

PATEL SHANTILAL LALJIBHAI

PROGRESSIVE FARMER | AGRICULTURAL INNOVATOR | FARMER LEADER

Agriculture • Sustainable Farming • Water Management • Farmer Development

Date of Birth	30 November 1954
Nationality	Indian
Location	Shivpura Kampa, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
Qualification	B.A. Economics, Gujarat University, 1977
Experience	More than 25 years
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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Shri Shantilal Laljibhai Patel is a progressive farmer, agricultural innovator, farmer leader and rural development practitioner with more than 25 years of field-level experience. His work focuses on scientific farming, processing potato cultivation, micro-irrigation and water management, contract farming and agribusiness, potato seed production, crop diversification, natural and sustainable agriculture, precision agriculture, farmer training and rural development.

CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Scientific farming and agricultural innovation
- Processing potato cultivation and contract farming
- Micro-irrigation and water-use management
- Potato seed production and quality planting material
- Crop diversification and date-palm cultivation
- Natural farming and sustainable agriculture
- Precision agriculture and modern farm technologies
- Farmer training, extension and capacity building
- Market linkages and agribusiness development
- Farmer empowerment and rural development

LEADERSHIP & INSTITUTIONAL ROLES

Chairman: ATMA Gujarat

Member: Agricultural Extension Education Committee, SDAU

Member: Agriculture Committee, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI)

Progressive Farmer Leader / Agricultural Mentor: 2000–Present — farmer guidance through demonstrations, training, field visits and modern technologies

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Micro-Irrigation & Water Conservation: Promoted efficient irrigation and water management since 2004. Work in Shivpura Kampa is documented as achieving nearly 100% micro-irrigation coverage across approximately 150 hectares.

Processing Potato Productivity: Through scientific crop management, irrigation, quality planting material and market-oriented practices, documented processing-potato productivity increased from approximately 21 MT/ha to 41 MT/ha.

Farm Income Improvement: The supplied Padma Award application documents an increase in net farm income from approximately ₹20,000/ha to ₹5.33 lakh/ha in the relevant potato-farming work.

Farmer Development Network: Established and nurtured a Processing Potato Farmer Development Network beginning in 2004, now involving more than 1,095 farmers.

Contract Farming & Agribusiness: Supported market-linked farming and contract-farming relationships involving PepsiCo and ITC, including quality standards, market intelligence and production guidance.

Potato Seed & Varieties: Contributed to quality potato seed production and work involving approximately 32 potato varieties.

Date Palm & Crop Diversification: Promoted tissue-cultured date-palm cultivation and diversification, with documented reach across Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Natural & Sustainable Farming: Promoted natural farming, sustainable resource use, water conservation and farmer awareness.

Precision Agriculture & Technology: Supported modern agricultural technologies, including precision agriculture and drone-based Nano Urea demonstrations with IFFCO.

FARMER NETWORK & EXTENSION IMPACT

Since 2004, the farmer network has supported more than 1,095 processing-potato farmers through technical guidance, quality planting material and input access, modern irrigation and crop management, food-industry quality standards, market intelligence, contract-farming opportunities and technology demonstrations. His wider extension work has included farmer training, field demonstrations, university collaboration and industry partnerships.

GEOGRAPHIC REACH

Documented agricultural activities and farmer adoption extend across Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka, with work replicated in processing potato, micro-irrigation, contract farming, date palm, seed production, natural farming and precision agriculture.

SELECTED AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Year	Award / Recognition	Area	Organization / Recognition	Level
2009–10	State Level Best ATMA Farmer's Award	Micro Irrigation System	ATMA Gujarat	State
2009–10	Rushi of Krishi Award	Agricultural Leadership / Farmer Guidance	Department of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat	State
2010–11	Sardar Patel Krishi Sanshodhan Puraskar	Efficient Irrigation Management / Agricultural Innovation	Department of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat	State
2011–12	Innovative Farmer's Award	Water Harvesting / Water Conservation	Navsari Agricultural University	State
2013–14	Vibrant Gujarat Agriculture Award	Best Agricultural Practices	Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi	State
2014	Grow Green Award	Strengthening Climate Justice Initiatives	National Council of Climate Change	District
2017	Award for Exceptional Work	Agriculture	IFFCO	District
2019	Aloo Gaurav Award	Potato Seed Production, New Varieties, Best Practices, Contract Farming	ICAR, New Delhi	National
2024–25	Progressive Farmer Honour Award	Scientific Farming, Agricultural Innovation, Sustainable Agriculture / Dairy	Madhur Dairy, Gandhinagar	District

2025	Gujarat News Conclave Panelist Appreciation	Development Agriculture, Water Conservation, Rural Development, Farmer Empowerment	Gujarat News	State
2026	Best Farmer Award	Organic & Modern Farming	Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amitbhai Shah	District

KEY IMPACT INDICATORS

25+ years — Continuous agricultural and farmer-development work

1,095+ farmers — Processing-potato farmer development network

21 → 41 MT/ha — Documented processing-potato productivity improvement

₹20,000 → ₹5.33 lakh/ha — Documented net farm income improvement

~150 hectares — Micro-irrigation coverage documented in Shivpura Kampa

32 varieties — Potato varieties associated with seed-production work

4 states — Documented reach: Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Karnataka

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & OUTREACH

His farm and agricultural activities have served as a practical bridge between farmers, universities, government institutions and agribusiness organizations. The supplied Padma Award application records visits and interactions with farmers, scientists, officers, policymakers, students and international visitors, along with recognition at Vibrant Gujarat in 2013 and IFFCO recognitions.

DECLARATION

I declare that the information presented in this curriculum vitae is based on the records and details available for my agricultural work and achievements. Supporting certificates, photographs and documentary evidence can be provided for verification where required.

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