**ADVANTAGES**

- **High economic growth and stable political environment**
  - Sikkim’s GSDP grew at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 15.86% between 2015-16 and 2018-19.
  - Rail and air connectivity as well as optical fibre networks are being developed in the state.

- **Rich labour pool**
  - High literacy rate of around 81.42% along with a skilled labour force.
  - Quality and quantity of employable graduates in the state has steadily improved.

- **Conducive agro-climatic conditions**
  - Certified as the first fully organic state in India by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare.
  - Favourable agro-climatic conditions which support agriculture, horticulture & forestry.

- **Policy and institutional support**
  - The Union Budget 2021, allocated funds worth Rs. 581 crore (US$ 80.14 million) to the central pool of resources for the north eastern region and Sikkim.

**KEY GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

- **Information Technology, Electronics and Telecommunication Policy - Sikkim 2020**
  - Develop IT, electronics and Telecommunication sector as the critical sector for growth, employment and transformation of the state.

- **Sikkim Tourism Policy 2018**
  - Develop tourism as a key sector in Sikkim’s economy and promote low impact sustainable tourism.

- **North East Industrial Development Scheme 2017**
  - Promote Northeast as an attractive investment destination by providing concessions and incentives.

- **Sikkim Ecotourism Policy 2011**
  - Establish Sikkim as an ultimate and unique ecotourism destination, offering memorable and high-quality learning experiences to visitors.

- **Sikkim Policy on Organic Farming 2010**
  - Minimize the use of agrochemicals as well as other hazardous materials in various agro-based plants and extend the conserved traditional agricultural knowledge in the state.

**GOVERNMENT VISION FOR THE STATE**

- **GSDP growth**
  - Increase GSDP by 9.5% and per capita GSDP by 8.3% between 2007-30.

- **Developing Infrastructure**
  - Facilitating easy movement of goods and people by investing in road, rail, inland water and air transportation.

- **Facilitate Investments**
  - Increase investment in manufacturing units.

- **Quality of life of people**
  - Improving standard of living for people in the region to meet the national standard by 2022.