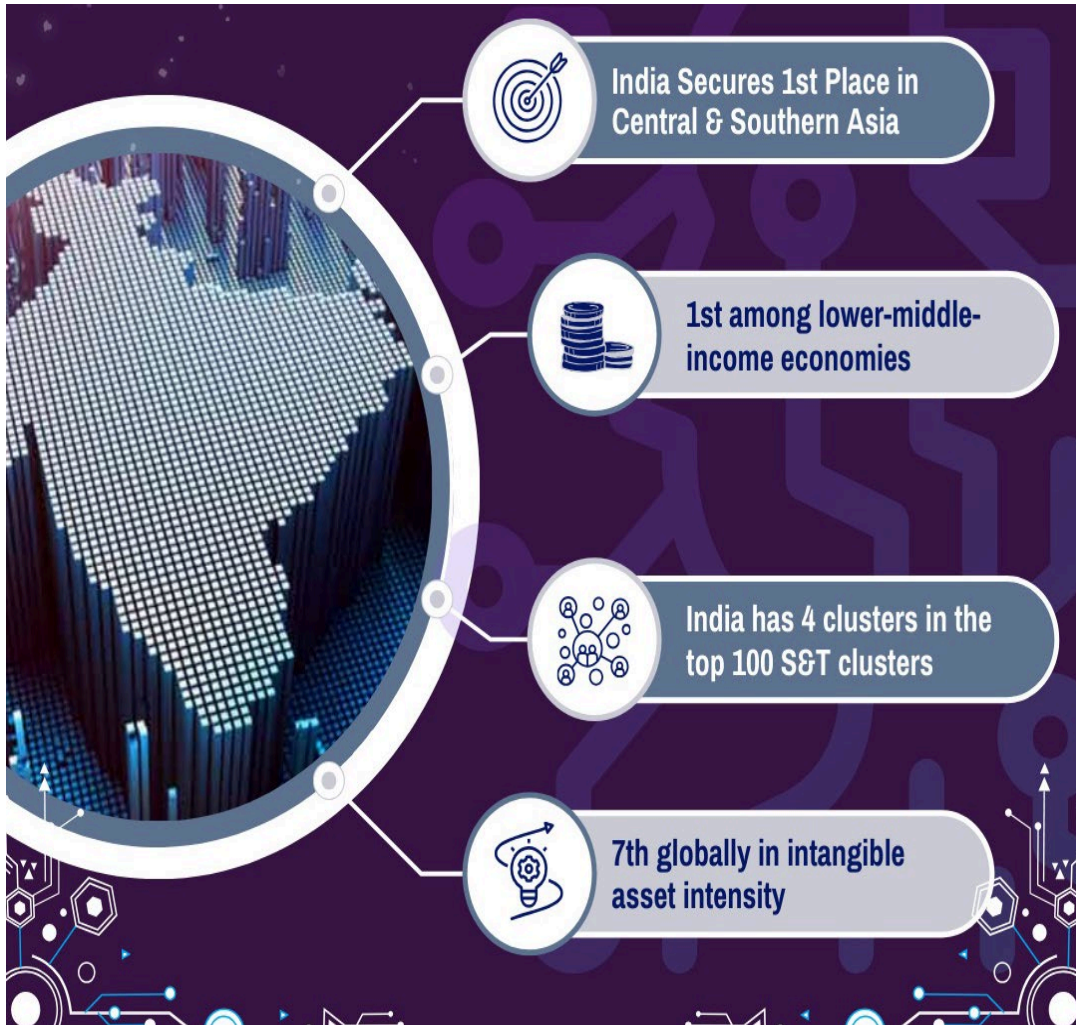


IPR Reforms

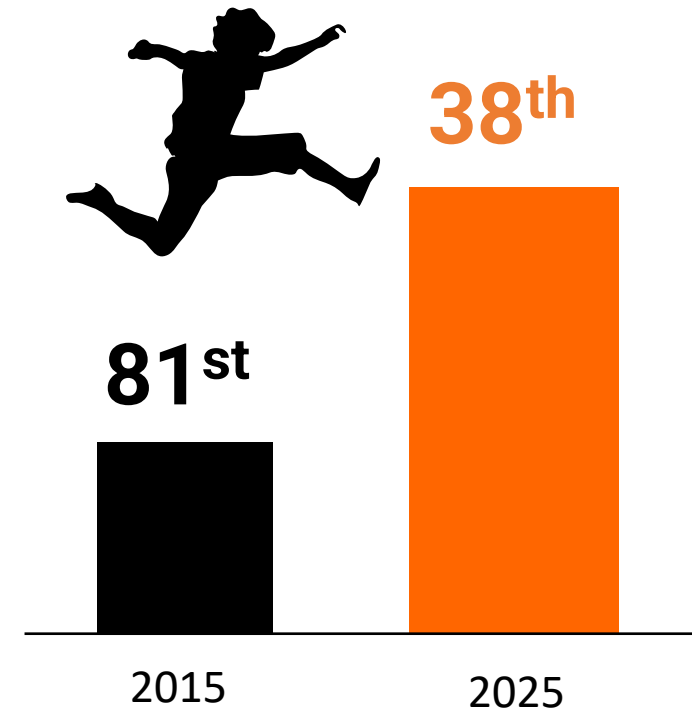
22.09.2026 BHARAT MANDAPAM

India 's Rise in Global Innovation rankings



India's Rank in

Global Innovation Index



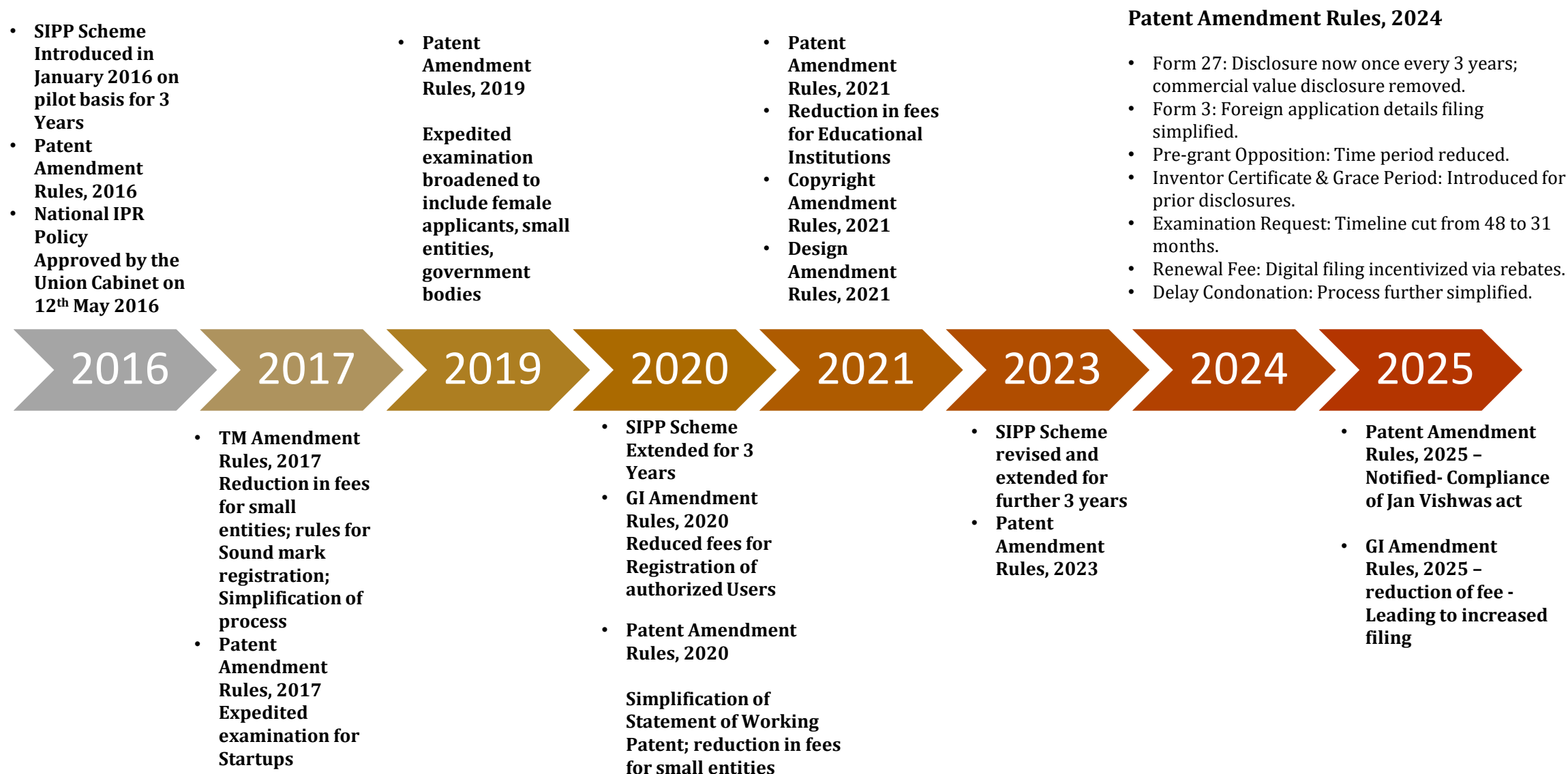
The Business Impact: India's IP Surge

Metric	Growth & Milestone	Industry Takeaway
Total IP Filings	Nearly 1 Mn Applications Filed Annually Across all IPs – patent, TM, design , GI, copyright	Massive shift toward protecting enterprise IP assets.
Global Standing	#4 in Trademarks, #6 in Patents, #7 in Designs worldwide	Indian IP office rising among top offices globally
Regional Tech Hubs	4 S&T clusters ranked among the global top 100 (Bengaluru #24, Delhi #27, Mumbai #43, Chennai #79)	Strong corporate-academic-startup clusters supporting high-value patenting.
Trademark	Nearly 6.5 lakh trademark applications filed last year.	Reflects strong entrepreneurship, MSME growth and brand creation
