

50% increase in the number of patents granted by India: UN's World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Report

Against the backdrop of solid economic growth worldwide, global intellectual property (IP) filing activity set new records in 2017.

According to the WIPO Report, patent filings around the world reached 3.17 million, representing a 5.8% growth on 2016 figures. Trademark filing activity totaled 12.39 million which is an increase of 26.8% since 2016. Industrial design filing activity exceeded 1.24 million. China remained the main driver of global growth in IP filings. From already high levels, patent filings in China grew by 14.2% and trademark filing activity in China by 55.2%. These high growth rates propelled China's shares of global patent filings and trademarks filing activity to reach 43.6% and 46.3%, respectively.

Japan (+24.2%) and the United States of America (+12.6%) also saw strong growth in trademark filing activity. However, both of those countries recorded almost no growth in patent filings. The Republic of Korea saw a decline in filing activity for patents and trademarks for the second consecutive year. Other notable trends include large increases in trademark filing activity in the Islamic Republic of Iran (+87.9%), the United Kingdom (+24.1%) and Canada (+19.5%). With regard to industrial design filing activity, the United Kingdom (+92.1%), Spain (+23.5%) and Switzerland (+17.9%) saw double-digit growth in 2017.

Ranking of total (resident and abroad) IP filing activity by origin, 2017

Origin	Patents	Marks	Designs
China	1	1	1
United States	2	2	4

Germany	5	4	2
Japan	3	3	6
Republic of Korea	4	11	3
France	6	5	8
UK	7	8	9
Italy	10	12	5
India	11	9	13

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from World Intellectual Property Indicators 2018 Report

The office of India granted 50% more patents in 2017 than in 2016:

In 2017, an estimated 1.4 million patents were granted worldwide, up 3.9% on 2016 figures, and represent 17 consecutive years of growth. China (420,144) issued the largest number of patents in 2017, followed by the U.S. (318,829), Japan (199,577), the Republic of Korea (120,662) and the EPO (105,645). These five offices issued more than 1.16 million patents between them – 83% of the world total.

Among the top 10 offices, India granted 50.2% more patents in 2017 than in 2016, with grants increasing from 8,248 in 2016 to 12,387 in 2017. Non-resident grants accounted for 85% of the total increase. The EPO (+10.1%) and the Republic of Korea (+10.8%) also exhibited double-digit growth in 2017. For the EPO, this is the second successive year of double-digit growth. The office of the U.S. (+5.2%) also saw strong growth in 2017. Following three successive years of strong growth, China reported modest growth of 3.9% in 2017.

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