# Evolution of Quality processes at Tata Consultancy Services

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# **Agenda**

- TCS today
- Evolution of TCS Quality Initiatives
  - Challenges
  - Mitigation
- Tata Business Excellence Model
- Quality Organization Structure
- Rewards of Process Improvement



# TCS Today

US\$ 1.4 billion revenue in FY2003-04

Global Presence

More than 32,000 consultants

Significant experience and success in large project execution

High standards of quality and processes

Premier customer base with more than 600 overseas clients

Leading player in domestic market

India IT Industry - Export Performance (Revenue)<sup>(1)</sup>

|   | 2001-02<br>S\$ bn |     | Growth (%) y-o-y |      | Growth (%)<br>y-o-y |
|---|-------------------|-----|------------------|------|---------------------|
| IT Services,<br>Products &<br>Technological<br>Services | 6.2               | 7.2 | 18%              | 8.4  | 17%                 |
| IT Enabled<br>Services                                  | 1.5               | 2.3 | 59%              | 3.6  | 54%                 |
| Total IT  | 7.7               | 9.5 | 25%              | 12.0 | 26%                 |

TCS has approximately 10% market share of the total Indian IT industry

(1) Source: NASSCOM

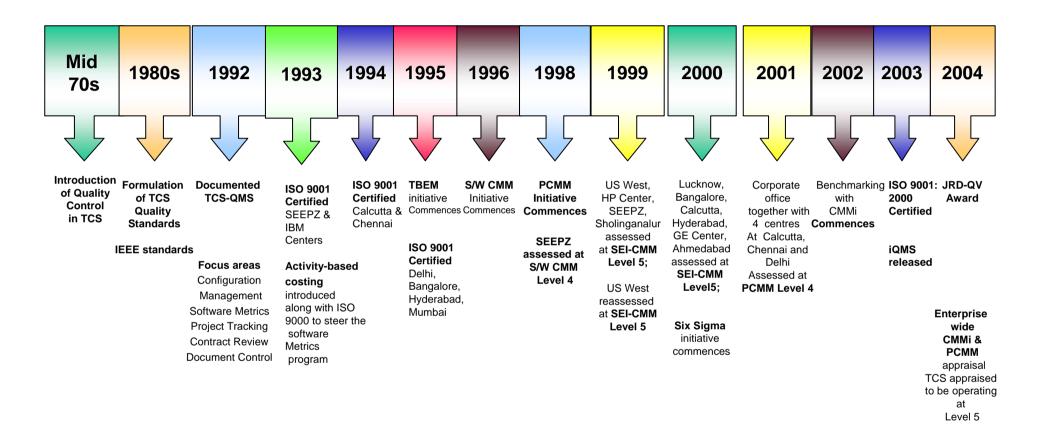


# TCS - Global Footprint





#### **Evolution of TCS Quality Initiatives**





## The Challenges

Clarity of objective

Process definition

**Documentation** 

Training & ongoing facilitation

Ownership

Proper usage of tools

Buy-in ... What is in it for me?

Motivating people

Reluctance of people to become auditors/reviewers

Resistance to process change

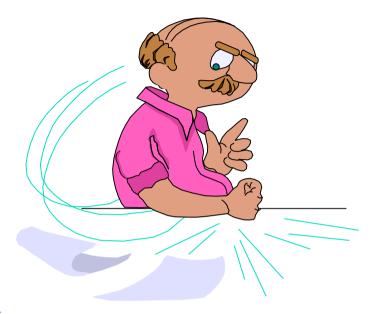
Process work seen as non technical and non value adding

"My project is unique"

Verification seen as external policing activity

'I know my project better' - attitude

Choosing the correct metrics and data collection





#### The Mitigation

#### **Participation**

Involve all affected

Involve practitioners in reviews and audits

Effectively communicate Approach, Deployment

and Results

Empower all affected to give suggestions

Training programs

Sharing of experiences

**Project Management Reviews** 

Pilot major process changes

Recognition for quality services

Responsibility with authority

Rewards and recognition





#### The Mitigation (continued)

#### **Evolution of QA role**

Quality Assurance Group as Change agents
CSQA Certification encouraged across the organization
Formation of Reviewers pool and Auditors pool

#### Grooming Project Leaders as auditors

Empathize with the dynamics of the project
Appreciate the intent of the process
Assist in coming up with a corrective action
Facilitator who provides solution rather than 'fault finding'
PMP Certification encouraged across the organization

