SPI Activity in India

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Agenda

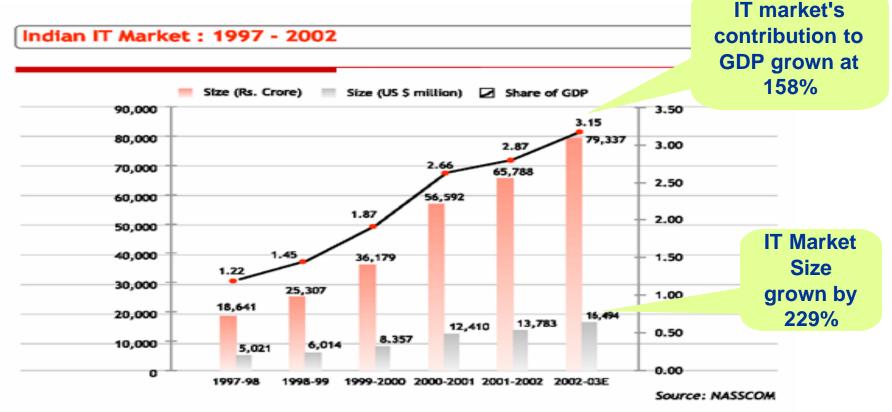
• Software Industry in India

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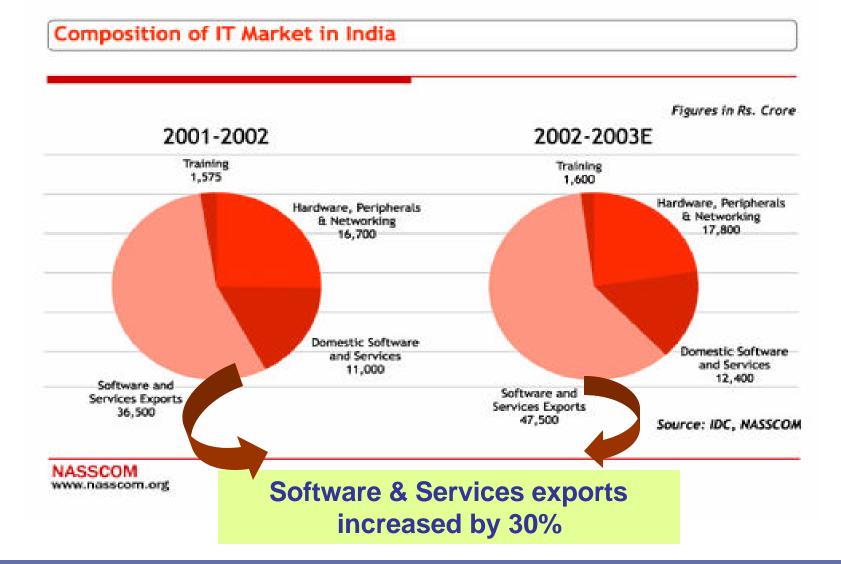


Note: IT includes hardware, peripherals, networking, domestic and exports market for software & services and IT Enabled Services

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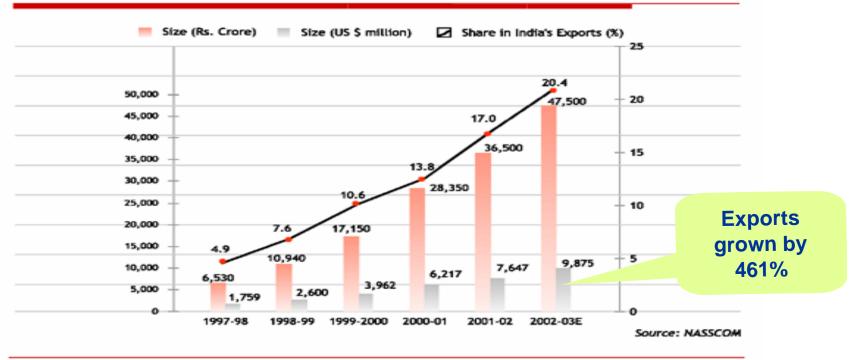
By 2010 Indian IT Market size will touch upon \$ 77bn







Indian IT Software and Services Exports -1997-2003



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Unique Advantage

- > Low cost, skilled manpower
- > World-class quality standards

Indian Education System

Strong emphasis on Mathematics and Science coupled with language proficiency in English

