

# Hiring grows 9% in March: Naukri.com

## Banking, IT sectors lead the pack

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Hiring activity in India grew 9 per cent in March, led by banking and IT sectors, a report from job portal Naukri.com said on Monday.

Naukri Job Speak Index for March 2015 stood at 1,609, a 9 per cent increase in hiring activity over March 2014. Banking and Financial Services (BFSI) showed a record growth of 129 per cent, while IT sector grew 17 per cent, the report said.

"The year 2015-16 will bring cheer to jobseekers across cities and industries. We can expect the index to move further north as the mood is positive and there is sign of cautious opti-

mism across sectors," said V Suresh, Executive Vice-President and Chief Sales Officer, Naukri.com.

However, few sectors witnessed a decline in hiring such as construction and engineering (6 per cent), auto (11 per cent), and insurance (18 per cent).

### Demand rising

The demand for professionals in IT was the highest at 31 per cent, followed by consulting at 27 per cent, the report said. There was a 21 per cent increase in demand for HR professionals.

On the other hand, the demand for professionals working in packaging and supply chain saw a decline of 6 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively.

City wise, Pune led the pack with 17 per cent increase in hiring, followed by Delhi and Mumbai.