

Mega Oil Palm Plantation Drive 2024

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Recently, **Mega Oil Palm Plantation Drive 2024** was conducted under the <u>National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)</u>. Under this over **17 lakh oil palm saplings were planted across 15 states** in India benefitting over 10,000 farmers.

- It is organised by state governments in collaboration with leading oil palm processing companies.
- The initiative has featured numerous awareness workshops, plantation campaigns, and promotional events, successfully raising awareness and engaging the farming community.
- National Mission for Edible Oils Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)
 - It was launched by the Government of India in August 2021.
 - It aims to **expand oil palm cultivation and boost** <u>Crude Palm Oil (CPO) production</u> by setting up a value chain ecosystem for development of the Oil Palm sector including viability price support.
 - India is the second-largest consumer of edible oil globally and one of its largest importers.
 - Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Mizoram are the largest oil palm producing states in India.
 - India imported 16.5 million metric tons (MT) of edible oil in 2022-23.
 - Indonesia and Malaysia are the main global palm oil producers, followed by Thailand, Colombia, and Nigeria.

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