#### Automation support - IPMS

Consistency of Process Use

**Enforcement of Process** 

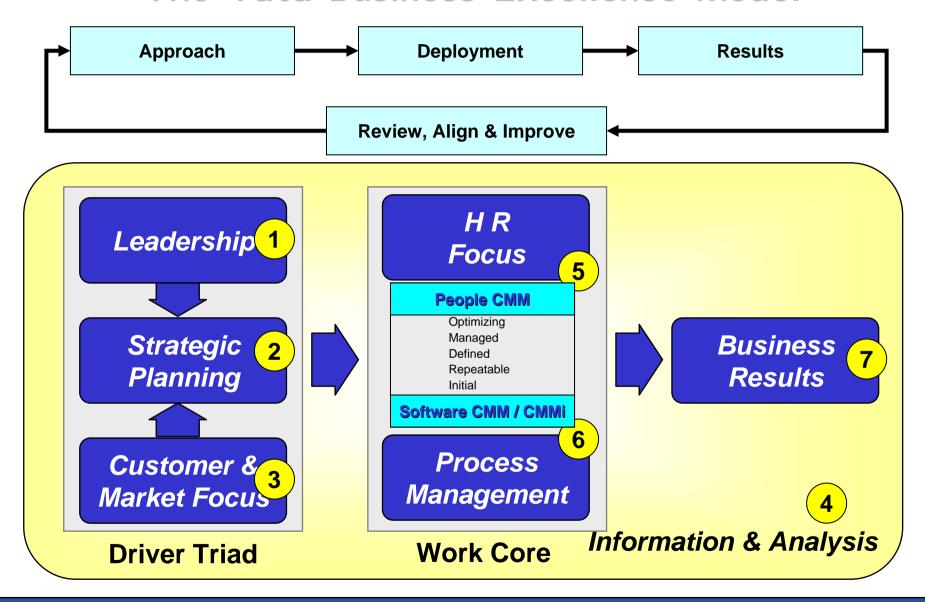
**Objective Project Management** 

Easier collection, analysis and retrieval of data

Feedback loop (e.g. ESS)



#### The Tata Business Excellence Model



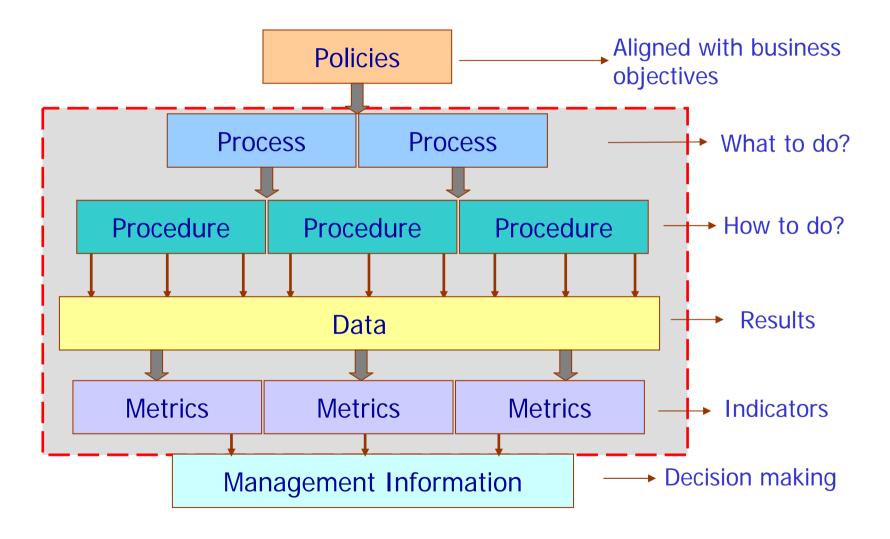


#### **Software CMM and People CMM**

- People practices needed to evolve in parallel with the Software processes, not because they were in the model, but because they were the right steps for the business:
  - Corporate focus on strategic preparation of the workforce
  - Center focus on sustaining high maturity software capability
  - Strong implementation of quantitative process management

