

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, Maharashtra.
- **Role and functions** - Canalizing the import and purchase of cotton, MSP operations and commercial purchasing operations.

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