# Next Five Years for Education Challenges & Policy Response

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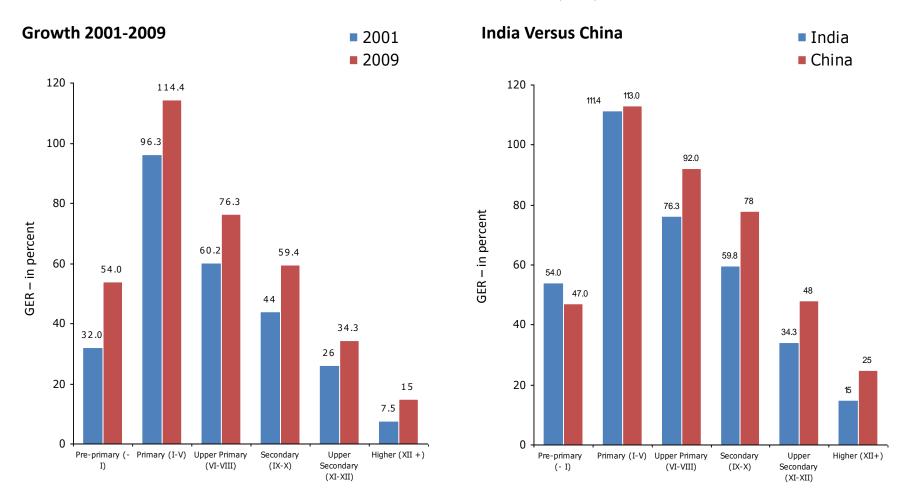
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### Outline

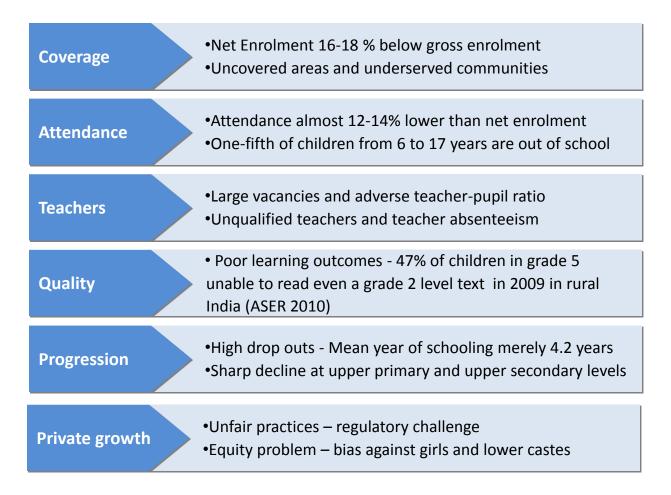
- 1. Progress in Education
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- 3. Higher Education Growth
- 4. Conceptual Framework for HE Growth
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- 6. Strategy to Manage Expansion

### Enrolments – Various Levels

in terms of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)

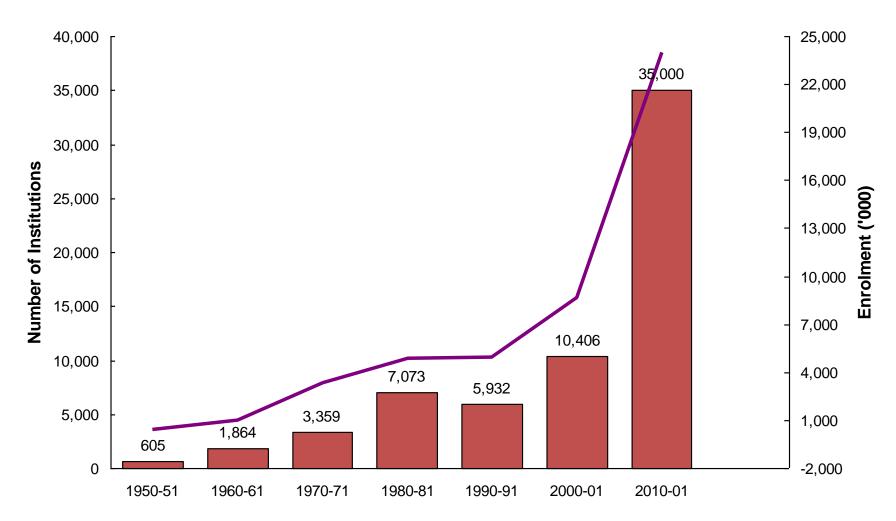


# Multiple Challenges at School Level



Response – Universal coverage with better quality of schooling Sarva Siksha Abhiyan and Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan

