

B O L L Y W O O D

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Welcome to the beautiful world of Bollywood, CityMasala readers! We promise you the latest, greatest and juiciest of gossip from Bollywood.

It seems that Sudhir Mishra has a serious Gadaar irking around his own office. The director and cast of the sequel to Johnny Gadaar found themselves surprised when they awoke to the sequel of the film, Tera Kya Hoga Johnny all over YouTube. Over the course of the last 24 hours, the film has been divided up into 11 parts and uploaded on the streaming site for viewers to watch and enjoy. The film was completed in 2007 but due to many production problems as well as issues with actor Neil Nitin Mukesh's availability, the film has been waiting for release only to get a grand release on the internet instead. According to the sources, Tera Kya Hoga Johnny was scheduled to release early this month. The same source revealed, "Apart from a tight budget, they also had difficulty with Neil's dates. In fact the film was also screened at the New York's South Asian Film Festival after the success of Slumdog Millionaire. There were also reports that Mishra wanted to dub the film in English for an international audience."

Ameesha Patel finds herself single yet again. It seems that she and beau of three years, Kanav Puri have called it quits. For the last eight months or so, the actress and her London-based boyfriend have been sailing through stormy waters. According to sources, Puri was keen to settle into marital bliss with Ameesha who wanted to give her sunken career yet another try. Additionally, sources claim that Ameesha's patch up with her estranged family has made her yet again "emotionally strong" and thus, she didn't feel the need to fall into the arms of Kanav anymore. "There has been major trouble between Ameesha and Kanav for quite some time now. While Kanav has been constantly speaking of settling down with Ameesha, marriage is not on her priority list right now. In fact, he had proposed marriage to her when he had come down to India to celebrate her birthday in June last year. Much to his dismay, Ameesha has been dilly-dallying ever since he officially asked her to marry him. Evidently, Kanav was getting quite restless," claimed an insider. After her break-up with her family and ex-boyfriend Vikram Bhatt, Ameesha found herself alone. It was then that Kanav entered her life only to give her a family, hope and love. Sources also claim that Puri had come to India during Christmas ready to propose to Ameesha who asked for more time. If rumors are to be believed, the couple began fighting and arguing nonstop which led to them completely shutting each other out. "They have now decided to take time off from each other. While Ameesha is concentrating on her career, Kanav does not want to wait any longer and things are beyond repair," clarified a source.

Mr. India is considered to be one of Bollywood's finest films directed by Shekhar Kapur. The film didn't just do wonders at the box-office but also went on to further the careers of Anil Kapoor and Sridevi. As a reminder, Mr. India ended with the death of Mogambo and the world being freed from his evil clutches and wrong intentions. However, into the new millennium, producer Boney Kapoor is back with Mr. India 2. The cast will include Anil Kapoor and Sridevi in pivotal roles but a new villain played by Salman Khan. According to Boney Kapoor, "Mogambo was a perfect villain for those times. He died at the end of Mr India. So that's the end of him. Salman has said that he wants to be part of Mr. India 2 in any capacity, even as a villain. It would be a big challenge to project Salman as a negative character, a first for him." It will not be Shekhar Kapur who will be taking on the directors cap for the sequel but Anees Bazmee instead, "The challenge for me is to create a larger-than-life villain like Mogambo for Salman to play." Questions quickly were afloat as to why Kapur was not directing the sequel since he managed to deliver a hit with the prequel. He clarified, "Boney was keen that I do Mr. India 2. I had sent Boney a story. I don't know what happened to it. I think Boney has a fresh team to helm the project now." Boney Kapoor confirmed and said, "The first draft that Shekhar sent never went beyond

the idea level. He didn't carry it forward. After the initial notes, I didn't hear from him. I had no choice but to turn to others to write a sequel."

While India swears by Cricket, the younger generation are branching out and learning to appreciate other sports too. It is the very adorable Ranbir Kapoor who is bringing Basketball to Bollywood and vice versa. Currently shooting in New York for Anjaana Anjaani, the star took out time from his schedule to chill at Madison Square Garden and enjoy some NBA. Speaking to a popular online portal, Ranbir clarified, "I did a lot of basketball when I was in school back in India, but I never really got to see a game. I followed the Knicks when I was in school out here but that was seven years back so I'm a bit out of touch with the new players and stuff, but now I'm on the floor at Madison Square Garden and it's great." He went on to add that while he was usually a New York Yankees fan, for that particular day, "I think I will root for the Lakers today..." Talking about his film Anjaana Anjaani, Kapoor explained that from New York, the crew would be heading to Las Vegas and then San Francisco, "Actually it's good to get out of India, and I've been shooting in India for the last two years so it's my first time to shoot in New York City." He also spoke about being voted the sexiest man in India by People Magazine and on being currently single, "There's nothing much to say. I am single," he added. The actor will next be seen in the politically charged Rajneeti and will begin work on a new film, Rock Star in July starring himself and a newcomer.

Phew! We are all Bollywooded out for this month but we will be back next month with much more from Tinseltown.

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