



**Programme of the Belgian Economic Mission to the Republic of India  
presided over by  
HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium, Representative of His Majesty the King**

**HE MAXIME PREVOT, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Development Cooperation**

**HE THEO FRANCKEN, Minister of Defence, in charge of Foreign Trade**

**HE MATTHIAS DIEPENDAELE, Minister-President of the Government of Flanders and Flemish Minister for Economy, Innovation and Industry, Foreign Affairs, Digitalisation and Facility Management**

**SATURDAY 1 MARCH 2025**

Brussels - Frankfurt

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

		<b>Check-in at Brussels National Airport (BRU) Row 5</b>	07:00
09:30	<b>Departure of flight LH 1007 from Brussels National Airport (BRU) to Frankfurt Airport (FRA)</b> Participants: 75 delegation members on flight		09:30
10:30	<b>Arrival of flight LH 1007 at Frankfurt Airport (FRA)</b>		10:30
12:55	<b>Departure of flight LH 760 from Frankfurt Airport (FRA) to Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)</b> Participants: 75 delegation members on flight		12:55
14:40	<b>Arrival of HE Matthias Diependaele with flight EK 516 at Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)</b>		
14:50-15:30	Transfer of HE Matthias Diependaele from Indira Gandhi International Airport to the Taj Palace hotel		

**SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

01:30	<b>Arrival of flight LH 760 at Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)</b>		01:30
	Welcome by Indian protocol and HE Didier Vanderhasselt, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Republic of India		
01:40-02:00	Motorcade transfer of HE Maxime Prévot and HE Theo Francken from Indira Gandhi International Airport to the Taj Palace hotel		
02:00	<b>Arrival of HE Maxime Prévot and HE Theo Francken</b>		
	Venue: Taj Palace Hotel Address: 2 Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi 110021		
		Transfer of a restricted official delegation from Indira Gandhi international airport to the Taj Palace hotel with vehicle O2	02:10-02:30
		Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from Indira Gandhi international airport to Taj Palace hotel with buses D1, D2 and D3	02:15-02:45
		<p align="center"><b>Check-in of the business, official and press delegation</b></p> Participants: 73 delegation members on flight check in Venue: Taj Palace Hotel Address: 2 Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi 110021	02:45

The secretariat of the mission is in Sheesh Mahal Room on the Banquet floor at the Taj Palace Hotel and is operational from 28 February to 4 March from 08:00-17:00. This floor is accessed through the escalator in the lobby.

**SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
09:45-10:00	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence (Gate 1)	Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to Agristo with bus AGRISTO	08:00-12:00
10:00-11:00	<p><b>Meeting with HE Hervé Delphin, Ambassador of the European Union in India</b></p> <p>Lead: Embassy of Belgium                      Venue: Belgian Residence                      Address: 50-N, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 (Entry from gate no. 1 on Nyaya Marg)                      Participants: Restricted official delegation                      Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>		
11:00-11:30	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Belgian Residence to Indira Gandhi international airport (General Aviation Terminal 4)		
11:45-12:30	Helicopter transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from Indira Gandhi international airport to Agristo		

**SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

12:30-14:30

**Groundbreaking Agristo Masa Expansion**

12:30-14:30

12:30 Arrival and welcome by Rajeev Vishnoi, Head of Corporate Affairs Agristo Masa & Ward Claerbout, External Affairs Director Agristo  
 12:40 Transfer to the tent  
 12:45 Welcome by Hannelore Raes, Kristof and Antoon Wallays, Owners of Agristo; Manpreet Singh Chadha, Owner of Masa Global;  
 Peter Vyncke, Owner of Vyncke and Naushad Forbes, Owner of Forbes Marshall  
 12:50 Welcome words by Manpreet Singh Chadha, representing Agristo Masa  
 12:55 Lamp Lighting Ceremony  
 13:00 Presentation on Agristo’s investments in India by Kristof Wallays  
 13:05 Presentation of Vyncke’s activities in India by Peter Vyncke  
 13:10 Speech by HE Matthias Diependaele  
 13:15 Speech by Shri Adityanath Yogi, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh  
 13:25 Walking lunch while several groups visit the plant  
 13:45 Groundbreaking ceremony, plaque reveal and photo opportunity with the staff of Agristo  
 13:55 Start of the tour with 5 stops  
 14:25 End of the visit  
 14:30 Departure of the delegation

Venue: Agristo Masa Production Facility  
 Address: Mahmoodpur Ganj, Bijnor 246701 Uttar Pradesh  
 Participants: 190 guests upon invitation  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele

14:30-15:15

Helicopter transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from  
 Agristo to Indira Gandhi international airport

Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation  
 from Agristo to the Belgian Residence with bus AGRISTO

14:30-18:30

## SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
15:25-16:00	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Indira Gandhi international airport to Taj Palace hotel	18:30-18:45	Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence (Gate 1) with buses D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6
18:50-19:00	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence (Gate 1)		
19:00-20:45	<b>Information session for the Belgian delegation followed by a welcome networking drink</b>		18:45-20:45
	<p>19:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers and transfer to the garden for a group picture of the delegation                      19:10 Welcome words by HE Didier Vanderhasselt, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Republic of India                      19:20 Information about the business programme and business tips by Babette Desfossez, Trade &amp; Investment Commissioner Flanders Investment &amp; Trade, Emmanuelle Timmermans, Trade &amp; Investment Commissioner AWEX Mumbai and Bart Vandeputte, Economic Counselor, hub.brussels                      19:45 Welcome networking drink</p> <p>Lead: Embassy of Belgium                      Venue: Belgian Residence                      Address: 50-N, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 (Entry from gate no. 1 on Nyaya Marg)                      Participants: all delegation members (267 participants)                      Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>		
20:45-20:55	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace hotel	20:55-21:10	Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace hotel with buses D4, D5 and D6

**MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence with buses D1, D2, D3 and D4 and **vehicle O1**

**07-15-07:30**

**Belgium & India, a sustainable partnership**

07:45-09:30

- 07:45 Registration & breakfast buffet
- 08:10 Welcome by Stéphane Vermeire, Head of Corporate Banking and member of the Executive Board of BNP Paribas Fortis and Sanjay Singh, CEO & Head of Territory, BNP Paribas India
- 08:15 Opening words by HE Maxime Prévot
- 08:20 Keynote on the outlook for the Indian economy by Kunal Vora, Head of equity research, BNPP securities India Pvt Ltd
- 08:30 Panel discussion on opportunities and challenges of doing business in India
- 09:15 Q&A
- 09:25 Conclusion by Philippe Vlerick, President of the Belgo-Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BICCI)

Lead: BNP Paribas Fortis together with BICCI  
 Venue: Belgian Residence  
 Address: 50-N, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 (Entry from gate no. 1 on Nyaya Marg)  
 Participants: 146 guests upon registration  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele

**B2B meetings**

All day

Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Travancore Palace  
 Address: 10A Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001