# Growth of Institutions & Enrolment

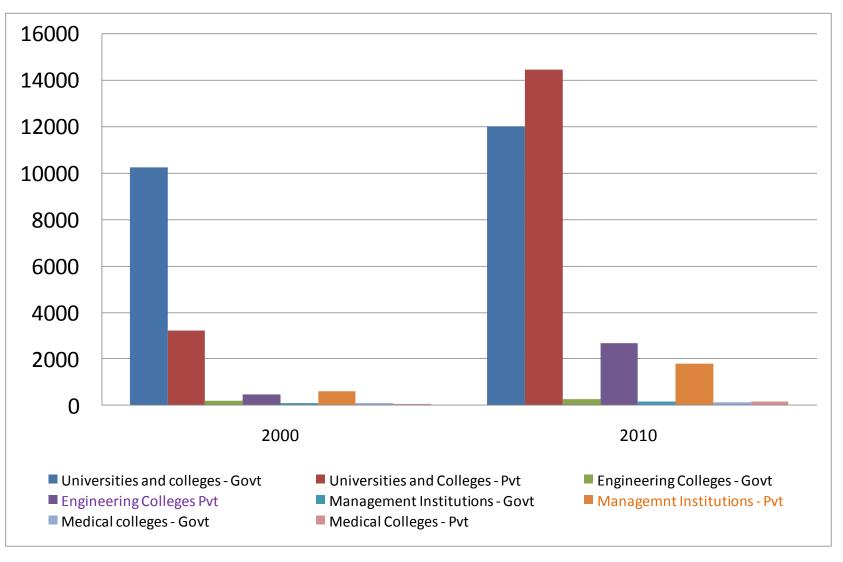


\* 1980-81 figures include institutions and enrolment in post-matric courses

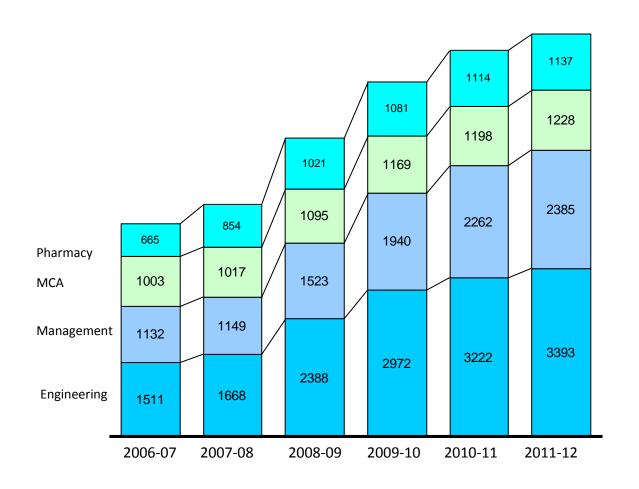
Source: Statistics of Higher and Technical Education, 2011, Ministry of HRD

