Prof. (Dr.) Mukti Bhatnagar

MBBS, MD, PGDMCH, Professor 16/01/1957 - 07/06/2021

## **ARTIST COLUMN**

Dr MuktiBhatnagar, a dynamic, versatile, charismatic and multidimensional personality was a Professor of Medicine and a teacher of high acclaim and repute. She completed her graduation (MBBS) and post graduation (MD in General Medicine) from M.L.N. College, Allahabad. She also specialized in Post Graduate Diploma in Maternal and Child Health, and Geriatric Medicine from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

Above all, she was truly a gifted artist. Her work in the traditional painting style Madhibani, Gond art, Pichwaiand worli style is absolutely commendable. She loved to play with colours in various mediums, be it acrylic, oil, glass or fabric. Dr. Mukti's vast array of Buddha in various art forms is par excellence. Her creativity knew no bounds. This is apparent in her unique, signature style of painted sarees with different kind of art style on pallu and border, gathering accolades from the critics.

From her childhood, she was very fond of Indian Classical & Folk Music and Kathak Dance, for which she was trained at Prayag Sangeet Samiti, Allahabad. Despite being a doctor, her passion for Arts was never sidelined. It was this love for arts that led to the development of creative arts in Subharti University.

Her persona was also embellished by her involvement in activities like, debates, declamations, dramatics, athletics etc.

She underwent specialized training in Imaging Techniques at Blackpoll, Preston and at Southampton Royal Hospital in the United Kingdom and has had the honor of being invited by the National Institute of Social Defense as a Resource Person, to Lecture students of six months and one-year Diploma Course on Integrated Corintis Course on Integrated Geriatric Care.

She had the most coveted distinction of presenting lectures on "Physical Disability in the Elderly" and on "Physical Rehabilitation: Disabilities in Old Age" before an august gathering of "SAARC" member countries. In recognition of her dedicated services in the field of education, health and social service, she was conferred with the 'U.P. Ratna' by all India Conference of Intellectuals. She received the 'Mahila Gaurav Samman' on International Women's Day from U.P. Films Photo Journalist Welfare Association (Regd.) for her commitment to the cause of Women upliftment and empowerment.

She has been decorated with the "Rajiv Gandhi Shiromani Award" by The National Integration and Economic Council, New Delhi for her unstinted contribution towards the spread of peace and harmony in the community.

She was honored by C.C.S. University 'Service towards the Women Welfare' on International Women's Day by Department of History, C.C.S.



University Meerut, 2011. She has also been felicitated by the Consortium of Competence in Education for her Excellence in this field. Since then she had been winning multiple awards and recognition for her work. The most recent being her selection as a member of the Medical Council of India.

Another feather was added to her cap when she was also honored with D.Lit degree before she left us to grace the heavens above.

May her soul rest in eternal peace...