

About Bharati Chaturvedi

Bharati Chaturvedi is a writer and environmentalist.

She is the founder of an India based non-profit, Chintan.

Chintan is an internationally awarded non profit that advocates for consumption that does not take a toll on the environment or the poor. It's focus is on enabling the informal recycling sector-wastepickers, kabaris and recyclers-to proactively participate in solving India's mounting trash problem. To do this, Chintan trains such persons to deliver professional level waste and e-waste management services, runs education programs to phase out child labour from recycling, undertakes cutting-edge research and actively participates in policy making around such issues. In September 2014, Bharati was recognized by ASSOCAM and Rai University for her work and received the Women Grassroots Entrepreneur of the Decade. Most recently, Chintan was awarded the Deutsche Bank Urban Age Award for its work. Chintan has also been awarded the US Secretary of State's Award for Innovation for the Empowerment of Women and Girls in 2012 the 3rd place at the UN-BMW Inter-cultural Innovation Award in 2013, was awarded by Google in 2013 and has received a special mention by the President of the Republic of France for its work on defending human rights, in 2014.

Bharati is on various government committees for policy making. She writes a column for the Hindustan Times, GreenPiece, on environmental issues.

She has a Masters degree in History from Delhi University and a Masters in International Public Policy from the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. She is the editor of 'Finding Delhi : Loss and Renewal in the Megacity,' published by Penguin India (October 2010).

Bharati is the recipient of the prestigious 2009 Johns Hopkins Alumni "Knowledge for the World Award". She has previously received the LEAD fellowship and is a fellow at the Synergos Institute, New York.