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The Indian government has launched several new initiatives to promote local innovation in recent months, in a bid to diversify from a service-driven economy. Proposals to boost the number of examiners and reduce application approval times are also regarded as positive steps to tackle the current backlog at the patent office. In legislative terms, the February 2016 order excluding from patentability software-related subject matter without substantive hardware novelty stands in line with international trends. While domestic filings in 2015 did not increase at the same frenzied pace as in previous years, foreign filings are keeping most prosecution practices busy; and local concerns are becoming more assertive in enforcing their rights.

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