

India's First Integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit in Arunachal Pradesh

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The inaugural commercial operations of India's premier **integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit,** established by **3F Oil Palm** (one of the nation's leading Oil Palm development enterprises), commenced recently. This factory is located in Roing within the lower Dibang Valley of **Arunachal Pradesh.**

- Despite significant potential, India currently struggles with achieving self-sufficiency in <u>edible oils</u>, importing **96% of its required palm oil**, which makes up 67% of the country's edible oil import bill, totaling over **Rs. 1 Lakh crore**.
 - This milestone marks a crucial step in India's quest for self-reliance in edible oils, bolstered by the National Mission on Edible Oils Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).
- India is the second-largest consumer of edible oil globally and one of its largest importers.
 - India imported 16.5 million metric tons (MT) of edible oil in 2022-23 including: palm (9.8 MT from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand), soyabean (3.7 MT from Argentina and Brazil) and sunflower (3 MT from Russia, Ukraine and Argentina).
 - Indonesia and Malaysia are the main global palm oil producers, followed by Thailand,
 Colombia, and Nigeria.

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