India Cotton Import

Why in news?

India's Cotton imports increase despite pressure on Indian cotton prices

- **Scientific name** – Gossypium.
- **Genus** - Of flowering plants in the tribe Gossypieae of the mallow family, Malvaceae.
- **Location -** Tropical and subtropical regions.
- **BT Cotton** - Genetically modified Cotton by the insertion of one or more genes from a common soil bacterium, Bacillus thuringiensis.
- **India cotton year** – October 1 to September 30.
- **India's cotton production** – India has 38% of cotton global average and 23% of the global production.
- **Surge in the cotton import –** 7 % decline in production due to reduction in acreage and excessive rainfall (2024-25), weak international cotton price and domestic price has increased by 40 % due to the MSP.
    - India ramps up cotton imports even as domestic prices face downward pressure.
- **Disparity-** Cotton farmers believe that the procurement price for cotton in India is low, while international cotton is being offered at a lower rate."
- **Top cotton producing countries (in Bales) –** China(31 Million bales), India (25), USA (14.4), Brazil(17) and Pakistan(5.2).
- **Top cotton producing states-** Maharashtra (25 %), Gujarat(20%), Telangana(15%), Andhra Pradesh (10%) and Karnataka (8%).
- **Cotton Mission, 2025-** Announced in the Budget by the Ministry of Finance, to boost the cotton productivity and farmer's income, using science and technology.
    - Through this mission India should focus on enhancing productivity to ensure Indian cotton remains competitive
        - **F 5 Principles of Mission Cotton -** Farm to Fibre, Fibre to Factory, Factory to Fashion, Fashion to Foreign.

Cotton Corporation of India
• **Established** – On July 1970 as a Public Sector Undertaking under the Companies Act 1956. • **Nodal Agency** – Ministry of Textiles. • **Location** – CBD Belapur, Navy Mumbai, Maharastra. • **Role and functions** – Canalizing the import and purchase of cotton, MSP operations and commercial purchasing operations.

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