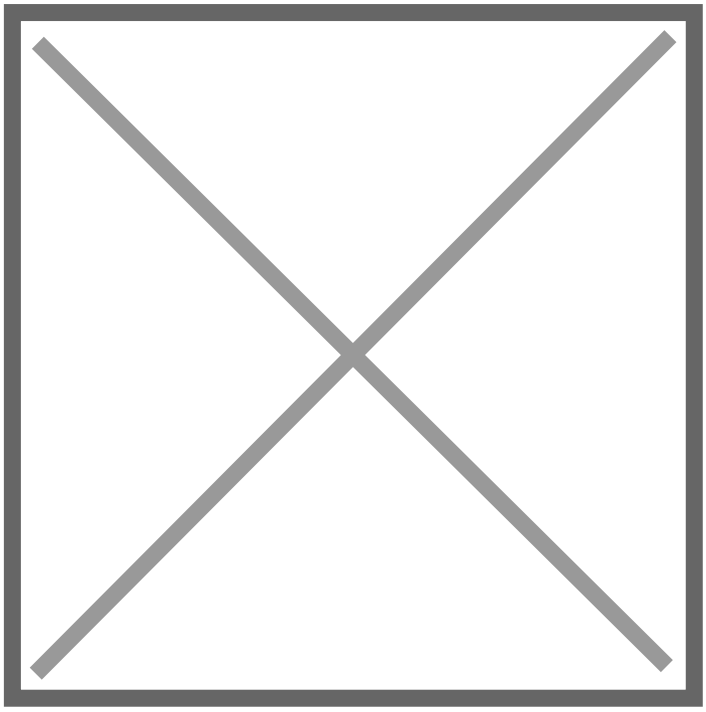
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Modi invites biotech firms to Gujarat

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Narendra Modi, chief minister of Gujarat, has invited biotech entrepreneurs to invest in Gujarat. He has promised the state government will take all steps to facilitate investments. He emphasized that Gujarat was suited to attract a large part of the growing bioinformatics and contract research markets. He made this appeal to industrialists at the Biotech India 2003 recently.

The chief minister stressed the need to make India the global bioinformatics headquarters. This was possible because we could build on our successes in information technology and combine that with our skills in biology and chemistry, he said. Modi also focused on the need to invest in five areas of biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, agriculture biotechnology, industrial enzymes, and the two new areas of environment biotechnology and marine biotechnology.