



India-Malaysia Agricultural Ties

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Recently, **India and Malaysia** have decided to deepen their bilateral cooperation in agriculture, with a particular **emphasis on [oil palm cultivation](#)** and the integration of digital technology.

- **Areas of Cooperation:** Discussed collaboration to advance the **[National Mission on Edible Oil - Oil Palm \(NMEO-OP\)](#)**. Addressed market access issues for agricultural and allied products.
 - NMEO-OP, launched in 2021 to increase oil palm cultivation and crude palm oil production to 11.20 lakh tonnes by 2025-26. It is operational in 15 states, targeting an area of 21.75 lakh hectares.
 - The **Oil Palm Mission** aims to promote oil palm in new areas by providing support to farmers including planting material, buyback assurance, and protection from **global price volatility through viability gap payment**.
- India imports 57% of its edible oil, impacting the **[Foreign Exchange reserves](#)** by USD 20.56 billion. **India imports palm oil every year, accounting for around 56% of the total edible oil imports.**
 - At present against a total potential area of around 28 lakh hectares, only **3.70 lakh hectares are under oil palm cultivation**.
 - **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala are major Oil palm growing States and account 98% of total production.**

Read more: **[National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm](#)**

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