



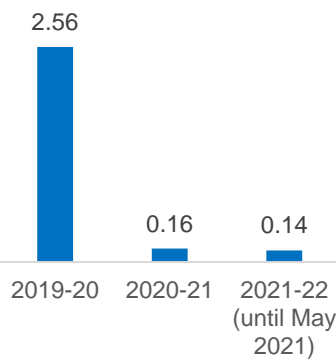
LAKSHADWEEP

KEY FACTS

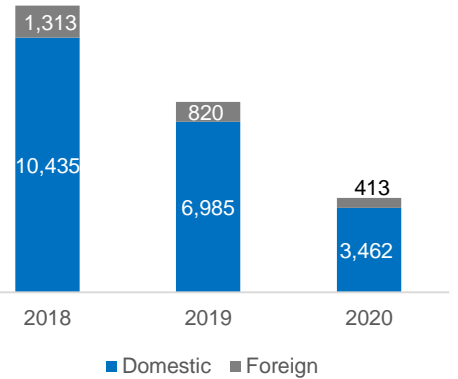
Physical Infrastructure in Lakshadweep

Installed power capacity (MW) (as of July 2021)	3.27
Wireless subscribers (million) (as of March 2021)	0.08
Airports (No)	1

Export (US\$ million)



Total tourist arrivals in Lakshadweep



Source: Union Territory Administration Of Lakshadweep, Press Information Bureau, Government of India, TRAI, Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

ADVANTAGES



Geographic Position

The geographical location of Lakshadweep provides the Indian Navy with greater outreach, around the western Indian Ocean, for patrolling and surveillance. Consequently, to boost power projection capabilities of the Navy, it can be used to great advantage.



Fishery and Mineral Resource Pool

The abundance of Lakshadweep Islands has provided India with 20,000 sq.km. of territorial waters and ~400,000 sq.km. of Economic Zone Exclusive (EEZ). There are valuable fisheries and mineral resources in the lagoons and EEZ around the Lakshadweep Islands are of enormous economic significance.



Avenues of Investments

The island's blue economy such as fisheries, aquaculture and seaweed farming will accelerate in line with the growth of modern infrastructure in Andaman and Nicobar.



Policy and infrastructure support

In 2020, Lakshadweep became part of the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme and can avail entitled food grains from any 'Fair Price Shop' (FPS), under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). In August 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that Lakshadweep, would get optical fibre connectivity in the next 1,000 days.

KEY GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES



National Fisheries Policy, 2020

Activities such as game fishing and concept of 'Catch, Photograph and Release' scheme, (CPR), to popularise ecotourism or fisheries tourism



Lakshadweep Tourism Policy, 2020

For the promotion and development of high-end eco-tourism in various islands of the UT.



Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands Industrial Development Scheme, (LANIDS) 2018

For industrial units in Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

GOVERNMENT VISION-2030 FOR THE UNION TERRITORY



Infrastructure

Submarine optical fibre cable connectivity in Lakshadweep



Transport

Acquisition of passenger ships and cargo ships in order to meet the increasing demand for passengers/cargo



Employment

Focus on job creation for islanders by promoting tourism and exporting seafood and coconut products manufactured in the islands.



Eco-tourism

Bidding process for development of sustainable ecotourism projects in the seven islands of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep have been undertaken.