Bus transfer from the Belgian Residence to Travancore Palace with bus D4

**09:15-09:35**

**MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
		Transfer of the official delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to Travancore Palace with vehicle O2	09:15-09:35
		Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace hotel to with buses D1, D2 and D3	09:35-09:50
09:40-10:00	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Taj Palace hotel to Travancore Palace		
10:00-10:35	<p><b>Belgium- India: Water &amp; Waste management solutions for a climate resilient world</b></p> <p>10:00 Arrival and welcome by Piet Demunter, Acting CEO FIT, Kim Demeyer, Science &amp; Technology Counselor FIT and Rucha Shevde, Technology Deputy FIT            10:02 Welcome words by Ayla Joncheere, Associate Professor, IIT Jodhpur            10:05 Opening statement by HE Matthias Diependaele            10:10 Presentation by Inge Neven, CEO Vito            10:22 Presentation by Dr. Anshuman TERI            10:35 Departure of the official delegation</p> <p>Lead: Flanders Investment &amp; Trade            Participants: 120 guests upon registration (40 BE – 80 IND)            Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele            Venue: Seminar Room on the ground floor of Travancore Palace            Address: 10A, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001</p>		10:00-14:00
10:35-10:45	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from Travancore Palace to TBC Ministry of Defence	Transfer of the official delegation from the Travancore Palace to the Taj Palace with vehicles O1 and O2	10:40-11:00



**MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

10:45-TBC

**Official meeting with  
Shri Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence**

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
Participants: TBC  
Attending Ministers: HE Theo Francken  
Venue: TBC  
Address: TBC

11:45-12:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Theo Francken from TBC Ministry of Defence to Hyderabad House

12:00-13:00

**Official luncheon hosted by  
HE Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs**

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
Participants: 1 + 10  
Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele  
Venue: Vindhia room on the ground floor Hyderabad House  
Address: Ashoka Road, Janpath, Connaught Place (Gate 6)

Bus transfer from the Travancore Palace to the Belgian Residence with bus D4

12:55-13:15

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence with vehicle O2 and bus D1

12:55-13:10

13:00-13:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from Hyderabad House to the Belgian Residence

# MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

13:30-14:30

**Panel discussion: 'Invest in her: Empowering women to lead'**

13:00-14:45

13:00 Registration of the guests

13:30 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Prévot and welcome by HE Didier Vanderhasselt, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Republic of India

13.31 Opening words by HE Maxime Prévot, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Development Cooperation

13.40 Panel Discussion

14:30 Conclusion of the panel discussion

Lead: Embassy of Belgium

Venue: Belgian Residence

Address: 50-N, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 (Entry from gate no. 1 on Nyaya Marg)

Participants: 105 guests upon registration (75 BE – 30 IND)

Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot

Transfer of the business delegation from Travancore Palace to the Taj Palace hotel with bus D4

14:00-14:15

**Visit to the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade**

14:00-15:00

14:00 Arrival of the delegation

14:05 Welcome by Dr Pooja/Dr Sweta

14:10 Speech by Kristof Waterschoot on highlighting the longstanding relationship between PoABI/IIFT

14:15 Signing of the MoU between IIFT and PoABI with photo

14:25 Roundtable between HE Matthias Diependaele and APEC alumni of IIFT

14:55 Photo opportunity

Venue: TBC Ministry of Commerce

Address: TBC Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi 110011

Participants: 14 delegation members

Attending Ministers: HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele

**MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

14:40-15:10

**Virtual Inauguration of Silox's Research and Innovation centre in Ekalbara, Vadodara, Gujarat**

- 14:40 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and welcome by Jean Christophe Bogaert, Chairman of Silox Board
- 14:41 Opening address by Martin Balbachewski, Diplomatic and Foreign Trade Advisor and representative of Vice-President of Wallonia and Minister for the Economy, Industry, the Digital Economy, Employment and Training, Pierre-Yves Jeholet
- 14:44 Address by Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel (TBC)
- 14:48 Presentation on Silox Group and Silox India, by J.C. Bogaert, Chairman and Managing Director Silox, and Prakash Raman, Managing Director, Silox India  
Corporate Video  
R&I Centre Presentation
- 15:05 Ribbon cutting and opening of the R&I Centre followed by a plaque reveal
- 15:07 Bestowing of gifts to HRH Princess Astrid, arts & crafts manufactured by female artisans supported by Silox's CSR activities
- 15:08 Photo session opportunity

Lead: Silox

Venue: Belgian Residence

Address: 50-N, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 (Entry from gate no. 1 on Nyaya Marg)

Participants: 30 guests upon invitation

Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Belgian Residence to Taj Palace hotel with bus D1

14:35-14:50

## MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
15:10-15:25	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace Hotel	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Transfer of the business delegation from Taj Palace hotel to Travancore Palace (Technical session) with bus D4</p> <p><b>Technical session: Customs legislation and Non-Tariff Barriers</b></p> <p>Lead: Flanders Investment &amp; Trade Venue: Seminar room on the ground floor of Travancore Palace Participants: 150 guests upon invitation</p> <p style="color: blue;">Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence with buses D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;">14:55-15:25</p> <p>15:30-17:00</p> <p>18:45-19:00</p>
19:15-19:30	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence		19:00-21:30
19:30-21:00	<p><b>Belgian Official Reception</b></p> <p>19:00 Arrival of the Belgian and Indian guests 19:30 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers 19:40 Welcome words by HE Didier Vanderhasselt, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Republic of India 19:45 Speech by HRH Princess Astrid, Representative of His Majesty the King</p> <p>Lead: Embassy of Belgium Venue: Belgian Residence Address: 50-N, Shantipath, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110021 (Entry from gate no. 1 on Nyaya Marg) Participants: 800 guests upon invitation (all delegation members and Indian guests)</p>		

**MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

21:00-21:10

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace hotel

Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace hotel with buses D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6

21:10-21:25

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B2B meetings</b></p> <p>Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and Flanders Investment &amp; Trade            Venue: Travancore Palace            Address: 10A, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bus transfer from the Taj Palace hotel to the Shangri-La Eros with buses D1, D2 and D3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unlocking India: technical and regulatory insights for businesses</b></p> <p>07:30 Registration &amp; Breakfast Buffet            08:00 Welcome address by Bert Mons, CEO of VOKA West-Flanders            08:05 Opening Remarks by HE Matthias Diependaele, Minister-President of the Government of Flanders            08:15 Technical Session 1: Financial considerations and solutions when doing business in India by Wim Bosman, Business Development Specialist, Credendo            08:25 Technical Session 2: Direct taxation – tax advantages and incentives for foreign companies, tax withholding, double taxation agreements by Nidhi Maheshwari, Partner Corporate Tax and Regulatory Services, KPMG India</p> <p>Lead: VOKA            Venue: Shangri-La Hotel Eros            Address: 19 Ashoka Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110 001 India            Participants: 150 guests upon registration            Attending Ministers: HE Theo Francken and HE Diependaele</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bus transfer from Taj Palace hotel to Travancore Palace for the defence roundtable with bus D4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">07:10 - 07:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">07:30 - 09:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08:10-08:30</p>

