



Brief-Profile of Mrs. Manasi Pradhan

Widely regarded as one of the pioneers of the 21st century global feminist movement and a spirited crusader for gender justice, Manasi Pradhan is a globally-renowned women's rights activist and author.

Mrs. Pradhan is frequently featured among World's top activists and authors by prestigious international publications and organizations. In 2016, the New York based Bustle magazine named her among 20 most inspiring Feminists Authors and Activists along with Nobel Prize winners Shirin Ebadi, Rigoberta Menchu, Malala Yousafzai, Betty Friedan, Naomi Klein, Angela Davis, Kate Millett and Gloria Steinem. In 2017, the Los Angeles based Welker Media Inc. named her among 12 most powerful feminist change makers across the globe.

In 2018, She was invited by the prestigious Oxford Union, University of Oxford, to address the union, sharing the honour with great icons like Albert Einstein, Sir Winston Churchill, Stephen Hawking, Malcolm X, US Presidents Reagan, Nixon and Carter, Margaret Thatcher and the likes who have spoken at the union.

Mrs. Manasi Pradhan was conferred with the prestigious Rani Lakshmi Bai Stree Shakti Puraskar for the year 2014 by the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan. She has received numerous international and national awards including the Outstanding Women Award in 2011.

Manasi Pradhan is also an acclaimed author and poet. Her fourth book *Urmi-O-Uchchwas* has been translated into eight major languages.

Born on 4 October 1962 to a very poor family in a remote village of Odisha, Mrs. Pradhan fought successfully the widely prevalent social taboo against educating women, walked 15 km daily amidst hilly terrain and swamp to the only high school in the entire region to emerge as first woman matriculate of her village and subsequently the first woman law graduate of her region. The inspiring life story of Mrs. Pradhan has been adopted as documentaries in several countries including United States and Israel.