Government policy support

- > Infrastructure developed for IT
- > Tax benefits support exports

Agencies providing Impetus

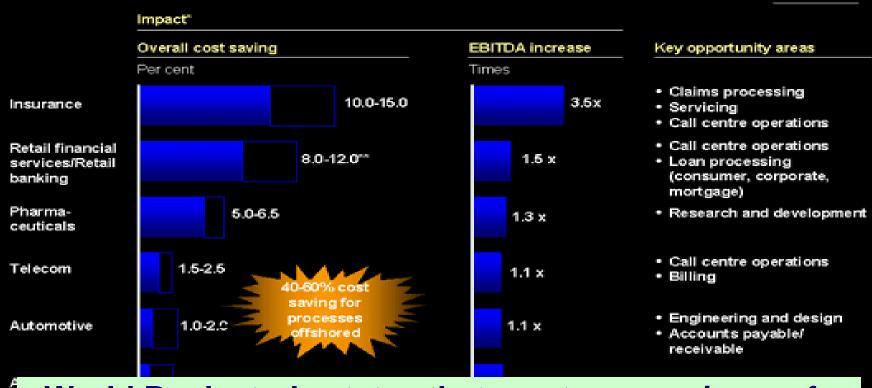
- NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies of India)
- > CII (Confederation of Indian Industry)
- FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
- Ministry of IT and DOT (Department of Telecom)



Competitive Advantage - 1

CUSTOMERS, ACROSS VERTICALS, CAN REALISE SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS BY OFFSHORING TO INDIA

ESTIMATES

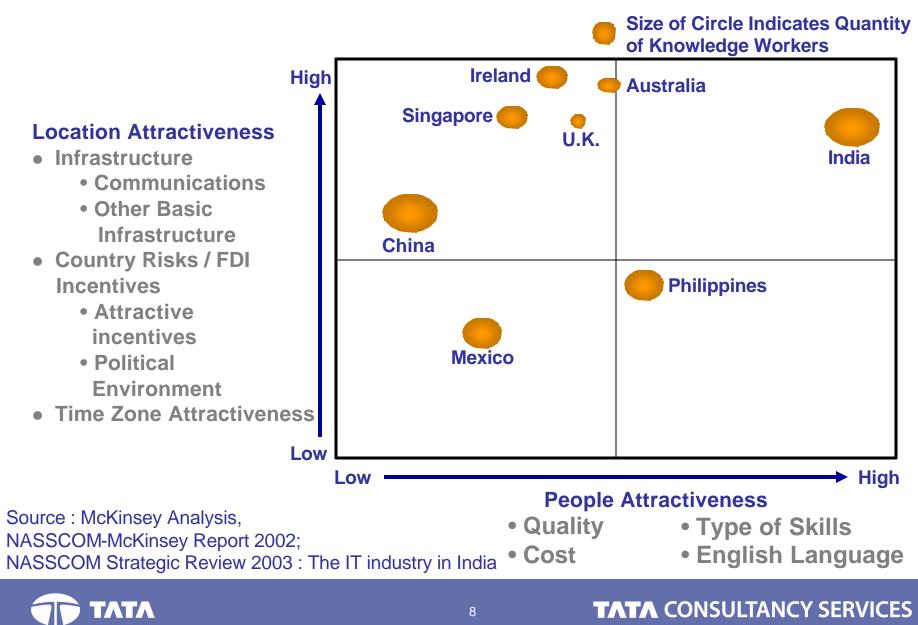


World Bank study states that most companies prefer to work with India due to its quality and cost advantages

