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## Delhi firm in Dutch tie-up for e-gov business

**Delhi based e-governance firm has tied up with Bell ID of Netherlands to tap businesses in e-governance sector in India**

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**New Delhi:** City-based e-governance firm MGRM has tied up with Bell ID, an identity card solutions provider headquartered in the Netherlands, to tap emerging opportunities in e-governance and identity management verticals in India.

The joint venture will become operational in the next quarter or as soon as necessary formalities are completed, MRGM said in a statement, reports IANS.

"This is a 50:50 joint venture, and combines strengths of both MGRM and Bell ID," MGRM Group Founder KVR Murthy said.

While the Rotterdam-based Bell ID is into managing identification programmes across diverse geographies, MGRM has developed and managed research-based integrated IT applications in different domains in India.

The Central Government has proposed a single national ID for Indian citizens to ensure the efficient delivery of public services, and help government identify illegal immigrants more easily.

It created a national ID agency - Unique Identification Authority - in February, earmarking for it an initial corpus of US \$20 million.

The massive exercise, which has set an ambitious goal of rolling out 100 million cards in the next three years, has evoked interest among bio-metric systems providers.


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Expenditure on healthcare in the country will grow nearly 6 per cent per annum to cross US \$14 billion in 2013, says a report. The health infrastructure across Indian states is projected to grow by an average of 5.8 per cent per annum between 2009-2013, taking the total expenditure in 2013 to US \$14.2 billion, global consultancy KPMG in its report on India's healthcare sector said.

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