# Growth (2000-2010)

#### Number of universities and colleges

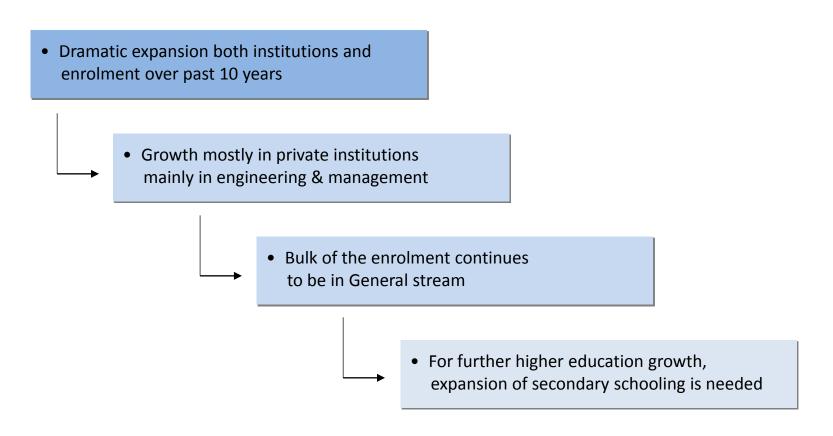


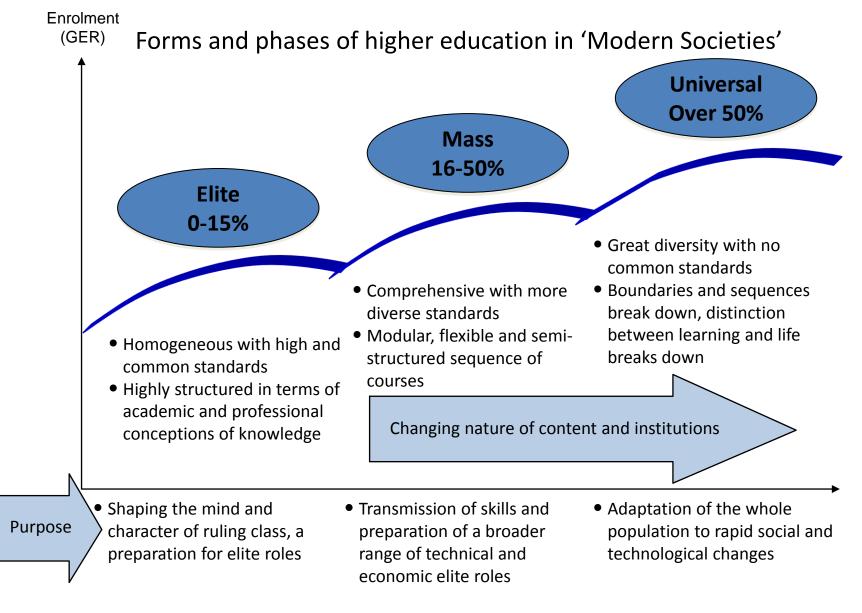
### **Growth of Technical Institutions**



Source: AICTE

India has seen private sector-led growth over the past years This trend is likely to continue.....





Source: Martin Trow, 2006

# Expanding higher education needs diversity

#### **Employer demand for skills**

Are changing rapidly, diversifying and unpredictable

With private sector employers looking for more different skills and competencies

Not good enough to just have 'degrees'

