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Dear Sirs,

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This has reference to our communication dated January 20, 2025 and pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 46(2)(oa)(i) read with Schedule III of Part A of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('Listing Regulations'), this is to inform you that the audio recording of the conference call held today on the Company's performance for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 is available on Company's website at:

https://www.zee.com/investors/investor-financials/

This is for your information and record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited

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## **Earnings Update for Q3 FY25**

Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited – 23 January 2025

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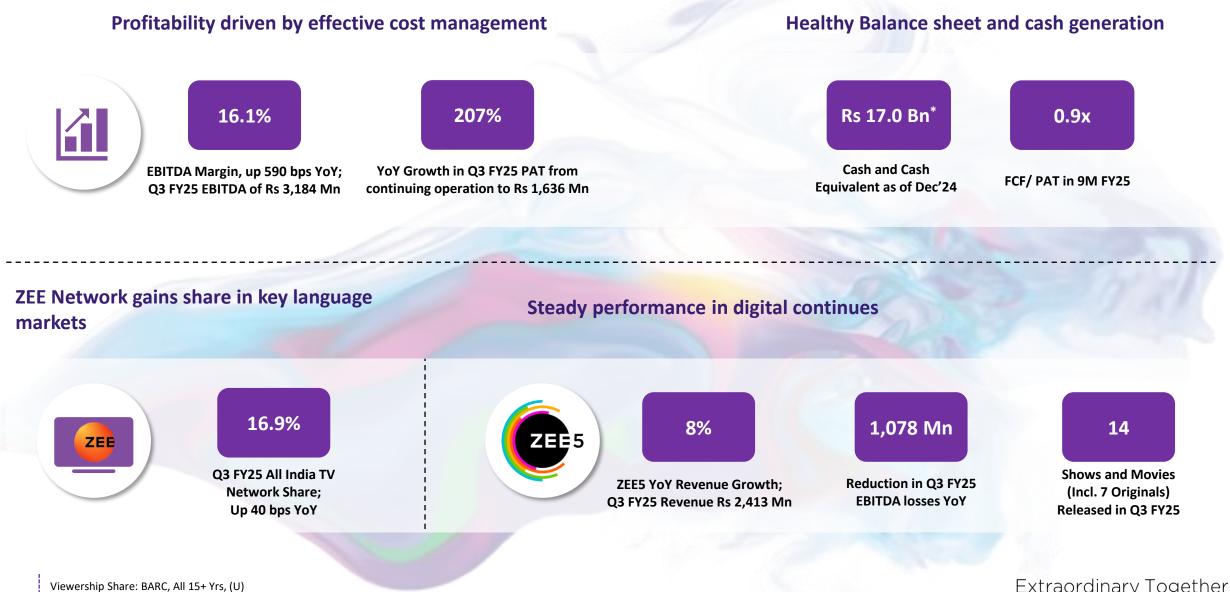
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#### Q3 FY25 Key Performance Highlights





