**ADVANTAGES**

- **Coastline advantages**
  - Coastline of ~104 kms and inland waterways of ~250 kms.
  - Mormugao harbour, a multipurpose general cargo berth situated in the port of Vasco da Gama, handles local and international maritime cargo traffic.

- **Rich labour pool**
  - High literacy rate has attracted knowledge-based industries.
  - Highest per capita NSDP in the country stood at Rs. ~472,216 (US$ 6,497.53) in 2020-21.

- **Strong presence in fishing, tourism and pharmaceuticals**
  - Major producer of fish. The government aims to make Goa a fisheries hub by developing the fishing infrastructure in the state.
  - Popular tourist destination due to its natural beauty.
  - Established base for the pharmaceuticals industry and an emerging destination for knowledge-based industries such as biotechnology and IT.

**KEY GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

- **Goa Tourism Policy 2020**
  - Offer a uniquely Goan experience to visitors by presenting a versatile concoction of historic, natural, ethnic, cultural locations and attractions.

- **IT Policy, 2018**
  - Make Goa the most preferred destination for investors, thereby making IT/ITeS/ESDM a vibrant industry.

- **Goa Start-Up Policy, 2017**
  - Make Goa a hub of high value start-ups and attract entrepreneurial talent.

- **Goa Investment Policy, 2015-20**
  - Create 50,000 jobs and invest US$ 4.2 billion in new projects in the next five years.

- **Goa Electric Mobility Promotion Policy, 2021**
  - In July 2021, Goa issued the draft policy, proposing all two-wheelers to switch to electric by 2025.

- **Mining Lease Policy, 2014**
  - Directly auction the leases in order to secure the best returns.

**GOVERNMENT VISION – 2035 FOR THE STATE**

- **Knowledge-centric**
  - The state plans to be a knowledge-centric destination in the upcoming years.

- **Beauty and serenity**
  - To conserve Goa’s biodiversity, embrace responsible mining and develop tourism sites.

- **Value chains to success**
  - Goa’s per capita GDP was Rs. 523,390 (US$ 7201.67), one of the highest in India, during 2020-21 and the state aims to double it in the next 25 years.

- **Governance**
  - Plans to emerge as the most well-governed state in India by 2035.