

BOLLYWOOD MASALA

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With social networking taking over the internet world, our very own Bollywood stars can't be far behind. Everyone from Imran Khan to Priyanka Chopra, Karan Johar, Preity Zinta and even Abhishek Bachchan are all tweeting away their daily activities, answering fans questions, and enjoying their time on Twitterverse. Some fun instances include Mallika Sherawat who tweeted about meeting Mariah Carey, "omg mariah carey just told me she loved my necklace:) she's

supposed to be amazing in the film Precious. N she looked gorgeous 2nite!" As the glitterati join the twitterati, more and more Bollywood representation comes on board.

Shilpa Shetty will be adding herself to yet another bandwagon when

she ties the knot with beau Raj Kundra: the "Bollywood-actress-who-has-married-a-previously-married-man" wagon that is. However, she is not the first of Bollywood leading ladies who have done the same in the past. Hema Malini did the same when she married Dharmendra who was then married to wife Prakash. He also had two sons, Sunny and Bobby along with a daughter from Prakash. The veteran actor converted to Islam before marrying Malini. The couple has two daughters, Esha and Ahana between them. Writer Salim Khan, father to Salman Khan, too has two wives: Salma Khan and cabaret queen, Helen. He married her and adopted a young girl, Arpita. Sridevi married Boney Kapoor who had previously been married with two children. As did Shabana Azmi who married Javed Akhtar who was married to Honey Irani, mother to his talented children, Farhan and Zoya Akhtar. Amongst the younger actresses, Karisma Kapoor entered into wedlock with Sanjay Kapur who was formerly married to a fashion designer. The same is for Mahima Chaudhary who married architect Bobby Mukherjee, father of two. Raveena Tandon too falls into this category. And it's not just marriage. Kareena Kapoor is dating Saif Ali Khan who was earlier married to Amrita Singh. And if that isn't enough, Tabu is said to be secretly dating married man and actor Nagarjuna.

Kajol and Kareena Kapoor played sisters in **Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Ghum** and not a single report of the actresses sharing cold vibes came out of the **K3G** camp. In fact, Bebo went on to claim on numerous occasions that she is an avid Kajol fan. The actresses are back in action together in Karan Johar's remake of the Hollywood hit **Stepmom** which will also star Arjun Rampal. Filming for the movie has already begun and needless to say the actresses were seen chatting, bonding and even helping one another with their scenes. Bebo went on to add

to a leading daily, "look up to Kajol, as she is one of the finest actresses we have today. I totally love her and we get along like a house on fire. Karan is a dear friend of both of us, and we all belong to the same click, so there's only great vibes and friendship on the sets." The film is slated for a 2010 release and it is said that Bebo will be out in a completely new avatar with this one. Her look is being designed by Manish Malhotra. She went on to add, "Manish was in NY. We're working on a totally new look, clothes makeup and hair for our film with Karan. I can guarantee you this time we'll do something very different from my celebrated Poo in **K3G**."

Raj Kapoor and singer Mukesh were the best of pals and Neil Nitin Mukesh claims that he and Ranbir Kapoor too are good friends. However, that said, the duo also share a competitive streak which he deems as "healthy." Neil went on to explain his relationship with Ranbir to a leading tabloid, "Ranbir and I are of course competitors. But there's no negative rivalry between us. Our respective fathers (Nitin Mukesh and Rishi Kapoor) would kill us if we behaved like two brats fighting for the same roles." He also added that while their grandfathers were best buds, their fathers, adore one another too, thus making Ranbir very much like his younger brother. When quizzed on the fact that his **Jail** and Ranbir's **Ajab Prem Ki Gazab Kahani** were both releasing on the same day, he quickly clarified, "I'd want Ranbir's film to do as well as mine," Neil says. "Fortunately, **Jail** and **Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani** look like north and south poles." Neil has the sequel to his first film **Johnny Gaddar** coming up which is called, **Tera Kya Hoga Johnny** while Ranbir has **Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year** ready to hit cinemas before the end of the year. While Neil had a rather rollercoaster year, **Aa Dekhen Zara** failed at the box-office while **New York** gained much critical and box-office acclaim, it was Ranbir who came out on top this year bagging two hits in a row: **Wake Up Sid** and **Ajab Prem Ki Gazab Kahani** within a span of a month.

Rajkumar Santoshi, Salman Khan and Aamir Khan have collaboratively expressed their keen desire to make and act in an **Andaz Apna Apna** sequel. The film went on in the nineties to become a cult comedy with both Khans along with Karisma Kapoor and Raveena Tandon all winning much accolades for this out-and-out comedy flick. In fact the Khans both went on to dually claim on Salman's game show **Dus Ka Dum** that they would love to get together and work on a second installment where the men would play fathers to their own sons who would be played by them too. However, director Rajkumar Santoshi has recently denied that he has in fact approached any of the Khans for the sequel of **AAA**. "I am not really making a sequel of **Andaz Apna Apna**. That film had its share of success. I am making a film on the lines of **Andaz Apna Apna** though which is called **Adah Apni Apni**. This film too will have four lead characters out of which two are Ranbir and Katrina," he told a local daily. He went on to add, "Aamir and Salman won't suit the roles I have in mind so they won't be a part of this film."

