



In the Arts:

Founder Director and Patron

Dhaatu - Center for Sharing
Bangalore, India [www.dhaatu.org]

Vidyashankar Hoskere, along with his wife, Anupama Hoskere, are the founder Directors of Dhaatu – Center for Sharing Life Skills and Traditional Wisdoms. Dhaatu was founded to promote universal human values through stories from India’s National Epics and promoting the expression of art and craftsmanship through the media of Doll keeping and Puppetry.

Vidyashankar has been a script writer and artist of the Dhaatu Puppet Theater. He has funded and mentored the Epic Classes, Puppet Festivals and Doll displays at Dhaatu since its beginnings. He is an amateur cartoonist and does clay modeling. He has received formal training in the art of wood carving of puppets from Miroslav Trejtnar, a Czech master.

Spirituality has been his innate driving force and he has explored his innermost depths and discovered with the grace of his spiritual master, many truths about life and living. His views obtain their robustness from unique personal insights drawn out of the depths of his own understanding. The intensity of his experiences is reflected in his writings and lectures. Having studied and lived both in India and in the US, he blends traditional wisdom effortlessly with science and contemporary language, and the result is a literature that is at once clear and simple, powerful and direct. His literary expressions and eloquent expositions are refreshing and original, and stand alone based on his unique and uncommon vision, rarely referring to other texts.

Educational Qualifications:

P.E. [Civil] – One of the few PE’s in India	9/’92	- Reg’d Professional Engineer, State of California
M.S., Structural Engineering	8/’89	- University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
B.E., Civil Engineering	5/’87	- BMSCE, Bangalore University, India

Books:

Snowflakes – a collection of Poems – 10/2013
SoulSpace – Reflections on Life – a collection of essays – 03/2014

Teaching Experience:

- Teaching a Liberal Arts Elective Course for 3rd and 4th Semester M.Des students at National Institute of Design [NID, Bengaluru] – “Spirituality – Underlying Aspect in Human Life and Endeavour” [Spring 2016]
- Teaching the “Tattvakatha” series of classes on philosophy through the epics of Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PROFESSIONAL LIFE:

Mr. Hoskere possesses over twenty five years of experience in the management, analysis, design, review and construction of a variety of significant projects both in the US and in India. He has extensive experience in project team leadership on a variety of engineering projects including structures in steel, reinforced concrete, pre-stressed concrete and timber.

He has special expertise and experience in seismic hazard evaluation and mitigation methods, including specialized technologies such as seismic base isolation and energy dissipation and has designed isolation systems for landmark projects in the Southern California region. He has also to his credit the design of Asia's tallest Water Tower at 90m. height above ground as part of the Acoustic Suppression System designed for the second launch pad at Sriharikota.

Mr. Hoskere has also provided design and construction services for a variety of building structures and infrastructure projects in India including water retaining structures, treatment plants, industrial buildings and bridges. He has also done several signature homes from architectural concept to construction.

Professional Positions Summary:

- Managing Partner, Turnkey Construction Engineers, Bangalore, India
- Vice President, Structural Engineering World Congress (I)
- Member, Board of Studies, BMS College of Engineering
- Member of the Board of Governors (99 - Current), Institute for Training, Research and Development for Construction Trades and Management, India (INSTRUCT)

Awards:

"ACCE(I) - Simplex Award 2013" - for

"Innovative Design of Structure other than industrial structures" –

awarded to Turnkey Construction Engineers – for the Design and Construction of 90M high water tower for the Acoustic Suppression System for the ISRO's Second Launch Pad at Sriharikota, AP.

"Outstanding Conference Paper Award" – from Masonry Society of America for paper published in North American Masonry Conference - 1989

"Alan H. Yorkdale Award" – from the ASTM for outstanding research in Masonry - 1988