



# INDIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STATISTICS REPORT, 2021

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- Developed a reputation for world-class expertise;
- Contributed significantly to the Indian IP law, policy, and ecosystem;
- Introduced highly specialized IP services; and
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## BACKGROUND

BananaIP publishes Intellectual Property Statistics on its blog, Intellepedia, every week based on the information available on the Indian IP Offices' websites. At the end of the year, BananaIP's team compiles all the statistics and publishes a comparison of these statistics with the previous year. This report compiles the statistics for the year 2021 and its comparison with the previous years' statistics.

## STRUCTURE OF THE REPORT

The report has been divided into five parts. The first part includes a summary of the IP statistics in 2021 and its comparison with the statistics of 2019 and 2020. The second part covers the Patent and Design Statistics, the third part is the Trademark Statistics, the fourth part is the Copyright Statistics, and the fifth part is the Geographical Indications Statistics.

## SUMMARY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

At a general level, the number of IP filings and registrations increased notably in 2021. Though all forms of IP saw an increase in filings, the increase in geographical indications was the highest by percentage in the year 2021. While patent filings, trademark filings, copyright filings increased by 2%, 13.78% and 29.71% respectively. The number of geographical indication filings increased by 50% owing to 76 applications filed in 2021.

With respect to registrations as well, geographical indications saw the highest increase in registrations by percentage in 2021, when compared to the previous year. While patent grants and trademark registrations increased by 15.66% and 33.96%, design registrations decreased by 17.54%; whereas geographical indications registrations increased by 560% owing to 33 registrations in 2021.

## PATENTS

In the year 2021, 52,379 applications were published whereas 49,351 and 51,325 applications were published in the years 2019 and 2020, respectively. A total of 67,727 patent applications were examined in 2021, as opposed to 70,924 patent applications examined in 2020. Whereas 83,226 applications were examined in the year 2019. The Patent Office granted 30,431 patents in 2021, compared to 26,309 in 2020 and 23,257 in 2019. The Patent Office on an average examined and issued 266 first examination reports (FERs) per day in 2021.

Particulars	2019	2020	2021
Applications Published	49,351	51,325	52,379
Examined	83,226	70,924	67,727
Granted	23,257	26,309	30,431

## DESIGNS

A total of 11,997 designs were registered in 2021, as compared to 14,550 registrations in 2020. The design registrations decreased by 17.54% in 2021, when compared to the previous year. However, in the year 2019, 14,529 designs were registered.

Particulars	2019	2020	2021
Total Registration	14,529	14,550	11,997

## TRADEMARKS

The Trademarks Registry received as many as 4,49,264 applications in 2021, which marked an increase of about 13.78% when compared to the total number of applications received in 2020. In 2020, the Registry received 3,94,839 applications and 3,36,194 in 2019. The number of registrations also increased by 33.96% in 2021, in comparison to the number of trademarks registered in 2020. The total number of trademarks registered in 2019 are 3,02,721, in 2020 2,38,147, and in 2021 there were 3,19,033.

Particulars	2019	2020	2021
Total Number of Trademark Applications Filed	3,36,194	3,94,839	4,49,264
Total Number of Trademark Applications Examined	81,371	1,47,824	2,17,990
Total Number of Trademark Applications Published	3,80,922	3,62,196	3,20,210
Total Number of Trademark Applications Registered	3,02,721	2,38,147	3,19,033

## COPYRIGHTS

While about 21,882 copyright applications were filed in 2020, the number of applications filed in 2021 were 28,385. This led to an increase of 29.71% in the number of applications filed in 2021, in comparison with the previous year. Whereas 21,150 copyright applications were filed in 2019. In 2021, the majority of applications were filed for literary/dramatic works and artistic works. While 15,556 applications were filed with respect to literary/dramatic works, about 6,948 applications were filed for artistic works.