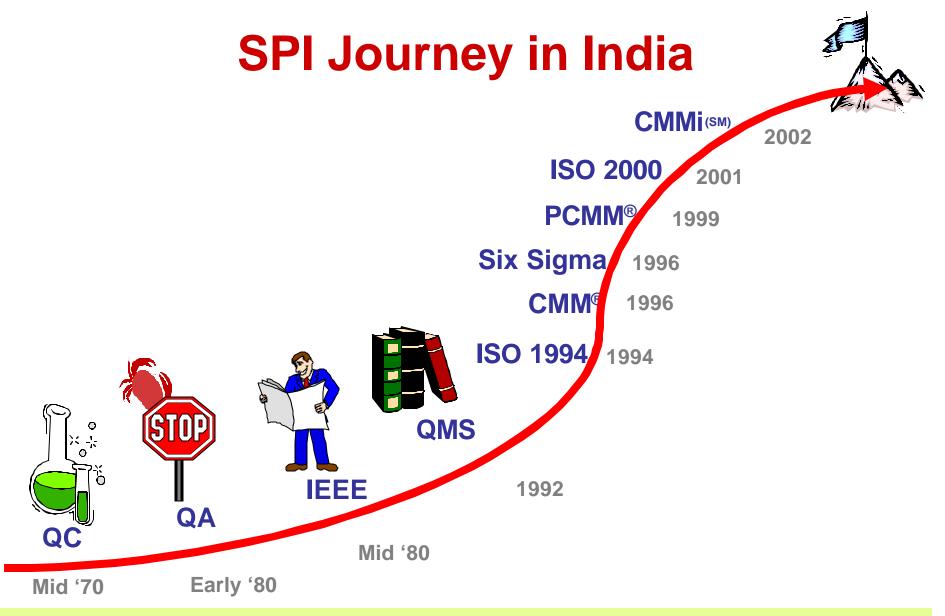
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Competitive Advantage - 2



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Over 300 Indian SW companies have Quality Certification



Quality Accreditations	No. of Companies as on March, 2003
SEI CMMi SM Level 5	3
SEI CMM® Level 5	61
SEI CMM® Level 4	24
SEI CMM® Level 3	22
SEI CMM® Level 2	1
PCMM® Level 5	5
PCMM® Level 4	1
PCMM® Level 3	5
PCMM® Level 2	3
ISO 9001:2000	47
ISO 9001	165
ISO 9002	18
ISO 9000	8

Source:NASSCOM : IT Industry in India, Strategic Review 2003; www.nasscom.org



"India is making progress on both the Software CMM® and the People CMM® faster than any other nation."

The pinnacle will be reached when Americans are seeking visas so they can learn and work in India."

- Dr. Bill Curtis

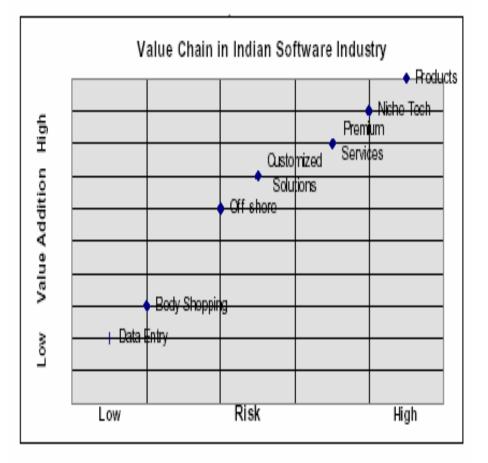
Source : 'The secrets of implementing CMM', Dr. He Dan, Nanjing CMM conference, April 2003, China; www.qaiindia.com



Business Imperatives -1

Indian offerings

 have moved up the value chain enabled through processes, training and knowledge management



Source : Software Industry in India: Case Study by Nirupam Bajpai and Vanita Shastri – Development discussion paper no. 667, Harvard University



Business Imperatives -2

• Export Orientation

Offshore development

- Customers' demand for globally acceptable frameworks and standards
- > Customer supplier interfaces called for transparent processes
- Need for controlled processes to absorb the rapid pace of growth
- Evolving market dynamics need to shift focus from cost to quality



The First Few Leaps

- Early adoption of ISO helped in creating a process orientation resulting in higher maturity levels in CMM®
 - Some companies have grown and matured with the adopted quality models
- Success of initial software companies exerted pressure on others "not to be left behind"



Drivers - 1

- Software companies mostly recruit engineers who tend to be more process oriented
- High employee turnover rates demand greater emphasis on building frameworks for knowledge sharing
- Focus on creating Learning Organizations
 - Indian Software companies provide training on Technical, Managerial and Behavioral topics
- Indian Psyche

