



### SHAKIRA TO SING A BOLLYWOOD SONG

Now, it's Shakira, after Kylie Minogue, who is set to rock a song for composer duo Salim-Sulaiman. Shakira would be the solo singer for this composition. The heartbeat catcher, Shakira, is not new to India, having performed live in Mumbai in the year 2007. In fact, she has also expressed her desire to be a part of Bollywood. Before Shakira, it was Kylie Minogue, who sang a song from *Blue*. Singer Akon is also doing a song for Shah Rukh's *Ra .One*. The song by Shakira will be shot on South African model Candice Boucher. It will be shot featuring the IPL owner and entrepreneur Sachin Joshi. The song is expected to be recorded shortly.

## BIKINI SEASON FOR STARS

This is bikini season and it's time for celebs to get serious. Some stars get their body 'beach ready' by drinking lots of water, eating lean protein, green, leafy vegetables and fewer carbs. Other celebrities focussed on 'toning up' and 'definition in my abs'. Gisele Bundchen, however, always looks great in a bikini. The supermodel flaunts her supermom figure in Calzedonia's new swimwear campaign even after having had a baby recently. The Brazilian beauty shared her technique for shedding weight post-baby Benjamin, with *Vogue*. "I think a lot of people get pregnant and decide they can turn into garbage disposals. I was mindful about what I ate, and I gained only 30 pounds." The *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue cover girl, Brooklyn Decker, wife of tennis great, Andy Roddick, also consumes lots of high-protein Greek yogurt and nuts to build that muscle. Cameron Diaz, too, with her lithe legs, flat tummy and sculpted arms, is doing combination exercises that blast multiple muscles at once, like squats with shoulder presses, as well as various yoga poses.

## 600 SUNFLOWERS DELIVERED AT MJ'S MAUSOLEUM

As many as 600 single-stemmed sunflowers were delivered to Michael Jackson's mausoleum at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California. *Sunflowerguy.com* delivered the flowers with individual messages attached to them, along with 100 individual sunflower bouquets and 4,000 roses, to mark the King of Pop's first death anniversary on 25 June, 2010. The sunflowers, which were Michael's favourite, were dropped 100 yards from the mausoleum because of construction on the grounds, reports *tmz.com*. Jason Levin from *Sunflowerguy.com* feels Jackson deserves more than the few bouquets, candles and gifts that currently surround his tomb.

## JULIA ROBERTS' NEW FILM SPURS MEDITATION TOURS TO INDIA

Julia Roberts' much-anticipated new movie *Eat, Pray, Love* has inspired tour planners to offer a package that gives travellers a chance to dine in Italy, meditate in India and fall in love with Bali. Roberts recreates author Elizabeth Gilbert's year-long cultural and spiritual trip to India, Italy and Bali in the movie, reports the *Daily Express*. The film has inspired a large number of merchandise, which includes tie-in items from furnishings to jewellery. Producers have given various companies the rights to link new products to the film, which will release on 10 August, 2010. Bosses at STA Tours will soon be offering the *Eat, Pray, Love Experience* – the chance to dine in Italy, meditate in India and fall in love with Bali. US chain Cost Plus will offer exclusive furnishings, replicas of those featured in the film, while Dogeared jewellers are offering *Eat, Pray, Love* bracelets and necklaces inspired by the film. In fact, there will even be an eau de parfum from Fresh, T-shirts from Signorelli, and *Eat, Pray, Love* tea.



## HARRY POTTER THEME PARK OPENS FOR PUBLIC

Harry Potter stars Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson delighted fans in Orlando, Florida, recently, when they helped to officially open the movie theme park to the public. Thousands of Potter devotees flocked to Universal Orlando to be one of the first few people through the gates of 'The Wizarding World of Harry Potter', which brings author JKs Rowling's boy wizard's tales to life. Bill Davis, president of Universal Orlando Resort, said, "We have brought to life a cultural phenomenon

that has captured the hearts and minds of millions of people around the world." And, Radcliffe is impressed by the extent of work Warner Bros bosses have put in to make sure the theme park atmosphere and its rides remain true to the details in the books. Said Radcliffe, "What Universal Orlando has done with Harry Potter is really, really fantastic. We're all kind of very grateful that the next part of the Harry Potter legacy has been so well-done and so well-made." Other cast members present for the grand opening included Tom Felton, Michael Gambon, Bonnie Wright and Matthew Lewis.

## FREIDA PINTO TO STAR AS PRIMATOLOGIST IN RISE OF THE APES

Freida Pinto has signed up for the *Planets Of The Apes* prequel, *Rise Of The Apes*, as primatologist Caroline. Pinto, who rose to fame from *Slumdog Millionaire*, will be the leading lady of Spider Man hunk, James Franco in the latest installment of the sci-fi series, reports the *Daily Star*. The movie's cast also includes funny man John Lithgow, who has been signed up to play Franco's onscreen father, according to *Variety*. The new series is the re-imagining of the original 1968 sci-fi classic.



## AKSHAY'S DINNER DATE WITH INDIAN, CANADIAN PMs

Akshay Kumar is giving dinner diplomacy an entirely new meaning. In Toronto on 27 June 2010, once the weekend G8 and G20 Summits of world leaders in search of common ground on economics, health, security and other issues were over, the Bollywood Khiladi took centre stage. And, at the Presidential House in Toronto, Akshay hosted a dinner for Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, to which the chief celebrant was Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. And, Akshay, who was on vacation in New York with wife Twinkle and son Aarav, dashed across to Toronto to bring the two Prime Ministers together. Nobody else was invited, though the leaders of all superpowers were around. The actor has close ties with Canada. He has extensively shot in that country and runs a Cancer Ward in the Trillium Hospital of Toronto ever since he lost his father, Hari Om Bhatia, to cancer there. Recently, he was honoured by being made the torch bearer of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games. Stephen Harper, who, on a visit to India showed his appreciation for the actor's involvement by accepting a dinner invitation extended by Akshay, is now reciprocating the gesture at his official residence. Akshay, naturally, is thrilled. "Canada has always been a home away from home for me," he said, "and now to be on Canadian soil sharing the stage and this glorious moment with our revered Prime Minister and the Canadian Prime Minister is a dream come true. Truly, a time when I feel proud to be an Indian."

