

**DANCE AWAY****Shallu Jindal**

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Shallu Jindal is a Delhi-based Kuchipudi dancer, philanthropist and an author who recently bagged the Art Karat Award for excellence in classical dance. She is married to Naveen Jindal, a leading steel baron as well as Member of Parliament.

The chairperson of the National Bal Bhavan, Shallu recently released her latest book, *India — An Alphabet Ride*, which is already getting her accolades. Mother of two, Shallu juggles her wide her time skilfully to pursue ranging passions.

Interestingly, Shallu had given up dance post marriage due to family commitments. However, some 13 years ago, she met her gurus Padma Bhushan Raja Radha and Kaushalya Reddy at Tirupati and decided to learn the dance form again. Ever since, there has been no looking back for her. People say that I must had it easy, but when it comes to dance, people don't come to see me for my money or fame but for how well I dance. I feel that whatever time on earth we have, it should be meaningful. I continue to do the things that can impact me and others positively, such as dance.

**ACTIVE SOCIAL NETWORKER OR A PASSIVE RECEIVER?**

On Twitter, people sometimes criticise me, sometimes my husband. But, it's a great medium too. I don't get personal and I enjoy being on Twitter.

**THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A WOMAN IS...**

Being able to give birth and feel the bond that a mother shares with her child.

**CAN WOMEN HELP OTHER WOMEN?**

We have to start from the very beginning and initiate in every home the essence of gender sensitisation. The awareness to treat daughters, daughters-in-law and sons equally is very important. It has to start from basic schooling and education.