

Leap towards ‘Equity for Bharat’ - NCDEX to enter Equity space

Mumbai, August 11, 2025: National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), India’s leading agri-commodity exchange, today announced that it has received an in-principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to commence operations in the Equity and Equity Derivatives segments. This marks an important step in the Exchange’s journey as it expands its platform to connect grassroots savings with regulated investment opportunities. NCDEX aims to offer **‘Equity for Bharat’** - safer, transparent, and long-term wealth-building options to millions currently outside the equity fold and help them create wealth from the development of equities market.

The exchange will invest ₹500–600 crore to add to its commodity derivatives offering and build a robust, tech-driven equity and equity derivatives platform. The initial product suite will include equity and equity derivatives, over time NCDEX will introduce innovative sector-focused products to meet the needs of new investors and enterprises that look to raise capital. These could, subject to regulatory approvals, include innovative ETFs such as FPO-basket ETFs that, will allow retail investors to invest in the collective performance of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO). The Exchange also envisions future instruments like Agri Infrastructure REITs to channel long-term capital into key infrastructure — including warehouses, cold chains, and logistics — helping reduce post-harvest losses and ensuring better returns for producers.

*“The regulatory approval is a strong endorsement of our capability and commitment,” said **Mr. Arun Raste, MD & CEO, NCDEX.** “With ‘Equity for Bharat,’ we are taking forward the vision of inclusive financial growth and domestic wealth creation by enabling access, opportunity, and transparency in capital markets for every Indian, no matter how remote. To support inclusive participation, NCDEX is building an ecosystem of access and awareness. This includes financial literacy and skilling programs through the NCDEX Institute, dedicated onboarding support for FPOs and small businesses, and exploring possibilities for API-level integration with fintech platforms to make market access seamless.”*

NCDEX's entry into the equity space comes at a time when capital markets are growing rapidly. By leveraging its deep regional reach, proven technology, and compliant infrastructure, the Exchange is uniquely placed to channel household savings into productive investments and bring first-time investors into the mainstream. NCDEX's continued focus on combining financial literacy, accessible platforms, and strong last-mile infrastructure shall contribute meaningfully to India's broader goal of financial inclusion and rural empowerment.

About NCDEX

National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) is a professionally managed online, multi-commodity exchange focusing on revolutionizing India's agricultural sector. NCDEX is India's largest agricultural derivatives exchange. NCDEX was incorporated on April 23, 2003, as a public limited company and commenced operations on December 15, 2003 as a recognized association under The Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952. Effective September 28, 2015, the Exchange became a deemed recognized stock exchange under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, under the regulation of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). NCDEX's Raison d'être is to serve as an efficient platform for Price Discovery and Price Risk Management, and this has been consistently demonstrated over the past two decades. We offer a diverse range of products such as commodity futures, options in goods, and index futures that open a plethora of opportunities to cater to the needs of various sets of participants in the agri value chain. Our product basket has been evolving over the years, and it is our endeavor to have an expanding product portfolio, including agri and non-agri commodities, and also offer financial products like different types of indices. Technology is core to Exchange functioning, and we are the first domestic Exchange to operate from a Uptimecertified Tier-IV data centre. The larger NCDEX Group, through its subsidiaries, provides an integrated and holistic market infrastructure including Clearing & Settlement services, Repository services and even an e-Auction Platform. NCDEX is deeply committed to the national objective of upliftment and development of farmers and agricultural sector in general and our relentless efforts to connect the primary producer to the Exchange has paved the way for sustainable and inclusive growth of our agrarian economy. For more information, please visit: www.ncdex.com

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