

ABSTRACT

Research theme: The locations of information technology firms and their specializations: the regional integration of south Indian metropolises.

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Research Project: Today, lots of big cities or metropolitan areas have a top-rated role in the global dynamics and its expansion are closely linked with the processes of globalization. The big metropolises of developing nations are front-running players in that dynamics and must not be considered as casual toys lost in this processes, especially economic ones. This fact is well established for cities where expansion is based on the development of high technologies. The thesis will illustrate this phenomenon through the study of south India metropolises (Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Cochin, Visakapatnam...) where these activities are concentrated because of the world overall demand and also because of national corporate initiatives and thanks to urban policies of local governments. The purpose of the thesis is to understand the position the specialization of each of these big towns within the Indian urban network,