

Masala Talks Bollywood

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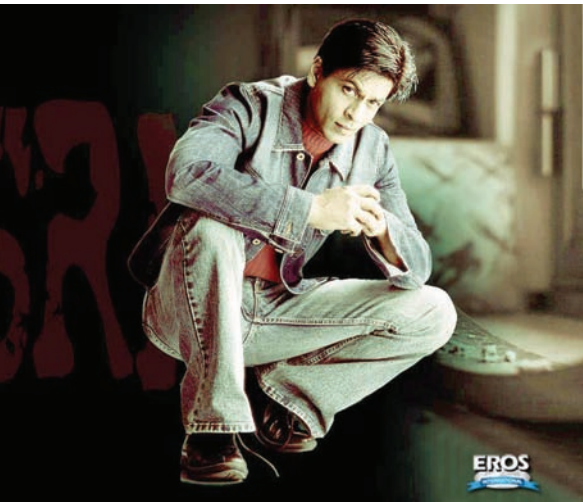


The summer heat is helping spice up things in Bollywood. Yes, CityMasala readers, once again we have immense to tell you about the latest happenings in Tinseltown. Naturally, there is gossip, masala and movies but in addition to the usual news; there have been sightings of stars all over the world. *Aamir Khan* has been globetrotting promoting his upcoming production **Peepli** [Live] while *Shah Rukh Khan* is all over London shooting for **RA.One**. *Karan Johar* is busy scripting his next film. However amidst all that, there is much gupshup!

Priyanka Chopra has no voice. Yes, you heard right! The normally chatty actress has found herself sans her vocal chords. After exhausting her vocal chords during a shoot for **Saat Khoon Maaf**, *Priyanka Chopra* has officially lost her voice. Three days ago

the actress woke up and was probably calling for her morning *chai* when she realized her *awaaz* was totally gone. The day before, the actress has been shooting for *Vishal Bhardwaj's Saat Khoon Maaf* for a scene that required her to scream. The perfectionist that *Bhardwaj* is, he was not satisfied with the first few screams and required *Priyanka* to give the shot a couple of more attempts. Finally, she got it right only to tire her vocal chords. *Chopra* ran to the doctors and was immediately told that she needed to completely rest her vocal chords for the next week or so. For the film, *Priyanka* will be romancing seven men including *Neil Nitin Mukesh*, *Naseeruddin Shah*, *Irrfan Khan* and the newbie *Vivaan Shah*. Post **Saat Khoon Maaf**, she will be working on **Don 2**. In the coming months, you can see *Chopra* in **Anjaana Anjaani** with *Ranbir Kapoor*.

August will mark *Kajol's* birthday and while there will be a big bash to bring in her special day, the family has decided that they will celebrate her *godh bharai* too. In true Maharashtrian style, the family will observe the necessary ceremonies as well as her birthday. This will be followed by a family lunch for the *Mukherjees* and *Devngans* together. "Mom has planned a *puja* and will gift her a sari, as is the custom. She will also be preparing food for *Kads* as that is a part of the ritual. We will follow all the customs attached to the *dhole* ceremony. All of us will be attired in traditional wear," exclaimed *Tannisha Mukherjee*, *Kajol's* sister. As for presents, *Tannisha* has already picked up a fancy gift for her sister during a recent trip to Greece for a friend's wedding. "I picked up this funky necklace with lava rocks for her," she divulged. But the younger sister is also planning a sweet treat for her older sister as well. "I plan to bake a huge fruitcake for *Kads*." Happy Birthday *Kajol*! We wish you a fabulous year ahead!



After *Arshad Warsi*, *Shilpa Shetty* and *Amitabh Bachchan*, it is now *Salman Khan* who will be adorning the host cap since he has been selected to become the next host of the popular Indian reality show, **Bigg Boss**. Initially sources claimed that it was going to be *Shah Rukh Khan* who would host the show, however, **Colors**, the official channel for **Bigg Boss** has come out and announced that it will be *Sallu* and not *SRK* who will play presenter of the show. "*Salman Khan* has been finalized as the host of the next season. We will announce the development officially soon," was the official statement from the channel. Previously, the toss up was between *SRK* and *Akshay Kumar*. The channel was in the midst of talks

with both actors, however, things didn't seem to materialize and thus, *Salman* was approached. Old news on the block is that *Amitabh Bachchan* has signed on to be a part of **Kaun Banega Crorepati 4** which will be in competition with **Bigg Boss**.

In case you're wondering where *Sonam Kapoor* is, the actress is busy shooting with *Shahid Kapoor* for **Mausam** in Scotland. And when she was asked to kiss *Shahid* for a scene, she flatly refused. Apparently, the kiss never existed and was added when *Shahid* insisted on a kiss scene between the actors. Naturally, the director *Pankaj Kapoor*, found himself in quite a dilemma and immediately phoned *Anil Kapoor* in hopes that papa would be able to sway his daughter in to obliging to the kiss. However, *Sonam* refused to budge. According to sources, it was not *Pankaj's* idea but actually *Shahid's* input to the script. "It was at *Shahid's* behest that a kissing scene was created. He put forth the idea to his father who complied with his request. *Shahid* feels that like *Aamir Khan*, he too should kiss all his heroines. He felt it would add more passion to the scene," claimed a source. While *Sonam* maintains that there is and was never a kissing scene, thus deeming the news as "fabricated", sources from the set claim otherwise. "When *Sonam* realized that it was her hero's demand, she became even more adamant about not doing the kiss and was in no mood to listen to anyone on the subject," they said. Most interesting is that *Sonam* will be kissing *Abhay Deol* in her home production **Aisha** while *Shahid* has kissed *Kareena Kapoor*, *Priyanka Chopra* and *Anushka Sharma* in various films.

And with that, I am all Bollywooded out! The heat is on as we are officially six months in 2010. In the coming months you can expect much more heat from the biggest film industry in the world. See you next month CityMasala readers!