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News: Global Pulses Conference

- The recent Global Pulses Conference, an annual gathering of pulses producers, processors, and traders, was recently jointly organised by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) and the Global Pulse Confederation.

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- The Global Pulse Confederation (GPC) represents all segments of the pulse industry value chain from growers, researchers, logistics suppliers, traders, exporters and importers to government bodies, multilateral organisations, processors, canners and consumers.
- Its membership includes 24 national associations and over 500 private sector members.
- It is based in Dubai and licensed by the Dubai Multi Commodity Centre (DMCC).

Status of Pulse Production in India

- India is the largest producer (25% of global production), consumer (27% of world consumption) and importer (14%) of pulses in the world.
- Pulses account for around 20% of the area under food grains and contribute around 7-10% of the total food grains production in the country.
- Top Pulses Producing States: Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.
- Main Varieties: Pulses are grown throughout the agricultural year.
- Rabi Pulses (contribute over 60%): Gram (chickpea), Chana (Bengal gram), Masoor (lentil), and Arhar (pigeon pea).
- Kharif Pulses: Moong (green gram), Urad (black gram), and Tur (arhar dal).
- Rabi crops require mild cold climate during sowing period, during vegetative to pod development- cold climate and during maturity/ harvesting - warm climate.
- Kharif pulse crops require a warm climate throughout their life from sowing to harvesting.