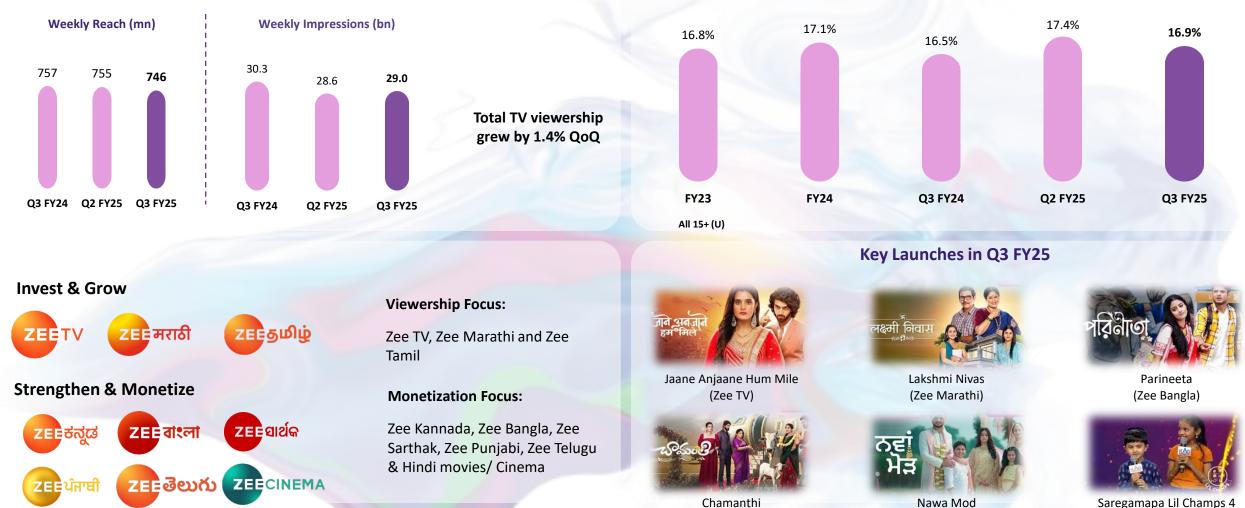
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# Domestic Linear: TV Landscape Stable with 1.4% Viewership Growth QoQ Zee Network Share Up 40 bps YoY, Driven by Hindi Movies & Marathi







(Zee Telugu)

(Zee Bangla)

**ZEE Network Share** 

(Zee Punjabi)

#### Extraordinary Together

TV reach & Impression Source: BARC, All 2+ Yrs, (U + R)

Impression is defined as the total human-minutes of viewing of content, averaged per minute across total duration.

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#### **ZEE5: Focused on Maintaining a Balanced Cost Structure**



- $\geq$ Healthy YoY growth in usage and engagement metrics during the guarter.
- > Revenue growth during the quarter was impacted due to delay in the renewal of a B2B deal. Renewal discussions are underway.
- > Expect performance improvement momentum to sustain with growth providing some operating leverage.
- > 14 shows and movies released during the quarter including 7 originals



Key

Highlights

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Q3 FY25 Impact Releases

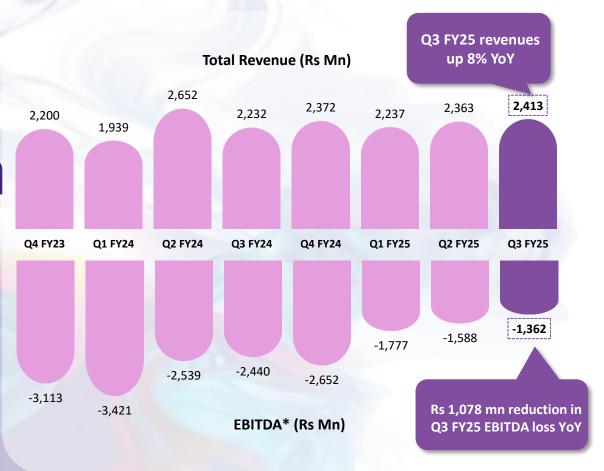


#### Q4 FY25 Slate









\*EBITDA loss excludes costs incurred by the business on ZEEL network; ZEE5 Revenue and EBITDA includes Zee's other digital businesses

#### ZEE Studio: 2 Hindi and 3 Other Language Movies Released During Q3 FY25



Hindi Movies



Distributed by ZEE Studio



Distributed by ZEE Studio



Distributed by ZEE Studio





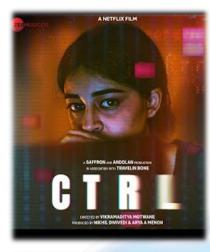
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#### Zee Music Company (ZMC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Music Label with ~160 Mn Subscribers on YouTube



