

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Signing ceremony for the agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal matters between the Republic of India and the Kingdom of Belgium.

The Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Republic of India and the Kingdom of Belgium was signed today in a short ceremony held at the Egmont Palace, Brussels. The Agreement was signed by H.E. Mr. Santosh Jha, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union from the Indian side and H.E. Mr. Vincent Van Quickenborne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice and the North Sea, on behalf of the Belgian side.

The Agreement provides a framework for both countries to exchange requests for legal assistance in criminal matters with each other. This will ensure more effective cooperation between both countries in the prevention and prosecution of criminal matters in both India and Belgium. The Agreement will also further deepen bilateral legal cooperation.

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