

The Aspee L.M.Patel Award Presentation Function

Mumbai, 22nd March, 2019 : The Aspee Agricultural Research and Development Foundation (Aspee Foundation) has been presenting Aspee L.M.Patel Award to outstanding Indian farmers in different fields such as Horticulture, Rainfed Farming and Woman Farmer Categories since last 22 years or so. The genesis of these Awards is given below in brief.

Late Shri. L.M.Patel who was the Founder, Mentor and Inspirator of American Spring & Pressing Works Pvt.Ltd which is the oldest and the largest organization of our country engaged in manufacture of Plant Protection Appliances. He passed away on 12-03-1996 at a ripe age of 90. He also established the Aspee Agricultural Research and Development Foundation in 1973 by donating a piece of his own land admeasuring 17 hectares for promoting Agricultural Education, Research and Extension activities related to transmission of modern agricultural technologies to farmers particularly in the vicinity of the Tansa Farm about 70 kms from Mumbai. After his passing away the Aspee Group of Companies thought of commemorating his life and deeds by felicitating outstanding Indian Farmers with Aspee L.M.Patel Awards across the country. Each year three such awards are given away in a meticulously organized function.

The identification of top ranking farmers is done very critically involving a long drawn procedure over a period of one year. Outstanding agricultural scientists are involved in scrutinizing and shortlisting the farmers. The final selection is done by the Governing Council of the Aspee Foundation under the chairmanship of Padma Vibhushan Prof. M.S.Swaminathan, India's Internationally acknowledged agricultural scientist.

The Award of the year 2017 were given away on Friday the 22nd March 2019 at Aspee Auditorium, Malad, Mumbai in the categories of Horticulture (Small Tea Growers) and Kitchen Gardening For Women Farmers. The names of the awardees are given below:

1. Horticulture Category (Small Tea Growers) – The Award was jointly shared by Shri. Bhabendra Mohan Borgohain from Dist. Dibrugarh and Shri. Rajesh Kumar Dutta from Dist. Sivsagar both from State of Assam.
2. Woman Farming Category – Kitchen Gardening – This award was also jointly shared by Dr. Myhtri Shankar from Bangalore, Karnataka and Smt. Madhuri Mahadev Bhoir from Dist. Thane, Maharashtra.

Each of the above four farmers was honoured with a cash prize of Rs.50,000/- , a citation and a trophy.

Shri. Suresh Srinivasan the Enthsiasm Specialist and An Ardent Inspirational and Motivational Speaker was the Chief Guest of the Function, while Dr. A.R.Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh was the Guest of Honour.

Shri. Sharad Patel, Mg. Director, Aspee Group of Companies delivered a welcome address followed by an audio visual presentation of Aspee Foundation activities.

The Chief Guest Shri. Suresh Srinivasan made the function extremely lively by his presentation related to the philosophy as to how one should live a stressfree life. He cited day to day life experiences in his characteristic style of narration using mild humour. The audience responded to the presentation with a loud burst of laughter throughout the discourse. The presentation also made the audience introvert and thoughtful for leading a happy life with meager resources and means. The discourse on the occasion would be described as an ideal interactive interaction between audience and Speaker.

Eminent citizens of Mumbai, progressive farmers, Aspee distributors and dealers from various part of the country and the past L.M.Patel awardees graced the occasion. The function ended with a Vote of Thanks from Shri. Jatin S. Patel.



Awardee Shri. Bhabendra M. Borgohain from Dist. Dibrugarh, Assam being felicitated by the hands of Chief Guest Shri. Suresh Srinivasan in Horticulture Category – Tea Cultivation.



Awardee Shri. Rajesh Kumar Dutta from Dist. Dibrugarh, Assam being felicitated by the hands of Chief Guest Shri. Suresh Srinivasan in Horticulture Category – Tea Cultivation.



Awardee Smt. Madhuri M. Bhoir from Dist. Thane, Maharashtra being felicitated by the hands of Chief Guest Shri. Suresh Srinivasan in Woman Farmer Category – Kitchen Gardening.



Awardees with dignitaries (L-R) Dr. A.R. Pathak, Vice Chancellor, JAU, Junagadh, Chief Guest Shri. Suresh Srinivasan, Shri. Kiran L. Patel, Shri. Sharad L. Patel, Directors, Aspee Foundation, Awardees Shri. Rajesh Dutta, Shri. Babendra Borgohain, Smt. Madhuri Bhoir, Directors Aspee Foundation Shri. Rajeev K. Patel & Shri. Jatin S. Patel and Distributor Shri. Vishwanath Goenka.