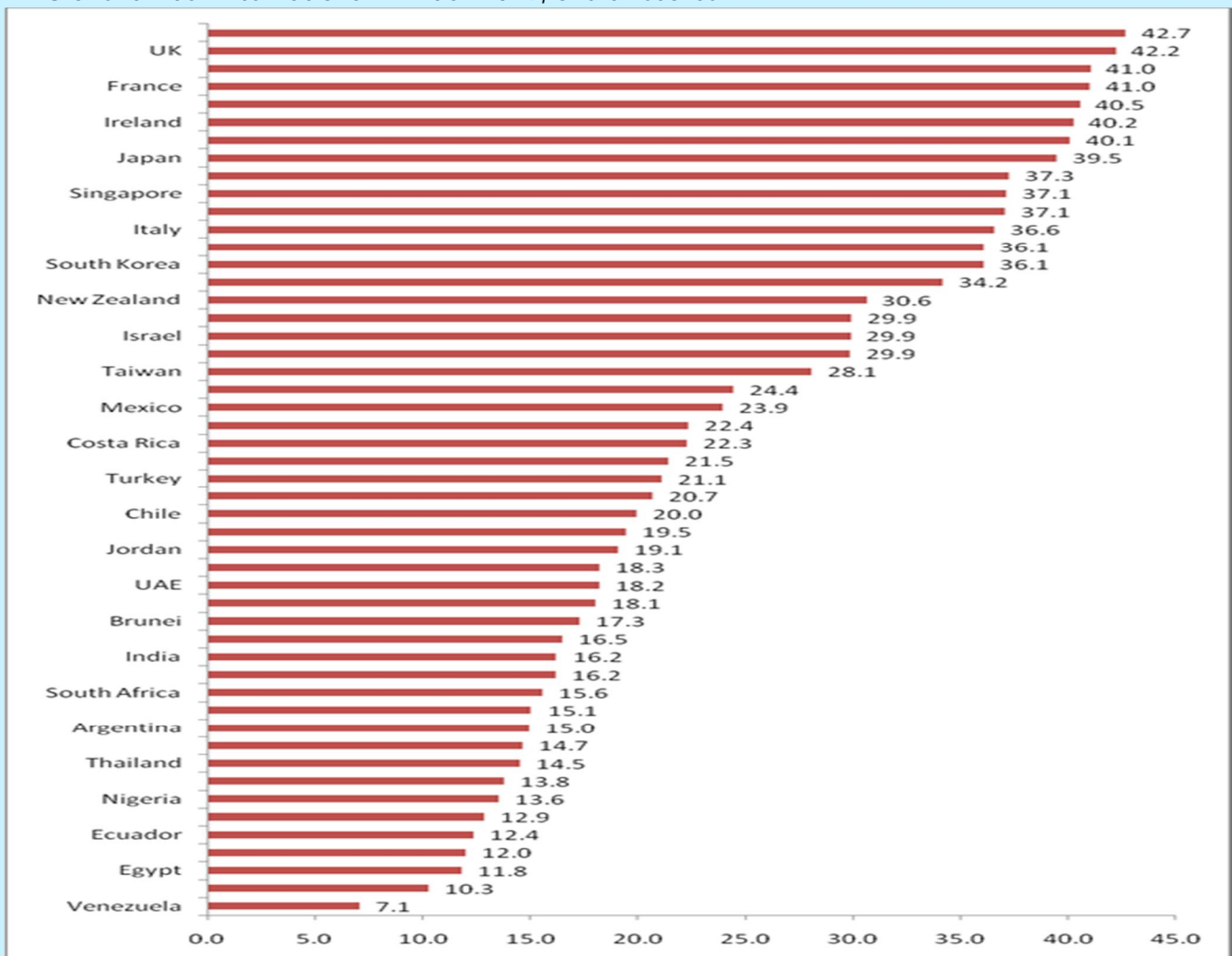


## India Climbs Eight Places in Global IP Rankings

According to Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC), an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce: India jump eight places on the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index, the highest gain for any country this year. The Index evaluates the IP infrastructure in each economy based on 45 unique indicators, which are critical to the growth of effective IP systems. The indicators span 8 categories of IP protection: patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, commercialization of IP assets, enforcement, systemic efficiency, and membership and ratification of international treaties. The seventh edition of the Index (the Index benchmarks the IP framework in 50 global economies) shows India's jumping eight places in the rankings from 44<sup>th</sup> of 50 economies in 2018 to 36<sup>th</sup> in 2019. India's overall score has also increased substantially from 30.1% (12.03 out of 40) in the previous edition to 36% (16.22 out of 45) in the present edition. While broader challenges remain, the increase is a result of specific reforms that better align India's IP environment with the international IP system.

U.S. Chamber International IP Index 2019, overall scores



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from Global Innovation Policy Center

### KEY AREAS OF STRENGTH

- Accession to WIPO Internet Treaties shows India's recognition of international standards of copyright protection
- New pilot PPH program with the JPO is a positive step
- Generous R&D and IP-based incentives
- Global leader in targeted administrative incentives for the creation and use of IP assets for SMEs
- Strong awareness-raising efforts on the negative impact of piracy and counterfeiting

#### KEY AREAS OF WEAKNESS

- Barriers to licensing and technology transfer, including strict registration requirements
- Limited framework for the protection of biopharmaceutical IP rights
- Patentability requirements outside international standards
- No RDP available or patent term restoration for biopharmaceuticals
- Lengthy pre-grant opposition proceedings
- Previously used compulsory licensing for commercial and non-emergency situations

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