



Jeetan Patel (Getty Images)

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Jeetan Patel appointed spin bowling consultant for South Africa and Sri Lanka Tours

The England Men's cricket team has appointed Jeetan Patel as spin bowling consultant for the tours of South Africa and Sri Lanka respectively.

Patel, who was part of England's successful five-match IT20 series victory over New Zealand last month, has announced his retirement from Cricket Wellington. He will play his last match for the Firebirds in the Super Smash against Central Stags at the Basin Reserve on Wednesday December 18.

He will join the England party on December 24 in Centurion ahead of the first Test at Supersport Park starting on Boxing Day against the Proteas.

The 39-year-old will also be part of the white-ball leg of the South Africa tour, which includes three ODIs and three IT20s.

He will also play a significant role during England's Test tour of Sri Lanka starting in March 2020 when Joe Root's side plays a two-match Test series as part of the ICC World Test Championship.

Patel, who is contracted as an off-spinner with English county side Warwickshire, ended this year's Specsavers County Championship with Warwickshire taking 64 wickets at 26.75.

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