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"Developing tourism amid the global downturn would do much to boost economic growth and employment and expand domestic consumption."

Wen Jiabao, Chinese Premier

(Peoples Daily, April 21, 2009)

## Travel and Tourism is one of the largest industries globally in terms of Size and Employment







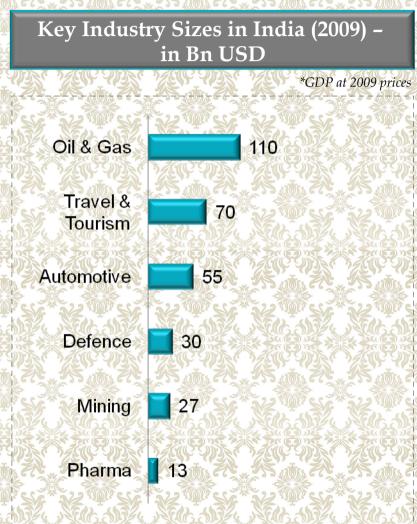
<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes indirect employment

\*GDP at current prices

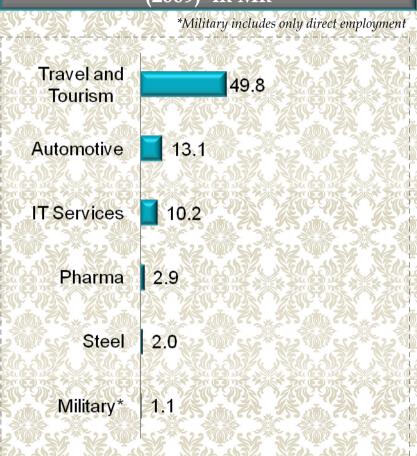
Source: WTTC



# In India Travel & Tourism accounts for around 5.9% of the GDP and 9.2% of employment - one of the largest employers



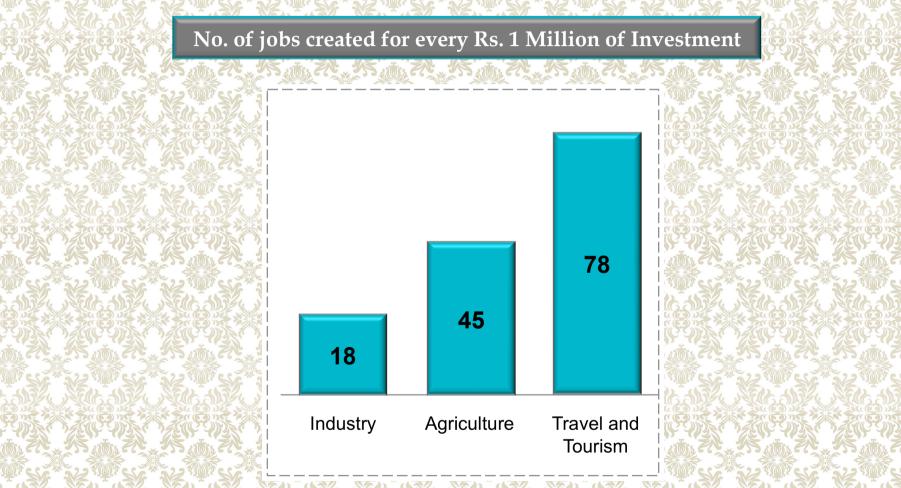
## Employment\* in Key Industries in India (2009) in Mn



<sup>\*</sup> Source: Ministry of Tourism



#### Travel and Tourism industry creates more jobs per capita investment

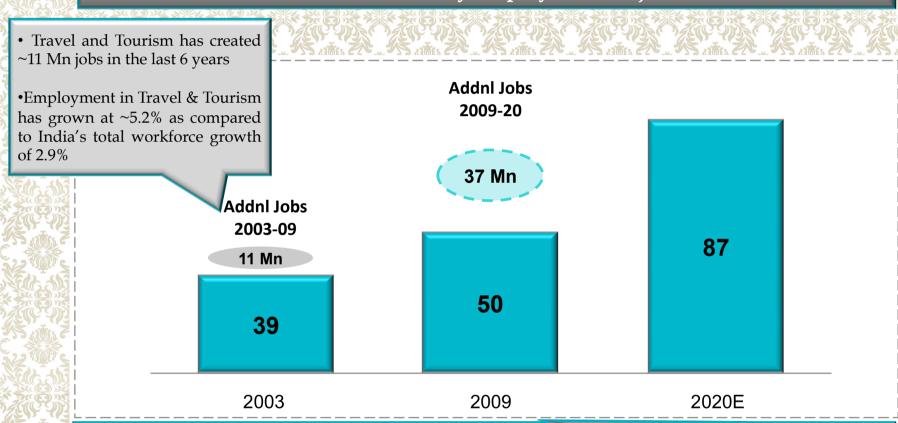


Source: Planning Commission Report



# Travel & Tourism can create additional 37 Mn jobs out of the 120 Mn jobs\* needed in the next ten years

#### Travel & Tourism Industry Employment Projections\*, Mn



According to RBI, India will add ~120 Mn to its working population by 2020 which will make India's working population 28 percent of the global force

