

# From Shantiniketan to the Stadium: Vishal's Journey of Passion and Perseverance

Hi, my name is Vishal. I was three years old child when I first came to El Shaddai. I don't know much about my parents; I grew up as the only child in my family. As early as I remember, I loved playing football, but when I first came here, I didn't know how to play.

I started practising at Shantiniketan School, and that's where I met Coach Valentine. He became my very first Coach and taught me everything about the game. His patience and dedication changed my life, and I'm deeply grateful to him. Without his guidance, I wouldn't be where I am today.

I owe so much to Didi and Dada too. They believed in me and supported me every step of the way. Because of them, I've been able to move forward and reach new heights. Today, I play for Dempo Sports Club, and every time I step on the field, I feel that joy and excitement. My dream now is to play for an ISL team someday and make my parents proud.

Thank you, Didi and Dada, from the bottom of my heart. Because of you, I stand here today, ready to give my best.



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## Step by Step: Sujata's Journey from Dreams to Dance



Hi, my name is Sujata, and I am 20 years old. Growing up, I faced many challenges at home. My father struggled with alcoholism, which made things difficult for our family. When I was five and my sister was three, my mother made a life-changing decision to enroll us at El Shaddai, one of the best Institute in Assagao.

At El Shaddai, I learned so much: how to read, write and communicate confidently with others. From a young age, I dreamt of becoming a dance teacher, so I practiced tirelessly.

Eventually, I joined Shaden Shawn Dance Academy, and today, I am proud to say that I teach dance to over one thousand students, both kids and adults.

I've always wanted to pursue a career in dancing, and I'm so glad I'm able to do what I love. I'm deeply grateful to Didi and Dada for their constant support, encouragement, and love. They have always believed in me, and I wouldn't be where I am today without them. They are not only my mentors but my family, and their impact on my life is something I'll cherish forever.

Your support empowers children like Sujata and Vishal to reach their full potential. Thank you for believing in their dreams and being such an essential part of their journey.





## Greetings from El Shaddai Charitable Trust

We would like to extend our warmest Christmas and New Year wishes for 2025 to each one of you. As we look back on the past year, we are deeply grateful for the invaluable support and dedication of our supporters, well-wishers, volunteers, and partners, who have stood with us in fulfilling our mission since El Shaddai's inception in 1997.

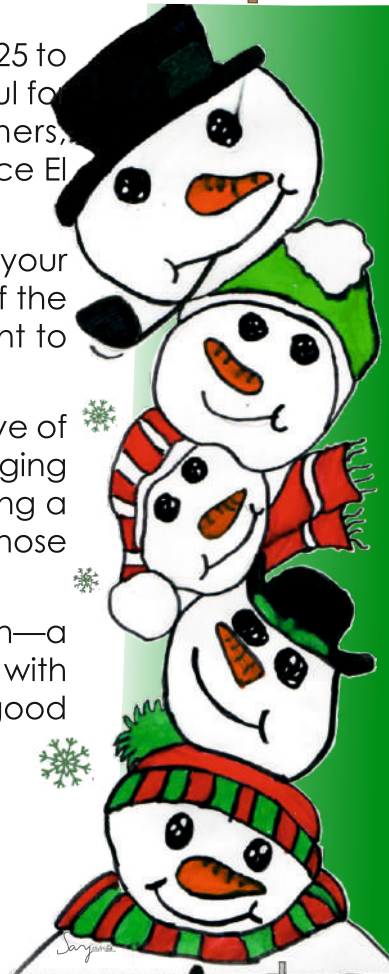
This festive season, we hope you find joy and comfort in the presence of your loved ones. It is also a time to reflect on the blessings and achievements of the past year. We remain immensely thankful for your unwavering commitment to our organization and the communities we serve.

As we welcome the new year, we at El Shaddai are profoundly appreciative of how you have continued to stand by us, especially through the challenging recent years. We look forward to continuing our work together and creating a positive impact in our community. Together, we can bring hope and joy to those in need, spreading the spirit of giving and compassion.

In gratitude, we'd like to share a special greeting card crafted by our children—a testament to the dreams and vibrant futures they reach for, made possible with your support. Wishing you a very happy and blessed Christmas, filled with good health and happiness throughout the New Year 2025!

Anita and Matthew  
Co-founders

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