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### **Biocon tops annual biotech industry survey** *South India remains the country's largest biotech cluster.*

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Biocon is once again the country's No. 1 biotechnology company by revenue, while Bangalore has lost the crown to Mumbai as 'Biotech City' by a revenue margin of Rs 200 crore, according to the eighth Biospectrum-ABLE survey of the sector for 2009-10.

The national biotechnology industry touched Rs 14,199 crore (\$3 billion), growing at 17 per cent year-on-year and three-fold in five years.

For the near-term, the industry is unlikely to see the heady 30 per cent growth rate and industry leaders also agree that the sector will grow at 20 per cent, the study noted.

The Bangalore-based Biocon, focusing on insulin and cancer drugs, grew at 30 per cent to a revenue of Rs 1,180 crore, regaining the top slot after four years, a release here said.

#### Top-10

Last year's topper, Pune-based vaccine maker, Serum Institute (Rs 850 crore), and Panacea Biotec, Delhi, came second and third. Nuziveedu Seeds, Reliance Life Sciences, clinical trials major Quintiles, Rasi Seeds, Novo Nordisk, Shantha Biotech and Mahyco are in the top 10, in that order.

Among cities, Mumbai outpaced Bangalore by about Rs 200 crore, to become the top biotech city by revenue.

However, the South, with 172 biotech companies, remains the country's largest biotech cluster and added nine new companies during the year. It contributed 39 per cent of the total revenue or nearly Rs 5,538 crore. The West has 137 companies. Over 150 companies were covered in the annual survey by the industry lobby, the Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE), and BioSpectrum monthly.

For ranking by sales, only the biotech business was considered. In cases where revenue figures were not available, estimates were arrived at by talking to industry experts.

Biopharma contributed nearly 60 per cent or Rs 8,829 crore to the industry's revenues. bioservices followed at Rs 2,639 crore, bioagri at Rs 1,936 crore, bioindustrials at Rs 564 crore and bioinformatics at Rs 231 crore.

Exports accounted for over half the revenue of the sector. Nearly 63 per cent of exports came from biopharma and 33 per cent from bioservices.

Western India, with 137 companies, continued to dominate, with 46 per cent share or Rs 6,631 crore of the total revenues. The region is home to top bioagri companies Monsanto, Mahyco and Ajeet Seeds and MNCs GlaxoSmithKline, Roche, Aventis Pharma, Wyeth and top contract research organisation Quintiles India (Rs 375 crore).