



About Aspee Agricultural Research & Development Foundation

The legacy of Shri L. M. Patel and American Spring and Pressing Works Ltd. (ASPEE) is deeply interwoven with the progress of Indian agriculture. What began in 1946 as a small enterprise with just seven workers gradually evolved into a pioneering organization known for manufacturing high-quality agricultural sprayers and dusters. Through vision, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to farmers, Shri L. M. Patel transformed ASPEE into a trusted and respected name across the country.

Being the son of a farmer, Shri L. M. Patel possessed a natural and profound understanding of the challenges faced by the agricultural community. His close association with farmers enabled him to appreciate their struggles, needs, and aspirations. This connection instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility—not only to improve agricultural productivity but also to enhance the overall quality of life for farmers and their families. His approach extended beyond business, reflecting a deep commitment to rural development and social upliftment.

Driven by this larger purpose, Shri L. M. Patel established the ASPEE Agricultural Research and Development Foundation. The Foundation was created with a clear vision: to promote scientific research in agriculture and agro-equipment while bridging the critical gap between laboratory innovations and their practical application in the field. Recognizing that true progress in agriculture depends on both knowledge and its implementation, the Foundation plays a pivotal role in translating research findings into actionable solutions that directly benefit farmers.



One of the key areas of focus for the Foundation is the encouragement of higher education in agriculture. By supporting postgraduate and doctoral studies at agricultural universities, it contributes to the development of skilled researchers, scientists, and innovators who can drive the future of Indian agriculture. At the same time, the Foundation ensures that these advancements do not remain confined to academic institutions but are effectively disseminated to farmers, thereby improving productivity, sustainability, and profitability.

In addition to the Foundation, Shri L. M. Patel also established several charitable trusts dedicated to education and rural development. These initiatives reflect his holistic vision of community upliftment, where economic progress is complemented by educational empowerment and social well-being.

Following his demise on March 12, 1996, the ASPEE Group of Companies, under the leadership of his sons Sharad Patel and Kiran Patel, resolved to carry forward and expand his vision across the nation. Their continued dedication has ensured that his philosophy remains vibrant and relevant, inspiring future generations to contribute meaningfully to agriculture and rural development.



ASPEE L.M. PATEL FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Among the Foundation's most prestigious initiatives is the ASPEE L. M. Patel Farmer of the Year Award, instituted to recognize and celebrate excellence and innovation among Indian farmers. These awards serve not only as recognition but also as inspiration, showcasing the remarkable achievements of farmers who have adopted progressive practices and contributed to agricultural advancement.

The awards are presented annually across three categories:

1. **Horticulture**
2. **Rainfed/Winter Farming**
3. **Woman Farmer Category (instituted in memory of Late Maniben Lallubhai Patel)**

Each award carries a cash prize of ₹1,00,000, along with a trophy and citation. The awards are presented at a dignified Function that reflects the importance of the contributions made by the recipients.

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- ☆ ASPEE Charitable Trust
- ☆ Shakilam Foundation

Award Announcement and Selection Procedure

Every year, the ASPEE Agricultural Research & Development Foundation initiates the award process through an official nationwide announcement circulated via Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and Agricultural Universities to ensure participation from diverse agro-climatic regions of India. The selection process is rigorous, transparent, and merit-based, recognizing only the most deserving farmers.

A. Application and Preliminary Screening

Interested farmers submit a Preliminary Proforma containing details of their farming practices and achievements. A Scrutiny Committee of senior scientists reviews these applications and prepares a shortlist. Selected candidates are then invited to submit detailed Nomination Forms. Each nomination must be supported by a Technical Officer from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, or allied sectors. Past awardees may also sponsor nominations.

B. Evaluation of Nomination Forms

The completed Nomination Forms are evaluated by Subject Matter Specialists (SMS). Based on their assessment, 3–4 candidates are shortlisted. Their farming activities, innovations, and achievements are professionally documented through video recordings to provide deeper insight into their work and impact.

C. Assessment by Selection Committee

The Selection Committee conducts a detailed evaluation of the shortlisted candidates, considering productivity, innovation, sustainability, leadership, and contribution to the farming community.

D. Final Selection by the Governing Council

The final decision is made by the Governing Council under the guidance of eminent agricultural scientists such as Late Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, Late Dr. K. L. Chadha, and distinguished ICAR experts, ensuring the highest standards of credibility, fairness, and agricultural excellence.