Particulars	2019	2020	2021
Literary/Dramatic Work	11,898	12,936	15,556
Artistic Work	5,781	4,923	6,948
Musical Work	320	319	278
Cinematograph Work	346	351	373
Computer Softwares	1,679	1,556	1,599
Sound Recordings	1,126	1,797	3,631
Total	21,150	21,882	28,385



## GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI)

There has been a steady increase in the number of geographical indications applications filed over the years. In 2021, around 76 applications were filed, as opposed to 51 and 41 applications in 2020 and 2019, respectively. There was an increase of 49.01% in the number of applications filed in 2021, when compared to numbers in 2020.

2021 witnessed a significant increase of about 560% in the geographical indication registrations as compared to 2020. While in 2019 and 2020, 22 and 5 geographical indications were registered, and 33 in 2021. Some notable registrations of 2021 include Tamenglong Orange, Mizo Ginger, Goan Khaje, Myndoli Banana, Lahaul Socks and Gloves, and Manjusha Art.

Particulars	2019	2020	2021
No. of Applications Filed	41	51	76
No. of Geographical Indications Registered	22	5	33

## COMPREHENSIVE PATENT AND DESIGN STATISTICS

Despite the pandemic, over 30,431 patents were issued by the Patent Office in 2021, as opposed to 26,309 patents in 2020. Likewise, over 52,379 patent applications were published in 2021, as opposed to 51,325 patent publications in 2020.

In 2021, a total of 5,599 applications were refused and 5,289 applications were abandoned due to failure to respond to the examination report. Whereas in 2020 the numbers were 4,955 and 16,557, respectively.

Particulars	Total Number of Applications
Total applications published	52,379
Total Patents granted	30,431
Total applications examined	67,727
Total applications refused	5,599
Total applications abandoned due to failure to respond to examination report	5,289

## CITY-WISE PATENT APPLICATIONS

In 2021, a total of 52,379 patent applications were published. Based on the applicant city, Chennai topped the list with 1,461 patent applications followed by Bangalore with a total of 1,455 patent applications. Delhi based applicants filed 1,436 applications while Mumbai based applicants filed 1,230 patent applications. Hyderabad was ahead of Pune and contributed 919 patent applications while Pune contributed a total of 886 applications. Numbers from Kolkata were significantly lower as compared to the other major cities in India as it contributed only 273 patent applications.

Name of City	Total Number of Applications
Delhi	1,436
Mumbai	1,230
Bangalore	1,455
Chennai	1,461
Pune	886
Hyderabad	919
Kolkata	273

## GRANTS BY PATENT OFFICE

A total of 30,431 patent applications were granted in 2021, amounting to an increase of roughly 15.7% when compared to 2020. The maximum number of grants came from the Delhi Patent Office which granted as many as 11,143 patents. The Chennai Patent Office granted 10,525 patents while the Mumbai and Kolkata Patent Offices granted 4,494 and 4,269 patents, respectively.

Patent Office	Number of Grants
Delhi	11,143
Chennai	10,525
Mumbai	4,494
Kolkata	4,269
Total	30,431

## APPLICATIONS EXAMINED

In terms of the examination of applications and issue of First Examination Reports (FERs), the Delhi Patent Office issued over 26,414 FERs followed by the Chennai Patent Office which examined and issued FERs for 23,685 applications. The patent offices at Mumbai and Kolkata issued examination reports for 11,749 and 5,879 applications, respectively. In all, the patent offices collectively issued 67,727 FERs in 2021, as opposed to 70,924 examination reports issued in 2020.

Patent Office	Number of Applications
Delhi	26,414
Mumbai	11,749
Kolkata	5,879
Chennai	23,685
Total	67,727

## DESIGNS STATISTICS

A total of 11,997 designs were registered in 2021, as compared to 14,550 registrations in 2020, signifying a decrease of about 17.54% in the registrations compared to the previous year.

Particulars	2020	2021
Total designs registered	14,550	11,997

## COMPREHENSIVE TRADEMARK STATISTICS

In the year 2021, 4,49,264 trademark applications were filed, 4,33,981 were under examination, 2,17,990 went on to the post-examination stages. In addition to that, 3,20,210 applications were published, and 3,19,033 trademarks were registered in 2021.