<sup>\*</sup> Future growth assumed to be 5.2% i.e. same as past Source: NSSO, Ministry of Tourism Data



# ECONOMIC & SOCIAL IMPERATIVE OF TOURISM

Source of Livelihood

Jobs, Education, training & Infrastructure

Growth & diversification in marginal & remote areas

**Reduction in Isolation** 

Mitigate challenges of the Red Corridor

TOURISM &
POVERTY
ALLEVIATION

Non Farm Livelihood

Revitalization for culture & preservation of local skills

Access to Markets for under privileged

Enterprise development of micro, small & medium sized enterprises

Sustainable Environment Management



# Global Comparisons - I Beach Tourism- Goa vs. Phuket

TONE MINIS INSECTIONS	Goa	Phuket
Area (Sq Km)	3702	570
Population (Mn)	1.35	0.05
Coastline (km)	125	125
No. of Beaches	40	17



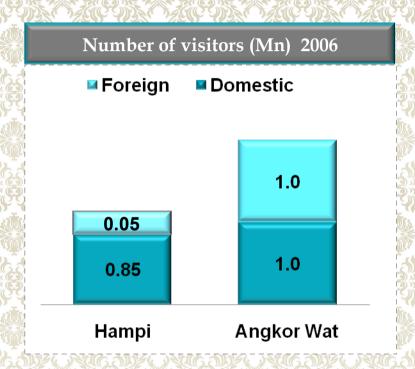
Source: Goa Government, Tourism Authority of Thailand



### Global Comparisons - II

Heritage Tourism- Angkor Wat vs. Hampi

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	Hampi, India	Angkor Wat, Cambodia
Description	Temple complex in South India	Temple complex in Cambodia
Built in	15 <sup>th</sup> Century	12 <sup>th</sup> Century
UNESCO World Heritage Site	Yes	Yes



Foreign visitors to Hampi are more of backpackers with low spending power as compared to Ankor Wat which attracts tourists with high spending power

Source: UNESCO, Government of Karnataka, Washington Post



#### **Global Comparisons - III**

Historical Monuments- Great Wall of China vs. Taj Mahal

	Taj Mahal	Great Wall of China (Badaling)
Completed in	17 <sup>th</sup> Century	17 <sup>th</sup> Century
Seven Wonders of the World	Yes	Yes
UNESCO World Heritage Site	Yes	Yes



Badaling is just one section of the great wall (the most visited section). Number of visitors to the entire wall is much higher

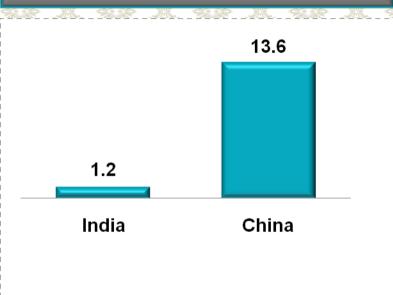


#### **Global Comparisons - IV**

Foreign Tourist Arrivals and FDI







Source: Ministry of Tourism, UNWTO

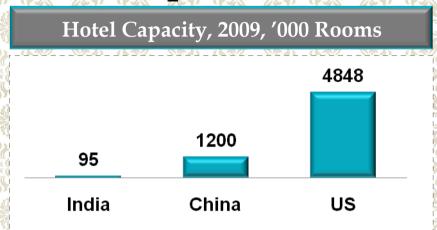
Source: DIPP India, China Official Data

\* Upto Dec 2008

Even though 100% FDI is allowed in tourism industry in India, investors find the processes to be tedious and complicated and non-remunerative enough, which has resulted in miniscule FDI in the sector



