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April-June 2023

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to bring before you this quarterly 'Newsletter' of the ASPEE Agricultural Research and Development Foundation (ARDF) after a long period. This news bulletin comprises of all important activities carried out at ARDF during months from April to June, 2023. Hope you will enjoy while going through the same.

Foundation stone laying ceremony of "IT based science and commerce college" was held on 1st May, by the hands of Dr. Sharad L. Patel & Shri. Kiran L. Patel, Directors of Aspee Agricultural Research and Development Foundation at Bhiwadi, Dist. Thane, Maharashtra.



The Patel family promoter of ASPEE always encouraged agricultural educations for all. They help and motivate the younger generation for innovative studies. Keeping in view this intention and



to inspire the surrounding tribal students the ASPEE Foundation performed 'Bhoomi Poojan' for establishing an IT based Science and Commerce College for the betterment of the local upcoming generations.

Celebration of World Environment Day



World Environment Day was celebrated on 5th June 2023 at Tansa Farm. On this occasion we invited farmers from near by villages at our farm.

We made them aware about the importance of growing trees to save from global warming. We celebrated this event by planting trees by the hands of farmers.



Mr. Saem Mulla the Sarpanch of Nare Village also participated in planting trees at our farm.

Sowing of Paddy Seed for Nursery preparation

Every year ASPEE Foundation produces 40 tons of paddy seeds and provide it to surrounding farmers at very nominal and affordable price.

This kharif 2023 season paddy seeds were sown under the guidance of our agricultural scientists for preparation of nursery on 15th June. After completion of 21 days rice seedling will be transplanted in the main field.



Selection Committee meeting for Nomination Form of L. M. Patel Farmer of the year Award 2022.

Every year the ASPEE Foundation announces 3 Awards at national level in three different categories. During the period of Corona i.e. 2020 and 2021 no such announcements was made for two consecutive years. However, announcement was made for the year 2022 in the following three categories at national level thought various KVKs, Agricultural Universities, Agricultural Departments, Extension departments, Aspee Distributors and Dealers:



- **Horticulture Category:** Papaya
- **Winter Farming Category :** Castor
- **Woman Farmer Category:** An Enterprising Woman Farmer in Vegetable Cultivation From North East Region Covering Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura

Celebration of International Yoga Day

ASPEE Foundation organized International Yoga day on 21st June at Bhiwadi research center. The program started with the lightening of lamp before Goddess Sarasvati under the guidance of Shree Ambika Yoga Kutir, Thane and Ms. Pratibha Chiplunkar. On this auspicious occasion Foundation invited 12 standard students from different colleges. Total 40 students attended the Yoga class out of which 25 were girls. ARDF also invited a trained Yoga teacher to perform Yoga session. Upon completion of Yoga session Dr. Sharad L. Patel, Managing Director, ASPEE Group of companies highlighted the importance of yoga in our daily life.



He thanked every one for making the program successful. He specially honored the Yoga teacher.

Puzzle

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Think and do

1. The two staple food crops of India.
2. This is the summer cropping season of India.
3. Pulses like arhar, moong, gram, urad contain...
4. It is a coarse grain.
5. The two important beverages in India are...
6. One of the four major fibers grown on black soils.

ASPEE L.M.PATEL FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD-2023

WIN CASH PRICE
₹ 1,00,000/-
A TROPHY & A CITATION

HORTICULTURE CATEGORY
PINEAPPLE CULTIVATION

Eligibility:

- The Crop must be newly planted and/or raised from suckers.
- Must have at least 1 acre of area under Pineapple cultivation at one place.
- Must be producing this crop for at least last 3 years.

**For More Information
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**WINTER FARMING
CATEGORY - CUMIN**

Eligibility:

- Must have at least 1 acre solely under Cumin crop at one place.
- Must be growing this crop for at least 3 years.
- Produce should be well cleaned & graded for marketing.

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WOMAN FARMER CATEGORY
An Enterprising Woman Farmer
In Vegetable Cultivation
From North Zone- Covering

- Jammu and Kashmir
- Himachal Pradesh Uttarakhand
- Uttar Pradesh • Punjab
- Haryana • Delhi

Eligibility:

- An Enterprising Woman growing any type of vegetable in an area of half an acre at one place.
- Must be growing vegetables for at least last 3 years.

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“ASPEE L. M. PATEL FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2023”

ADDITIONAL DECIDING FACTORS :

In addition to the eligibility, special emphasis will be given to the following :

- Efficient and effective use of inputs, resources, water, land, etc. by adoption of modern agricultural technologies.
- A role model for farming community helping fellow farmers in adopting new technologies.

SIMPLE WAYS OF APPLICATION :

Step 1 : Request for Preliminary Proforma from ASPEE office at address given below or download from our website www.aspeefoundation.org and send it to us in time. The Preliminary Proforma form should be sent in triplicate (1 original + 2 duplicate) or else the forms shall not be considered. Photocopy of the form must be retained by the farmer.

Step 2 : Nomination Forms will be sent to the shortlisted farmers only. The duly filled in nomination forms having recommendation of nominating authority given below may be sent to ASPEE Foundation office at Mumbai. The Nomination form should be sent in triplicate (1 original + 2 duplicate) or else the forms shall not be considered. ASPEE Foundation will get in touch with the shortlisted candidates.

Step 3 : Nomination Forms will be scrutinized by a Committee and video shooting will be conducted on the farms of the shortlisted farmers on a date mutually convenient to the farmer and the Aspee Foundation

NOTE : Video-shooting of the shortlisted farmers for the Award 2023 will be conducted in the year 2023-24 only during peak period / harvesting. The farmers shortlisted should also grow the same crops identified for the Award in the year 2023 for conducting video shooting.

REMEMBER THE SCHEDULE:

- Last date for receiving duly filled Preliminary Proforma : 31/08/2023
- Last date for receiving a duly filled in Nomination : 30/10/2023 Form at Aspee Foundation office
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WHO ARE THE NOMINATING AUTHORITIES ?

Nominations can be made by Technical Officer concerned with Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Animal Husbandry/ Fisheries / Dairying etc from any one of the following organizations.

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| • Union / State Departments | • Krishi Vigyan Kendra |
| • Agricultural Universities | • Past Aspee L. M. Patel Awardees |
| • Zilla Parishads | • Registered Farmers' / Mahila Associations |
| • Rural Banks / Commercial Banks | (e.g. Womens' Self-Help-Groups) |
| | • Aspee Dealers / Distributors |

Nomination forms sent without the recommendation of Nominating Authority will not be considered.

Aspee Foundation reserves all right to consider/reject application of farmers, due to any unavoidable reasons.