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

08:30- 09:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Taj Palace hotel to **Travancore Palace**

09:00:-09:35

**Roundtable 'Strengthening Defence Ties: Belgian-Indian Opportunities and Collaboration in the Defence Sector'**

08:30-13:00

09:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers and welcome by **Martin Balbachewski, Diplomatic and Foreign Trade Advisor and representative of Vice-President of Wallonia and Minister for the Economy, Industry, the Digital Economy, Employment and Training, Pierre-Yves Jeholet**

09:03 Welcome Address by the Master of Ceremony Col KV Kuber, Director Aerospace and Defence, EY

09:05 Opening Address by HE Theo Francken, Minister of Defence

09:10 Opening Remarks by a representative of the Indian Ministry of Defence (tbc)

09:15 Introduction by Dominique Delattre, Deputy General Manager, Wallonia Export & Investment Agency

09:20 Presentation of Indian Defence Sector Needs and Initiatives, by Maj General C. S. Mann, Additional Director General Army Design Bureau

09:35 Departure of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers and coffee break for guests

10:00 Presentation of the Capabilities of Belgium in the Defence Sector: Innovations and contributions by Belgian defence companies

10:45 How India is Creating Defence Corridors by Bhaskar Puri, Defence & Aerospace, Civil Aviation, Space, Invest India

10:55 Opportunities in the Defence Sector by Pawan Khatter, Partner & Sector Leader for Aerospace & Defence, EY India

11:06 Q&A Session and free discussion

11:50 Closing Remarks, by Col KV Kuber, Director Aerospace and Defence, EY

12:00 Networking lunch

Lead: AWEX

Venue: Seminar Room on the ground floor, **part two in the Boardroom on the first floor** of Travancore Palace

Participants: 54 guests upon invitation (34 BE – 20 IND)

Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele

Bus transfer from Taj Palace hotel to Travancore Palace for construction with bus D4

**09:15 – 09:35**

Bus transfer from the Shangri-La Eros to Travancore Palace for the construction seminar with bus D1

**09:30 – 09:35**

**Transfer of the official delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to Travancore Palace for defense roundtable with vehicle O2**

**09:20 – 09:40**

TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

<p>09:35- 09:45</p>	<p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from <b>Travancore Palace</b> to the VIP gate of the Ministry of Commerce</p>	<p>Bus transfer from the Shangri-La Eros to the Taj Palace hotel with buses D2 and D3</p> <p><b>Market Access Seminar : “Brussels, your gateway to Europe”</b></p> <p>09:30 Arrival &amp; Welcome tea            10:00 Opening speech by Annelore Isaac, Deputy CEO hub.brussels            10:05 “Brussels in a snapshot” by Arne Aertbeliën &amp; Dharanidaran Sivasamy, hub.brussels            10:25 Testimonial by Ajith Sahasranamam, Founder of Ongil            10:30 “Practical steps to access the European market through Brussels” by Guillaume Blauwart, Alter Domus            10:45 “GDPR in the EU and the digital services act” by Jane Murphy, EDPO            11:00 Tea Break            11:15 "Hiring in Belgium and overcoming contractual and regulatory hurdles when doing business in Belgium and Europe" by Thierry Viérin and Laurens Dauwe, Osborne Clarke            11.30 “M&amp;A for Indian companies in Belgium” by Thomas Daenen, Beyond Law Firm            11.45 “Private Equity and Venture Capital in Belgium” by Luc Wynants, Van Olmen &amp; Wynant            12.00 Q&amp;A &amp; Networking            13.00 Lunch at Travancore Garden</p> <p>Lead: hub.brussels            Venue: Travancore Palace            Participants: 50 guests upon registration</p>	<p>09:30 - 09:55</p> <p>09:30-14:00</p>
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**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

**Construction Industry in India: Future Market Trends and Opportunities, Contemporary Practice and Challenges**

09:30-14:00

- 09:45 Welcome by Barbara Bouckaert, General Manager, BICCI
- 09:50 Opening Remarks by Piet Demunter
- 09:55 Setting the Stage: Future market trends and opportunities by Nishant Upadhyay, Founder Architect Dharatal
- 10:10 Case study: How an adapted Flemish product works perfectly on the Indian market by Olivier Vijverman, Renson
- 10:20 Panel discussion 1 – A win-win strategy: Leveraging shared Belgium-India experiences of Industrial building expertise in the Indian Market
- 10:50 Regulatory Plans and Their Impact on Sustainable Building Practices in India by Namrata Rana, Partner, National Head ESG, KPMG
- 11:05 Indian art “Made in Flanders” by Barbara Bouckaert
- 11:10 Tea/Coffee break
- 11:40 Fire chat: "Design & Build vs. EPCM: which concept offers greater efficiency? between Steven Heyvaert, CRC Engineering & Rahul Dev - Datwyler India
- 11:50 Panel discussion 2 – "Finding the Balance: Belgian Durability and Quality vs. Indian Price Sensitivity"
- 12:15 Democratizing Design by Tanya Khanna, EPISTLE
- 12:25 Closing statement by Nishant Upadhyay - Dharatal
- 12:35 Networking and lunch

Lead: Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Seminar Room on the ground floor of Travancore Palace  
 Participants: 85 guests upon registration (15 BE – 70 IND)

Bus transfer of the business delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to Travancore Palace for the construction seminar and market access (part 2) with bus D4

09:40-10:00

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

09:45-10:45

**Official meeting with  
Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry**

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
 Participants: 1+ 6  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele  
 Venue: Room 505 or 508 on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor at Ministry of Commerce  
 Address: Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi 110011

Bus transfer of the business delegation from the Shangri-La Eros to Travancore Palace for the construction seminar (part 2) with bus D1

09:50-10:00

10:45-11:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Ministry of Commerce to Premier's Residence

11:15-11:45

**Official meeting with  
Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India**

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
 Participants: TBC 1+6  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele  
 Venue: Premier's Residence  
 Address: 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi 110001

Bus transfer of the invited Belgian business delegation from Travancore Palace to the Belgian Residence with bus D4

11:25-11:45

## TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
11:45-12:00	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from Premier's Residence to the Belgian Residence	Bus transfer of the invited Belgian business delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence with bus D2	11:30-11:45
		<b>Check-out of the delegation</b> For delegation members without a late check out, luggage can be dropped off at the secretariat	12:00
12:15-13:45	<b>Power Lunch organized by the Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB) and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)</b>  11:45 Arrival of the invited Belgian and Indian business leaders and guests and welcome cocktail 12:15 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Belgian ministers and welcome by René Branders, President of FEB, Sanjiv Puri, President of CII and Chandrajit Banerjee, Director-General of CII 12:20 Words of welcome by René Branders 12:25 Opening remarks by Sanjiv Puri, President of CII, and Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII 13:05 Keynote speech by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce 13:44 Closing words by HE Theo Francken  Lead: Federation of Enterprises in Belgium Venue: Belgian Residence Participants: 70 guests upon invitation (35 BE – 35 IND) Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele		11:45-13:45
		Bus transfer from Travancore Palace via Taj Palace to the Belgian Residence with bus D2	13:00-13:20

