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Zee network to co-produce Indo-French film

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Zee Networks, one of India's leading television companies, is producing One Dollar Curry, an Indo-French venture which chronicles the life of a young Indian immigrant who makes it big in France.

Nishan, a young Sikh immigrant who strikes gold by opening the first Indian mobile kitchen called One Dollar Curry, is the protagonist of the film, which is being co-produced by the Paris-based NRI Vijay Singh, who is also the film; s director.

"With the success of cross-over films gaining tremendous momentum in the international markets, the Indian film industry has finally got the attention that it long deserved," says Subhash Chandra, Chairman and Managing Director, Zee Telefilms. "This co-



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production with France is the first step towards producing crossover films by Zee Network and will also offer other companies in India an example," he further added.

Singh, whose earlier venture, Jaya Ganga, won wide critical acclaim, said the "success of Indian crossover films had proven the potential for Indian cine Network." The movie stars Smriti Mishra, of Sardari Begum (directed by Shyam Benegal) fame where she had essayed the role of the younger Sardari while the older version had been played by Kiron Kher.

Here Mishra plays the role of Yamini, the young entrepreneur's fiancee, who along with Nishan's friends, helps him steer clear of umpteen hurdles in order to win his battles of life.

Mark Tessleer, President of France TV - one of the most influential TV channels in the country and producer of the Oscar-nominated French film Amelie Poulain said, "We have been trying to develop cinematographic cooperation between India and France and are pleased to part of this coproduction alliance between India and France."

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