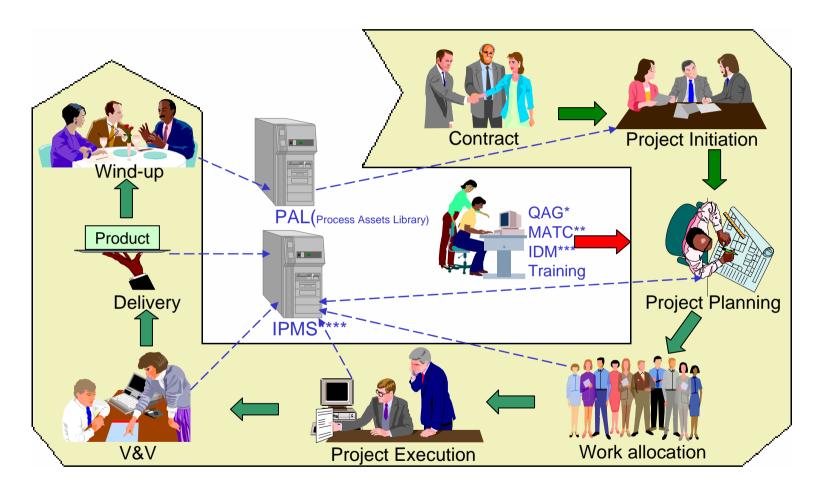


#### **Quality Management System**





# **Project Life Cycle**

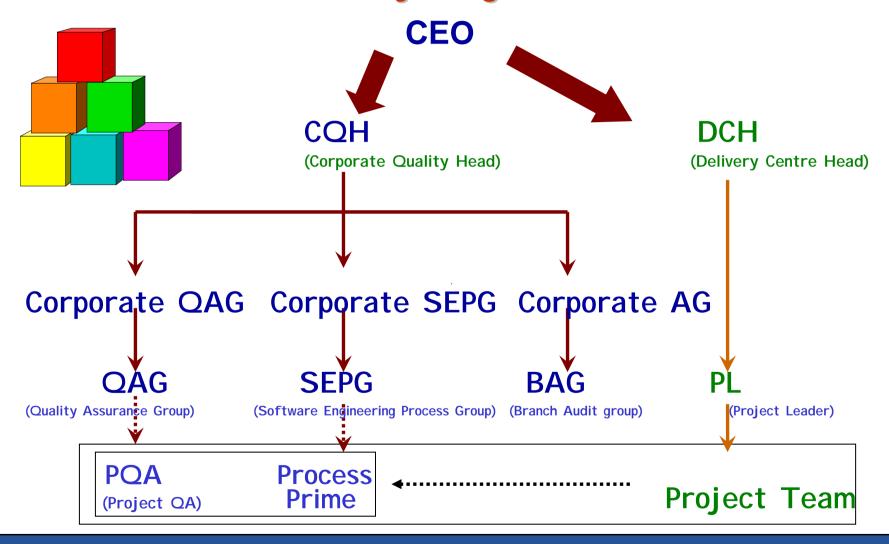


•QAG: Quality Assurance Group; \*\*MATC:Manpower Allocation Task Committee; \*\*\*IDM:Infrastructure Development and Maintenance

\*\*\*\*IPMS:Integrated Project Management System



#### **Current Quality Organization Structure**







Facilitate continuous process improvement QUALITY



Deploy and monitor the QMS



**BAG** 

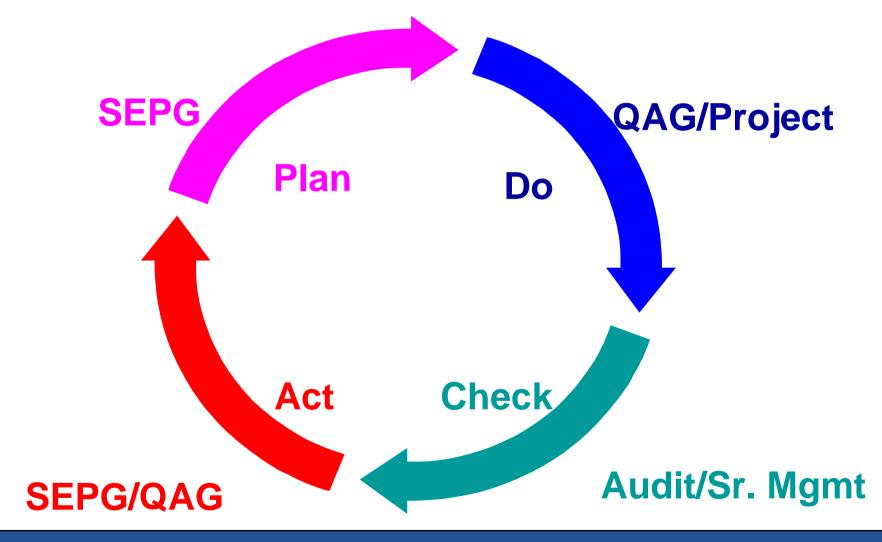
(Branch Audit Group)

