

# Belgium Beckons India



From left, Mr. Vinod Pal, Director, FIEO; Mr. G P Upadhyaya, Secretary General, FIEO; Mr. Oliver Willock, Administrator, Brussels Enterprises Commerce & Industry; Mr. Paul Hegge, Managing Director, Chamber of Commerce Industry Halle-Vilvoorde.

A delegation from Antwerp Port, Belgium, called on FIEO Secretary General Mr G.P. Upadhyaya on March 22 at the FIEO office in New Delhi. The delegation was led by Mr Wim Van den Abeele, CEO, Antwerp Headquarters. During the meeting, various advantages of the port of Antwerp were highlighted. It was mentioned that 60 per cent of the

EU's purchasing power is within 500 km from Antwerp. The port is cost effective, congestion free and offers good connectivity. Mr Upadhyaya spoke about the Federation's initiative to set up a warehouse in Antwerp for the benefit of the exporting community. He informed that initially this facility shall be made available to 30 Indian ex-

porters, and after subsequent evaluation, the capacity would be increased further. He informed that FIEO has already tied up with St John Freight Systems Ltd for this initiative. A team of senior representatives from St John Freight Systems Ltd were also present and had interaction on various functional aspects. ■