

② India is moving towards self-reliance in edible oils. Do u agree with this view?

### INTRODUCTION - oil palm

mission launched by our current PM a step towards self-reliance which intended to yield 1-1 mt by 2026 & 2-8 mt by 2030.

### IND's position on edible oils -

① India is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest oil consumer in the world where it consumes 21 (mt) of edible oil annually in that ~~13~~ 13 mt of are imported accounting for 66-68%.

② According to 2018 Rabi report India is expected to increase its consumption by 35 (mt), results in raise in import of 75%.

③ Recent Russia-Ukraine war stopped export of sunflower oil, lead to rapid price rise globally & severely impacted our country.

④ Following these datas & concerns govt has taken effective approach towards ensuring food security & raise our ~~oil~~ oil production domestically.

## Effective step by govt -

(1) India has <sup>decided to</sup> signed BTA with countries (rather than multilateral ones) rich in edible oil production. This is a win-win solution for both sides in enhancing their trade.

(2) India <sup>also</sup> seeks to find alternative countries for ~~regular~~ <sup>regular</sup> import like Malaysia for palm oil & Mercosur nations for Soyabean, sunflower oil <sup>mission</sup>.

(3) This ~~oil~~ <sup>oil</sup> palm launch projected to (P) our local production by (10-12) mt of ~~oil~~ oil seeds.

(4) The Kharif strategy 2021, for oilseeds launched by govt expected to bring additional ~~to~~ 6 hectare of area under oilseeds ~~pro~~ which could produce 120 quintals of oilseeds.

(5) [NMOP] estb in 2014 merged with NFSM ~~to~~ resulted in increase in the production of oils from 11 mt (1986-87) to 33 mt (2019-20).

## Steps can be taken to further reduce our dependence on imports :-

- ① Adoption of BT Mustard could result higher yields of oil seed production by 2-33 tonnes/hectare at CAHR of 4-5 t.
- ② The above step could potentially ~~double~~ double our current production.
- ③ govt should plan to expand acreage ~~by~~ ~~saved~~ ~~23m~~ which could yield further improvement in avg production of oil edible oil.

### Conclusion -

The oil palm Mission & BT mustard together potentially double our current production thereby bring down import dependence by 75%. ~~result~~ which could make India rich in edible oil exports to.