jessica 313. Noblemen 314. Nonsense 315. October

316. Om Shanti Om 317. Omerta 318. OMG Oh My God! 319. Omkara 320. Once Upon A Time in Mumbaai

321. Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! 322. Paa 323. Paan Singh Tomar 324. Paaya Kadhaigal 325. Pad Man

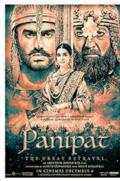


























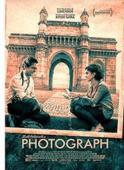
















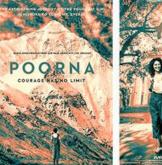








336. Pataakha 337. Patel Ki Punjabi Shaadi 338. Pati Patni Aur Woh 339. Peepli [Live] 340. Penalty







346. Piku 347. Pink 348. PK 349. Poorna 350. Prem Tame

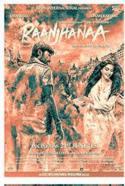












































356. Raabta 357. Raanjhanaa 358. Raat Akeli Hai 359. Raatchasi 360. Raavan



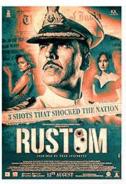
361. Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi 362. Raees 363. Raid 364. Rainbow Jelly 365. Rajma Chawal



366. Rajneeti 367. Raman Raghav 2.0 368. Rang De Basanti 369. Rangoon 370. Rock On



371. Rocket Singh Salesman of the Year 372. Rockstar 373. Roohi 374. Rosogolla 375. Rukh







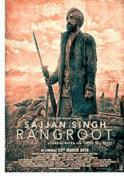


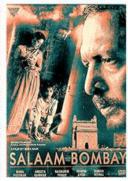


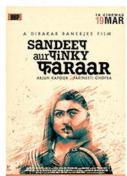
















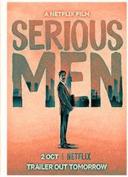




























376. Rustom 377. Saaho 378. Saala Khadoos 379. Saand Ki Aankh 380. Saat Uchakkey 381. Saawariya 382. Sab Kushal Mangal 383. Sadak 2 384. Sajjan Singh Rangroot 385. Salaam Bombay

387. Sanju 388. Sara's 389. Sarbjit 390. Sardar Ka Grandson 391. Satyameva Jayate 392. Section 375 393. Seeta Aur Geeta 394. Serious Men 395. Shaadi Mein

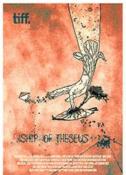
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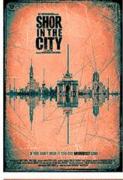














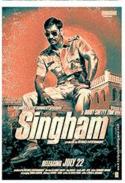


































401. Sherni 402. Shershaah 403. Shimla Mirchi 404. Ship of Theseus 405. Shivaay

406. Sholay 407. Shor In The City 408. Shubh Mangal Saavdhan 409. Shubh Mangal Zyada

Saavdhan 410. Shuddh Desi Romance

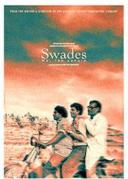
411. Silence Can You Hear It? 412. Simmba 413. Singh Is Bliing 414. Singham 415. Sir

416. Skater Girl 417. Son Of Sardaar 418. Sonchiriya 419. Soorma 420. Special Chabbis 421. Stanley Ka Dabba 422. Stree 423. Sui Dhaaga 424. Sultan 425. Sunday

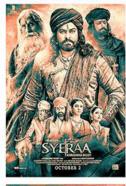






































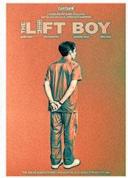












426. Super 30 427. Super Deluxe 428. Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari 429. Swades We The People 430. Sweetiee Weds NRI

435. Talvar 440. Tasher Desh

431. Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy
432. Taare Zameen Par
433. Table No. 21
434. Talaash
436. Tamasha
437. Tanhaji The Unsung Warrior
438. Tanu Weds Manu
439. Tanu Weds Manu Returns

