

2. A feeling of a Parent

I can still recall that day very well, it was Utkal Divas celebration in Ahmedabad. I went with my family to attend the function. Odissi dance performance was performed there. It was the first time; my six year daughter (Prishitta Sahu) was exposed to any classical form. She watched entire dance performance with great interest. She showed her keen interest in learning Odissi. Now, she has been learning Odissi for last almost one year under the kind guidance of Mrs. Suprava Mishra. I thank her for all her support and encouragement.

I feel over the time of period, Prishitta's personality has been groomed. It has helped her to understand our rich heritage & culture. Since the dance is based on mythology & puranas, she is exposed to stories of Mahabharata, Ramayna, The Shiv Purana and many more. That way, she is learning great Indian literature. Moreover, I have noticed gradually she is developing patience which is the most important factor in a child's life. Classical dance teaches discipline, patience & physical fitness. I am happy to put my child in dance class!!

Poonam Sahu is the Mother of Prishita Sahu who is studying in 3rd standard at DPS school Bopal and learning Odissi dance from Guru Smt Suprava Mishra since last one year. She had participated many major festivals like Kankaria carnival 2012 and Utkal Divas Celebration 2013. Also in the lec demo at DPS school.