

15TH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD, INDIA – 2024

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Chief Guest

Hardeep Singh Puri
Minister of Petroleum
& Natural Gas,
Government of India

The Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award - India was established by Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, as an endeavour to promote social entrepreneurship in India. For 15 years, the award has recognised social innovations in India by showcasing the outstanding contributions of social entrepreneurs who have transformed lives and communities through their exceptional socio-business initiatives.

Finalists



Madhura DasGupta Sinha

Aspire For Her (AFH)

www.aspireforher.com

Year Established: 2021

Area of Activity:

AFH partners with corporations to establish specialised communities such as Tech4Her, Women Leaders, and EntrepreNaari. These targeted networks cater to specific professional and entrepreneurial needs. It offers tailored support women across various stages of life and careers-from schoolgirls and college students to professionals in IT, finance, sports, and aspiring entrepreneurs

- **Reach:** 550,000 women across 15+ communities securing 1,000 placements
- **Other aspect:** 1,200 mentorship sessions, supported 20 cohorts across 100 courses, and invested over 50,000 learning development hours



Akshay Saxena

Avanti Fellows

www.avantifellows.org

Year Established: 2010

Area of Activity:

Avanti Fellows provides free STEM education and career guidance to economically disadvantaged students in India. Their high-intensity tutoring helps top students achieve significant success and improve their families' financial situations. Unique for open-sourcing for its educational content, Avanti Fellows' programmes are used nationwide

- **Reach:** Free content for 1.5M+ students across Navodaya Vidyalaya & 6 states, 30K in intensive tutoring
- **Other aspect:** Helped 5K+ students enter elite STEM institutions, median salary INR 6 lakh helping to break intergenerational poverty



Hunny Bhagchandani

Torchit

www.mytorchit.com

Year Established: 2008

Area of Activity:

Torchit uses a multifaceted approach to support individuals with disabilities by focusing on affordable, accessible assistive technologies and inclusive education. Their strategy includes raising awareness, improving availability, and ensuring affordability. They design user-friendly devices and offer vocational training, while collaborating with communities and stakeholders to integrate their solutions

- **Reach:** Improved the lives of over 300,000 people with disabilities across 40 countries
- **Other aspect:** 40% increase in employment rates & a 30% rise in educational enrolment among users and supported 120 PwDs as micro-entrepreneurs

Jury

Shobhana Bhartia

Chairperson &
Editorial Director,
HT Media Ltd

Hilde Schwab

Chairperson &
Co-founder Schwab
Foundation for Social
Entrepreneurship

Aashti Bhartia

Non-Executive
Director
Jubilant Foodworks
Limited

Geetanjali Kirloskar

Chairperson and
Managing Director,
Kirloskar Systems
Limited

Rohini Nilekani

Chairperson,
Rohini Nilekani
Philanthropies

Harish Arnezath

Regional Director,
Stanford Seed,
India

Dr Shuchin Bajaj

Founder
Director, Ujala
Cygnus, Winner
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Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship was co-founded by Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum and Hilde Schwab, Co-Founder and Chairperson, Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship. For more than twenty-five years, the Schwab Foundation has supported pioneering social innovators driving systemic change and advancing leading models of social innovation. Learn more at www.schwabfound.org

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