Check Compliance to the QMS

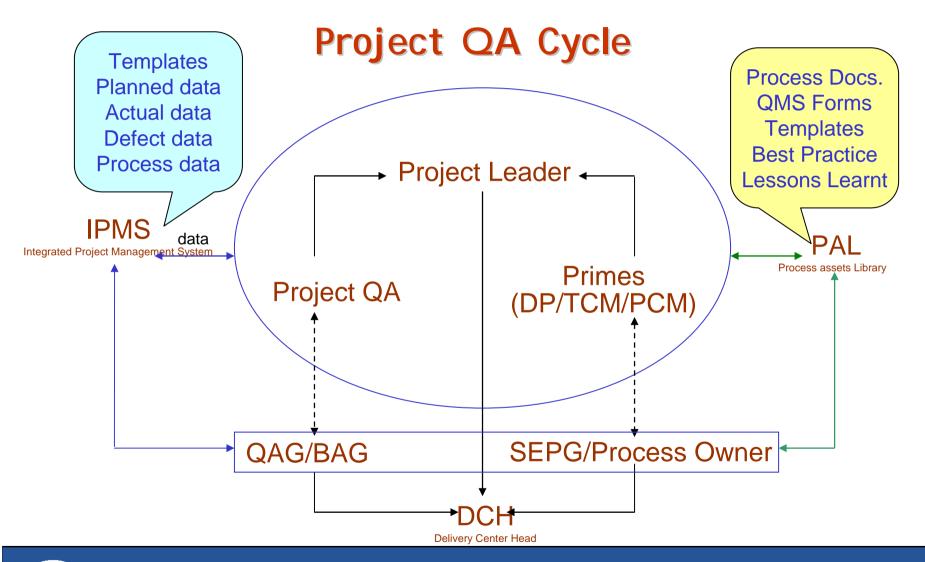
**GROUPS** 



#### **Process Improvement Cycle**









#### **Quality Tools**

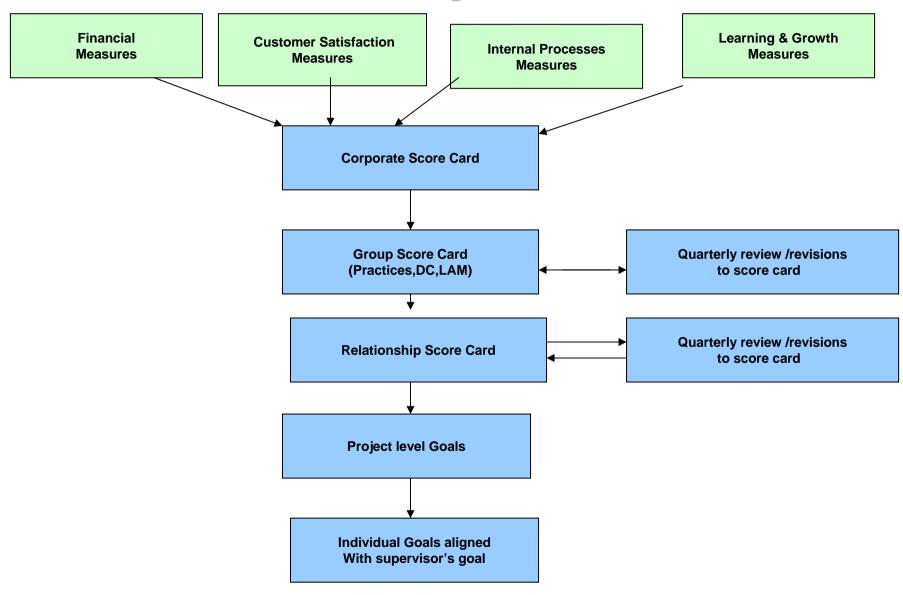
- Integrated Project Management System (IPMS)
- Process Assets Library (PAL)
- Audit Process Tool (APT)
- PIP Tracking Tool
- SPC Charting Tool

