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Shilpa Shetty's wedding to beau *Raj Kundra* has been officially deemed the wedding of the decade. In total, her entire trousseau is said to have cost a whopping \$35 million rupees which was filled with rubies, diamonds and emeralds. And of course, an array of Bollywood celebs, friends and costars attended the reception which was held in Mumbai. The likes of *Shah Rukh Khan, Hrithik Roshan, Amitabh and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Rani Mukherjee, Sushmita Sen* and a whole bunch more were seen having a gala time at the extravagant wedding reception. Singers *RDB* and *Rishi Rich* performed at the occasion at no cost to the bride before the couple escaped, family in town, to the Bahamas for a cruise. Missing from *Shilpa's* wedding bash was friend of seventeen years, *Salman Khan*.

According to sources, this *Khan* decided to stay away when he heard that *Baadshah Khan, SRK* that is, would be attending.

And when *Sallu* is around, then how can we not talk about *Katrina Kaif*? Once again the actress has been voted as the sexiest woman in Asia by a leading British magazine. Joining her in the top five list were *Priyanka Chopra, Kareena Kapoor, Bipasha Basu* and *Frieda Pinto*. This is the second year running when *Kaif* took top honors for this very countdown. Her Bollywood kitty is currently filled with some films with great directors including the very much awaited *Rajneeti* with *Ajay Devgan* and *Ranbir Kapoor*.

Imran Khan is getting ready to get engaged to his number one girl *Avantika Malik* in January and his best bud, *Ranbir Kapoor* is gearing up to join in the celebrations. However, very few know that *Ranbir* and *Avantika* were not only classmates but have actually dated in school. And thus, *Ranbir* finds himself in the best of situations: the groom and brides best bud. On a somber note, *Kapoor* is finding it incredibly hard to get over his breakup with *Deepika Padukone*. The actor who is currently filming with *Priyanka Chopra* for *Anjana Anjani* and is said to have been mopping around on the

sets spending time alone.

And his ex-girlfriend *Deepika*? Well, she took a sabbatical from her hectic schedule to rejuvenate and take a breather. The actress hopped on a flight to the U.S. to attend a family wedding. She also lost heaps of weight (did she really need to?) and came back ready to face Bollywood, their questions regarding her relationship and her new list of films. At a recent product launch, the actress was bombarded with queries regarding *Ranbir*. Very quickly she realized that the press conference was headed nowhere and walked out.

A recent Desi tabloid conducted a poll asking fans who they would love to have as their Bollywood neighbor.

Hrithik Roshan and *Katrina Kaif* came out as leaders in the race as top *padosans*, *Deepika Padukone* and archrival *Sonam Kapoor* came soon after followed by bad boy *Salman Khan*. Some major surprises came towards the end of the list. *Shah Rukh Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Aamir Khan* and even heartthrob *Ranbir Kapoor* all received percentages less than ten. The reason?

They all seem either unapproachable or were too much of a recluse for the readers.

Amidst the *Kurbaan* promotion rallies, *Kareena Kapoor* has been arguing with beau *Saif Ali Khan* and was even caught on camera during a tiff. While shooting for a Marathi channel, the actress was caught on candid camera SMSing *Saif* letting him know that he had apparently been extremely "rude" to her. The camera managed to zoom in her on her conversation while she had a cup of tea in her other hand. The message from *Saif* read: "Sorry baby... was talking about your role only." To which a clearly unhappy *Bebo* replied, "You were rude, *Saif!* I am hurt."

We are all Bollywooded out for this month Masala readers! Check back next month for more updates. Until then, have a Bollyrific January!

