## Harshaali Malhotra, who played Munni in 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', set to make her Telugu debut

little girl who played Munni in Salman Khan-starrer Bajrangi Bhaijaan, is set to make her Telugu cinema debut with Boyapati Sreenu's Akhanda 2: Thaandavam, she said on Wednesday.

"Munni was not just a character; she was a feeling, a memory, a heartbeat -something that stayed with you, and with me," Harshaali wrote on Instagram, remembering her character in the 2015 blockbuster.

"After all these years, I've held and with a heart full of gratitude. film. While you were remembering not just as that little girl, but as on September 25. someone ready to feel everything



Munni, I was preparing, learning, she will be essaying the role of into every scene. From Munni's growing, and becoming. So that Janani in Akhanda 2: silence to Janani 's voice, this one day, when I return, I return Thaandavam, set to hit theatres isn't just my return- It's ours,"

again on screen, with you," she share her with you. Meet Janani - to Boyapati Sreenu's 2021 Kannada and Malayalam added alongside her first-look a new story, a new emotion, a release Akhanda. Akhanda 2 stars languages.

on to your love -patiently, silently, poster from the upcoming Telugu new chapter of me. She laughs, she dreams, she speaks from the The 17-year-old actress said heart, and I've poured my soul Harshaali concluded. The

Nandamuri Balakrishna in the lead. The film is backed by 14 Reels Plus. Harshaali made her Bollywood debut in 2015 with Kabir Khan's Bajrangi Bhaijaan. In the film, she portrayed Shahida Aziz, aka Munni, a mute Pakistani girl who gets lost in 14. India and bumps into Pawan (Salman Khan). Pawan then undertakes the mission to send Munni back to her home safely.

The film emerged as a box office hit, earning Rs 918.18 crore worldwide, as per media reports. The cast of Bajrangi Bhaijaan also includes Kareena Kapoor Khan and Nawazuddin Siddiqui.

Harshaali has also appeared in television shows like Qubool Hai and Laut Aao Trisha.

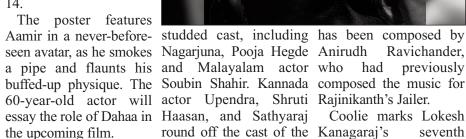
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam will "And now, I'm finally ready to upcoming Telugu film is a sequel release in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil,

### Aamir Khan to play Dahaa in Rajinikanthstarrer 'Coolie'; first-look poster out

roduction banner Sun Pictures on Thursday dropped the first-look poster of Bollywood actor Aamir Khan from Tamil superstar Rajinikanth's upcoming film Coolie, set to hit screens on August

The poster features the upcoming film.

#AamirKhan as Dahaa, Lokesh Kanagaraj. from the world of While Shruti Haasan Lokesh screens worldwide from Rajasekhar. poster on X.



August 14th," wrote the Rajinikanth wrapped up and Leo (2023). It makers alongside the shooting for Coolie remains to be seen if

earlier this year. The film boasts a star- The music for Coolie LCU.

"Introducing actioner directed by directorial venture. In 2019, he established the #Coolie. #Coolie is all set plays Preethi in Coolie, Universe (LCU) with to dominate IMAX Sathyaraj is set to play Kaithi, which he followed up with Vikram (2022) Coolie is also part of the

# blocked again for Indian users after brief access

Instagram accounts of several Pakistani celebrities including actors Mawra Hocane, Ahad Raza Mir, Yumna Zaidi and Danish Taimoor — have been blocked again in India,

users in the country. reports, officials in the Indian users noticed that following visibility was due to a figures, including Hocane complied with a legal technical error that caused and Zaidi, had become request to restrict this

Aamir, Shoaib Akhtar and with Pakistan in a letter retaliatory following the April 22



the accounts to be visible. The brief access content."

days after they became Pahalgam terror attack, was filed on Thursday, an temporarily visible to which claimed at least 26 attempt to view the restricted Instagram According to media On July 1, however, accounts yielded the thick of events clarified Instagram accounts of "Account not available in that the temporary some of these public India. This is because we

inadvertently unblocked. reportedly triggered strong After the Pahalgam Accounts of Pakistani criticism from the All terror attack on April 22, celebrities, athletes and Indian Cine Workers Hocane had expressed including Association (AICWA), grief over the incident on Fawad Khan, Atif Aslam, which demanded a total social media. However, | Dog. Mahira Khan, Hania severing of cultural ties the actress called India's Operation were first addressed to Prime Sindoor on May 7 a suspended in May, Minister Narendra Modi. "cowardly act", drawing At the time the report the ire of netizens.

## Instagram accounts of Mawra Hocane, Ahad Raza Mir 'The Last Of Us' co-creator Neil Druckmann steps back from Season 3 of HBO show

Teil Druckmann, the co-creator and cocritically-acclaimed series "The Last Of Us", has decided to take a step back from the show's upcoming third season.

"The Last Of Us", which features Pedro Pascal and Bella Ramsay, is based on the video game franchise of the same name, which was created by Druckmann and produced by Naughty Dog. He served as the creator, showrunner, writer and director alongside

completed on season two and said. Druckmann further said of Us Part I' and the continued left behind.



Craig before any meaningful work that creating "The Last of Us" Druckmann announced his the right time for me to highlight" for him. exit from the series in a transition my complete focus to "It's been an honor to work statement posted on the official Naughty Dog and its future alongside Craig Mazin to came out earlier this year, picks

starts on season three, now is series has been a "career the Fireflies, a cure-searching

Instagram account of Naughty projects, including writing and executive produce, direct and up five years after the events of directing our exciting next write on the last two seasons. the first season, Joel and Ellie "I've made the difficult game, 'Intergalactic: The I'm deeply thankful for the are drawn into conflict with decision to step away from my Heretic Prophet', along with thoughtful approach and each other and a world even creative involvement in 'The my responsibilities as Studio dedication the talented cast and more Last of Us' on HBO. With work Head and Head of Creative," he crew took to adapting 'The Last unpredictable than the one they

adaptation of 'The Last of Us Part II'," he added.

