

# Trade Hurdle Pinpointed To Belgian Delegation

A high level delegation of 8 senators and 3 officials of the Belgium

Government on a Pre-Mission Visit (prior to Belgian **Prince Phillip's** mission in March 2005) visited the IIGJ, Mumbai. The delegation was conducted by **Vasant Mehta**, Director, IIGJ on its visit to gems and jewellery units of SEEPZ, SEZ. Thereafter a detailed audiovisual presentation and briefing was arranged at IIGJ by **Sanjay Kothari** - Ex-

Chairman, GJEPC. Present on the occasion were **Bakul Mehta** - Chairman, GJEPC and **Vasant Mehta**.

Delegation members had detailed discussion and interaction with Council Members. Delegation members then visited IIGJ facilities and were impressed with the state-of-the-art facilities available for training.

Vasant Mehta voiced his deep concern with regard to difficulties being faced by Indian jewellers in Belgium.

He highlighted that while diamond trading firms have long been in existence in Belgium, are not allowed to trade gold jewellery for which separate approval and procedures are required to be followed. This duality is severely hampering the growth of the jewellery trade between India and Belgium.

The members of the delegation, positive in their approach, assured the Chairman GJEPC that the problem focused will be examined in its correct perspective to overcome the existing hurdle.

The members of the high-level guest delegation were:

1. **Jean Marie Dedecker**
2. **Mrs. Dedecker,**
3. **Luc Willems,**
4. **Mrs. Willems,**
5. **Berni Colias,**
6. **Mrs. Mimount Bousakla,**
7. **Mrs. Jacinta De Roock**
8. **Mrs. Sfia Bouarfa**
9. **Etienne Schouppe,**
10. **Frank Creyelman** and
11. **Mrs. Marianne Van Opst**



The high-level, eleven member Belgian delegation in Mumbai.