Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses completes one year (11 Oct 2026)

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The 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses', launched by PM Modi at Pusa (IARI), New Delhi, on 11 Oct 2025, completed one year on 11 Oct 2026. With an outlay of ₹11,440 crore over six years (2025–26 to 2030–31), it targets 350 lakh tonnes of pulses by 2030–31. In its first year (2025–26) output rose to 274.09 lakh tonnes, and pulse imports fell 31.52% by value.

Key facts

Launch	11 Oct 2025 – PM Modi, IARI Pusa (Cabinet approval 1 Oct 2025)
Outlay	₹11,440 crore; 2025–26 to 2030–31
Targets (2030–31)	Output 350 lakh tonnes; area 310 lakh ha; yield 1,130 kg/ha
Procurement	Tur, urad, masoor – 100% bought at MSP through NAFED and NCCF for 4 years
Year one	Output 274.09 lakh tonnes; imports down 31.52% by value

Background

- India is the world's largest producer, consumer and importer of pulses. Chickpea (gram) is the biggest pulse crop. Imports come from Canada and Australia (lentils, peas), Myanmar and

Mozambique (tur).

- Science: 'Rhizobium' bacteria in the root nodules of pulse crops fix atmospheric nitrogen and enrich the soil.
- 2016 was the UN International Year of Pulses; 10 Feb is World Pulses Day. NAFED dates from 1958; purchases are made under PM-AASHA's Price Support Scheme.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu Agricultural University's National Pulses Research Centre is at Vamban, Pudukkottai district – the Union Agriculture Minister praised its varieties. In the Cauvery delta, black gram and green gram are grown on rice-fallow land after the paddy harvest.

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