



Padma Vibhushan

Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra

Eminent Poet and Literary Critic



D.Litt. (Honoris Causa)

Most Revered

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Sir,

Very few people in the world have become legends during their lifetime. As a literary genius, you continue to give the world the rare rapturous fragrance of native soil despite being deeply steeped in western literature. While Sahitya Academy Award, Bharatiya Gyanpith Award, Soviet Land Nehru Award attest your creativity, your administrative acumen has been proved by your creative initiatives as the Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the President, UNESCO's World Decade for Cultural Development. As the true representative of your creation 'Sabda, Svarna O Nirvikata', you have given us "The Rainbow of Rhythms". With numerous publications as a prolific poet and writer, you have touched the softest corner of human heart. Your concern for the indigenous people gave the world several oral poetry of the tribals which would go a long way in giving the tribals a distinct literary identity. Without you, we could not have known 'The Alphabet of Birds' and 'A Child Even in Arms of Stone'. With millions of your admirers, we pray 'Let Your Journey be Long'.

In recognition to your genius and in admiration to your persona as a literary genius par excellence, and a humanist, KIIT University unanimously resolves to confer the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) on you, this day, 8th November, 2014, on its 10th Annual Convocation.


(Achyuta Samanta)

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