Besides Druckmann, cowriter and executive producer Halley Gross is also exiting the series, she announced on social

"The Last of Us" started in 2022 with its first season, which took place 20 years after modern civilization was destroyed by a deadly virus.

It featured Pascal as Joel, a hardened survivor, who is hired to smuggle Ellie (Ramsey), a 14-year-old girl, out of an oppressive quarantine zone to organization.

The second season, which

#### Why are farm goods holding up the India-US trade deal? Stock markets decline on fag-end selling, financial genetically modified (GM)

U.S. and India trade negotiators were pushing on Wednesday to finalise a tariff-reducing deal ahead of President Donald Trump's July 9 negotiating deadline, but disagreements over U.S. and agriculture remained unresolved.

WHY ARE FARM GOODS IMPORTS SENSITIVE IN INDIA?

Agriculture and its allied areas contribute just 16% to India's \$3.9 trillion economy, trading partners. country's population. As to push through controversial farmer, farm laws.

The prospect of cheaper States. the opposition a fresh U.S. counterparts. government. New Delhi has largely

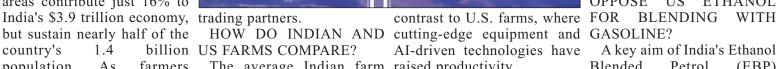


billion US FARMS COMPARE?

farmers The average Indian farm raised productivity. Narendra Modi's government the United States. In dairy, IS INDIA RESISTING? four years ago when it tried is two to three animals per pressing India to open its gasoline.

States threatens to drive difficult for small Indian fruits, almonds, pecans, 20% ethanol. Importing down local prices, handing farmers to compete with their apples, grapes, canned ethanol would undermine

traditionally kept agriculture because small, fragmented greater access to U.S. dry and corn by diverting them to out of Free Trade Agreements land holdings leave little fruits and apples, it is holding ethanol production. Allowing with other nations. Granting room for large machinery. In back on allowing imports of imports of U.S. ethanol would market access to the U.S. many regions, farmers rely corn, soybeans, wheat, and be a serious setback for could force India to extend on techniques passed down dairy products. similar concessions to other through generations, a sharp



India does

remain the most powerful comprises just 1.08 hectares, WHICH PRODUCTS IS program is to cut dependence voting bloc, Prime Minister compared to 187 hectares in US LOBBYING FOR? WHY on energy imports by blending was forced into a rare retreat the average herd size in India The United States is produced

not allow sector.

dairy, poultry, corn, soybeans, now close to achieving its imports from the United This difference makes it rice, wheat, ethanol, citrus ambitious target of blending peaches, chocolates, cookies, those companies. opportunity to attack the Farming in India remains and frozen French fries. The EBP also helps manage unmechanized While India is willing to grant surpluses of rice, sugarcane,

domesticallyethanol with Significant compared to markets to a wide range of investments by domestic hundreds in the United American products, including companies mean that India is

India's emerging distillery

food crops, while most U.S.

corn and soybean production

Dairy remains a sensitive

issue in India, where cultural

and dietary preferences

strongly influence food

choices. Indian consumers are

particularly concerned that

cattle in the U.S. are often fed

with animal by-products, a

practice that conflicts with

DOES

OPPOSE US ETHANOL

Blended Petrol (EBP)

Indian food habits.

WHY

is GM-based.

stocks drag; Sensex drops 170 points **MUMBAI, JULY 3** 

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty pared intra-day gains to close lower on Thursday due to last-hour selling in financial and metal shares. The 30share BSE Sensex dropped by 170.22 points or 0.20 per cent to settle at 83,239.47. During the day, it jumped pharma posted gains, while Services PMI Business 440.4 points or 0.52 per cent metal and realty were Activity Index rose from to 83,850.09.

declined by 48.10 points or also and Tata Consultancy higher while Hong Kong's benchmark Brent crude Services were the laggards. Hang Seng ended lower. However, Maruti, Paints,

"Markets traded volatile growth touched a ten-month according to exchange on the weekly expiry day high in June aided by robust data. and ended marginally lower, expansion in international On Wednesday, the BSE continuing the ongoing sales and job creation, amid Sensex ended 287.60 consolidation phase," Ajit positive demand trends and points or 0.34 per cent Mishra - SVP, Research, ongoing improvement in lower at 83,409.69. The Religare Broking Ltd said. sales, a monthly survey said Nifty declined by 88.40 Sector-wise, the trend on Thursday. The seasonally points or 0.35 per cent to

mirrored 0.19 per cent to 25,405.30. movement and closed on a Purchasing Finance, Adani Ports, Trent, and Shanghai's SSE below

European markets were USD 68.40 a barrel. Infosys, NTPC, Asian trading on a mixed note. The Foreign Institutional Eternal and US markets ended mostly Investors (FIIs) offloaded Hindustan Unilever were higher on Wednesday. The equities worth Rs 1,561.62 among the biggest gainers. Indian services sector crore on Wednesday,

among the top losers, he 58.8 in May to 60.4 in June, The 50-share NSE Nifty added. The broader indices driven by sharp upturn in this new business orders. In the Among the Sensex firms, flat note. In Asian markets, Index (PMI) parlance, a Kotak Mahindra Bank, South Korea's Kospi, print above 50 means Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Japan's Nikkei 225 index expansion, while a score State Bank of India, Titan Composite index settled contraction. Global oil

declined 1.03 per cent to

remained mixed -- auto and adjusted HSBC India settle at 25,453.40.

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