

Bio-data

Prof Ashoke Chatterjee received his education at Woodstock School (Mussoorie), St Stephen's College and Miami University (Ohio). He has a background in the engineering industry, international civil service, India Tourism Development Corporation, and 25 years in the service of the National Institute of Design (Ahmedabad) where he was Executive Director, Senior Faculty, Distinguished Fellow and Professor of communication and management. He has served a range of development institutions in India and overseas, particularly in the sectors of drinking water, sanitation, disability, livelihoods and education as well as working with artisans in many parts of the country. He was Hon President of the Crafts Council of India for over twenty years and continues to serve CCI as its Hon Advisor. Other current affiliations include the Prabhat Education Foundation for children with special needs, Utthan, the Centre for Heritage Management (Ahmedabad University), the India Foundation for the Arts (Bangalore), Madras Crafts Foundation, Centre for Environment Education, and Gandhi Ashram. An author and writer, his books include "Dances of the Golden Hall" on the art of Shanta Rao and "Rising" on empowerment efforts among deprived communities in rural Gujarat. Prof Chatterjee continues to assist design education in India and elsewhere. He lives in Ahmedabad with his son Keshav, daughter-in-law Prativa and grandchildren Kabir and Alisa.