## **Quality Training**

- Initial Training Program
- Continuing Education Program
- Quality Management System for Team Members, Project Leaders
- SPC, Defect Prevention
- Auditor's Training
- Six Thinking Hats
- Lateral Thinking

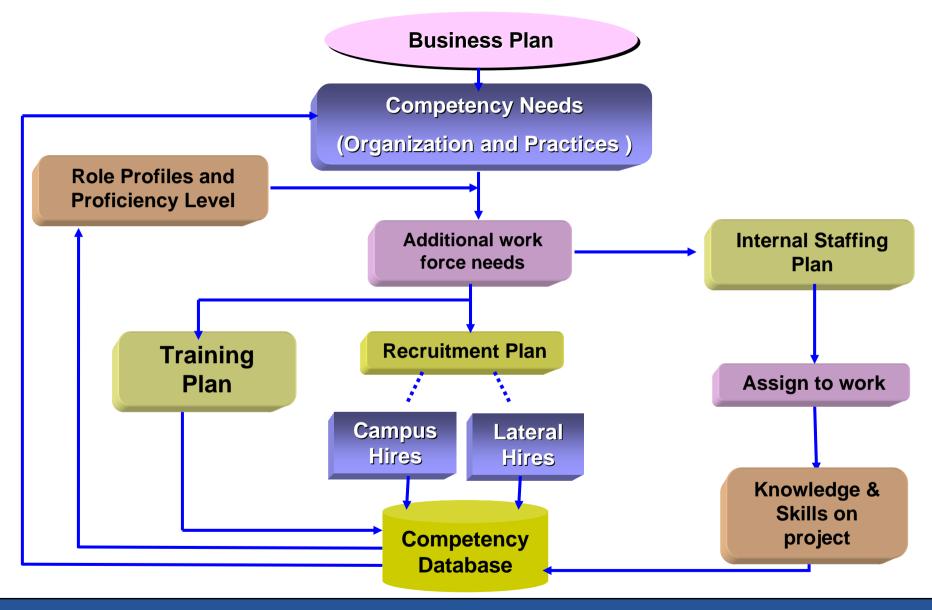


# **Goal Alignment**



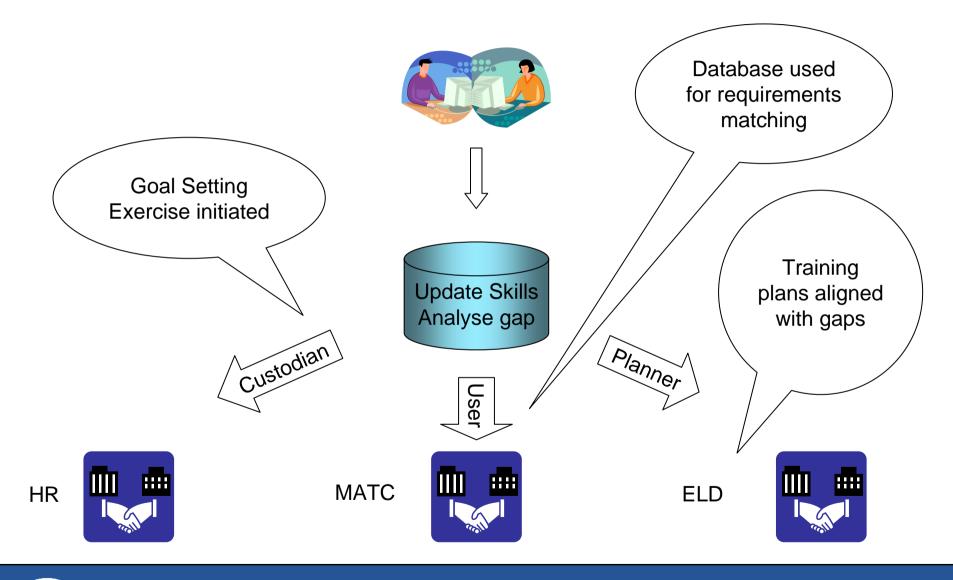


#### **Competency Development Model**





# **Competency Management Interface**





#### **Benefits of Process Improvement**

| Area                                   | Improvement  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Productivity                           | → Productivity improvement by 17% in Oracle D2K projects → Improvement by 20% in VB – Oracle projects → Improvement by 24% in Java – Oracle projects |  |  |
| Customer Satisfaction                  | →Satisfaction index improved by 16% → Repeat business from client  |  |  |
| Total Defect Containment and Reduction | →Reduction in residual defects by 17% →Reduction in defect density (SDLC) by 16%   |  |  |
| Schedule Performance                   | →Improved Compliance to Planned Schedule by 6X   |  |  |
| Rework Reduction                       | ∍reduced rework effort by 2 to 1   |  |  |

