



**Delhi**  
India's sprawling capital city, which is set to be the host of the Commonwealth Games in 2007

**Kolkata**  
An old British city, and India's former capital. The government is embarking on a major programme of urban regeneration around the waterfront, providing many opportunities for UK firms with expertise in this area

**Gurgaon**  
Described by one expat as the Milton Keynes to Delhi's London, this major outsourcing centre is dotted with skyscrapers and shopping malls, a modern counterpoint to the old-world charm of the capital

**Ahmenabad**  
Project management IT firm Asite set up a base here, precisely because it isn't an IT hotspot so staff costs are cheaper

**Mumbai**  
Very large, but it's effectively an island so can't present the major space opportunities of less built-up cities

**Pune**  
The software, automotive and outsourcing businesses are booming in Pune, real estate prices are rising fast and there's been a massive influx of young people

**Hyderabad**  
India's second IT capital and one of its most modern cities. Hyderabad's state government has learned the lessons of Bangalore's poorly planned expansion and improved the infrastructure

**Chennai**  
India's answer to Detroit: over the next five years, it will produce more cars than the rest of India together. Also the fastest-growing market for IT: 10 new IT parks are planned over the next year

**Bangalore**  
Overcrowded and overpriced, but India's no 1 outsourcing destination has built up such critical mass it is likely to remain the first port of call for new entrants. Hopefully, a new metro and upgraded international airport will help

**Key**  
■ The 5846 km "Golden Quadrilateral" is the flagship project of the National Highways Authority of India's £10bn programme  
■ The NHAI's 7300 km north-south-east-west corridor, targeted for completion by December 2008