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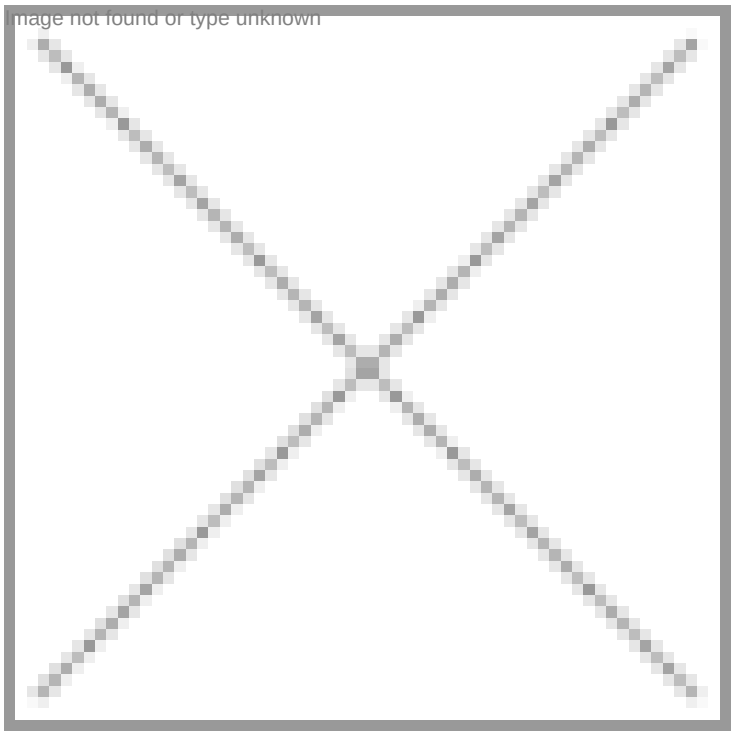

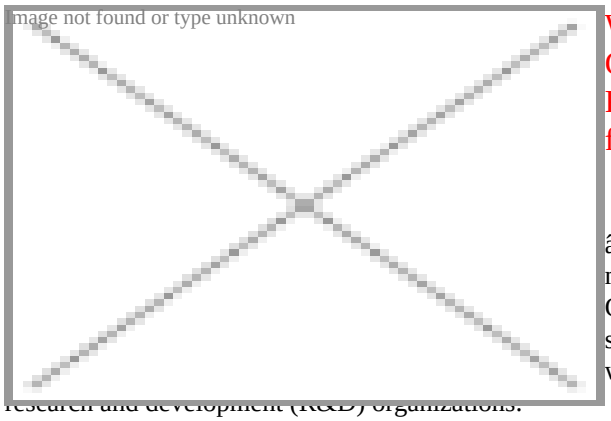

While the nation's premier scientific agency, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) celebrated its 70th foundation day, BioSpectrum takes a look at

â€œIndia matters to us, we want to matter to India, more,â€? summed up the Bangalore declaration of CSIR director's meeting in the year 1998. True to the statement, the organization today features among the world's top most publicly funded international research and development (R&D) organizations.

Established in 1942 as an autonomous society and with 37 state-of-the-art institutes, CSIR holds the highest number of the US patents among all the publicly funded Indian R&D organization. Protecting intellectual property is a part of the DNA of CSIR. Its founder, Dr Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar was the first person to be granted an Indian patent during the second world war in 1941. As of January, 2012, CSIR holds 2831 foreign patents and 997 US patents granted between 2002-2011. As on March 01, 2012, the number of patents that were in force in India and abroad were 2350 and 3250 respectively.