Particulars	2021
Total Number of Trademark Applications Filed	4,49,264
Total Number of Trademark Applications Under Examination	4,33,981
Total Number of Trademark Applications Post Examination	2,17,990
Total Number of Trademark Applications Published	3,20,210
Total Number of Trademark Applications Registered	3,19,033

## COMPARATIVE REVIEW

3,94,842 and 4,49,264 applications were filed in the year 2020 and 2021, respectively. The trademark application filings showed an increase of 13.78% in the year 2021 when compared to 2020.

A total number of 4,33,981 applications underwent examination in the year 2021 whereas 3,99,539 underwent examination in the year 2020. The number of trademarks that underwent examination increased by 8.62% in the year 2021 compared to the previous year.

Similarly, 2,17,990 applications passed the examination stage in the year 2021 whereas only 1,47,824 applications passed this stage in the year 2020. When compared to 2020, there was an increase of 47.47% in the number of applications that passed the examination stage in 2021.

2021 witnessed a similar increase of 47.86% in the applications disposed via show cause hearing. 1,12,271 and 75,930 applications were disposed through show cause hearing in 2021 and 2020, respectively. However, in 2021, there was a reduction by 11.6% in the number of applications published in the Trademark Journal. 42,012 lesser applications were published in 2021, when compared to the figures in 2020. The number of applications published in 2020 and 2021 were 3,62,222 and 3,20,210, respectively.

The Trademark Registry issued a total of 2,84,661 hearing notices in the year 2021 which was 175.75% more than the number of hearing notices issued in 2020. In 2020, 1,03,230 hearing notices were issued. There was an increase of 40.80% in the total number of trademarks registered in the year 2021 compared to the previous year. The number of trademarks registered in 2020 and 2021 were 2,26,578 and 3,19,033, respectively.

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease (in percentage)</b>
Total Applications Filed	3,94,842	4,49,264	An increase of 13.78%
Total Number of Trademark Applications Under Examination	3,99,539	4,33,981	An increase of 8.62%
Total Number of Trademark Applications Post Examination	1,47,824	2,17,990	An increase of 47.47%
Total Applications Disposed through Show Cause Hearings	75,930	1,12,271	An increase of 47.86%
Total Applications Published in the Trademark Journal	3,62,222	3,20,210	A decrease of 11.60%
Total Hearing Notices Issued	1,03,230	2,84,661	An increase of 175.75 %
Total Registrations Granted	2,26,578	3,19,033	An increase of 40.80%
Total Renewal Notices Issued	98,299	1,32,978	An increase of 35.28%



## COMPREHENSIVE COPYRIGHT STATISTICS

A total of 28,385 copyright applications were filed in the year 2021. There was an increase of 6,503 applications when compared to the total number of applications filed in the year 2020. In 2020, a total of 21,882 copyright applications were filed.

The majority of applications filed in the year 2021 were for literary/dramatic work, followed by artistic work and the least number of applications were filed for musical work. While 15,556 applications were filed for literary/dramatic work, about 6,948 applications were filed with respect to artistic work.

In the year 2021, the least number of applications were made during the month of May, while the maximum applications were made in the month of July. The Copyright Office received an average number of 2,365 applications per month in the year 2021.

## MONTHLY APPLICATIONS

The following table provides detailed data of applications filed for each type of work, month-wise:

Month	Literary / Dramatic Work	Artistic Work	Musical Work	Cinematograph Work	Computer Software	Sound Recording	Total
January	1,180	874	12	40	109	37	2,252
February	2,016	884	22	34	167	43	3,166
March	1,514	714	18	84	214	231	2,775
April	1,114	663	22	39	113	236	2,187
May	25	90	0	0	3	3	121
June	1,379	557	18	21	184	219	2,378
July	1,889	762	31	22	165	495	3,364
August	1,373	676	68	26	156	810	3,109
September	1,427	530	34	35	151	696	2,873
October	1,554	562	21	17	132	400	2,686
November	1,334	399	29	27	130	445	2,364
December	751	237	3	28	75	16	1,110
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,556</b>	<b>6948</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>3631</b>	<b>28,385</b>

## COMPREHENSIVE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION STATISTICS

In 2021, the total number of new geographical indication applications received from all the states and union territories were 76. The total number of geographical indication registration certificates issued in the year 2021 were 33. Whereas, in the year 2020, the Geographical Indication Registry received 51 applications and only 5 applications were registered. There was an increase of 49.01% in the number of applications received and 560% in the number of geographical indications registered last year when compared to 2020. It is notable that none of the applications were refused, withdrawn or abandoned in 2021.

