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MCX gets FICCI award

The Multi-Commodity Exchange was conferred with the FICCI Socio-Economic Development Foundation (SEDF) CSR Award – 2009 for its flagship corporate social responsibility (CSR) project, Gramin Suvidha Kendra, a joint initiative with India Post. Mr Anand Sharma, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, presented the award to Mr Lamon Rutten, Managing Director, MCX, on Tuesday. The Gramin Suvidha Kendra aims to develop alternative processes for farmers to access the market information, advisory, warehousing, agriculture inputs and any other services as required and designed from time to time. Currently, the Kendra GSK operates from 22 centres, spanning five States, 2,219 villages, and touching lives of over 7,000 registered farmer members, through 358 branch post offices. The GSK project was independently assessed by Grant Thornton and Partners in Change and the model later presented the jury chaired by Dr Abid Hussain, former Ambassador to the US. Other members of the jury included Dr Girija Vyas, Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Ms Justice Leila Seth, former Chief Justice, Himachal Pradesh High Court, and Mr Mark Runacres, former honorary Senior Fellow at TERI. – Our Bureau