> conformance to processes and frameworks



Drivers - 2

• Measure the process, not the individual

Process performance parameters not used for individuals appraisal

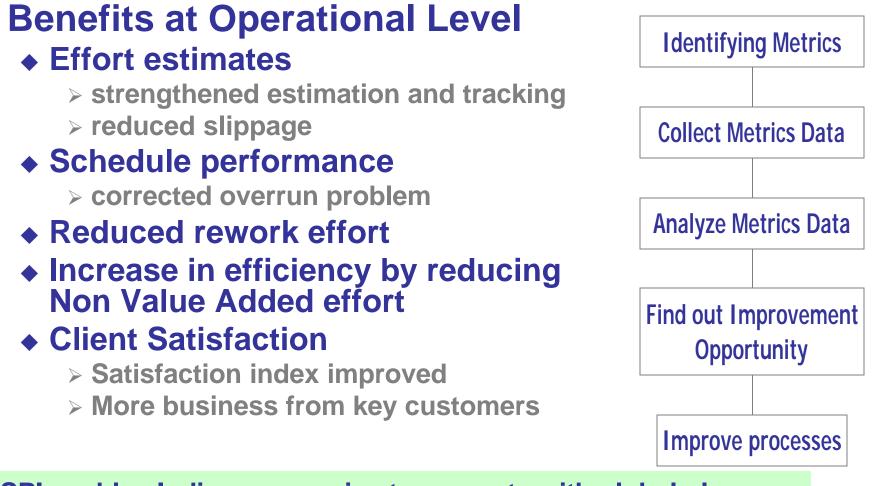
• Senior Management Involvement and Commitment

- Senior management have grown within the organization and have a strong knowledge of processes and SPI
- Senior Management plays a key role in supporting SPI initiatives, resulting in higher success



Benefits

SPI cycle



SPI enables Indian companies to compete with global players with distinctive competitive edge



Effort estimates

So where are we now.....

- Quality Culture increasingly pervasive
- 13 SPINs across 11 cities registered with SEI
- Learning through experience sharing
- Paving the way for Benchmarking
- Increased use of tools to automate workflow,collect metrics and facilitate collaboration across geographically dispersed teams
- Culture of quantitative management taking roots
 - > Prevalent use of Statistical Techniques
- Strengthening of people processes in tandem with software processes
- India growing into a software hub



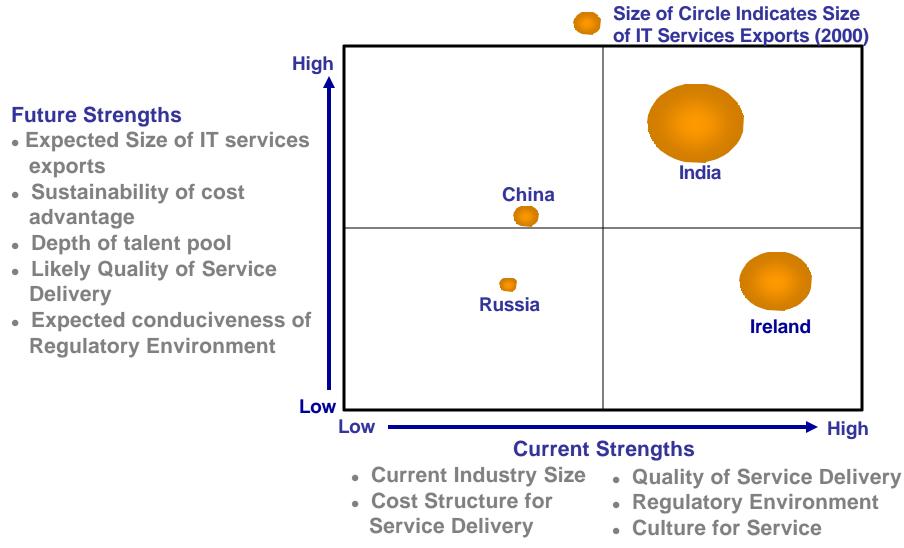
Some Good Practices

- Processes kept simple
- Practitioners involved at all levels in process definition
- Established effective communication channels
- Simple and meaningful metrics
- Enhanced risk management at project & organization level
- Each SPI initiative is treated as a project

Enhanced ability to respond to market changes and ever increasing customer expectations



The Road Ahead



Source : McKinsey Analysis, NASSCOM - McKinsey Report 2002



The Road Ahead

- NASSCOM has formed a group of Indian software companies which will interact with the International Software Benchmarking Standards Groups (IBSG) – creating a repository of project data using industry standards for software metrics
- Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India, has entered into arrangements with SEI for certifications and training of assessors



The Road Ahead

• Human Resource base

- > Approximately 17 million consultants available to Indian IT Industry by 2008
- > Strong technical skills and customer focus
- Software companies need to continuously focus on improving quality, service and productivity to maintain the competitive edge

SPI is here to stay



.... search for simple and efficient processes in pursuit of excellence is on







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