

2nd December, 2015 will remain forever in my memory. Today also I can recall each single hour of that day and the anxiety of performing in 'Konark sun temple'. Yes, being a part of Suprava madam's Aum arts and dance academy, I got the opportunity to perform in KONARK DANCE FESTIVAL.

Since my child hood many often I have been watching the performances of Konark dance festival. Each time I saw the performances, my desire of performing there grew more and more. But never thought whether I would or I could perform there.

On 1st December when we stepped out of the bus and set our foot in Konark the atmosphere was ecstatic. Everywhere twinkling lights, decorated applique work of Odisha along with the rhythm of traditional music as if welcoming us. Later in the evening while watching the performances of other dance groups and the imagination of seeing myself on the same stage was overwhelming. I never knew whether I deserved that stage, yet madam showed faith on me. In my mind it was a war like situation. I cannot die, I cannot loose, I just had to win by giving 100 percent to my dance. I believe other group members were also going through same mental phase.

I can't judge our performance, yet everyone tried to give their best performance. At the end one of my life's wish was fulfilled and only due to Suprava Madam.

Thank you madam for everything

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