#### Q3 FY25 Key Catalogue Additions



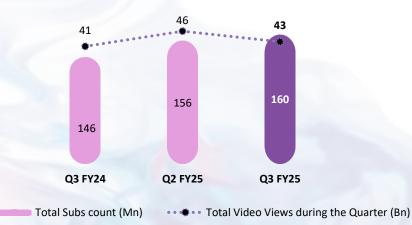








#### All ZMC YouTube Channels Video Views & Subscribers Count

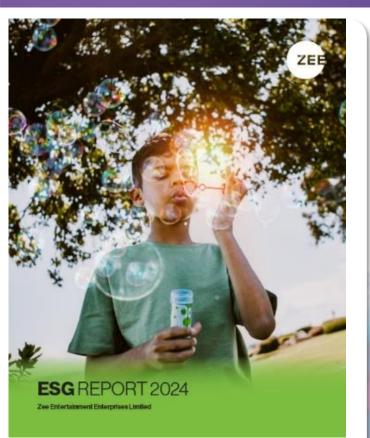


ZMC added 3.6 Mn YouTube subscribers across channels during the quarter on back of new acquisition and catalogue

Rights Acquired in Q3 FY25	Hindi	Other Languages	Singles / Albums
	12	9	131

#### **Key ESG Highlights**





We have published our first <u>ESG Report 2024</u> on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov'24

## Invironmental

- 11% YoY decrease in per day shoot carbon emissions in FY24.
- Achieved 71% increase in waste recycled quantity & 33% decrease in waste diverted to landfill in FY24.
- Water intensity per employee reduced by 16.8% in FY24.



- Encouraging a culture of upskilling and excellence at every level of employee development. Received 8 awards for Learning and development platform "Zeecademy" in FY24.
- 21% Full-time Woman employees. Median gender pay gap is -6.3 in FY24.



 Fostering a diverse media landscape through our inclusive content formats. Our diverse viewers are entertained through impactful storytelling that brings ESG relevant issues to the forefront.



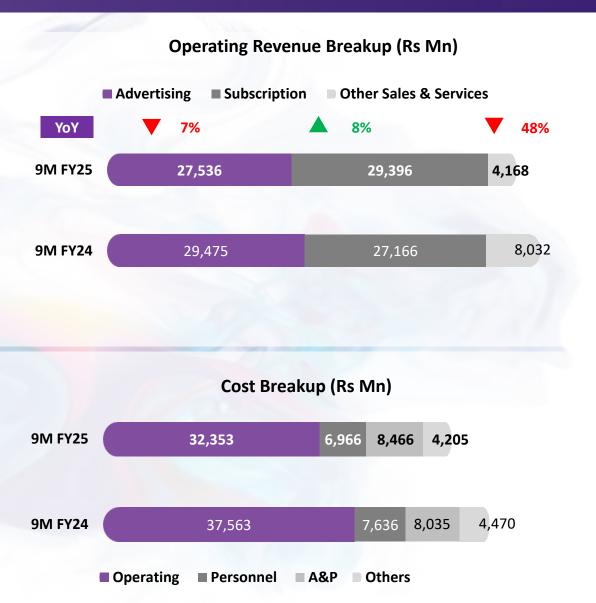
- Independent, diverse and skilled Board of Directors.
- Robust cybersecurity program based on ISO 27001:2013 standard framework to safeguard consumer data.
- Strong culture of compliance with 100% completion of compliance training of employees on Code of conduct, information security & data privacy, and Prevention Of Sexual Harassment (POSH) at workplace.

ZEEL ESG progress is Reflecting in its Improved Third-Party External ESG Ratings and Scores

# 9M & Q3 FY25 Financial Performance

#### 9M FY25 EBITDA Margin at 14.9%; YoY Increased by 410 bps, Significant Progress Made Towards Profitability Enhancement Despite a Weak Advertising Environment

(INR Million)	9M FY24	9M FY25	YoY
Operating Revenue	64,673	61,100	-6%
Expenditure	-57,704	-51,990	-10%
EBITDA	6,969	9,110	31%
EBITDA Margin	10.8%	14.9%	
Other Income	1,139	872	
Depreciation	-2,319	-2,146	
Finance cost	-652	-246	
Fair value through P&L	38	34	
Exceptional Items/ JV & Associate	-2,504	-983	
Profit Before Tax (PBT) from continuing operations	2,671	6,641	149%
Provision for Tax	-800	-1,653	
Profit after Tax (PAT) from continuing operations	1,871	4,988	167%
Profit from discontinuing operations	-590	-77	
Profit for the period/year	1,281	4,912	283%