SI No.	Particulars	2021
1.	Total No. of Applications Filed	76
2.	Total No. of Applications Refused	0
3.	Total No. of Applications Registered	33
4.	Total No. of Applications Withdrawn	0
5.	Total No. of Applications Abandoned	0

## GI REGISTRATIONS

Sl No.	Application Number	Name of the Product	Type of Product	State
1	590	Tamenglong Orange	Agricultural	Manipur
2	592	Hathei Chilli	Agricultural	Manipur
3	599	Telia Rumal	Textiles	Telangana
4	614	Chamba Chappal	Handicraft	Himachal Pradesh
5	620	Banaras Zardozi	Handicraft	Uttar Pradesh
6	621	Chunar Glaze Pottery	Handicraft	Uttar Pradesh
7	622	Mirzapur Pital Bartan	Handicraft	Uttar Pradesh
8	623	Banaras Wood Carving	Handicraft	Uttar Pradesh
9	589	Bhotia Dann of Uttarakhand	Handicraft	Uttarakhand
10	628	Sojat Mehndi	Agricultural	Rajasthan
11	624	Banaras Hand Block Print	Handicraft	Uttar Pradesh
12	629	Mizo Ginger	Agricultural	Mizoram
13	636	Dalle Khursani	Agricultural	Sikkim and West Bengal
14	640	Naga Cucumber	Agricultural	Nagaland
15	642	Harmal Chilli	Agricultural	Goa
16	643	Judima	Agricultural	Assam

17	644	Pithora	Handicraft	Gujarat
18	645	Mau Saree	Textiles	Uttar Pradesh
19	647	Lahaul Socks and Gloves	Textiles	Himachal Pradesh
20	648	Uttarakhand Aipan	Handicraft	Uttarakhand
21	650	Kumaon Chyura Oil	Agricultural	Uttarakhand
22	651	Munshyari Razma	Agricultural	Uttarakhand
23	652	Uttarakhand Ringal Craft	Handicraft	Uttarakhand
24	653	Uttarakhand Tamta Product	Handicraft	Uttarakhand
25	654	Uttarakhand Thulma	Handicraft	Uttarakhand
26	655	Goan Khaje	Food Stuffs	Goa
27	656	Manjusha Art	Handicraft	Bihar
28	658	Sohrai-Khovar Painting	Handicraft	Jharkhand
29	660	Kuttiattoor Mango (Kuttiattoor Manga)	Agricultural	Kerala
30	662	Edayur Chilli (Edayur Mulaku)	Agricultural	Kerala
31	663	Balaghat Chinnor	Agricultural	Madhya Pradesh
32	675	Kanniyakumari Cloves	Agricultural	Tamil Nadu
33	680	Myndoli Banana	Agricultural	Uttar Pradesh

## CONCLUSION

To conclude, we observed an overall increase in the IP statistics in 2021. In the year 2021, the number of patents published increased by 2%, trademarks filed increased by 13.78%, copyrights filed increased by 29.71% and geographical indications filed increased by 49.01%.

We also observed that the number of patents granted increased by 15.66%, trademarks registered increased by 33.96%, geographical indications registered increased by 560% in 2021. However, the number of designs registered decreased by 17.54%.

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This report is limited by time, effort, accuracy and availability of information on government websites. The statistical data was compiled from the data available on the Indian IP Offices' official websites as on 31st December, 2021, and the data might have changed thereafter. Some data might not be complete due to database issues or unavailability of data on the relevant website.

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The data provided as a part of the report is calculated for the respective calendar years (January to December). The data is likely to be significantly different from the data provided in the annual reports of the IP Offices, which take into account the financial year (April to March). Please note that the data is accurate to the extent of the information made available by the IP Offices through their online databases and official journals.

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