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
13:50-14:30	<p><b>Signing Ceremony in the presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry</b></p> <p>Lead: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency                      Venue: Belgian Residence                      Participants: Signees and their guests upon invitation                      Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot, HE Theo Francken and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>	<p>Bus transfer from the Travancore Palace to the Taj Palace hotel with bus D3</p>	13:00-13:20
		<p>Bus transfer for the signees from the Taj Palace hotel to the Belgian Residence with bus D4</p>	13:05-13:20
		<p>Transfer of the business delegation from the Taj Palace hotel to Prime Ministers Museum &amp; Library with minibus D3</p>	13:45 - 14:00
		<p>Bus transfer of the invited Belgian business delegation from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace hotel (after the Power lunch) with bus D2</p>	13:50-14:05
		<p>Bus transfer of the Belgian business delegation from Travancore Palace to the Taj Palace Hotel with bus D1</p>	14:00-14:25

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

<p>14:45-15:00</p>	<p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers from the Belgian Residence to the Prime Ministers Museum &amp; Library</p>	<p><b>PART 1: Careers in the space industry</b></p> <p>14:30 Introduction by Delhi planetarium</p> <p>14:35 Video address by Brussels Planetarium, , an inspiring message by Katrien Kolenberg, Professor of Astrophysics and Physics, VUB, and Rodrigo Alvarez, Planetarium of the Royal Observatory of Belgium</p> <p>14:38 Interaction between students and astronomers academics : Dr. Kuntal Misra, leading researcher, ARIES Peter De Cat, Scientific Researcher at Royal Observatory Jean Surdej, Honorary Ordinary Professor, Department of Astrophysics, Geophysics, and Oceanography, University of Liege Oriana Bertucci, Director, International Relations, University of Liege</p> <p>Lead: AWEX Venue: Auditorium at the Prime Ministers Museum &amp; Library Address: Teen Murti Marg Area, New Delhi 110011 Participants: 250 guests</p> <p>Bus transfer for the signees from the Belgian Residence to the Taj Palace hotel with buses D2 and D4</p>	<p>14:30-15:00</p> <p>14:50-15:05</p>
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## TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

15:00-16:00

### PART 2: Spotlight on the Belgian-Indian collaboration in Astronomy and Astrophysics

15:00-16:00

- 15:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and welcome by the representatives of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library: Shri Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Director, Shri Chandan Pugalia, CEO and Financial Advisor, Anurag Arora, Manager
- 15:02 Greeting Address by Dr. Praveenkumar Somasundram, Head of International Cooperation Division and National Supercomputing Mission of DST
- 15:06 Greeting by Martin Balbachewski, Diplomatic and Foreign Trade Advisor and representative of Vice-President of Wallonia and Minister for the Economy, Industry, the Digital Economy, Employment and Training, Pierre-Yves Jeholet.
- 15:10 Overview of the Belgo-Indian collaboration history, focusing on key projects, by Dr Marc Vanholsbeeck, Head of the BELSPO unit for federal, interfederal and international coordination of research policies (BELSPO)
- 15:18 AMOS – India : 20 years of successful technical collaboration in astronomy, by AMOS & PRL representatives, by Olivier Pirnay, Project Manager, AMOS
- 15:26 The 4 m International Liquid Mirror telescope (ILMT) project and start of the Belgo-Indian collaboration in Astrophysics, by Prof. Jean Surdej, Honorary Ordinary Professor, Department of Astrophysics, Geophysics, and Oceanography, University of Liege
- 15:34 BINA and Beyond : 10 years of successful Scientific Collaboration in Astronomy for Astronomy and astrophysics, by Peter De Cat (ROB) and Santosh Joshi, Scientist, ARIES. Insights on collaboration between India and Belgium in the field of space sciences.
- 15:42 Key activities at Centre Spatial de Liège, past and future collaborative potentialities with Indian Space Industry, by Christophe Grodent, Sales Director and Head of Programs, Centre Spatial de Liège
- 15:50 Photo opportunity with HRH Princess Astrid and dignitaries

Lead: AWEX

Venue: Auditorium at the Prime Ministers Museum & Library

Address: Teen Murti Marg Area, New Delhi 110011

Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Theo Francken

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

New Delhi

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
16:00-16:15	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers from the Prime Ministers Museum & Library to the Taj Palace hotel	<p><b>Part 3: Spotlight on future collaboration in space</b></p> <p>16:05 Avenues of future collaboration in Astronomy                      16:20 Avenues of future collaborations in Space situational Awareness                      16:35 Exchanges on possible future collaborations with the representatives of the Ministry of Science and Technology                      16:50 Closing Remarks                      17:00 High Tea</p> <p>Lead: AWEX                      Venue: Auditorium at the Prime Ministers Museum &amp; Library                      Address: Teen Murti Marg Area, New Delhi 110011</p> <p>Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Taj Palace hotel (back side) to Indira Gandhi international airport with buses D1, D2, D3 and D4</p> <p>Transfer of a restricted official delegation from the Taj Palace hotel (front side) to Indira Gandhi international airport with O1 and O2</p>	16:00-17:30
18:05- 18:45	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from the Taj Palace hotel to Indira Gandhi airport		16:30-17:15
19:35-22:00		<b>Departure of flight AI 2985 from Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM) at TBC gate</b>	19:35-22:00

The secretariat of the mission is located in Meeting Room no 4 on the lobby level at The Oberoi Hotel and will be operational from 4 March to 7 March 2025 from 08:00 to 17:00.

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

22:00	<p><b>Arrival of flight AI 2985 at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM) at Terminal 2 Bay V30</b></p> <p>Welcome by Indian protocol and HE Frank Geerkens, Consul General of the Kingdom of Belgium in Mumbai</p>		22:00
22:20-23:00	<p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Airport to The Oberoi</p>		
22:25	<p><b>Arrival of HE Matthias Diependaele on flight 6E734 at Terminal 2</b></p>		
		<p>Transfer of a restricted official delegation from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Airport to The Oberoi with O1 and O2</p>	22:30-23:15
		<p>Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to the The Oberoi with buses D1 and D2; and to the Trident Nariman with buses D3 and D4</p>	22:30-23:30
22:45-23:30	<p>Transfer of HE Mattias Diependaele from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Airport to The Oberoi</p>		
23:00	<p><b>Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot</b></p> <p>Traditional welcome and greetings by Amit Kaul, General Manager</p> <p>Venue: The Oberoi Address: Nariman Point, Mumbai 400021</p>		
		<p><b>Check-in of the business, official and press delegation</b></p> <p>Participants: 41 delegation members on flight check-in in Oberoi 51 delegation members on flight check-in in Trident</p> <p>Venue: Lobbies of The Oberoi &amp; the Trident Nariman Point Address: CR 2 Nariman Point, Mumbai 400021</p>	23:15-23:30



## WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

Mumbai

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
09:30-10:30	Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from The Oberoi to Route Mobile Mumbai	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B2B meetings</b></p> <p>Venue: FIT at the premises of the Indian companies and hub.brussels and AWEX at The National Centre for the Performing Arts</p> <p style="color: blue;">Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Trident Nariman to Route Mobile Mumbai with buses D1 and HUBBRUSSELS</p>	All day
10:30-11:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Visit of Route Mobile Limited, a Proximus affiliate, followed by the “India – Belgium Tech Forum”</b></p> <p>10:00 Arrival of the business delegation                      10:30 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers. Welcoming ceremony with tika, garland and lighting of the lamp. Dol Tash music playing                      Welcome by Stefaan De Clerck, Chairman Proximus, Sandeep Prakash, Managing Director Proximus India and Gautam Badalia, CEO Route Mobile                      10:35 Transfer to the meeting room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor via elevator. Photo opportunity in the lobby.                      10:40 Brief stop at the demonstration room for HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers                      10:50 Opening of the India – Belgium Tech Forum by Gautam Badalia, CEO Route Mobile                      10:55 Presentation of innovations by 3 Belgian (TBC Voxelsensors, Ongil, Ailaysa or Karpine) &amp; 2 Indian companies (Astrophel and Sky Air)                      11:20 Address by Annelore Isaac, Deputy CEO hub.brussels                      11:25 Departure of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers from the Auditorium                      11:26 Short photo opportunity with the team of Route Mobile                      12:40 Thematic panels on tech challenges and global collaboration opportunities</p> <p>Lead: Proximus SA and hub.brussels                      Venue: Auditorium on the third floor of Route Mobile Mumbai                      Address: 4th Dimension, Mind Space, Malad (West), Mumbai 400064                      Participants: 100 guests upon registration (72 BE – 30 IND)                      Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>	<p style="color: blue;">Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Trident Nariman to TCS Banyan Park Office with minibus D11</p>	<p>08:30-10:00</p> <p>10:15-11:45</p> <p>10:00-14:00</p>

## WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

Mumbai

### HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

### Business delegation

11:30- 12:10

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from Route Mobile Mumbai to TCS Banyan Park Office

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Trident Nariman to Veermata Jijabai Udyan Botanical Garden and Zoo with bus D3

11:00-11:45

12:10-14:15

### Visit and lunch with Tata Consultancy Services

11:45- 14:15

12:10 Arrival and welcome of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers by Jipson Mathew, Country Head at TCS Belgium  
 12:12 Transfer into the Executive Business Centre and welcome by Abhinav Kumar, Global Chief Marketing Officer TCS  
 12:14 Group picture on the left side in front of a screen  
 12:15 Start of the tour of the Business Executive Briefing Centre. The business delegation will join up during the tour.  
     Stop 1: History brief with 9 pictures at the screen  
     Stop 2: Important milestones for TCS at the atrium wall  
     Stop 3: 180°movie in the theatre  
     Stop 4: Zooming in on innovation and sustainability at the ring roundtable  
     Stop 5: Showcasing activities and sports supported by TCS at the Formula E car  
     Stop 6: Visit of two booths focusing on manufacturing and clever energy on the first floor  
 13:00 Transfer on foot to The Orchid Pavilion  
 13:15 Lunch with TCS Representatives

Lead: Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Executive Business Centre and the Orchid at TCS Banyan Park Office  
 Address: Suren Rd, Gundavali, Andheri East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400093  
 Participants: 40 guests upon invitation (30 BE – 10 IND)  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

**Innovation for a Healthier World:  
Uniting Strengths from India and Belgium – PART 1**

12:00-15:00

- 12:00 Welcome lunch
- 12:45 Welcome by **Jamly John, Rodl and Partner**
- 12:50 Panel discussion on Collaborative Innovation in Vaccine Development
- 13:20 Session 1: Spotlight on Innovation
- 13:28 Success Stories in Advancing Global Health
- 14:02 Session 2: Spotlight on Innovation
- 14:10 Panel Discussion: Saving Lives Through Innovative Health Technologies
- 14:50 Session Closing by the Master of Ceremony

Lead: AWEX

Venue: Auditorium on the ground floor of the Veermata Jijabai Udyan Botanical Garden and Zoo (Humboldt Penguins main entry)

Address: Railway Station, 91A, Lalbaug Flyover, Byculla East, Byculla, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400027

Participants: 200 guests upon invitation/ registration (37 BE - 120 IND)

**Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from Route Mobile Mumbai to the Trident Nariman with bus D1**

14:00-15:15

14:15-15:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from TCS Banyan Park Office to Veermata Jijabai Udyan Botanical Garden and Zoo

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

<p>15:15-16:15</p>	<p align="center"><b>Innovation for a Healthier World: Uniting Strengths from India and Belgium – PART 2</b></p> <p>15:15 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and welcome by Dr Sanjay Tripathi, Director of the Zoo, Dr Abishek Satam, Zoo Biologist and Emmanuelle Timmermans, Trade &amp; Investment Commissioner AWEX Mumbai</p> <p>15:17 Greetings of the ten speakers and group picture</p> <p>15:20 Brief explanations and picture with Dr Sanjay Tripathi, Director of the Zoo and Dr Abishek Satam, Zoo Biologist</p> <p>15:27 Welcome address by HE Maxime Prévot, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>15:30 Panel discussion on Sickle cell detection: the collaboration between India and Belgium: sickle cell disease centre of excellence established by India and the detection agents coming from Belgium: to create global detection method and kits for sickle cell and thalassemia by Rajeshwari Adhisheshan, Senior Programme Officer Gates Foundation, Dipty Jain, Chairperson of the national Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission and Julien Isoard, CEO Synaps</p> <p>15:52 Expanding knowledge beyond Indian borders: the case of Apollo Hospital training Asian doctors to use IBA proton therapy, by Dr. Rakesh Jalali at Apollo Hospital</p> <p>16:00 Conclusion Chat on Collaborative innovation between India and Belgium</p> <p>16:10 Closing of the seminar by the Master of Ceremony and transfer to the vehicles with gift of tree certificate in front of the elephant</p> <p>Lead: AWEX Venue: Auditorium on the ground floor Veermata Jijabai Udyan Botanical Garden and Zoo (Humboldt Penguins main entry) Address: Railway Station, 91A, Lalbaug Flyover, near Byculla, Byculla East, Byculla, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400027 Participants: 145 guests upon invitation/ registration (65 BE - 80 IND) Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot</p>	<p align="center">Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from TCS Banyan Park Office to the Trident Nariman with minibus D11</p>	<p>14:25-15:40</p> <p>15:00-17:00</p>
<p>16:15-16:55</p>	<p align="center">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from Veermata Jijabai Udyan Botanical Garden and Zoo to The Oberoi</p>	<p align="center">Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from Veermata Jijabai Udyan Botanical Garden and Zoo to the Trident Nariman with bus D3</p>	<p>17:00-17:45 Second departure 17:30-18:15</p>

