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IVPA calls for stronger industry-driven push toward greater edible-oil self-sufficiency

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The Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA), the apex body representing India's edible oil refining industry, has called for accelerating the path towards self-sufficiency in edible oil amidst declining imports, policy shifts and evolving free trade agreements.

"India's vegetable oils industry is navigating a critical phase marked by global price volatility in palm and soybean oils, evolving free trade agreements, and domestic policy challenges. While these dynamics present opportunities for strategic sourcing and operational efficiency, they also highlight the delicate balance required between ensuring farmers' MSP, controlling edible oil-driven inflation, and maintaining food price stability," the association said in its 48th Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.

IVPA has re-appointed Sudhakar Desai as President and the four vice-presidents for 2025-2026 term at its AGM.

"With imports stabilising and showing signs of decline, there is renewed urgency to accelerate the path toward self-sufficiency in edible oils, despite competition from other key crops like pulses, rice, and wheat," the newly elected president," Desai added.

Desai is joined by industry veterans such as Vijay Kumar Jain, Vice President, Patanjali Foods, Amrendra Mishra, MD, ADM, Bhavna Shah, Deputy CEO, NK Proteins and Dhritiman Biswas, Senior Director - Government Relations, South Asia, Cargill India as Vice Presidents. Together with the broader Executive Council, this leadership team is poised to strengthen IVPA's strategic impact - driving innovation, championing sustainable growth, and fostering robust local and global partnerships to ensure India's vegetable oil industry remains resilient and competitive in a rapidly changing market environment.

Desai said his reappointment, along with the core team, signals continuity aimed at driving the IVPA's core objective.

"With a robust team, IVPA is set for another impactful term focused on creating value, driving innovation, and building strong collaborations that benefit the entire vegetable oil industry," he added.

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