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MeitY signs Administrative Arrangement on Advanced Electronic Signatures and Seals with DG CONNECT of European Commission

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The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, and the Directorate-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) of the European Commission have signed an Administrative Arrangement on Advanced Electronic Signatures and Seals on 27 January 2026.

The arrangement was signed by the Secretary, MeitY, and the Director-General, DG CONNECT. The cooperation will be implemented by MeitY through the Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA), in line with India's legal and regulatory framework according to the applicable provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 within the established framework regulated by Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA).

The arrangement provides a framework for cooperation on interoperability of electronic signatures, electronic seals, and Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) systems, consistent with the laws of India and European Union with the aim to strengthen India–EU digital cooperation by promoting the use of secure and trusted electronic signatures and seals in cross-border digital transactions and trade.

Under this cooperation, India and the European Union intend to link their respective trusted lists of recognised service providers thus helping in easier validation of electronic signatures and seals issued in India and the European Union for cross-border use. The arrangement lays the foundation for deeper cooperation in the future.

Indian exporters and EU buyers will be able to sign contracts, invoices, and compliance documents digitally using trusted electronic signatures without paper or courier delays.

This will reduce transaction time, cost, and verification effort for cross-border trade, especially for MSMEs. It will also increase trust and legal certainty in India–EU digital trade by enabling faster validation of documents on both sides.

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