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

Mumbai

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

19:00-19:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from The Oberoi to the Taj Palace Hotel

Bus Transfer from Trident Hotel to Taj Palace Hotel with bus D3

18:35-18:50

19:15-20:00

**Signing Ceremony in the presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry**

18:50-20:00

Lead: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency

Venue: Taj Palace Hotel (Rendez-vous Room)

Participants: Signees and their guests upon invitation

Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele

19:15-TBC

**Networking reception hosted by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry**

Lead: Embassy of Belgium

Venue: Regal Room on the Basement (B) level of the Trident Nariman Point

Participants: 375 guests upon invitation (1 representative per Belgian company)

Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele

**THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

<p>08:45-09:45</p>	<p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from The Oberoi to Tata Memorial Center ACTREC</p>	<p><b>B2B meetings</b></p> <p>Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and Flanders Investment &amp; Trade Venue: FIT at the premises of the Indian companies and hub.brussels and AWEX at The National Centre for the Performing Arts</p> <p>Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Trident Nariman to Tata Memorial Center ACTREC with bus D1</p> <p>Transfer on foot of the business and official delegation from the Trident Nariman to The Cricket Club of India</p> <p>Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Trident Nariman to John Cockerill with bus D2</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>08:15-09:30</p> <p>09:20--09:30</p> <p>09:30-10:45</p>
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**THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

**Market Access “Brussels, your gateway to Europe”**

09:30-13:30

- 09:30 Arrival & welcoming Tea
- 10:00 Opening speech by Annelore Isaac, Deputy CEO of hub.brussels
- 10:05 “Brussels in a snapshot” by Arne Aertbeliën & Dharanidaran Sivasamy, hub.Brussels
- 10:25 Testimonial by Indian Investor : Krupasagar Sridharan, Director Special projects at Custom Technologies
- 10:30 “Practical steps to access the European market through Brussels” by Guillaume Blauwart, Alter Domus
- 10:45 “GDPR in the EU and the digital services act” by Jane Murphy, EDPO
- 11:00 Tea Break
- 11:15 "Hiring in Belgium and overcoming contractual and regulatory hurdles when doing business in Belgium and Europe" by Thierry Viérin and Laurens Dauwe, Osborne
- 11:30 “M&A for Indian companies in Belgium” by Thomas Daenen, Beyond Law Firm
- 11:45 “Private Equity and Venture Capital in Belgium” by Luc Wynant, Van Olmen & Wynant
- 12:00 Q&A followed by lunch

Lead: hub.brussels

Venue: The Cricket Club of India

Address: First floor of block 3 of the Stadium House, Veer Nariman Road, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020

Participants: 50 guests upon registration (15 BE)

**THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

09:45-10:45

**Visit of the Proton Therapy Center at the Tata Memorial Center**

- 09:45 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot  
Welcome by Dr. Sudeep Gupta, Director at Tata Memorial Center
- 09:46 Welcome by representatives of Tata Memorial Center and IBA
- 09:50 Transfer to the Khanolkar Shodika KS Auditorium
- 09:55 Arrival at the Auditorium and traditional welcoming
- 09:56 Start of video on Tata Memorial Center
- 10:02 Speech by Dr Sudeep Gupta
- 10:06 Speech by Dr Pankaj Chaturvedi
- 10:10 Speech by Olivier Legrain, CEO of IBA
- 10:14 Dance performance from the children of the Fraternity of Tata Memorial Hospital
- 10:23 After the play HRH goes on stage for a group photo with the children. The children present a gift to HRH.
- 10:25 Transfer by car for HRH Princess Astrid and the Minister to the Proton Therapy Center
- 10:30 Arrival at the Proton Therapy Center at the main entrance. The restricted delegation transfers to treatment planning room 17 for a short explanation proton therapy is. Transfer to the main control room (MCR) for a showcase of IBA's technology  
Transfer to the treatment room to visit the IBA installation followed by a photo opp

Lead: Ion Beam Applications  
 Venue: Proton Therapy Center ACTREC- Tata Memorial Center  
 Address: Owe Camp, Kharghar Navi Mumbai 410210  
 Participants: 125 guests upon invitation (50 BE – 75 IND)  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot



**THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

**Seminar: How to start with labor migration in India – exploring the cultural, educational and language aspects**

10:00-14:00

- 10:00 Registration seminar
- 10:30 Opening remarks by Bert Mons, CEO Voka West-Flanders
- 10:40 How to Get Started with Labor Migration
- 11:10 The Indian Education System
- 11:25 Indian Culture
- 11:40 Learning Dutch in India
- 11:55 Testimony by a company
- 12:10 Closing remarks by HE Matthias Diependaele
- 12:25 Closed lunch with HE Matthias Diependaele & several captains of industry

Lead: VOKA

Venue: Lotus room on the Lower Basement (LB) level of the Trident Nariman Point and lunch in the Jaipur Room on the 21<sup>st</sup> floor of The Oberoi

Participants: 45 guests upon registration

Attending Ministers: HE Matthias Diependaele

10:45-11:30

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from Tata Memorial Center ACTREC to John Cockerill

**THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

11:30-13:00

**Visit of John Cockerill India site in Taloja**

10:45-13:00

- 11:30 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers  
Musical performance and traditional welcoming
- 11:35 Welcome by François Michel, CEO of John Cockerill, Vivek Bhide, Regional President of John Cockerill India, François David Martino, Executive President & CEO of John Cockerill Industry, Michael Kotas, Managing Director John Cockerill India and Sachin Mohod, VP Manufacturing Operations
- 11:45 Transfer to the tent
- 11:46 Welcome address by François Michel
- 11:48 Reveal of the film “History of steel - from Belgium to Mumbai”
- 11:55 Safety briefing
- 11:57 Walk to the machine shop and start of the tour
- 12:10 Walk outside into the assembly area
- 12:20 Planting of a coconut tree and plaque reveal by HRH Princess Astrid
- 12:30 Buffet lunch

Lead: John Cockerill Group  
 Venue: John Cockerill India Limited  
 Address: A - 84. 2/3, MIDC, Taloja Industrial Area, Raigad 410208  
 Participants: 158 guests upon invitation (68 BE – 90 IND)  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from Tata Memorial Center ACTREC to the Trident Nariman with bus D1

11:45-13:00

Transfer on foot of the business and official delegation from the Cricket Club of India to The Trident Nariman

12:00-12:30

13:00-14:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from John Cockerill to The Oberoi

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from John Cockerill to the Trident Nariman with bus D2