441. Te3n 442. Teddy 443. Thappad 444. That Girl In Yellow Boots 445. The Big Bull 446. The Disciple 447. The Girl On The Train 448. The Great Indian Kitchen 449. The Last Color 450. The Lift Boy

















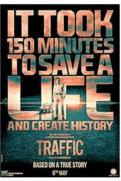


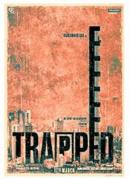




























456. The Xpose 457. Thirike 458. Thugs Of Hindostan 459. Tik Tik Tik 460. Tikli And Laxmi Bomb



461. Titli 462. Toilet Ek Prem Katha 463. Total Dhamaal

464. Traffic 465. Trapped



466. Tribhanga 467. Trip 468. Tu Hai Mera Sunday 469. Tum Mile 470. Tumbbad



471. Udta Punjab 472. Ugly 473. Ujda Chaman 474. Umrika 475. Ungli



















































476. Unpaused 477. Upstarts 478. Uri The Surgical Strike 479. Uyare 480. Vaazhl

481. Veere Di Wedding 482. Vegali Vaat 483. Ventilator 484. Vicky Donor 485. Virgin Bhanupriya

490. Wazir

486. Virus 487. Visaaranai 488. Wake Up Sid 489. War

491. What Are The Odds? 492. Why Cheat India 493. Wrong Side Raju 494. X Past Is Present 495. Yaara

496. Ye Re Ye Re Paisa 2 497. Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani 498. Yeh Saali Aashiqui 499. Zero 500. Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara



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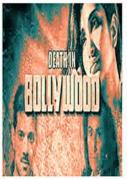


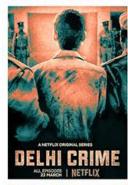








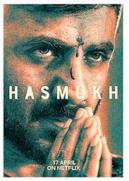


























1. 1962 The War In The Hills 2. A Simple Murder 3. Afsos 4. Asur Welcome To Your Dark Side 5. Bad Boy Billionaires India

7. Bang Bang 8. Bard Of Blood 9. Betaal 10. Bicchoo Ka Khel

11. Bose Dead / Alive 12. Churails 13. Criminal Justice 14. Dark 7 White 15. Death In Bollywood

16. Delhi Crime 17. Flesh 18. Choul 19. Gullak 20. Hasmukh

21. Hostel Daze 22. Hundred 23. Jamtara Sabka Number Ayega 24. JL 50 25. Kota Factory















































31. Mum Bhai 32. OK Computer 33. Paatal Lok 34. Panchayat 35. Pariwar

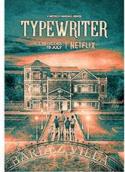


36. Paurashpur 37. Pitchers 38. Pushpavalli 39. Rasbhari

40. Ray



41. Sacred Games 42. Scam 1992 The Harshad Mehta Story 43. Sunflower 44. Taj Mahal 1989 45. Tanday



46. Taqdeer
47. The Family Man
48. The Forgotten Army
Azaadi Ke Liye
49. The Gone Game
50. Typewriter









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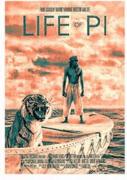










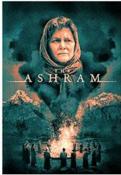


























^{1.} Behind The Trees 2. Bend It Like Beckham

^{3.} Bhaji On The Beach 4. Extraction 5. For Here or to Go

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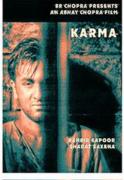






























- 1. 55 KM Sec
- 2. Asha Jaoar Majhe 3. Carbon A Story Of Tomorrow 4. Chintu Ka Birthday 5. Collar Bomb

- 6. Devi 7. Fisherwoman And The Tuktuk
- 8. Karma 9. Mulakaram 10. Natkhat

- 11. Operation Parindey 12. Ranveer Ching Returns 13. Sexy Durga 14. Sohag 15. Time Machine