Glimpses of Past Award Functions





ASPEE L. M. Patel Farmer of the Year Awardees since 1997



1997



Shri. Narayan M. Chawda
Agriculture - Vegetables
VNR Farm, Village: Gomchi, P.O. Tendua,
Near Nandanvan, Dist. Raipur- 492099,
Madhya Pradesh Tel: 0771-326080
Mob: 99819-95374/93295-40330

1998



Shri. Vishwasrao Kachare
Agriculture - Pomegranate
'Kashtachi Bhakar', At: Telangwadi, P.O.
SHETPHAL, Tq. Mohol, Dist. Solapur -
413324, Maharashtra

1999



Dr. Devangi R. Prafulla Chandra (Expired)
Horticulture - Plantation crops
Vill & P.O. LAKSHMIPURA, Tq. & Dist.
Shimoga, Karnataka 577203.

1999



Mrs. Sangeeta Deol
Woman Farmer - Bee - keeping
Vill & P.O. DHANALPHUL PUR, Tal. & Dist.
Jalandhar, Punjab

2000



Shri. Bahadur Singh Verma
Horticulture - Vegetable Farming
Vill. Kailar, (Saprun Valley), Tal. & Dist.
Solan-173211, Himachal Pradesh.
Tel: 01792-72353

2000



Shri. Shrihari Subray Naik Kurade
Horticulture - Plantation Crops
Vill & P.O. Cunculim, Tq. Salcette,
Dist. South Goa, GOA Tel: 0832-763241

2003



Shri. Somnath Reddy C. Purma
Rainfed Farming - Sorghum
At/ Post Kodla (B), Taluka : Sedam,
Gulbarga, Karnataka

2001



Shri. Chandrashekhara Haribhau Bhadsavle
Rainfed Farming - Rice
Saguna Baug, Vill: Malegaon, P.O. NERAL,
Tal. Karjat, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra.
Mob: 98222-82623
Email: shbhadsavle@gmail.com

2001



Shri. Subhash Dattatraya Arve
Horticulture - Grape
At. & P.O. Bargaon, Tal. Tasgaon, Dist.
Sangli-416312 Maharashtra.
Tel: 02346-40609/56627 (Off) 02346-56655
Mob: 90110-11850

2001



Smt. Maltiben Joitaram Chaudhari
Woman Farmer - Dairy Farming
At: Pratappura, Tal. Kalol,
Dist. Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

2002



Shri. Raghvenderasinhji Chandrasinhji Jadeja
Rainfed Farming - Groundnut
Vill: Bhadwa, Tal: Kotda Sangani,
Dist: Rajkot 360030 Gujarat State

2002



Shri. Ramchandra R. Save
Horticulture - Vegetable cultivation
Village Chinchani, Tal. Dahanu, Dist:
Thane, Maharashtra. Mob: 96734-45544

2002



Shri. Vimal Chawda
Horticulture - Vegetable cultivation
VNR Farm, Village: Gomchi, P.O. TENDUA,
Near Nandanvan, Dist. Raipur- 492099,
Chhattisgarh, Tel: 0771-326080
Mob: 99819-95374/ 93295-40330
Email: vimal.chawda@vnrseeds.com

2002



Smt. H. C. Asha Sheshadri
Woman Farmer - Floriculture
Post Kannangi, Vali, Tq. Shimoga,
Karnataka State Mob: 94480-93033
Email: ashasheshadrih@gmail.com

2000



Smt. Jansi Rani Ramalingam
Woman Farmer - Agriculture
Vill. Mesapuram (a) V. Reddiarpatti, Tq.
Sankarail, Dist. Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu,
Pin. 627954

2003



Shri. Ajitkumar R. Patel
Horticulture - Mango
At & Post: Amadpore, Tal. Jalalpur, Dist:
Navsari, Gujarat

2003



Mrs. Namrata Ghai
Woman Farmer - Mushroom cultivation
Chhattisgarh Mushroom, Mushroom
Corner, Shashtri Marg (Vegetable),
RAIPUR - 492 001, Chhattisgarh
Mob: 94255-13199

2003



Shri. Dnyandeo Ganpat Mahajan
Horticulture - Banana
At/Post : Chinawal, Tal.: Raver, Dist.
Jalgaon, Maharashtra

2004



Smt. A. Arundhathi Rao
Woman Farmer - Dairy
H.No. 2-4-143, Ramnagar, Hanamkonda,
Warangal, A.P.

