

Nilanthi, the dancing star



Nilanthi a sweetie cutie - a cherry blossom in full bloom - this is what crossed my mind as I set eyes on her. Yes she is JUST THAT!!

Her name rings a bell - a musical bell. She is a well-known actress, having taken part in 25 films upto now, 18 teledramas, one stage drama and many dancing shows.

Q: You are such a renowned dancer. How did you come to this position?

A: When I was about 16 years, my mother thought I could dance well. She saw an advertisement in the newspaper - the Gypsies wanting a dancer. I applied and was selected and it was there that my luck took a turn for the better.

I said - No small wonder. You look like a dancing Barbie Doll. You are so sweet, with laughing eyes and curly hair.

She went on to say that her first film was

Those who matter



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Jolly Hello - this was a Sinhala film and its director was Lal Priyadevi. I did the main role, she said.

"The ball then started rolling and I went higher and higher until I had completed 25 films. The last film released was *Adara Meena*. In this I starred as a Tamil girl.

The first teledrama was *Hima Varusa*. Its director was Lakshman Pushpakumara.

She did one stage drama *Dummala Varama*. As for *Dancing Star* - when it first came it did not sound that grand. It was a sort of competition where contestants were getting knocked out at each round and she had a hidden fear that this would happen to her. But her performance was so outstanding that she reached the Finals. God was with her, she said, and she became the Runner up.

Q: Do you play any instruments?

A: No, but I appreciate good music, all types of music, especially Hindi music and films.

She says she gets invited for many shows abroad. She's been to a number of countries.

Q: What about your family?

A: I live with my parents and a brother who is married. We live in Talawatuogoda.

When I asked her about her plans for marriage, she very sweetly smiled and said, "No such plans yet. Maybe it would happen when the time comes - can't say when."

So Nilanthi here's wishing you all the best for a bright future. I know you will reach the top. Keep dancing!!

