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Born on 25th November 1933, Sharad L.Patel is now functioning as Managing Director of American Spring & Pressing Works Pvt.Ltd (Aspee Group of Companies). He obtained Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Gujarat University in 1956 and then obtained Master's degree (specialized in production) Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan , U.S.A. in 1958. he joined American Spring and Pressing Works Pvt.Ltd., in the beginning as Production Engineer and then reached to the present stage of Managing Director.

Besides, he is also the Director of Aspee Agro Equipment Pvt. Ltd., Bilimora, Gujarat State. He is also a Director of Aspee Agricultural Research and Development Foundation, Mumbai which has undertaken various projects to transfer Technical and Research findings into the farmers' fields and promoted higher education by awarding Research Fellowships. Has guided and assisted research project of M.Tech/Ph.D (more than 50) students at Tansa /Bhiwadi and is still continuing the same till today.

His major interest is Development of Agricultural Equipment. He is a member of Plant Protection Equipment Sectional Committee ARDC-43 of Indian Standard Institution. He is also a member of Scientific Panel for Agricultural Engineering of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Delhi. To his credit, he has a number of Technical Papers presented in Seminars and Workshops, which were subsequently published in National and International Journals. He had been invited by various International Institutions:-

- Invited by the Malaysian Agricultural Research & Development Institute (MARDI) and the Malaysian Plant Protection Society (MAPPS), to attend the International Conference on Pesticides in Tropical Agriculture, from 23rd to 25th Sept.'87,Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Invited by the Israeli Government for the course on "Agricultural Extension"
- Invited by the International Rice Research Institute, Manila, to attend the Workshop on "Agricultural Mechanization and Indigenous Production of Agricultural Machines in LDC"
- Invited by International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan, Nigeria.
- Invited by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, to impart training in operation and Maintenance of Plant Protection Equipment at Loas, Vientiane.

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- Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers has awarded COMMENDATION AWARD in 1984-85 for Outstanding Contribution in Industrial Promotion Activities of Agricultural Engineering.
- Awarded ISAE Gold Medal for the year 2004-05 by Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers at Coimbatore

Socially also he is an active person. He is Trustee in "ASPEE Charitable Trust". He is a Founder Member Charter President of Rotary Club of Bombay North-West, Trustee of Bombay North-West Rotary Public Charitable Trust, Mumbai, Sanskar Sarjan Education Society, Mumbai, Shree Manubhai Pancholi (Darshak) Foundation, Gandhighar Kachholi, Amalsad, Gujarat, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Education Society, Bardoli, Sanskar Sarjan Education Trust, Bilimora Academic Council Member of Navsari Agricultural University and Junagadh Agricultural University as well as trustee of several of Educational Trusts and Public Health Charitable Trusts.
