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Of the over 43,000-odd patent applications filed annually in the country, just 28 per cent are filed by Indians while the rest — an overwhelming 72 per cent — are filed by foreign entities, according to a state-wise analysis of the patent applications by the industry ministry. Even more disconcerting is the fact that just 3 per cent of the patents granted are actually commercialised. The analysis comes at a time when the government is working on bringing in a national intellectual property rights (IPR) policy to promote awareness about intellectual property and protect interest of innovators. Concerned over the data, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), responsible for framing the IPR policy, has written to all government departments and research organisations to “encourage domestic innovators and educate them about the potential of their rights,” a government official told The Indian Express.

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India today expressed concern over EU's ban on medicines clinically tested by GVK Biosciences, saying it could lead to 'adverse campaign' about clinical trials done in the country. "... this particular ban which has been imposed on a particular company on a certain number of pharmaceutical products, we fear there could be this adverse campaign about clinical trials and the quality of clinical trials," Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

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In the one year of BJP's coming to power, the Indian Commerce Ministry has been one of the most active ministries in the government given the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's thrust on Make in India policy. In an exclusive interview to CNBC-TV18, Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, says among most sectors, Indian pharma sector has already made its impact in the global market. Speaking to CNBC-TV18's Rituparna Bhuyan, Sitharaman says the sector's contribution to exports is extremely high and hence, the government is trying all ways to engage with European Union and US officials to resolve the issues plaguing Indian exports. Due to certain regulatory concerns in the EU, almost 700 Indian pharma producers have been adversely impacted, adds Sitharaman.