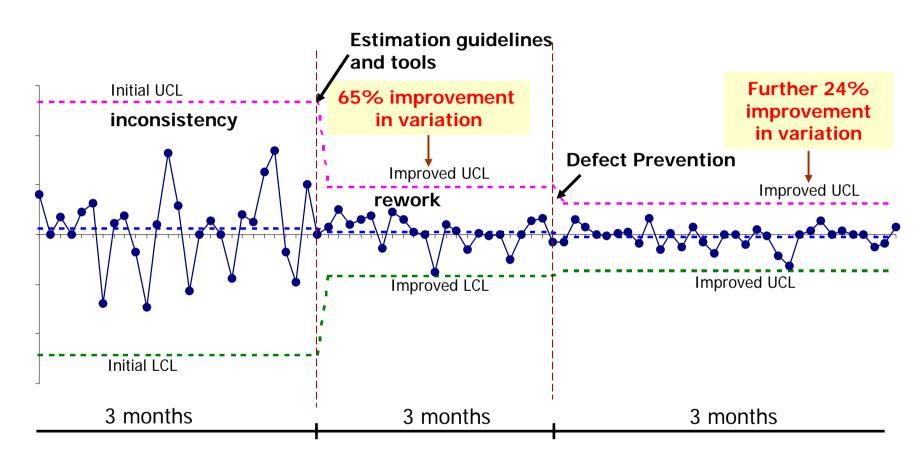
Improved Review Effectiveness by 1.5X

Reduction in Project Management effort by 1.5X

Reduction in Non Value Added effort by 3X



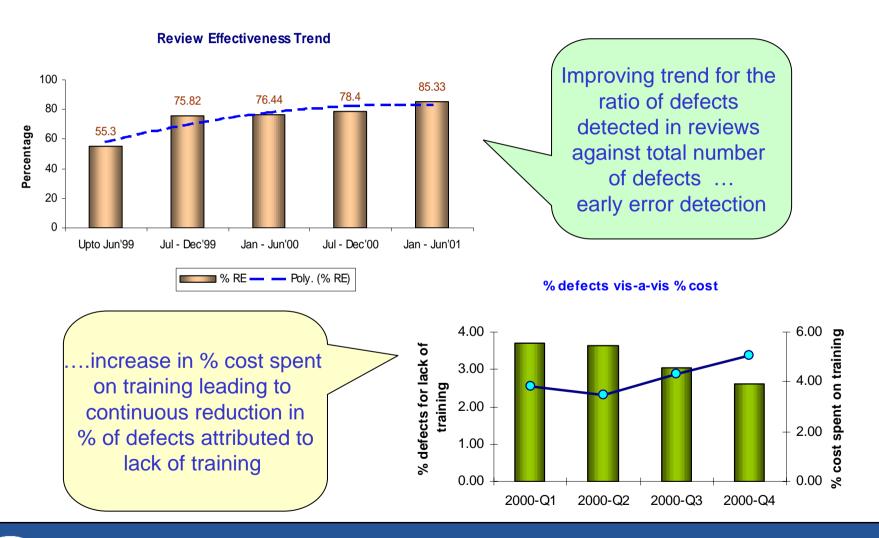
#### **I mprovements**



Improvement in Effort Overrun



#### Impact of Process Improvement





# QUALITY CONSULTANTS SEL CMM & PCMM

- 9 Software CMM Lead Assessors;
- 200 Software CMM Assessors
- 2 People CMM Lead Assessors
- 19 People CMM Assesors
- 3 CMMi Lead Assessors
- 25 CMMi Assessors

#### Six Sigma Certification

- 3200 Awareness Resources
- 8 Master Black Belt
- 71 Black Belts
- 806 Green Belts
- 53 GB Certified
- 194 Six Sigma projects completed

#### ISO 9001



1314 trained Internal Auditors

- CSQA & PMP
- Over 2300 CQAs from TCS
- Largest number of CQAs in any one company
- TCS consultants have scored amongst the highest in the world for the last 4 consecutive years
- Growing no. of PMPs



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