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The Vice Chancellors / Dean/Registrar/  
Director of Instruction/ Director of Extension...

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Announcement of Aspee L.M. Patel  
Farmer of the Year Awards-2018**

You must be aware about the activities of the Aspee Agricultural Research and Development Foundation. You may also visit our website [www.aspeefoundation.org](http://www.aspeefoundation.org)

Please find enclosed herewith copy of the above Announcement. The criteria, crops and schedules are mentioned in this Announcement. Since these are prestigious awards instituted to recognize towering farmers from different parts of our country, we feel that a wide publicity deserves to be given to these awards.

All these year with cooperation for various Universities/Agricultural Sectors and KVKs, we were able to recognize some good farmers. If in your opinion any progressive farmer can meet the stipulated eligibility criteria as given in the announcement, you may ask the farmer to write to the Aspee Foundation in English or Hindi at the address given above to request for a Proforma to enable the Aspee Foundation to obtain preliminary data of the farmer.

You are also requested to display the announcement on your notice board for the attention of the farmers.

We hope you will give this Award wide publicity so that many deserving farmers can apply for the awards.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,  
for ASPEE AGRIL. RES. AND DEVP. FOUNDATION.

(SHARAD L. PATEL)  
DIRECTOR

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# ANNOUNCING

## “ASPEE L. M. PATEL FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2018”

EACH CATEGORY CARRIES A CASH PRIZE OF ₹.100,000, A TROPHY & A CITATION



### HORTICULTURE CATEGORY

VEGETABLE CROPS NURSERY RUN BY A FARMER AND/ OR HIS FAMILY

**Eligibility:**

- In Open nursery production should be 5 lakhs seedlings -whereas in plug nursery production should be 2 lakhs seedlings per year.
- Must be producing seedlings at least since last 3 years.
- Must be done by an individual farmer and / or his family.
- Nursery can be in an open field or in protected structure.



### NEWLY EMERGING CROP

SWEET CORN

**Eligibility:**

- The farmer must have at least 1 hectare area solely under sweet corn.
- Must be growing this crop for at least 3 years.
- Must be marketing only cobs and not grains.



### WOMAN FARMER CATEGORY

PROTECTED FLORICULTURE

**Eligibility:**

- She must be growing either one and/or more of the following flowers:
  - Rose • Gerbera • Carnation • Chrysanthemum.
- The farmer must have minimum 1000 m<sup>2</sup> area under Net House or 500 m<sup>2</sup> area under Greenhouse / Polyhouse. Maximum area should not be more than 4000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Must be growing these flowers for at least for the last 3 years.

#### ADDITIONAL DECIDING FACTORS:

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

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

#### SIMPLE WAYS OF APPLICATION:

Step 1 : Ask for "Preliminary Proforma" from ASPEE office at address given below or download from our website [www.aspeefoundation.org](http://www.aspeefoundation.org) and send it to us. 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 forms 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 : Videoshooting of the shortlisted farmers for the Award 2018 will be conducted in the year 2018-19 only during peak period / harvesting. The farmers shortlisted should also grow the same crops identified for the Award in the year 2018 for conducting video shooting.

#### REMEMBER THE SCHEDULE:

- Last date for receiving duly filled Preliminary Proforma: 31-01-2018
- Last date for receiving a duly filled in Nomination Form at Aspee Foundation office : 30-06-2018

#### 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.

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

Nomination forms sent without the recommendation of Nominating Authority will be rejected.

For more details, please contact:

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