2004



Smt. Kalaivani Rajendran
Woman Farmer - Rice
Village-Kallar Pasupathi Kovil, Tal.-
Papanasam, Dist.- Thanjavur- 614206,
Tamil Nadu

2005



Shri. Basavaraj Sharanappa Jeevanagi
Rainfed Farming - Pigeonpea
Village : Pattan, Taluka : Gulbarga,
Gulbarga, Karnataka

2005



Shri. Mohan Ramrao Totey
Horticulture - Citrus (Orange)
Village Hiwarkhed, Taluka Morshi, Dist.
Amravati-444 914, Maharashtra.
Tel: (07228) 225039

2005



Smt. Anila Vipin
Woman Farmer - Aquaculture
House Mullackeril Vill & Taluk - Vaikom,
Cheramanathukara P.O. Dist. Kottayam,
Kerala

2006



Shri. Murthy Sreerama Chunduri
Rainfed Farming - Chickpea
Vill: Cheervanuppalladu, Tal. N.G.Padu
Mandal Dist. PRAKASAM, Andhra
Pradesh

2006



Smt. Veda Seetaram Hegde
Woman Farmer - Post harvest processing
At & Post: Neernalli, Taluka: SIRSI,
District: Uttara Kannada, Karnataka
Mob: 94499-93304

2006



Smt. Shaila Arvind Amrute
Woman farmer - Post harvest processing
Ashika Rosery, Village Gavhe, Taluka Dapoli,
Dist. Ratnagiri-415712, Maharashtra State
Mob: 94229-88488 Mr Arvind Amrute -
94224-43744/ 98699-37609
Email: shishir@amrutenursery.com

2007



Shri. Arun Rangaswamy Nagarajan
Horticulture - Aonla Crop
The Vandal Farm, 5-1-57, Main Road,
Pattiveeran Patti, Dist: Dindigul,
Tamil Nadu- 624 211 Mob: 09842134208
Email: wpam@yahoo.com

2007



Shri. Venkatrao Ganeshrao Telang (Expired)
Special Award - 60 years in farming
At/Po. Koralakatta, Tal. Sirsi, Uttara
Kannada, Karnataka.

2007



Shri. Baidyanath Dey
Special Award - 60 years in farming
Vill & Post Bhurkuna, Dist- Birbhum, West
Bengal-731 102

2007



Smt. Kumari Bai Kanwar
Woman Farmer - Tasar Silkworm Rearing
W/o. Sri. Paras Ram, Vill. Chapar-bhatta,
Dist: Korba, Chhattisgarh

2008



Shri. Anand Dinkarrao Govindwar
Rainfed Farming - Cotton
Vivekanand Colony, Near Municipal
Garden, Umarched, District Yavatmal,
Maharashtra Mob: 94236-53998

2008



Shri. Vilas Anantrao Thakur
Horticulture - Cashew
A/P: Math, Gawadadeowadi, Tal: Vengurla,
Dist: Sindhudurg, Maharashtra State
Cont. 02362-264243 / 94224-36681

2008



Smt. P. Manjula
Woman Farmer - Medicinal & Aromatic plant cultivation
Savakanahalli, Post Bidarilur, Kasaba
Hobli, Taluka Devanahalli District
Bangalore Rural, Karnataka
Mob: 99019-89799

2008



Shri. Pritpal Singh Gill
Special Award - Soil Health Improvement
Vill. Khuh Halwian, Rajasansi, Tal. Ajnala,
Dist. Amritsar-141 004, Punjab

2009



Shri. Shirish Shrivastava
Rainfed Farming - Soybean Crop
133, Shanthiniketan Road, BARNAGAR -
456 771, Dist. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
Tel: 07367-220190 Mob: 99266-20086
Email: ramapples@gmail.com

2009



Shri. Vikram T. Awachat
Horticulture - Onion Crop
At & Post Otur, Tal. Junnar, Dist.
Pune - 412 409 Maharashtra State.
Tel: 02132-264334 Mob: 97666-48675
Email: vikram.awachat@gmail.com

2009



Smt. Meeta Sonkusale
Woman Farmer - Poultry Farming
Vill. Bheeta, Dist. Jabalpur, Madhya
Pradesh Tel: 0761-3291446
Mob: 93009-85500

2009



Smt. Malati Ramchandra Hegde
Woman Farmer - Poultry Farming
Brindavana Poultry Farm, P.O. Manjalli, Tal.
Sirsi Dis. Uttara Kannada, Karnataka State
Tel: 08384-226270/228324
Mob: 94804-95440

