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Honorary Doctorate to PK Mahanandia

On 4 January 2012, India-born Swedish artist PK Mahanandia was awarded an honorary doctorate degree (Degree of Honoris Causa) from Utkal University of Culture (UUC) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha state, India. He was praised for his long-standing work to promote Odisha culture in Sweden, where he has been staying ever since 1975 (after travelling on bicycle all the way from India in order to unite with his Swedish wife Lotta). PK was born 1949 in an untouchable weaver family in a village of district Kandhapada, Odisha. Several years ago he was designated as the Oriya Cultural ambassador to Sweden by the Government of Odisha, and he has set up a Cultural Center in his Swedish home town Borås.

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