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INTERVIEW

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Entrepreneur / Artist
(The 100% Lady)

Q. Place of birth?



I was born in a small city close to Delhi called *Saharanpur in India.

*Saharanpur is a city and a municipal corporation in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It is also the administrative headquarters of Saharanpur district. Saharanpur city's name was given after the Saint Shah Haroon Chishti. World famous School Darul Uloom Deoband also present in Saharanpur District.

Q. Profession?

I have a Master degree in Hindi literature. Before I got married, I was working towards becoming a professor. After I got married, we moved around a lot because of my husband's job so unfortunately, I never got a chance to pursue that route.

However, I have always been in love with doing anything that is creative such as painting, sketching, sculpting and clay work.

When we lived in Thailand, I had started giving private art and craft lessons. I continued

to do this when we moved to Indonesia.

Then, we moved again., This time to Campbellton. With encouragement from family and friends, I slowly started my own catering business that offers Indian vegan / vegetarian cuisine and food. I currently have a shop at the farmer's market located at the Sugarloaf Mall. I also take customized orders.

Q. You chose the Restigouche region or it chose you?



It definitely chose me.

I had never thought about moving to Canada. When I arrived in Campbellton, everyone made me feel so welcome that I instantly fell in love with this place started to call it home.



Q. Your passion?

To paint.
 I like to take walks, immerse myself

with nature and then put it all down on a canvas.

I believe in giving it 100% in whatever I do. So, when I cook for my customers, I always try to do the best I can with complete sincerity thinking of how I would want it as the customer. It brings me a lot of joy when my customers are happy and say that they are satisfied with the food (and service).

Q. Preferred leisure activity?

An activity on my own really will depend on the weather. When the weather permits, I like to tend to my garden and take walks by the waterfront.

Most days I spend time with my family, catching up with what their day was like and we

also enjoy watching television together.



Q. Best life advice received?

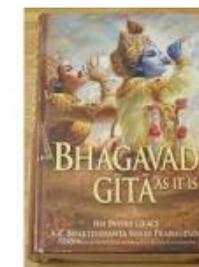
To achieve anything, you have to think big. There will always be people who try to pull you down, don't care about them. Always stay grounded and just keep moving forward. The universe will always find a way to help you.

Q. Destination yet to be discovered?

The Yukon Territories for the northern lights. I have always read about them seen them in

videos. They look so mesmerizing. I hope to enjoy the experience in person one day.

Q. A book that you would recommend?



***Bhagavad Gita**

- It touches every aspect of life, from birth to death and teaches you so much about how to truly live.

* The Bhagavad Gita, often referred to as the Gita, is a 700-verse Hindu scripture that is part of the epic Mahabharata, dated to the second century BCE. It is considered to be the primary holy scripture for Hinduism, the world's third largest and the oldest religion. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhagavad_Gita)

Q. You win the lottery grand prize. What would you do?

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I would try to help fund medical (scientific) research projects into the fight against rare diseases and to find cures – new treatments or therapies. Too many of these projects are underfunded.

Q. Advice to the newcomer who chooses to settle in NB?

Enjoy the scenic beauty because you won't find this anywhere else.

Q. Share some of your immigration experience to Canada and to NB.

I like that Canada is so open to immigration and that Canadians are so welcoming to immigrants.

It is sad however to see so many immigrants to NB leave this great province due to the lack of (better paying) jobs.

For the future, I do hope that more immigrants decide to stay and help to create / contribute to growing the economy of New Brunswick.

Q. One word describes you?

Caring

Q. You are given any three wishes. They are?

- My business to grow and do well (Ha! Ha! ☺);
- COVID19 no longer exists; and
- A peaceful world.

Q. Hero in your youth? Today?

**Rani Laxmibai.*



in my youth.

She was a great warrior and queen who fought and gave her life for the independence of her

people against the British Empire.

I learned from this hero, that in time of difficulties, not to give up, continue to grow and to develop qualities to become your own hero.

Today, I am my own hero.

*Lakshmibai, the Rani of Jhansi, was an Indian queen of the Maratha princely state of Jhansi in North India currently present in Jhansi district in Uttar Pradesh, India.

She was one of the leading figures of the Indian Rebellion of 1857 and became a symbol of resistance to the British Raj for Indian nationalists. [Wikipedia](#)
Born: November 19, 1828, [Varanasi, India](#)
Died: June 18, 1858, [Gwalior, India](#)
Full name: Manikarnika Tambe

Q. What would you like to see written on your tombstone?

I'm a Hindu. We don't have tombstones. We give ourselves back to nature through cremation.

Q. Please share something people may not know about you!

I used to ride motorbikes when I was a teenager.

About your business:



I have a small catering business. I specialize in **Indian vegan/vegetarian food**. These include sweet and savory dishes, snacks, meals and Indian street food.

You can come try my food at the **Farmer's Market** at the **Sugarloaf Mall**, Campbellton, NB.

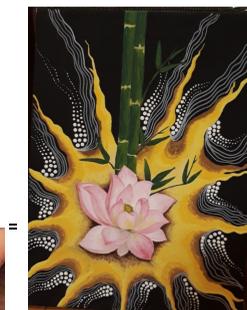
Apart from what is available at the booth, dishes from my menu are available for individual orders.

I also take customized catering orders for up to 50 people. Additionally, I do *henna tattoos and I am available for birthday parties, Mother's Day, bachelorette parties, weddings etc.

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Henna is a dye prepared from the plant *Lawsonia inermis*, also known as the henna tree, the mignonette tree, and the Egyptian privet, the sole species of the genus *Lawsonia*.

Henna can also refer to the temporary body art resulting from the staining of the skin from the dyes. [Wikipedia](#)



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