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The Producer

OUR global star Priyanka Chopra arrived back in Mumbai only on Wednesday, and we already have the big story on her. Yes, we know that she's been in touch with Sanjay Leela Bhansali for his next film, in which she will essay the role of poetess Amrita Pritam. Who will essay the role of Pritam's lover, Sahir Ludhianvi? Well, the names doing the rounds are those of Irrfan Khan, Abhishek Bachchan and even Salman Khan. But the bigger news is that La Chopra has decided to co-produce this one, making this one of her first Hindi productions. And it sounds like a box-office blockbuster already. Plus, there is a poetry-filled love story..



Priyanka Chopra

ALL A PART OF SHOE BUSINESS, HONEY

Former cricketer Brett Lee arrives with his wife at a charity centre yesterday



ASHISH RAJE

He's back

WHEN we called in on Rahul Akerkar yesterday, we didn't expect him to share some good news with us. Almost every conversation with one of India's best restaurateurs and chefs has ended with an 'I'll-let-you-know. But Akerkar is apparently very close to opening a new space. He has short-listed some sites, and already listed a company called Bob & Daughters with his effervescent wife Mallni Vachani Akerkar as partner. Moreover, his older daughter Shaan had just graduated, and will probably be joining her parents' company shortly. Meanwhile, we have our fingers crossed for a December launch.



Malini and Rahul Akerkar with daughter Shaan



@BollywoodGandu Today is Shilpa Shetty's 42nd birthday. Today is also Shilpa Shetty's nose's 8th birthday.

Keep shining

DESIGNER Manish Arora may have Paris eating out of his hand — he's been showing at the city's fashion week for over a decade now, and even has his own store at the posh Rue Faubourg St Honore. But he will take his next showcase to a little village in Austria. Arora is presenting a two month-long exhibit called Mela at a leading crystal company's Austrian headquarters. Rlyaz Amlani's eatery will put up a kiosk to serve local Indian favourites, too. The charming headquarters is situated in Wattens, a 20-minute drive from Innsbruck.



Manish Arora

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Dinner with the chef

MASTERCHEF'S

Gary Mehigan is in India again. On Wednesday night, he cooked a sumptuous five-course meal for guests of a German luxury carmaker at a Worli five-star. The celebrity chef sent out little pots of carrot, a watermelon and prawn course, white fish with avocado, sesame and slow-braised lamb phyllos and beetroot and chocolate mousse. The corporate dinner was especially enjoyed by Vanita Bhandari and her daughter-in-law Tehzeeb Moloobhoy Bhandari, along with the latter's mum Nafisa and sister Gazala.



Vanita Bhandari and her gang with Chef Gary

Tailpiece

A recent controversy involving a top legal bird has been doing the rounds of the apex court's corridors. Several pictures have been shared of the law honcho with a young lady friend — not his wife and perhaps not a friend either — in flagrante delicto (since our lawyers love Latin so much). The said gentleman's knickers are in a knot now, especially since his term finishes this year. We hear he sought a leading parliamentarian's help to bury the entire, well, affair. And succeeded at it. Now, now, what's a lawyer if not an improviser?

WILL YOUR FILM HAVE A DIALOGUE WRITER AT ALL?

AND WILL YOUR FILM HAVE A MONOLOGUE WRITER?

