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**Raksha Mantri meets Princess Astrid of Belgium & Defence Minister in  
New Delhi**

**Discusses the possibility of defence engagements in Indo-Pacific**

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh held a meeting with Princess Astrid of Belgium and the Defence Minister Mr Theo Francken in New Delhi on March 03, 2025. Both sides discussed the possibility of defence engagements in the Indo-Pacific, particularly in maritime domain. They also discussed ways and means to enhance defence industrial cooperation between the two countries.

Raksha Mantri welcomed Belgian investments in the defence sector. He suggested that the Belgian companies could play an important role by expanding their footprint in India and integrating the Indian vendors in their supply chains. Further, both countries agreed to explore an institutionalised defence cooperation mechanism.

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