

# 5 Indian Cities Score High On Tech Skills

B'lore, Pune, Hyderabad & Chennai top list, generate a major chunk of India's IT revenues, finds study

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A survey by LinkedIn finds that of the top ten cities based on the percentage of new residents with technology skills, five of those cities are Indian. Bangalore, Pune, Hyderabad and Chennai topped the list, with Gurgaon coming in at the end.

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San Francisco Bay, Seattle, Austin, Melbourne and Sydney, in that order, ranked from fifth to ninth positions.

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## A Dab Hand At It

Rank	City	Total new residents	New residents with tech skills	% of new residents with tech skills
1	Bangalore	60,253	26,453	44
2	Pune	24,004	10,293	43
3	Hyderabad	24,765	10,529	43
4	Chennai	20,165	7,570	38
5	San Francisco Bay	92,279	28,516	31
6	Seattle	36,989	10,586	29
7	Austin	24,306	5,618	23
8	Melbourne	19,961	4,461	22
9	Sydney	25,236	5,558	22
10	Gurgaon	23,308	4,954	21

Source: LinkedIn study on 'Top 10 tech cities'



enues and the tech jobs created in these cities are much higher than many other global locations. The startup wave and increasing focus of tech entrepreneurship have also contributed to this," said Sangeeta Gupta, senior vice-president of IT industry body Nasscom. It helps also, according to Ikya Human Capital Solutions Chairman Ajit Isaac, that India is experiencing a youth bulge.

"Nearly two-thirds of Indians are under 35 and mobility never comes in

the way of career decisions."

The study is a great validation of the strategic importance of India, said Nishant Rao, country manager at LinkedIn.

"Finally we have the scale and the talent. But it's important for CEOs and management teams to try and proactively use technology across areas including their hiring strategy, empowering the workforce and moving from quantity-based to quality-based processes," he said.