

Cotton Productivity Mission may take off in 4-5 months

The Mission for Cotton Productivity, announced in the Union Budget last month, is expected to take off in another four to five months. At a post-Budget webinar on agriculture and rural prosperity, one of the discussions was on the mission where stakeholders presented their views. The Mission, to be implemented at a cost of ₹2,500 crore over five years, would have three mini missions. First mini mission will focus on improving cotton yield and productivity for farmers. The second, anchored by the Cotton Corporation of India, will look at modernising 1,000 ginning and pressing units. The third will focus on promoting sustainable natural fibres such as banana, milkweed and bamboo.