Geographical Indications	800+ GI products recognized; over 40% of all-time filings have taken place in last 2 years	Grassroot awareness leading to protection for regional, agri and artisanal supply chains.

India's Patent Momentum – Growth from 2014 to 2025

Year	Patent Applications in India	Resident Share	Key Milestone	Patents in force	Domestic share
2013-14	42,951	25.5%	Foreign applicants dominated filings	42632	17.50%
2022-23	~77,000+	50% approaching	Strong domestic innovation surge	137333	19.05%
2023-24	92,168	56%	Record filings; Indian residents majority	223245	21.20%
2024-25	110,375	61.8%	First time India crossed 1 lakh+ filings	230480	22.06%
2025-26	143725	69%	Nearly one lakh domestic/resident applications	285547	22.06%

IPR Reforms Timeline Since 2016



Reform Agenda

India’s next IP leap will come not only from protecting inventions, but from monetizing brands, culture, design and heritage.

IP Area	Current Constraints	Reform Priorities	Expected Economic Impact
Trade Marks	Long pendency, complex opposition process, compliance burden	Simplify procedures, faster disposal, digital processes, enable trademark securitization	Stronger Indian brands, MSME scaling, ease of doing business
Geographical Indications (GI)	Slow registration, weak international recognition, misuse abroad	Faster GI registration, MRAs/FTAs, Lisbon alignment, stronger enforcement	Rural prosperity, exports, premium value for Indian heritage products
Industrial Designs	Weak remedies, outdated law, no GUI protection	Protect GUI/UI designs, stronger enforcement, Hague alignment, easier filings	Design-led manufacturing, exports, startup product innovation
Copyright	Piracy, legal ambiguity, outdated digital framework	Strong anti-piracy laws, modern licensing, AI clarity, creator-friendly reforms	Growth of film, music, gaming, orange economy