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Lara Dutta was recently admitted into the hospital to rid herself of some extremely painful kidney stones. The actress has been complaining of excruciating pain and found herself admitting herself into a hospital in Mumbai. A source close to the actress confirmed, “*Lara* has been complaining of pain for quite some time. She has been religiously working out and ever since the pain, she had to cut down on that. However, once it got too uncomfortable, she decided to check in and get the stone removed.” The actress was in the midst of shooting for *Sajid Khan*’s **Housefull** when her kidney issue kicked in. She was called up by co-stars *Ritish Deshmukh* and *Deepika Padukone* a few times to check on her wellbeing. Of course, *Lara* isn’t the first actress to find herself in the hospital. In the past, *Saif Ali Khan* found himself in the hospital for heart ailment and a gastro; *SRK* was admitted for severe back pain and *Priyanka Chopra* for exhaustion.

We all know that *Imran Khan* is getting set to marry his ace girl *Avantika* but very few know that *Imran*’s buddy *Ranbir Kapoor* had a crush on *Avantika* back in school. The duo in fact dated when they were attending Bombay Scottish School. A classmate to both told a leading tabloid, “*Ranbir* and *Avantika* were going around when in school. When they broke up, he was quite distraught. Of course, they were too young then, and it’s so wonderful to see them doing well for themselves in their respective lives now. *Avantika* has found a lovely guy in *Imran*, and *Ranbir*, too, is a wonderful actor!” And so it works out well for the boys as not only do they get along immensely well but so do *Avantika* and *Ranbir*. *Ranbir*, however, is finding himself rather lonely these days. After breaking up with *Deepika Padukone*, the

actor has been seen mopping around on the sets of **Anjana Anjani**. While the crew expected him to bond big time with *Priyanka Chopra*, his co-star in the film, he has been doing just the opposite. The actor is said to have been shopping and keeping to himself. *Deepika*, who has taken the break up incredibly badly, took a leave of absence from Bollywood and escaped to the U.S. to recover from the break up and attend a family wedding. She has returned supposedly recovered and even slimmer than usual. *Ranbir* has been said to want his girl back and is hoping they will be able to work things out.

Abhay Deol is apparently quite popular with the ladies and was recently said to be dating *Preeti Desai*, Miss Great Britain 2006. The two were introduced to one another at the success party of **Dev** and while the model had recently moved to Mumbai to pursue her modeling career, *Abhay* took off to New York as he took some time off as a sabbatical. According to sources, their split was expected. “*Abhay* enjoys life. His parting with *Preeti* is not shocking. It was bound to happen sooner or later. They have different likes and dislikes, which is one of the reasons why they could not sustain their relationship.” However, unlike most couples who split on unfriendly terms, the two are friends and in fact still in touch. *Preeti* went on to clarify, “*Abhay* and I are single. We are friends. I will not say whether or not I was dating *Abhay*. That’s my personal life and I don’t talk about it. At this point of time, I am friends with a lot of people in the industry.” *Abhay* is currently working with *Sonam Kapoor* in the upcoming **Aisha**.

Deepika brought in her birthday single and sick this year. The actress found herself ill in bed with a viral fever just the night before and thus found herself in bed on the day of her birthday. She added, “I’m boring and single.” However, she did manage to make time later in the day to participate in *Abhishek Bachchan*’s new game show with her **Karthik Calling Karthik** co-star *Farhan Akhtar*. “I couldn’t afford to take the day off - too much work. And the release of **Karthik Calling Karthik** is around the corner on February 26. Besides, I got to spend my birthday with two of my most entertaining co-stars, *Abhishek* and *Farhan*.” She does however detest the unnecessary rumors that are afloat regarding her close friendship with *Farhan*, “*Farhan* is a married man with children. I can’t enjoy this kind of gossip. People think they can say what they like because I don’t say anything. But silence in my case is not acceptance of any rubbish said and written about me.” The actress has three new movies in her kitty with directors *Ashutosh Gowariker*, *Pradeep Sarkar* and *Danish Aslam*. Talking about *Gowariker*, the actress claimed, “**Khelenge Hum Jee Jaan Se** is my first period film. I’ve learnt so much from its director, *Ashutosh Gowariker*. He is sorted out and clear-headed about what he wants from his actors.”

That’s all we have for you this month from the world of Bollywood. But we’ll be back next month with more *chat-patta masala-filled* news!