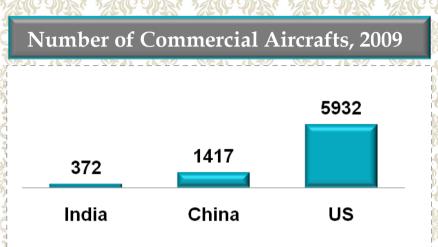
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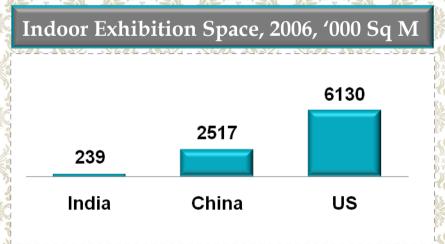
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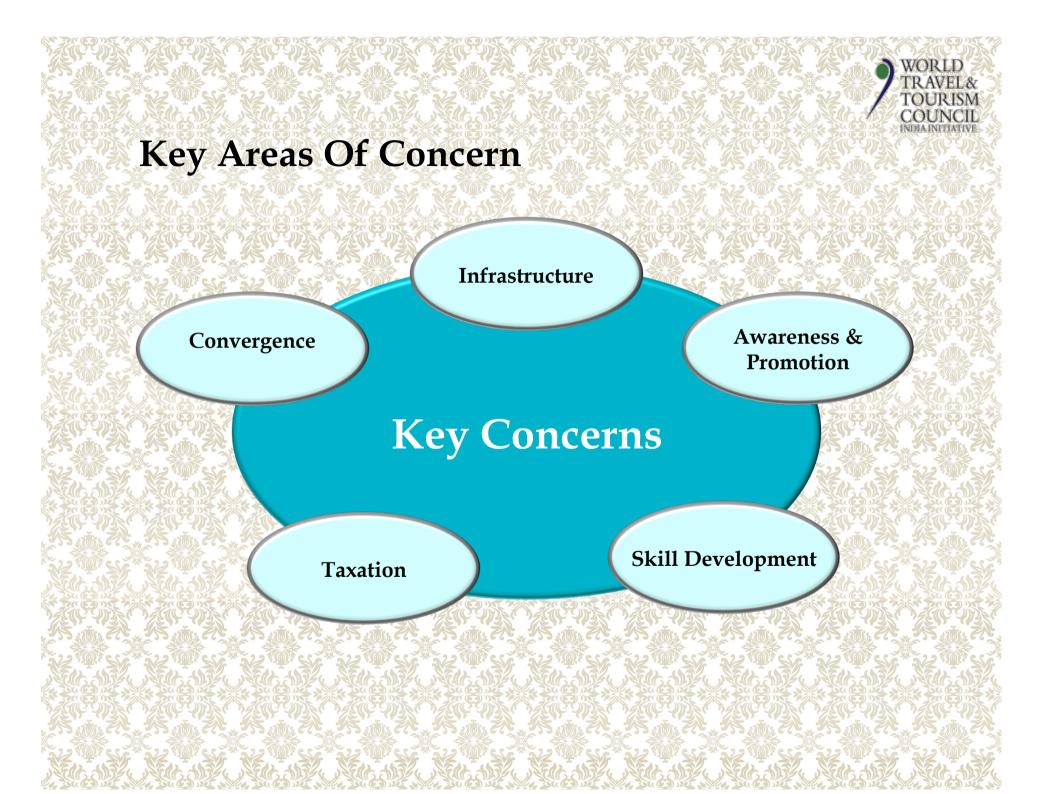
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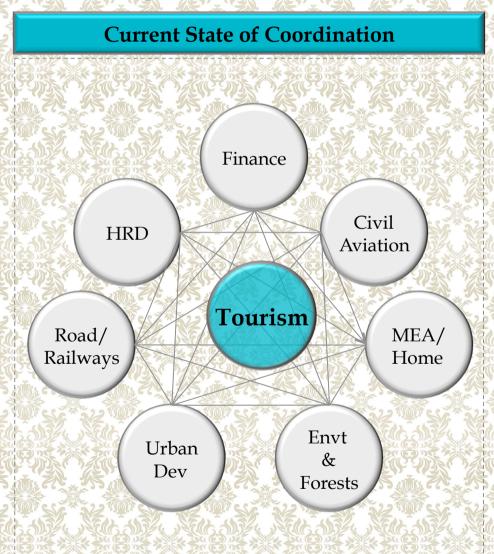


Source: Global Association of the Exhibition Industry





### **Convergence at Centre**

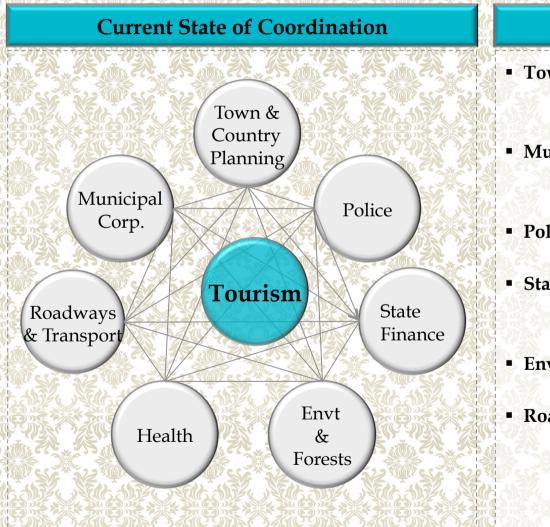


#### **Some Examples**

- Finance
  - Infrastructure Status
  - Multiplicity of taxes
  - Deemed Exporter Status
- MEA/ Home
  - Visa regulations and delivery
  - Visa on arrival
- Roads/ Railways
  - Connectivity of tourist destinations
  - Way Side amenities/ facilities
- Environment and Forest
  - Rationalisation of CRZ rules
  - Eco tourism policy
- Civil Aviation
  - ATF a declared good
  - Conducive aviation policy
- Urban Development
  - Urban design and civic management



