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Rani Mukherjee in a slim avatar As the summer monsoon comes to a close in B-Town, a number of films are gearing up to hit cinemas across the world which means even more dishy juicy news/gossip will be making rounds. First up for release is much awaited **Dil Bole Hadippa** which will feature *Rani Mukherjee* in a slim avatar. Check



her out in the *Hadippa* remix video. The award winning actress has never looked so fit and while a segment of the industry claims it is a desperate attempt, you have to hand it to the girl. *Rani* confessed to *Salman Khan* on national television that she lost over fifteen pounds! Word has it, that she took up a yoga regime which is similar to that of *Kareena Kapoor* and in fact has used the same yoga instructor. Hopefully *Rani* doesn't choose to walk down the size zero lane.

Rani's best bud *Karan Johar* who has been immersed in finishing up **My Name is Khan**, is yet again at loggerheads with "best bud" *Ram Gopal Varma*. When will this overly drawn out feud end? *Varma*, who heralds from a rather unique genre of films— yes, yes, more recently they have been dud after dud, claims that he would rather make a thriller film than make NRI love stories. Of course smarty *Karan Johar* – *sans koffee*, has gone on to claim that since *RGV's* films ain't working at the box office, he should consider a different career option... diet biscuits! What a great idea. With *Karan's Koffee*, *Ramu's* biscuits would be the perfect combo. And diet ones do work best for the always dieting celebs.

Talking about weight-watching, *Sushmita Sen* has lost oodles of weight. She will next be seen in the upcoming comedy *Do Knot Disturb* with *Govinda*, *Ritesh Deshmukh* and *Lara Dutta*. Of course, the rumor mills were working overtime with reports of the two ex-Miss Universes, who are normally pretty friendly with their co-stars, weren't getting along. Okay, so there was no massive drama-filled confrontation - boring, but apparently, the two didn't speak to each much beyond the occasional "Hi." What's the deal? *Sush* claims *Lara* has a more "prominent role" while *Lara* argues, *Sush* has been "overshadowing" her in the promotional campaign. What a case of been-there-done-that! These beauty queens need to start finding more innovative reasons to pick cat fights already.

Ranbir can't act??!! Let me tell you about the movie that I'm super excited about: *Wake Up Sid!* Interestingly, first-time director of the film, *Ayan Mukherjee* who is also a cousin of *Rani Mukherjee* and *Kajol*, took on the young *Kapoor* because he thought he fit the role to the T. However, during the shoot, the director discovered that *Ranbir* couldn't act and gave him a crash-course in acting. Interestingly, *Ayan* actually drunk messaged producer *Karan Johar* and let him know about his script which the producer put off. It

wasn't until they met with some mutual friends and the plot was narrated, that *K-Jo* was floored and agreed to produce the film. Quite a *Wake Up Call* this one is turning out to be - everyone from the actor to the producer were woken up by the young debutante director.

Talking about wake up calls, when will *Mallika Sherawat* wake up and realize her fake put on American accent is not impressing the Americans or anyone else for that matter. She is still in the U.S., lodging at a swanky apartment in Beverly Hills and is often seen driving around in a chauffeured Jaguar. Her next film *Hissss*, where she plays a snake, is getting ready for release and is post-production stages as of now. More importantly, she was felicitated by the city of Los Angeles as an Honorary Citizen where she displayed her newly found American accent. Needless to say, she is in dire need of a language tutor.



How does *Shahid* explain cozy candlelight dinner with *Priyanka Chopra*? *Salman Khan* is gearing up for three releases in the coming months: *Main Aur Mrs Khanna*, *Wanted* and *London Dreams*. He will, however, still be hosting his successful show *Dus Ka Dum* simultaneously. Recently old archenemy *Shahid Kapur* was a part of the show when he joined his co-star *Rani Mukherjee* to promote **Dil Bole Hadippa**. While *Salman* was all hugs and kisses for *Rani*, he kept it cold and formal with *Shahid* who was clearly uncomfortable. They danced, they played *Dumb Charades* and spoke heaps about the upcoming flick. Then *Salman* looked left and teased *Shahid* about his new body and his numerous romantic link-ups. *Shahid* has of course, maintained he is very much single.

Preity Zinta is pulling an *Aishwarya Rai* in **Main Aur Mrs Khanna**. Imitating, and pretty closely too, *Zinta* will be sporting a red-lengha and prancing around in an item number much like *Ash* did in **Bunty Aur Babli**. To *Ash's* *Kajra Re*, *Preity* says, **Happening** - which is the title of her dance number in the film. Watch the promo of the film and you will spot major similarities from clothes to accessories and even certain steps in the film to that of the popular *Kajra Re*. *Preity* gave in to good friend *Salman Khan's* request when he asked her to dance and match steps with the entire cast for the movie. The once enemies now friends, *Preity Zinta* and *Kareena Kapoor* will be seen in a frame for the first time. Our take? *Preity* looks pretty as ever. But who cares about what we say... more importantly, we want to know, **what does Ash think?** And we are all Bollywooded out this month!

Don't forget to check back next month to catch up on more loaded *masala* from the world of the Desi stars.