



Padma Vibhushan

Dr. Sonal Mansingh

Indian Classical Dancer and Social Activist

(She receives Degree of D.Litt. (Honoris Causa)
given to her, in absentia, in the
9th Annual Convocation, November 16, 2013)



D.Litt. (Honoris Causa)

Most Distinguished
Sonal Mansingh

Madam,

How prophetic you are to say 'A dancer is not a dancer. He/She is a part of this environment. He/She does not exist in a vacuum. Society and its happenings have an impact on all individuals, especially artists. If an art form does not reflect the existing milieu, it stagnates', which the world realised and acknowledged today. Very few people run away from home, secured and so full of comfort never to come back to live with the family to pursue an uncertain future in dancing, but you had the courage and confidence in you to face the wrath of your Guru, to bear the trauma of a broken marriage and to bounce back after a serious accident that almost crippled you. You have not chosen the path, rather the path (Dance) has chosen you. You are indeed a multi-faceted personality with the perfect blending of courage, sensitivity, tenacity, talent, creativity, innovation, grace and attitude.

In recognition to your indomitable spirit, your courage and conviction and your approach to life through LOVE for Art and Culture, KIIT University unanimously resolves to confer the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) on you, this day, 10th November, 2013 on its 9th Annual Convocation.

(Achyuta Samanta)

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