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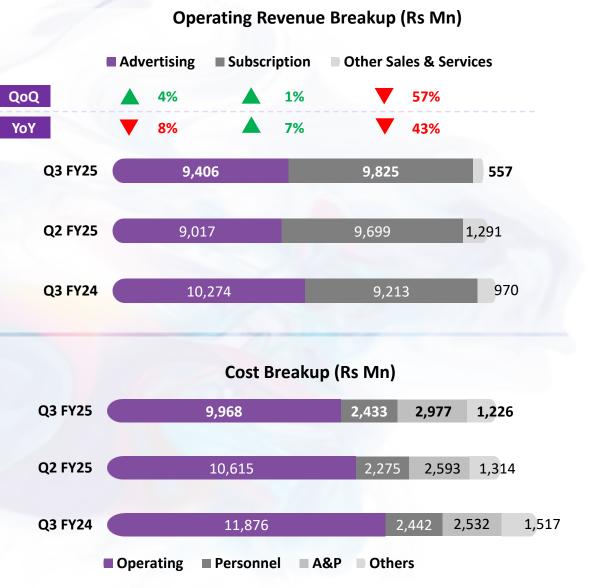
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#### Q3 FY25 EBITDA up 52% YoY; Healthy Subscription Revenue Growth and Effective Cost Management Aiding the Performance

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(INR Million)	Q3 FY24	Q2 FY25	Q3 FY25	QoQ	YoY
Operating Revenue	20,457	20,007	19,788	-1%	-3%
Expenditure	-18,367	-16,797	-16,604	-1%	-10%
EBITDA	2,090	3,210	3,184	-1%	52%
EBITDA Margin	10.2%	16.0%	16.1%		
Other Income	277	337	345		
Depreciation	-761	-732	-658		
Finance cost	-183	-83	-108		
Fair value through P&L	0	22	23		
Exceptional Items/ JV & Associate	-602	110	-808		
Profit Before Tax (PBT) from continuing operations	821	2,864	1,978	-31%	141%
Provision for Tax	288	769	342		
Profit after Tax (PAT) from continuing operations	533	2,095	1,636	-22%	207%
Profit from discontinuing operations	52	-1	0		
Profit for the period/year	585	2,094	1,636	-22%	180%



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Advertising revenues	<ul> <li>Advertising revenue for the quarter improved by 4% QoQ, and declined by 8% YoY due to sluggish festive season</li> <li>Sustained consumption slowdown is resulting in lower FMCG Ad spending</li> </ul>
Subscription revenues	• YoY Growth driven by both Linear subscription revenue and ZEE5.
Other Sales & Services revenues	Other sales and services declined YoY due to leaner movie calendar and lower syndication revenue.
Operating cost	<ul> <li>Decline in operating cost YoY was driven by lower programming and technology cost.</li> <li>Continue to maintain strong cost discipline across every element of cost structure and selectively investing for future growth.</li> </ul>
A&P and Other expenses	<ul> <li>Increase in A&amp;P and Other expenses led by increase in marketing towards new launches.</li> </ul>
EBITDA	<ul> <li>EBITDA for the quarter came at Rs 3,184 Mn;</li> <li>Q3 FY25 Margin at 16.1%;</li> </ul>
International revenue break-up	• Q3 FY25 Advertising revenue : Rs 600 Mn, Subscription revenue : Rs 866 Mn, Other Sales & Services : Rs 208 Mn



