

OTTs Double Down on South Indian Hits

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Mumbai: From theatres to living rooms, South Indian cinema is increasingly dominating the showbiz, accounting for nearly 60% of all theatrically successful films acquired by streaming platforms across Indian languages in 2025.

While this marks a significant shift in OTT content-buying strategies, it is driven by stronger viewer engagement for South Indian titles on streaming platforms, with a higher proportion of viewers tending to watch them till the end after starting them, senior executives at large media and entertainment networks said.

Of the 125 films that each drew more than one million admissions in theatres and bought by leading streaming platforms, 74 were South Indian titles, according to a study by media and entertainment research firm Ormax Media.

"South Indian titles generally show

strong engagement patterns, often delivering high completion rates and sustained viewing, which improve long-term platform value," said Krishnan Kutty, head of entertainment business, south cluster, at JioStar. "At streaming scale, consistent engagement matters more than opening spikes, and regional content is increasingly delivering that consistency," he added.

In addition, the share of South Indian content in total watch time on streaming platforms has been increasing, industry executives said. "Across films and web series, we are witnessing phenomenal growth from the South, which accounts for more than 41% of total watch time on ZEE5," said Siju Prabhakaran, chief business officer at ZEE5. "Every region South India brings a unique flavour and intellectual depth that resonates across age groups and geographical boundaries."

Producers said South Indian titles also offer advantages in terms of acquisition costs and content supply compared with Hindi films.

"These titles also provide pipeline stability," said Suniel Wadhwa, co-founder and director at Karmic Films. "A larger volume of theatrical films with strong audience retention in the post-pandemic period, comes from the South, giving streamers a more dependable content acquisition ecosystem." Language affinity and the cultural rootedness of South Indian stories have helped these films attract audiences well beyond their regional markets, independent streaming consultants said.

"In addition to subtitles and dubbing, audiences' affinity for their mother tongue and the cultural authenticity of these stories and their

presentation have helped South Indian titles find viewers beyond their traditional markets," said Shrirang Nargund, an independent consultant to the streaming industry. "Today, audiences outside the metros increasingly prefer such stories."

The next 100 million subscribers to India's streaming ecosystem are expected to come from markets beyond the major metropolitan cities.

According to the Ormax study, Netflix acquired 34% of all South Indian titles bought by streaming platforms in 2025, followed by JioFestiva (39%), ZEE5 (8%) and Prime Video (17%).

"We studied films that recorded one million footfalls in theatres across all languages in India. The South emerged as a bigger content market for streaming platforms," said Keerat Khatkar, head of business development for streaming, TV and brands at Ormax Media.

Streamers also acquired 35 theatrically successful Hindi films, with Netflix accounting for 57%.

transaction management across the insurance ecosystem. Our focus is on adapting these capabilities to India's regulatory and market requirements," Ebix Technologies CEO Gagan Sethi said. The company's international insurance technology portfolio currently supports hundreds of large insurers, brokers, exchanges, and financial institutions across over 40 countries.

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Ask Automotive PAT Climbs 24.2 pc to ₹72 crore in Q4

Mumbai: Automobile components and systems maker Ask Automotive on Tuesday reported a 24.2 per cent rise in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) to ₹72 crore for the March quarter. The company's consolidated PAT in the fourth quarter of FY2024-25 was ₹58 crore,

Ask Automotive said in a statement. Its total income for the reporting quarter jumped 35.3 per cent to ₹1,541 crore from ₹853 crore in Q4 FY25, the company said. The Gurugram-headquartered Ask Automotive is into the manufacturing and supply of brake shoes and

braking systems for two-wheelers. The company said that revenue from advanced braking systems business rose 37 per cent during the March quarter, and income from aluminium light-weighting solutions surged 47 per cent. —PTI

HDFC BANK AUCTION NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrowers concerned and the public at large are hereby informed that a public auction of gold jewellery ornaments pledged as security in the loan accounts listed below is proposed to be conducted. These items were pledged by borrowers who have defaulted in repaying their dues as per the terms of the executed Loan Agreements, despite reminders issued by HDFC Bank Limited ("the Bank").

The Bank has earlier issued notices regarding the borrowers seven (7) days' time to repay the full outstanding dues in their respective loan accounts. As the borrowers have failed to regularize their accounts, the Bank, in exercise of its rights as pledgee under the Loan Agreement and applicable law, has decided to enforce the pledge and proceed with the sale of the pledged gold jewellery ornaments by way of public auction to recover the outstanding dues. The auction will be conducted at the locations mentioned below from 3:30 p.m. onwards. If, for any reason, the auction of any pledged security cannot be conducted or completed on the scheduled date, the Bank reserves the right to continue or reschedule the auction on any subsequent date and time without further notice.

