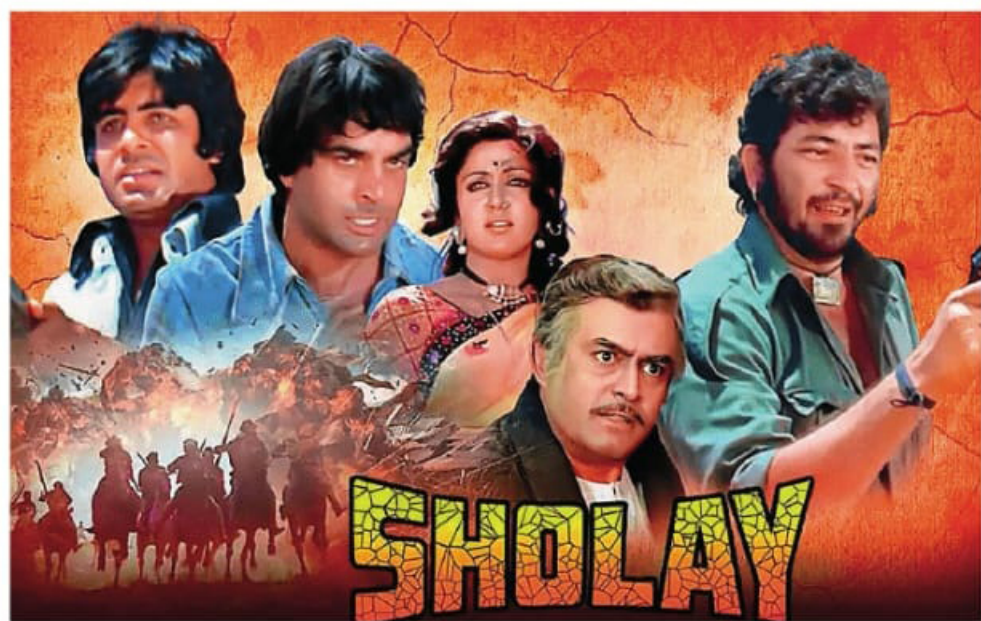


# Restored version of Sholay to screen at IFFS



**A still from Sholay**

**T**he restored version of Sholay starring Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra will be showcased at The Indian Film Festival of Sydney (IFFS) in October.

The festival, running from October 9 to 11, will celebrate Indian cinema across three vibrant days. The restored Sholay had its world premiere earlier this month at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and now will screen in Sydney.

Sholay has been meticulously restored in 4K by the Film Heritage Foundation in collaboration with Sippy Films. The process, years in the making, involved locating a rare colour reversal print in London and recovering original camera negatives and long-lost deleted

scenes from a warehouse in Mumbai.

Most significantly, the restored film features the original ending envisioned by director Ramesh Sippy, in which Thakur avenges his family by killing Gabbar Singh.

Festival Director Mitu Bhowmick Lange said in a statement: "Presenting the restored Sholay in Sydney is a moment of immense pride for us. This isn't just the revival of a classic, it's the revival of a piece of our collective cultural history."

"The fact that audiences will now experience the film with the original ending makes it even more significant, as it honours Ramesh Sippy's first vision in its entirety," Lange added.

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