2010



Shri. Ram Lal Chauhan
Horticulture - Apple Crop
Village Dhangul, P.O. Kokunala, Teh: Kotkhal,
Dist. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
Tel: 0177-2670194 Mob: 98160-47552
Email: ramapples@gmail.com

2010



Smt. Asha Tejasvi Naik
Woman Farmer - Mulberry Silkworm Rearing
Vill. Modaga, Tal. & Dist. Belgaum,
Karnataka - 2433548 Mob: 94482-30563



2011

Shri. Narendra Behera
Rainfed Farming - Maize as Grain CropVill: Dabak, P.O. Nuagaon, G.P. Bholagodia, Teh: Khunta, Dist: Mayurbhanj, Odisha
Pin-757104/Tel: 06795-211832
Mob: 99381-30288

2011

Shri. Shailendra Kumar Raghuvanshi
Horticulture - Guava CropVill. & Post: Babiyav, Tal/Teh. Varanasi, Dist. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh,
Mob: 94515-76047

2011

Smt. Krishna Yadav
Woman Farmer - Home Scale Processing of Fruits and Vegetables for commercial purposesHouse No.1, Bhawani Nagar, Vill: Dinpur, Najafgarh, New Delhi - 110 043
Mob: 98684-94021 / 98738-71611

2012

Shri. Sharanabasappa
Rainfed Farming - Green gram (Moong)Vill: Marewas, Tal./Teh Dharwad Dist. Dharwad, Karnataka State
Tel: 0836- 2782261, Mob: 99163-24533

2012

Shri. Vinayak Raghunath Bari
Horticulture - SapotaRaghveer Sadan* At-Kankaradi, Post-Waki, Taluka-Dahanu, Dist-Thane- 401602, Maharashtra, Mob: 94233-58078 / 922648228
Email: virbar71@gmail.com

2012

Shri. A. Ganeshan
Horticulture - Sapota

Sukkampatti, Post: Pulu medu, Tal. Vadipatti (TK), Dist. Madurai-625503, Tamil Nadu, Mob: 99434-22511



2012

A. K. Ayyampatti Mullai Self Help Group
Woman Farmer - A Self Help Group of women engaged in cultivation of vegetables

11/19 A. Kokulam, Tal: Thirumangalam, Dist. Madurai-625514, Tamilnadu



2012

Smt. Santosh Pachar
Rainfed Farming - BajraW/o- Zabarmal Pachar, Zigar Badi, Po-Zigar Choti, Tah & Dist- Sikar, Rajasthan
Mob: 94606-41505

2013

Shri. Genabhai Darghabhai Patel
Horticulture - PomegranateVill: Sarkari Goliya, Post Agthala, Tal. Deesa, Dist. Banaskantha, Gujarat
Mob: 99255-57177
patelgenabhai77@gmail.com

2013

Shri. Prabhakar Sadashiv Chandane
Horticulture - PomegranateVill: Ekhatpur, Tal: Sangola, Dist. Solapur - 413307, Maharashtra State, Mob: 99229-86664
pc_pomo@rediffmail.com

2013

Smt. S. Josephine Arockia Mary
Woman Farmer - Bee Keeping

67, LKT Nagar, Kadechenunthal, Dist. Madurai-625107, Tamil Nadu, Mob: 98655-55047



2014

Shri. Bhavin Chawda
Horticulture - TomatoHIG-8, MPBH Colony, Infront of AIIHS Hospital, Near Post Office, Tatibandh, Raipur, Chattisgarh-492001, Mob: 96309-31388
chawda.bhavin@gmail.com

2014

Shri. Rudrappa Mallappa Zulapi
Special Award - Family Farming

At/Post Huliyal, Tal-Tamkhandi, Dist-Bagalkot, Karnataka-587301, Mobile- 99016-15773



2015

Smt. N. Brindhadevi
Woman Farmer - Goat Farming

W/o. N. Easweramoorthi, Kalipattikara Thottam, Bungalowpudur, Gobichettipalayam Erode- 638506, Tamilnadu. Mob: 95240-57501



2015

Shri. Jitesh Kumar Chandubhai Patel
Horticulture - Potato CropAt: Dolpurkampa, Post: Dolpur, Tq: Dhansura, Dist: Aravalli, Gujarat- 383310, Mob: 98251-16751
Email: jitesh777@gmail.com

2015

Shri. Naranbhai Kalabhai Patel
Winter Crop - Mustard (Sarson)

