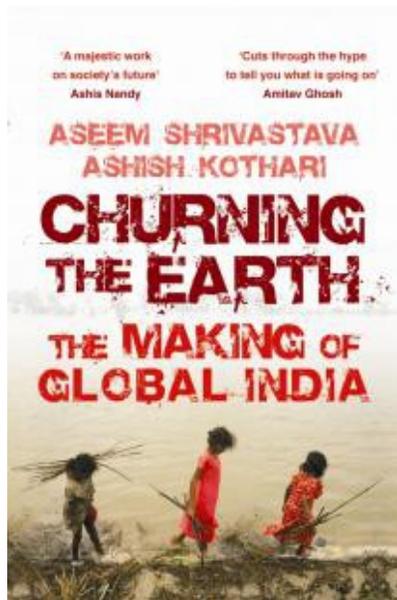




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Churning the Earth: The Making of Global India

by

Aseem Shrivastava & Ashish Kothari

R. Kasturirangan, National Institute of Advanced Studies

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A.R. Vasavi, Anthropologist, GRAAM
will critique the book.

The authors will be present to respond.

Thursday, 16 August 2012, 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

(Registration and Tea: 5.30 pm. Copies will be available for sale.)

Institute of Agricultural Technologists, Queens Road, Bengaluru

About the book

*The world stands so dazzled by India's meteoric economic rise that we hesitate to acknowledge its consequences to the people and the environment. In **Churning the Earth**, the writers present incontrovertible evidence on the predatory nature of this recent growth and question its political and ecological sustainability. They urge a fundamental shift towards a range of policy, grassroots and conceptual alternatives that are necessary to forestall the descent into socio-ecological chaos.*

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Advance praise for the book

'...a majestic work on society's future. Shrivastava and Kothari think that they have produced what amounts to a war diary of an epic struggle to secure the well-being and survival of the coming generation of Indians. Others will read it as a tragic story of a civilisation that faces self-destruction because it can no longer impose limits on human greed and irresponsible consumption.'

Ashish Nandy

'Cuts through the hype to tell you what is going on.. the only work I know of that provides a comprehensive account of the enormous social and environmental costs of the developments of the last fifteen years.. substantiated with a great deal of data..'

Amitav Ghosh

'An eye-opening critique of India's development strategy, based on growth mania and corporate-led globalisation..... it illustrates the value and urgency of closer collaboration between economists and environmentalists'

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Ramaswamy R. Iyer, former Water Resources Secretary, Government of India

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