13:05-14:35

**THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

14:15-14:50

**India-Belgium - Industrial decarbonization and global hydrogen supply chains**

13:45-17:00

- 14:15 Arrival at the Rooftop Room and welcome by Piet Demunter, Acting CEO of Flanders Investment and Trade
- 14:20 Opening remarks by HE Matthias Diependaele
- 14:25 Presentation by Yves Verschueren, Managing Director Essenscia on Industrial decarbonization: the use case of the chemical industry in Belgium
- 14:35 MOU and Fireside chat and signing between Nisaanth Balashanmugam and Raphael Tilot
- 14:50 Departure of official delegation
- 14:52 Panel discussion – The role of alternative fuels in decarbonization: production and use cases
- 15:25 High Tea Break
- 16:15 Panel discussion – Global hydrogen supply chains: Connecting producers and users
- 17:00 Closing statement by session chair

Lead: Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Rooftop room and Malabar on the Rooftop (RT) level of the Trident Nariman Point  
 Participants: 141 guests upon registration (61 BE – 80 IND)  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Diependaele

15:00-15:30

**India- Belgium Impact forum**

14:30-17:00

- 15:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers and welcome by Annelore Isaac, Deputy CEO hub.brussels
- 15:00 Opening speech by HE Maxime Prévot
- 15:05 Keynote speech by Dr. Ilham Kadri on the positive societal impact of a company like SYENSQO
- 15:30 Departure of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers
- 15:35 Panel discussion on funding projects with a positive impact (KOIS, INCOFIN, Korys)
- 16:05 Panel discussion on the role of charitable associations in society (Damien Foundation India Trust, Ask a Doctor, REAP)
- 16:30 Closing remarks by Annelore Isaac, Deputy CEO hub.brussels
- 16:40 High tea and networking

Lead: hub.brussels  
 Venue: Lotus room on the Lower Basement (LB) level of the Trident Nariman Point  
 Participants: 57 guests upon registration  
 Attending Minister: HE Maxime Prévot

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

Mumbai

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

16:15-16:55

**Strengthening Ties Between India and Belgium: A Focus on the Green Steel Revolution**

15:00-17:30

- 15:00 Opening and Lighting the Lamp by Vivek Bhide
- 15:05 Presentation of John Cockerill by François-David Martino
- 15:25 Presentation of the link between John Cockerill and CRM by Joeri Neutjens
- 15:30 Interactive presentation of Advanced Coating, Emuref, Soudobeam and MatchID by Vivek Bhide
- 15:34 Q&A Session between Vivek Bhide and the Belgian companies Advanced Coating, Emuref, Soudobeam, CMR, MatchID
- 15:50 Q&A
- 16:00 Arrival of Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium and welcome by François Michel and Emmanuelle Timmermans
- 16:05 Speech by Martin Balbachevski, Martin Balbachewski, Diplomatic and Foreign Trade Advisor and representative of Vice-President of Wallonia and Minister for the Economy, Industry, the Digital Economy, Employment and Training, Pierre-Yves Jeholet
- 16:08 Panel discussion : V.R Sharma (Jindal Steel - JSPL) - Vinay Schroff (JSW) – Wim Vangerven (AMNS) – Amita Khurana (Tata Steel)
- 16:28 Presentation of Stoles and plant a tree certificate to the panelists
- 16:30 Concluding Remarks by François Michel
- 16:35 Group Photo
- 16:55 High tea

Lead: AWEX  
 Venue: Mexican Room on the Pool (P) level of the Trident Nariman Point  
 Participants: 70 guests upon invitation/ registration (35 BE - 35 IND)  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot

17:00-18:30

**No activities**

Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Trident Nariman to Jio World Convention Centre (gate 18) with buses D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6

17:45-19:00

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

Mumbai

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

18:30-19:30

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from The Oberoi to Jio World Convention Centre (gate 20)

19:30-20:00

**Ceremony of bestowing the decoration of Commander of the Order of the Crown upon**

**Els Reynaers, Partner – Head Environment Department at M.V. Kini & Co., Advocates & Solicitors and**

**Harihar Subramanian, Managing Director at Colruyt Group India & Partner at Korys India**

19:30 Arrival of HRH and Ministers and welcome by Devendra Bharna, CEO of JIO World Centre and Frank Geerkens, Consul-General of Belgium

19:35 Decoration Ceremonies

19:58 Transfer to the third floor

Lead: Consulate General in Mumbai

Venue: Executive Boardroom 201 on the second floor of the Jio World Convention Centre

Address: G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400098 (Gate 20)

Participants: 28 guests upon invitation

**THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

20:00-22:15

**Gala event: Excellence through Sangam**

19:00-22:30

- 18:30 Arrival and registration of the guests. Cocktail.
- 19:30 Registration closed
- 20:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers at door 3 and welcome by Jacques Vandermeiren, CEO Port Antwerp-Bruges
- 20:18 Welcome address by Jacques Vandermeiren
- 20:26 Speech by HRH Princess Astrid
- 20:43 Musical performance
- 20:52 Speech by Vinita Saraf, Cofounder EK Tara and Namrata Sureka, Managing Trustee Ek Tara, partner of TML foundation
- 21:23 Magician act
- 21:47 Musical performance
- 21:57 Speech by HE Matthias Diependaele
- 22:05 Official closing and opening of the dance party

Lead: Port of Antwerp-Bruges together with Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Lotus Ballroom on the third floor of the Jio World Convention Centre  
 Address: G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400098 (Gate 18)  
 Participants: 540 guests upon registration (265 BE- 275 IND)  
 Dresscode: Dark suite and evening dress or formal/national dress

22:15-23:00

**Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers  
 from Jio World Convention Centre to The Oberoi**

**Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation  
 from Jio World Convention Centre to the Trident Nariman &  
 The Oberoi with buses D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6**

**Several  
 departures from  
 22:30 onwards**

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
		<b>B2B meetings</b>	All day
08:30-09:30	<p><b>Success Stories Breakfast</b></p> <p>08:15 Arrival of the business delegation and their local partner            08:30 Arrival and welcome by René Branders, President of FEB            08:35 Words of welcome by René Branders            08:40 Testimonial by each invited Belgian business leader            09:20 Conclusions by Rene Branders</p> <p>Lead: The Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB)            Venue: <b>Rooftop</b> Room on the Rooftop (RT) level at the Trident            Participants: 28 guests upon invitation (20 BE – 8 IND)            Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>	<p>Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and Flanders Investment &amp; Trade            Venue: FIT at the premises of the Indian companies and hub.brussels and AWEX at The National Centre for the Performing Arts</p>	08:15-09:30
10:00-10:30	<p><b>Leveraging Logistics, Chemicals, and Cold Chain Expertise from Belgium to India</b></p> <p>09:30 Meet &amp; Greet with Indian and Belgian Panelists            10:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers and welcome by Piet Demunter, Acting CEO Flanders Investment &amp; Trade            10:05 Opening remarks by Hareesh Lalwani, Honorary Secretary AMTOI            10:10 Opening speech by HE Matthias Diependaele            10:15 Panel discussion moderated by Luc Arnouts, VP International Relations &amp; Network, Port of Antwerp-Bruges            11:15 Q&amp;A            11:25 Closing remarks by Piet Demunter, Acting CEO of Flanders Investment and Trade            11:30 Networking lunch</p> <p>Lead: Flanders Investment &amp; Trade            Venue: Sunset Lounge at the Pool (P) level of the Trident Nariman Point            Participants: 100 guests upon registration (30 BE – 70 IND)            Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>		09:30-12:30