## Convergence at State and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)



#### **Some Examples**

- Town and Country Planning
  - Building Codes
  - Land Use Policies
- Municipal Corporations
  - Sanitation & Cleanliness
  - Waste Management
- Police
  - Safety and Security
- State Finance
  - Multiple Taxes
  - Resource Allocation
- Environment & Forests
  - Management of eco sensitive sites
- Roadways & Transport
  - Seamless travel
  - Road Taxes
  - Bus network
  - Highway Amenities

## WTTC India Initiative PROPOSES...





## Quality Infrastructure-Integrated Tourism Destinations (ITDs)

## **Development of Integrated Tourism Destinations (ITDs)**

- WTTCII suggests creation of 50 Integrated Tourism Destinations (ITDs)
- ITDs are needed to coordinate / plan and execute
  - Land use planning
  - Municipal infrastructure
  - Transport linkages
  - Regulations
  - ASI
  - Police
  - Local taxation
  - Promotion & Marketing
  - Integrating tourism into various development schemes e.g. JNNURM, MNREGA etc.

#### **Support Needed**

- Empower CEO of ITDs may be DM/ MC/ other appropriate official
- CEO to be given authority to undertake land planning of the areas designated as ITDs
- Special status and tax / investment incentives in ITDs
- Improvement of roads (National Highways, State Highways etc.) connecting the ITDs to nearby locations including last mile connectivity
- Availability of funds to support development of ITDs though PPP model



#### **Awareness and Promotion**

Promote 'Incredible India' aggressively in India and Internationally

**Speedy Implementation of Global Travel Mart India (GTMI)** 

Sensitize masses - Deliver 'Atithi Devo Bhava' message to the country

Make all tourism sites tourist friendly

Ensure seamless travel across states- One India

Remove discriminatory pricing for foreign tourists from all monuments



#### Skill Development

## Include MoT in PM's Council on Skill Development and Industry in the National Skill Development Coordination Board

#### Management

- Tourism related education to be encouraged in Universities
- Culinary Institutes, Hotel Management, Food Craft Institutes, Tourism management
- Historical site management, forest management
- Conservationists, monument/ museum curators

#### Service Providers

- Tourism Guides
- Adventure/ Ecotourism specialists
- Event and conference management skills
- Foreign and Indian language training

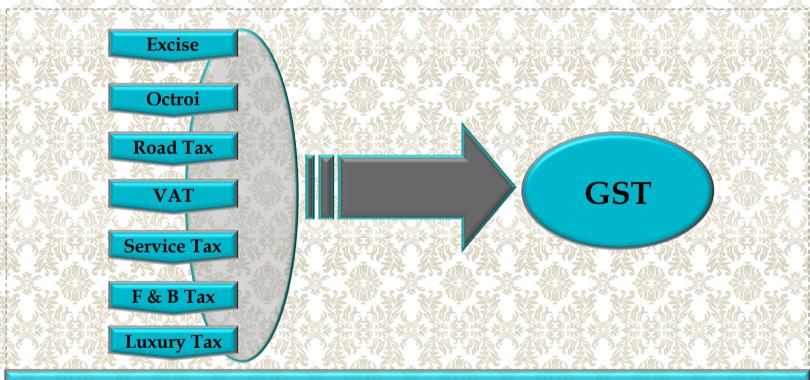
#### **General Skills**

- Dhaba and wayside facilities management
- Hygiene and sanitation
- Drivers
- Cooks and Waiters

Most of skill development is needed at the bottom of the pyramid



#### **Taxation**



Hotels, Tour Operators etc. may be exempted from service tax on foreign exchange earnings as other exporters.

Taxes levied on Tourism Industry should be unified, rationalized and made globally competitive.



#### **Next Steps**

Constitute a Steering Committee on Tourism (similar to MSME) headed by the Principal Secretary to PM

(including all concerned ministries and stakeholders)

Include MoT in PM's council on skill development and Industry in National Skill Development Coordination Board

**Facilitate development of Integrated Tourism Destinations (ITDs)** 

**Increase outlay for the Ministry of Tourism** 

Creation of Confederation of Indian Travel and Tourism Industry (CITTI)