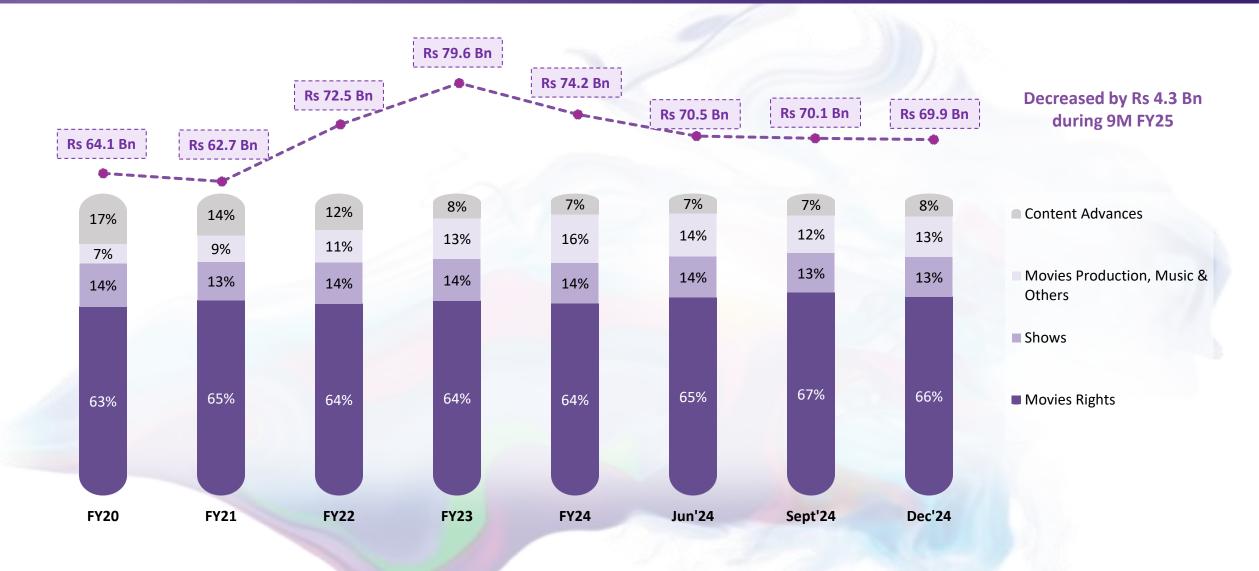
Assets (Rs. Mn)	Mar'24	De'24
Non-Current Assets		
Fixed assets	12,137	10,414
Investments	391	382
Other financial assets	603	1,366
Income tax & Deferred tax assets	9,023	9,604
Others Non-Current Assets	65	85
Current Assets		
Inventories	69,129	64,612
Cash and other investments	11,932	17,025
Trade receivables	17,016	18,471
Others financial assets	3,630	3,287
Other current assets	9,725	9,448
Non-current assets - HFS	846	36
Total Assets	1,34,497	1,34,730

Liabilities (Rs. Mn)	Mar'24	De'24
Equity Capital	1,08,728	1,13,417
Non-Current Liabilities		
Lease Liab/Other borrowings	1,621	2,312
Provisions	1,671	1,576
Current Liabilities		
Lease Liab/Other borrowings	682	888
Trade Payables	14,356	10,770
Other financial liabilities	2,816	2,058
Other current liabilities	4,421	3,471
Provisions	172	171
Income tax liabilities	12	37
Liabilities associated with assets- HFS	18	31
Total Equity & Liabilities	1,34,497	1,34,730

\*The cash & treasury investments of the company as of Dec'24 stood at Rs 17,025 Mn, including Mutual Fund of Rs 5,744 Mn, Bank FDs of Rs 7,121 Mn and Cash balance of Rs 4,160 Mn. The closing cash balances as on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec'24 includes proceeds from first tranche of FCCB issued amounting to Rs 2,000 Mn.

#### Content Inventory and Advances Continues to Decline in 9M FY25 Driven by Optimised Acquisition





# Growth Strategy

Refreshing & Sharpening content offerings across linear and digital business

- New Show Launches in Hindi and language markets
- Marketing investments for brand building
- Content experimentation
- Selective new content/ IP
   Acquisition

Investing in high growth segments

• Digital (ZEE5)

- International Business
- Music
- Language Markets

Monetisation of existing IP & Content

Monetization avenues
for our rich content
library while balancing
our longer-term strategic
objectives through
content syndication

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