

## 9SCO FILM FESTIVAL 2023 OPENS IN MUMBAI

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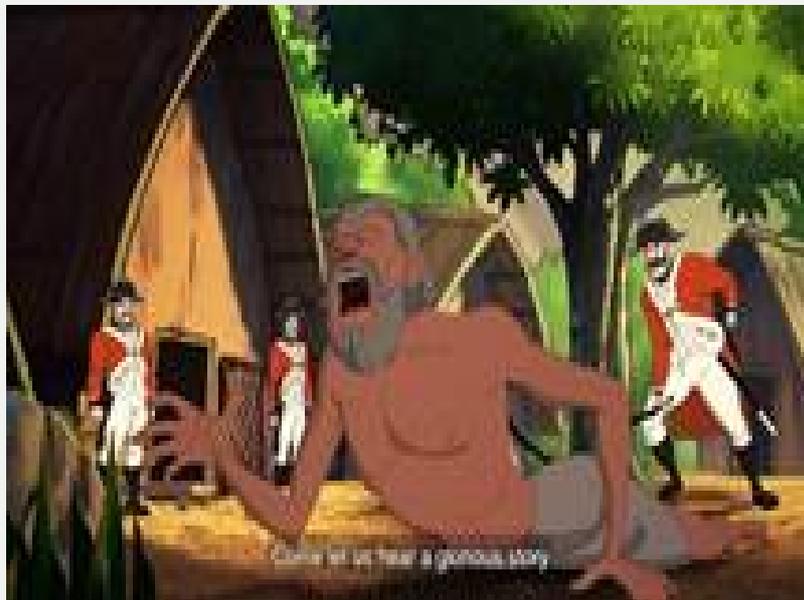
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### **'Bharat Hai Hum' animation series promo released**



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## About SCO

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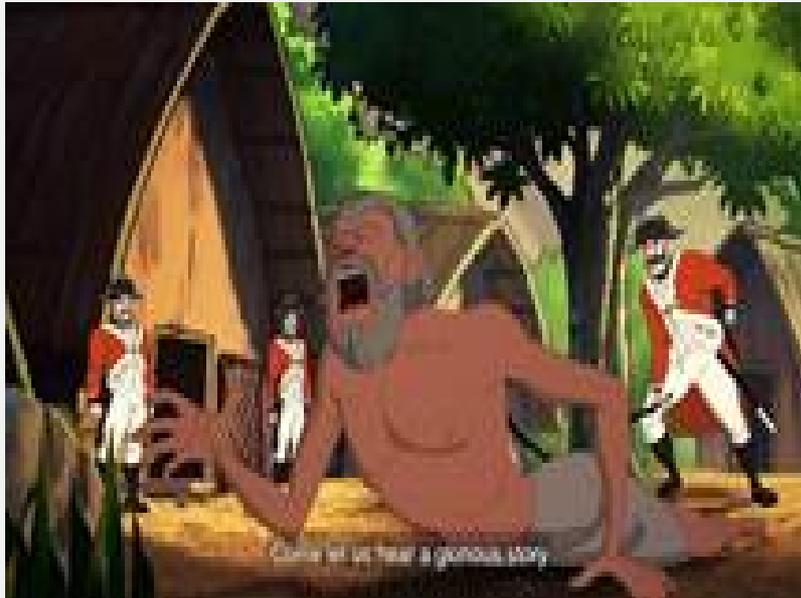
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