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YUVANESH
Chola's Dancing Phenom

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Meet Yuvanesh, *the dancing star*

His passion for the art of dancing stemmed from his schooling days. Now, at Chola, he is a compulsory performer for every onstage performance. Aside from his passion, he is also a dedicated member of the Vehicle Finance - Stamping team. Intrigued by his power-packed performances onstage, we met him offstage for a delightful coffee time chat. Here's how it went.



How did your journey into the realm of dancing began?

It all started back in the 9th grade. I was called to perform at the annual day event, and that was when I really realized how much I loved dancing. I had always been fascinated by the dance moves of my favorite movie stars, and that sparked a passion that only grew over time. Since then, it's been a constant part of my life, and I know it will keep growing.

What is your style of dancing?

I love grooving to fast-paced music. The energy of the beats, especially those powerful steps, just keeps me going. It's a great way to stay energized and let the music drive me.



In terms of dancing, who is your biggest inspiration?

Actor Vijay has always been my biggest inspiration. From a very young age, I've been imitating his style. Even today, I look up to his performances. What's impressive is that, even at his current age, he maintains an extraordinary level of fitness, which is incredibly inspiring to me.



We have seen you perform in various programs in Chola. Can you talk us through it?

When I joined Chola in 2021, I was thrilled to learn that they encourage employees to showcase their talents through events. I thought my dancing days were over once I finished college, but Chola revived that passion in me. My first performance was during the Christmas event in 2022, where I was asked to dance unexpectedly. Since then, I have been asked to be part of every event. I'm really thankful to HR and my team for always supporting me in this journey.



How do you prepare for such performances?

Honestly, we don't have extensive rehearsals, as we have to balance work with our passion. But about 3 or 4 days before the event, we start practising. We have great team coordination, so we pick up the steps quickly. Most of the time, we come to the office early or stay late to practice, and we brainstorm together on the steps and music to refine the performance.

Have you ever attended a formal dance school?

No, I haven't attended any dance school. Everything I know about dancing, I've taught myself. Coming from a middle-class family, it was not financially feasible for me to pursue dance full-time. My parents encouraged me to focus on my studies. So, I kept dancing as a hobby, never imagining it would become a part of my career or professional life.



Do you have a dance team here?

Yes, we do. We formed our team a while back, and it was named 'Sorga Vaasal'. As a team of 6, we gather for every event and plan our performances. Since we have been performing for a while now, we have a good rhythm between us.

What are your future aspirations?

At the moment, I haven't really set any specific goals for my future in dancing. But what I do know is that I want to continue dancing for as long as I can. It's something that relaxes me and gives me immense joy. I feel very fortunate to work in a place like Chola, where my passion for dancing is supported. I genuinely believe that everything happens for a reason, so I'm just going to see where this path takes me. Until then, I will keep my fingers crossed.

Yuvanesh's story is a great example of how one can incorporate love and passion into one's everyday work life. As he continues his power-packed moves onstage, Chola stands by him, wishing him all the best for his future.



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*Yuvanesh!***