



Johnma Bees dancing along with her troupe at the talent show 7UP UPstarters. —DC

## Youth force from Kovai makes it to talent show

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The talented youth of Coimbatore have been chosen to perform in South India's popular talent show 7UP UPstarters.

The acting, singing and dance contest has seen huge participation from Coimbatore with six finalists from the city.

The four dancers who have qualified are Yuvraja, Prabhu, Parthipan and Alwin along with singer Sriram and actor Ramesh.

The grand-finale of the 6-part series will be judged by 7UP brand ambassadors, actors Dhanush and Puneeth Rajkumar.

Ramesh Narayanasamy, the 23-year-old participant from Coimbatore has charmed the show with his acting and dancing skills.

"From among 150 participants only two were selected and I was one of them," he recalls.

Ramesh is an assistant choreographer in 21 Dance School and has

acted in a couple of short films but never got the opportunity to show his acting talents on a bigger platform like this.

In the audition, when he was asked to show his acting skills, he played out the role of actor Dhanush in the Tamil film '3' for exactly 3 minutes.

The B.E. Mechanical Engineer from EASA College of Engineering & Technology (ECET), Coimbatore 2014 is a dance enthusiast as well.

His team member, Johnma Bees from Vellore is a differently-abled contestant who lost her left leg in a polio attack at the age of five. She dances on one leg.

"I am 22 now, but I don't want to think that I am any different from anyone else. I want to become one of the best dancers. I want to become a doctor to help others like me, financially, emotionally and provide them a platform to live their life independently," smiles the budding dancer who removes her artificial leg when she rocks the stage.