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Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

10:45-11:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from The Oberoi to Raj Bhavan

11:00-11:55

**Official meeting with Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan,  
Governor of Maharashtra**

11:00 Arrival and welcome by Dr Prashanth Narnaware IAS, Secretary to the Governor

11:03 Transfer to the Ministerial Lounge

11:05 Arrival of Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan and start of meeting with gift exchange

11:35 End of meeting and transfer to the garden for the photo opportunity

11:50: Transfer to the vehicles

Lead: Consulate General

Venue: Ministerial lounge on the ground floor at Raj Bhavan

Address: Walkeshwar Road, Malabar Hill, Mumbai 400 035

Participants: 1+6

Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele

11:55-12:10

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from Raj Bhavan to The Oberoi

**Check out of the delegation**  
For delegation members without a late check out, luggage can be dropped off at the Concierge of The Oberoi and the Trident Nariman Point

12:00



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HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers		Business delegation	
12:30-14:00	<p align="center"><b>Investment Lunch</b></p> <p>12:00 Arrival of the delegation and welcome drink                      12:30 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers and welcome by Dominique Delattre, Deputy General Manager AWEX                      12:35 Welcome words by HE Didier Vanderhasselt, Ambassador of Belgium in India                      12:40 Opening speech <b>by HE Maxime Prévot</b>                      12:50 First course is served                      13:00 Testimonial by Gautam Kalia, Chief European Business PCBL                      13:10 Main course service                      13:20 <b>Testimonial by Mr Sundaram Krishnamoorthy, Global Delivery Head - Communications, Tech Mahindra</b>                      13:30 Dessert &amp; coffee are served                      13:40 Concluding remarks</p> <p>Lead: AWEX                      Venue: Rooftop room on the Rooftop (RT) level of the Trident Nariman Point                      Participants: 50 guests upon invitation (20 BE – 30 IND)                      Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>		12:00-14:00
		<p align="center">Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from Trident Nariman to the port activities with bus D1</p>	13:00-14:30
14:10-14:20	<p align="center">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from The Oberoi to the Gateway of India</p>		

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

14:20-15:50

**Visit of the Congo River Dredging Ship by DEME**

14:20-15:25

14:20 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers at the Gateway of India and welcome by Shri Unmesh Sharad Wagh, Chairman of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)  
 14:22 Photo opportunity in front of the Gateway of India for HRH Princess Astrid and the Belgian Ministers  
 14:35 Departure of the two boats  
 15:10 Arrival at the coastal berth and the Congo River Dredging ship-and welcome by Bram Vandepitte, Managing Director DEME India  
 15:12 Welcome words by Bram Vandepitte, Managing Director DEME India  
 15:15 Visit of the ship and photo opportunity with crew  
 15:50 End of visit and transfer to JNPA with one minibus

Lead: DEME in collaboration with Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority in Navi Mumbai  
 Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele

16:00-16:40

**Meeting with JNPA/Mumbai Port Authorities**

16:00-16:40

16:00 Arrival and welcome by tree heads of departments at JNPA. Transfer via stairs to the boardroom on the second floor  
 16:10 Welcome address by JNPA Chairman followed by two movies clips on JNPA and Vadhvan Port which showcases initiatives of the port  
 16:15 Round of introductions  
 16:25 Introduction speech by Kristof Waterschoot, Managing Director of Port of Antwerp-Bruges International APEC  
 16:30 Speech by HE Matthias Diependaele  
 16:35 Transfer to the vehicles  
 16:40 Group photo on the stairs  
 16:42 Departure of the delegation with the two buses to the JNPA-APEC Training Facility

Lead: Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Boardroom of the Administrative Building of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority  
 Participants: 40 guests upon invitation (14 BE – 11 IND)

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Mumbai

HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

Business delegation

	HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers	Business delegation
16:45-17:00	<p><b>Visit of the JNPA-APEC Training Facility in Navi Mumbai</b></p> <p>16:45 Arrival at the JNPA-APEC Training Facility                      16:50 Short presentation of the center and the simulator on the ground floor                      16:55 Group photo on the stairs at the entrance of the building upon exiting</p> <p>Lead: PoABI/APEC in collaboration with Flanders Investment &amp; Trade                      Venue: JNPA Antwerp Port Training and Consultancy Foundation                      Participants: 50 guests upon invitation                      Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>	16:00-17:00
17:00-18:00	<p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the JNPA Antwerp Training Centre to The Oberoi</p>	17:00-18:00
18:00-18:30	<p><b>No activities</b></p>	
18:30-19:30	<p><b>Informal Press Moment</b></p> <p>Lead: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency                      Venue: Mexican Room on the Pool (P) level of the Trident Nariman Point                      Participants: Belgian journalists                      Attending Ministers: HE Maxime Prévot and HE Matthias Diependaele</p>	
		<p>Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the Trident Nariman &amp; The Oberoi to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (Gate 1) with buses D3 from The Oberoi and D1 and D2 from the Trident Nariman Point</p> <p>23:15 -00:00</p>
		<p>Transfer of a restricted official delegation from The Oberoi to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (Gate 1) with O1 and O2</p> <p>23:15 -00:00</p>

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2025**

Mumbai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

<p>01:15-01:55</p>	<p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Maxime Prévot from The Oberoi to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to Gate 8</p>	<p>Transfer of the luggage truck with the royal luggage from The Oberoi to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (Gate 1)</p> <p><b>Check-in at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Zone D</b></p>	<p>00:00-01:00</p> <p>00:00</p>
<p>02:55</p>	<p><b>Departure of flight LH 757 from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM) to Frankfurt Airport (FRA)</b></p> <p>Participants: 79 delegation members on flight</p>		<p>02:55</p>
<p>04:15</p>	<p><b>Departure of HE Matthias Diependaele with flight EK 501 from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (BOM) to Dubai International Airport (DXB)</b></p>		
<p>07:55</p>		<p><b>Arrival of flight LH 757 at Frankfurt Airport (FRA)</b></p>	<p>07:55</p>
<p>09:45</p>	<p><b>Departure of flight LH 1008 from Frankfurt Airport (FRA) to Brussels National Airport (BRU)</b></p> <p>Participants: 79 delegation members on flight</p>		<p>09:45</p>
<p>10:45</p>		<p><b>Arrival of flight LH 1008 at Brussels National Airport (BRU)</b></p>	<p>10:45</p>