At/Vill: Jandi, Post: Dudhava, Tq: Tharad, Dist: Banaskantha, Gujarat- 385565, Mob: 94283-72037



2016

Smt. Vimal Narayan Patekar
Rainfed Farming - Finger Millet (Ragi)

A/P- Jamsar, Tal. Jawhar, Dist: Palghar, Maharashtra-401603 Mob: 92602-21093



2016

Shri. Vilas Saktharam Padvi
Rainfed Farming - Finger Millet (Ragi)

AT-Padvipada, Kortad Village, Post. Sakharshet, Tal. Jawhar, Dist: Palghar, Maharashtra-401603 Mob: 92095-85086



2016

Shri. Prasad Vishnu Save
Horticulture - Protected cultivation of Capsicum

At/Post Tarapur (Mothiwadi) Tal/Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra - 401502 Mob: 96378-22335



2016

Shri. Gurulingappa Madeppa Meldaddi
Special Award Category International year for Pulses - Pigeon Pea

H.No. 8/101/2 Near Ramingseshwara Temple, Vill. Hudagi, Tal. Humnabad, Dist: Bidar, Karnataka-585329, Mob: 97413-33907



2017

Shri. Rajesh Kumar Dutta
Horticulture - Tea Cultivation (equally shared)Normati Nowholia Gaon, P.O. Normati (Nazira), Dist. Sivasagar 785685, Assam
Mob: 99547-33997

2017

Shri. Bhabendra Mohan Borgohain
Horticulture - Tea Cultivation (equally shared)

Disha Organic Tea, M/s. Borgohain Organic Farm, Dhemachi Gohain Gaon, P.O. Dhemachi, Dist. Dibrugarh-785675, Assam. Mob: 95777-67837 / 86387-19390



2017

Dr. Mythri Shankar
Woman Farmer - Kitchen Garden (equally shared)

3196, 2nd Main Road, Banashankari 3rd stage, Bangalore - 560085, Karnataka Mob: 99452-22602



2017

Smt. Madhuri Mahadev Bhoir
Woman Farmer - Kitchen Garden (equally shared)

At/Post / Vill. Vedhegaon, Tal. Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane Maharashtra - 401204 Mob: 99601-71747



2018

Shri. Abhishek Chawda
Horticulture - Vegetable Crops Nursery

H.No.6, Chawda Bagh, Nandanvan Road, Vill. Chandandih, Post. Tatibandh, Dist. Raipur Chhattisgarh-492099 Mob: 77710-35550



2018

Smt. Padamati Pavani
Woman Farmer - Protected Floriculture

H.No. 1-307/95, Sriramnagar Kapra, Ecil Medchal, Dist., Telangana 500062. Mob: 98492-72343



2019

Shri. S. R. Arun Kumar
Horticulture - Coconut Cultivation with Multi Storied Cropping System

S/o. Ramakrishna S.G., Vill. & Post Shettikere, Tal. Chikkanayakanahalli, Dist. Tumakuru-572226, Karnataka Mob: 9900824420



2019

Shri. Gondaliya Rameshbhai Balubhai
Winter Farming Category - Wheat

Haveli Sheri, Ta. Babapur, Tal./Dist. Amreli-365610 Gujarat. Mob: 99132-82641



2019

Smt. Jamnaben Maganbhai Nakum
Woman Farmer - Dairy

Village: Tuked, Tal. Mandvi, Dist. Surat 394110, Gujarat Mob: 99257-16660



2022

Shri. Chidanand Parasappa Pawar
Horticulture - Papaya Crop

At/Post Rajapur, Tal. Gokak, Dist. Belagavi-591224, Karnataka Mob: 74118-57315



2022

Shri. Patel Ghemarbhai Kesharbhai
Winter farming - Castor Crop

At. Varnawada, P.O. Dhota, Tal. Vadgam, Dist. Banaskantha - 385421, Gujarat Mob: 94269-66016



2022

Kum. Nabanita Das
Woman Farmer Category - An Enterprising Woman Farmer In Vegetable Cultivation From North East Region

Pottigaon, P.O. Fokaza, Jorhat-785111, Assam. Mob: 75769-18243

2022

**Smt. Lalrinpuii**
Woman Farmer Category - An Enterprising Woman Farmer In Vegetable Cultivation From North East Region

W/o. Jacob, Saikhamakawn, Dist. Aizawl, Mizoram-796005. Mob: 76400-60827

**Research Farm at Tansa**