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Kumudhavalli

The Singing Sensation of Chola

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Meet **Ms. Kumudhavalli**. Twice crowned the Raga Saga champion, her soulful singing and infectious energy make her a true sensation. Currently, she is with the Finance team, balancing her career and passion with utmost ease. Awed by her exquisite voice, we decided to sit with her for a short casual chat where she spoke about life, music, career, and much more.

Here's how the conversation panned out.

First things first. How did your journey into the realm of music begun?

My love for music was sparked by my 2nd-grade teacher, who encouraged me to sing during school assemblies. So, that's how I got into singing. However, I had a strong music background in the family too. My grandfather sang with the legendary MS Viswanathan, and my father followed in his footsteps in the film industry. Both my father and grandfather worked alongside each other during a brief period of time in the 90s.





Was it exciting growing up in a household with musicians?

I wouldn't say that. My father never wanted us to pursue music. He always urged us to concentrate on our studies. So, he never taught me music. Most of my singing is self-taught. I was allowed to sing devotional and classical songs in temples and pooja sessions at home. So, whenever I win any singing competition, I will just tell I sang a devotional song or something like that.



Apart from your prowess in singing, are there any other things you put your interest upon?

I've always been into extra-curricular activities right from my school days. I think I am a very capable dancer as well. I also like writing, carrom, and chess. I think a bit of variety keeps life colourful.

We know you are a two-time champion in the Raga Saga. Can you share your experiences on that?

After the pandemic, GCC came up with the Raga Saga contest. My seniors urged me to take part in that. Fortunately, I was able to emerge victorious on both occasions in the group event. I've also done well in the semi-finals in this year's Raga Saga. I'm excited to see how it pans out.



Who inspired you to sing?

AR Rahman is my biggest inspiration. I grew up watching him. He is one of the biggest reasons why I want to take up singing. Songs from Mudhalvan and Roja are some of my favorites to date.

If you could share the stage with a prominent singer, who would that be?

In terms of singing, I would love to share the stage with AR Rahman and Taylor Swift. Because I think they take singing to a different level and are in a league of their own. The energy in their voice is just out of this world. I would be honoured to have the phenomenal Prabhu Deva as my partner in terms of dancing.



What is your proudest moment so far?

One of my favorite memories is receiving an award from Deva sir himself, someone I admire so much. It was surreal and unforgettable. And, of course, Raga Saga holds a special place in my heart too.

What is one quote you follow in your life?

“Simplicity is always ultimate.”

I think no matter what heights you reach, staying humble and simple keeps you grounded.



What are your future goals and aspirations?

Initially, I wanted to open a home for the elderly. Later on, I thought seeing people perish will break my heart. Now, I dream of starting a school for underprivileged children, where they will get access to nutrition and fitness programs in addition to studies. I believe nurturing their well-being and confidence can create brighter citizens and role models for the future.



With such heartwarming dreams and determination, we're sure Kumudhavalli will continue to soar, spreading inspiration through her music and her vision for a better tomorrow.
Keep reaching newer heights.

Chola is proud of you, Kumudha!