



Asian Palm Oil Alliance

Solidaridad



PALM OIL CONCLAVE 2025



RESHAPING PERCEPTIONS
THROUGH **PALM OIL DIALOGUES** –
HEALTH, MARKETS, CLIMATE



India's Vegetable Oil Scenario

Despite being the world's largest producer of oilseed crops, India continues to remain one of the largest importers of vegetable oils. The main reason is the wide gap between domestic availability and actual consumption. Currently, more than 60% of India's edible oil demand is met through imports.

Palm oil alone accounts for the largest share, with India importing nearly 9 million metric tons annually, primarily from Indonesia and Malaysia. This heavy reliance drains valuable foreign exchange and exposes India's food economy to external fluctuations.

Palm oil has historically been an integral part of both food and non-food applications in India. Yet, in recent years, misleading narratives about its health, nutrition, and environmental impacts have adversely shaped public perception—hurting smallholder farmers, discouraging domestic production, and impacting the national economy.



Government of India's Initiatives in Oil Palm Cultivation



The Government of India—under the **Self-Reliant India (Atmanirbhar Bharat) Scheme**—is promoting domestic edible oil production. A landmark step in this direction is the **National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)**, announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. This mission aims to reduce import dependency, enhance self-reliance, and create opportunities for farmers in a high-potential sector.

Why Palm Oil Matters?

Higher Productivity:

Oil palm yields 4–6 tonnes of oil per hectare annually, compared to only 0.5 tonnes from soybean, sunflower, or mustard.



Year-Round

Harvesting: Oil palm fruits are harvested throughout the year, ensuring a consistent supply of raw materials.



Versatility: Palm oil is widely used in food (stable at high heat, ideal for frying), and in non-food industries like cosmetics, detergents, and biofuels.



Rural Economy & Jobs:

Oil palm cultivation generates rural employment—across farming, processing, and refining—thus boosting local economies.



Addressing Misinformation

Despite being the world's largest consumer and importer, India faces persistent misinformation about palm oil. Claims of adverse health impacts remain unsubstantiated by scientific evidence. Such narratives discourage domestic cultivation and make India overly dependent on imports, threatening food security.

Palm oil remains a safe, accessible, and efficient source of dietary fats. Promoting accurate, evidence-based knowledge is essential for protecting both consumer trust and national interest.



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Reshaping Perceptions through Palm Oil Dialogues -
Health, Markets, Climate

 **Date: Saturday, 6 December 2025**

 **Venue: Hotel Courtyard Marriott, Bhopal (M.P)**



Solidaridad, in collaboration with its partner The Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) and other national and international partners continues its efforts under the banner of the Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA). With a shared commitment to making India self-reliant in edible oils and promoting sustainable practices in palm oil cultivation along with other edible oil crops, we are working to reduce the nation's dependence on imports and strengthen domestic capabilities. The Conclave 2025, themed "Reshaping Perceptions through Palm Oil Dialogues – Health, Markets, Climate," seeks to dispel myths about palm oil, highlight its nutritional benefits, and underscore its critical role in driving sustainable growth.

Objectives



1

Counter misinformation with evidence-based insights.

2

Showcase palm oil as the backbone of India's edible oil economy.

3

Develop dialogues on health, sustainability, and trade opportunities.

4

Unlock business potential across the palm oil supply chain.

Target Participants



-  **Edible Oil producers, processors & allied industries.**
-  **FMCG, food, cosmetics & biofuel companies.**
-  **Health & nutrition experts.**
-  **Policymakers & government officials.**
-  **Media & trade analysts.**



Programme Schedule



Palm Oil Products Exhibition:
9:30 AM onwards

Business Meet
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Press Conference
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Conference Sessions
2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Expert presentations
& panel discussions
on palm oil's role in
**health,
sustainability, and
India's edible oil
economy.**



Expected Outcomes

1. Stronger awareness of palm oil's role in health, markets, and sustainability.
2. Expanded trade and investment opportunities.
3. Deeper collaboration across the palm oil value chain.
4. Showcase of innovations and technologies for competitive production.
5. Policy recommendations to strengthen India's palm oil strategy.
6. Positive media visibility on palm oil's value and benefits.



Get Involved In

- Be a Co-Organizer of the conclave
- Engage directly with policymakers, industry experts, and researchers.
- Participate as a Speaker/Panelist
- Showcase your products in the exclusive exhibition
- Sponsor the event and gain visibility among government, industry, and media

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