S.No.	Loan No.	Borrower's Name	Loan Amount	Place of Auction	Date of Auction
1	14019971	PRITESH BHUPENDRABHAI SHAH	491000	Hdfc Bank Ltd. Ground Floor, Unit No. 8 & 7, 2nd Floor, Thane, Mumbai - 400054	29.05.2026
2	7578891	PRABHAKAR RASIKU CHAVDA	221000	Hdfc Bank Ltd. 21.22.23, Bhandarkar, Palpur Highway, Bhandarkar, Mumbai - 400054	29.05.2026
3	4000850387	PANIKI RAJESHBAI PRALAPATI	130000	Hdfc Bank Ltd. Shop No. 5 to 5, Shikhar Complex, Near Fortis Landmark Hotel, Ahmedabad	29.05.2026
4	75543557	DASHARATHJI SHAMBHULJI GOTHADIA	75000	Hdfc Bank Ltd. Ground Flr., Pheme Complex, Opp. Gyan Temple, Highway, Deesa, Gujarat	29.05.2026
5	75242910	MOHANRAJ DUNGRAJI SUTHAR	43000	Hdfc Bank Ltd. Ground Floor, Shop No. 1-2 and 7-8, Platinum Gold, Naroda, Meera Road, Ahmedabad	29.05.2026
6	75163444	MUSKAN IDALSHI KIMBHAR	63000	Hdfc Bank Ltd. Ground Floor, Gun. Plaza, Opp. Government Technical School, Banskari Road, Udaipur, Gujarat	29.05.2026
7	75279851	JAYANTANIKER NEHLUKUMAR RAJUL	60000	Hdfc Bank Ltd. Ground Floor, Shop No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000	29.05.2026

The auction shall be carried out strictly on an "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" basis. The Bank makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the quality, purity, caratage, weight, or valuation of the pledged gold jewellery ornaments. Prospective bidders are solely responsible for inspecting and satisfying themselves regarding the condition, purity, caratage, weight, and valuation of the pledged items prior to placing their bids. Inspection will be permitted 45 minutes before the auction, entirely at the bidder's cost, risk, and discretion. By participating in the auction, bidders shall be deemed to have independently inspected the pledged items and to accept all associated risks without any reliance on representations by the Bank. No request for return, exchange, refund, compensation, or cancellation will be entertained after the sale has been concluded. All bids shall be subject to a minimum reserve price determined by the Bank in accordance with applicable regulatory norms. The auction value will be based on the lower of: (a) the average closing price of gold for the preceding thirty (30) days, or (b) the closing price of gold published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd. (IBJAL) on the immediately preceding day. The Bank retains sole discretion to finalize the reserve price and impose any additional conditions as deemed necessary. Should any borrower repay the entire outstanding dues in accordance with the Loan Agreement before commencement of the auction, the pledged gold jewellery ornaments for that account may, at the Bank's discretion, be withdrawn from the auction without further notice. The auction and any resulting sale shall remain subject to any further terms and conditions that the Bank, in its sole and absolute discretion, may impose, amend, or prescribe from time to time. Please note that the undersigned Authorized Officer of the Bank reserves the right to postpone, adjourn, modify, suspend, or cancel the auction proceedings without prior notice and without assigning any reason. The Bank reserves the right to enforce the right to accept or reject any bid(s), in whole or in part, and any such decision shall be final and binding on all participants.

Date: 29.05.2026, Place: Ahmedabad

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Ebix Technologies Aims 20 pc Growth Across Insurance, Financial Services Biz

New Delhi: Ebix Technologies Ltd, the financial technology arm of Ebix Group, is expanding its focus on insurance technology infrastructure and aims for about 20 per cent annual growth over the next three years.

Alongside its insurance technology expansion plans, Ebix continues to strengthen its broader India financial services ecosystem through EbixCash and its integrated force, remittance,

travel, payments, and distribution business, the company said in a statement. EbixCash World Money recently expanded its retail force presence with the launch of its 100th branch in India, it said. As India's insurance and reinsurance ecosystem continues to open up to greater private and global participation, Ebix is evaluating its rollout and localisation of several of its globally deployed insurance technology platforms, it said.

"We see a significant opportunity to introduce globally established insurance technology infrastructure platforms that can support operational efficiency, connectivity compliance, and

transaction management across the insurance ecosystem. Our focus is on adapting these capabilities to India's regulatory and market requirements," Ebix Technologies CEO Gagan Sethi said. The company's international insurance technology portfolio currently supports hundreds of large insurers, brokers, exchanges, and financial institutions across over 40 countries.

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Extract of Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended 31st March 2026

(Rs. in Lakhs, except stated)

S.No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
		31.03.2026 (Unaudited)	31.12.2025 (Unaudited)	31.03.2025 (Unaudited)	31.03.2026 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	27,665.10	25,683.69	26,211.04	102,207.62	92,086.25
2	Operating Profit (PBIT)	8,901.87	7,484.59	6,456.78	28,973.54	23,180.51
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period Before Tax	8,123.35	6,716.39	5,694.84	25,898.23	20,128.36
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period After Tax	5,943.46	5,073.25	4,150.23	19,174.00	14,928.94
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	6,282.68	5,233.14	4,183.32	19,865.61	15,091.73
6	Equity Share Capital (Of Rs. 5/- each)	2,172.63	2,172.63	2,172.63	2,172.63	2,172.63
7	Other Equity (Reserves)	-	-	-	111,077.52	93,384.56
8	Earning Per Share:					
	- Basic (in Rs.)	13.68	11.68	9.54	44.13	34.18
	- Diluted (in Rs.)	13.68	11.68	9.54	44.13	34.18

Notes: * Standalone Financial Information of the Company, pursuant to Regulation 47(1)(b) of SEBI (LODR);

 PGI Garments	S.No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended	
			31.03.2026 (Unaudited)	31.12.2025 (Unaudited)	31.03.2025 (Unaudited)	31.03.2026 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)
1	Turnover	26,054.79	23,698.82	21,418.09	94,170.96	82,020.64	
2	Operating Profit (PBITD)	9,029.30	7,769.28	5,620.28	30,307.10	22,043.75	
3	Profit before Tax	8,258.97	7,008.79	4,865.21	27,262.30	19,019.54	
4	Provision for Tax	6,070.64	5,293.51	3,501.52	20,296.97	14,100.87	