Massification needs diversification differentiation

#### Students are increasingly diverse

In interest

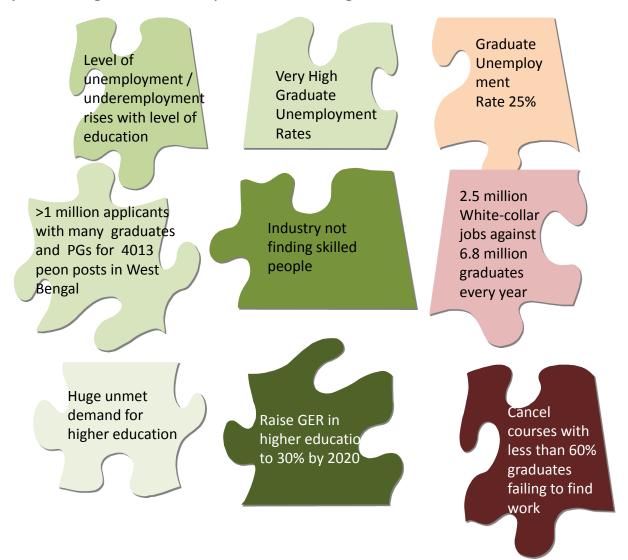
In learning style and capacity

In socio-economic backgrounds

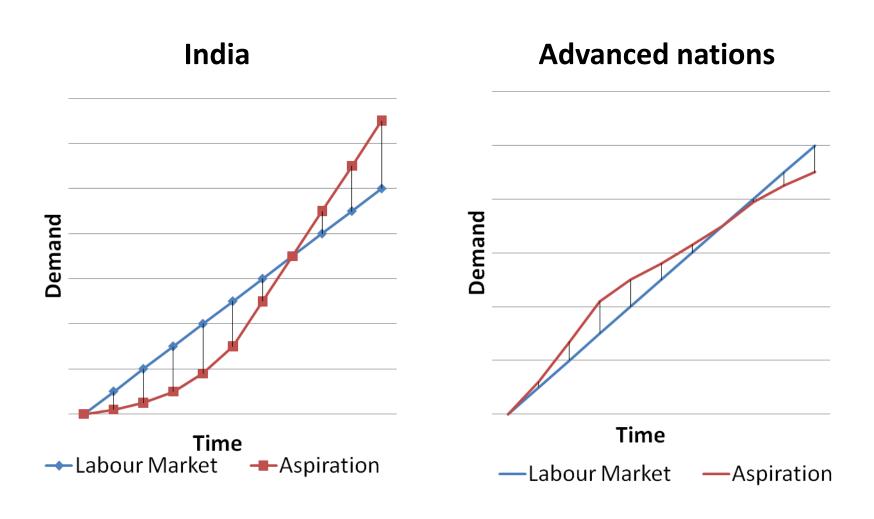
In secondary school preparation

# Puzzle - Pieces Not Fitting Together

Rising unemployment of graduates despite skill shortages



# Aspiration as 'Growth Driver'



# Differentiated System of Higher Education

Multidisciplinary Research Universities

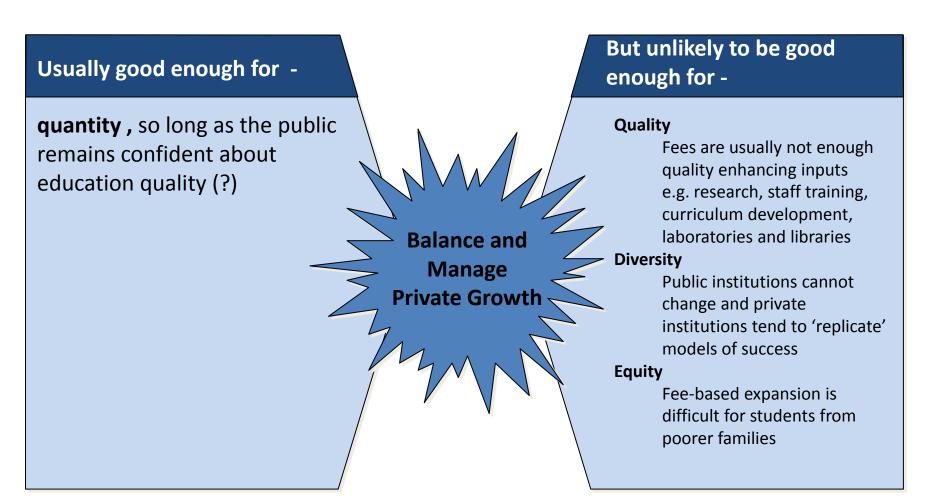
- •To help create knowledge relevant for India
- •To establish research excellence

Teaching focussed institutions

- •Wide range of options within
- Professional/vocational/academic/cultural
- •Specialization opportunities after entrance
- •With energetic career service
- Good for inclusiveness

Short-cycle vocational education coupled with remedial academic education

# Private sector-led growth



### Strategic Manage Expansion

# Robust Higher Education aligned to Aspirations and Economy

## Institutional growth

Enable 'quality leading innovating' institutions to emerge in each of diverse spheres Ensure proper governance structure

# Accreditation and Public Information

to support student choice to provide better incentives for institutions to improve

#### **Funding key areas**

- •Where private investments is unlikely (like research)
- Access for the poor (Vocational/ teacher education)
- •Student finance scholarships/loans

#### **Appropriate Institutional Structure**

**Enabling Policy Environment** 

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