

## National Mission for Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)

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### Key Facts

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PM Modi inaugurates india's first oil palm processing mill under National Mission for Edible Oils.



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### **About National Mission for Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP):**

- The NMEO-OP is a program launched by the Government of India in 2021 to **increase the area of oil palm cultivation in India.**
- It aims to address the growing demand for edible oils, the **cost of imports**, and the **deficiency of edible oils.**
- It is committed to escalating oil palm cultivation and elevating **Crude Palm Oil production to 11.20 lakh tonnes by 2025-26.**
- The program is **applicable for all States/UTs** and the **funding pattern is 60:40** for the rest of India and **90:10 for North Eastern States.**

### **Assistance to farmers:**

- The Oil Palm Mission aims to support farmers by **promoting oil palm cultivation in new areas.**
- It offers assistance with planting material, ensures buyback from private players, and protects farmers from global price fluctuations through viability gap payments.
- NMEO-OP provides significant support to Northeastern Region (NER) farmers, offering Rs 1,00,000 per hectare for **planting material and topographical challenges**, along with Rs 2,90,000 for **harvesting tools.**
- The government will **subsidize NER farmers by 2% on the Crude Palm Oil (CPO) price** and allocate Rs 5 crore for establishing post-harvest processing facilities.

### **Need for the mission:**

- India **currently imports 57% of its total edible oil**, resulting in a **negative impact** of approximately **\$20.56 billion on its foreign exchange reserves.**
- This underscores the need for India to prioritize self-sufficiency in edible oil production by promoting oilseeds and palm oil cultivation.



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**About Palm oil:**

- Palm oil is an **edible vegetable oil** that comes from the **fruit of the oil palm tree**, *Elaeis guineensis*.
- Palm oil is the **most widely consumed vegetable oil** in the world, making up one-third of global plant oil production.
- Oil palm trees **originated in Africa** but were introduced to **Southeast Asia** as **ornamental tree crops** more than a century ago.
- **Indonesia and Malaysia** together **produce over 85% of the world's palm oil**.
- **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Kerala** are the **major oil palm growing states**, which accounts for **98% of the total production**.