

# ...BECAUSE DREAMS DO COME TRUE

This pretty lass debuted as a model at the age of 19. Fast forward a year, and she is all set to star in her first movie, aptly titled, *Dreams*. Here's Samragyee RL Shah on letting her passion choose her career path. **By Shreya Sharma**

## TOP STORY



*Nobody is perfect, and I think imperfection is just crazy beautiful.*

Winning Classic Diamond Jewellers' second runner-up title in 2014 was the perfect launch pad for Samragyee RL Shah—and she hasn't stop shining since. With her stunning work as a model, audiences are expecting her performance in her debut movie to live up to the standards. Regardless of the result, she says, the journey is a reward in itself. **So, what's it like shooting for a movie?**

Since this was my first movie, it's a given that I was very nervous, especially during the early part of the shooting. But now, I'm thoroughly enjoying all of this and wouldn't give it up for anything. Getting to travel to so many beautiful places, including Mustang and Pokhara, were definitely the highlights.

**How was it auditioning for your role in the movie?**

I was a nervous-wreck moments before the audition. Having no formal training or experience in acting, I was really worried. But it went amazingly well, and I got selected out of 26 girls to star in the movie.

**How did you prepare for your part in *Dreams*? Did you take any acting classes?**

I did attend various acting workshops to prepare for my role but the best learning experience has been being a part of the movie itself and working day in and day out towards becoming a better actor.

**Transitioning from being a model to now being an actor—that must have been interesting?**

Modelling doesn't require the

same skills as acting. I never had to think too much about my work as a model, but acting is a completely different ballgame. With acting, one has to be in character the whole time and think as the character would—which is a lot to ask. It was tough, but that's the reason it was the most exciting thing I've ever done.

**Talking about your modelling career, do you think being crowned the runner-up at the Classic Diamond Jewellers 2014 contest changed your life in any way?**

In so many ways! A lot more people know me now and I have more followers on Instagram (laughs). It helped me hone my skills as a model and groomed me into a confident individual. It made me realise that there is still so much to learn as a model, and that encourages me to work hard every day.

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**Your definition of beauty:** Simplicity and originality.

**Qualities in your Mr. Perfect:** Good looking, great sense of humour and a good heart.

**The one thing I love about the world is:** Mother Nature.

**Something you do that drives people crazy:** When I blabber random Korean words.

**Something you don't want to regret when you are older:** Not living my dreams.

**If you could only have one of two things—love or trust:** Trust.

**If you could marry a fictional character, who would it be?** Damon Salvatore from *The Vampire Diaries*.

**If you inherited or won a million dollars, what would you do with it?** Go explore the whole world.

**If your life was a movie, which actor would play you?** Cameron Diaz

*Location: The four-star View Bhrikuti Hotel in Godavari is great for conferences and weekend getaways.*

**Did you always want to be in the entertainment industry? What were your childhood aspirations like?**

I used to steal my mother's lipstick and smear it all over my face. Being a supermodel was, and still is, a dream. I used to mimic my favourite actors for friends and family; so, acting was always a passion too. I am glad that I am doing the two things—modelling and acting—that I totally love.

**If you could choose between acting and modelling as a life-long career, what would you choose and why?**

Ah! I couldn't possibly do that. Besides, there is no point in planning ahead anyway (smiles). I just want to go with the flow and not stress too much about making a career choice right now.

**People in the glam industry are always expected to look their best. Is it a lot of pressure having to live up to those standards?**

To appear attractive and maintaining a glam facade is a lot of pressure. It makes me conscious about my health and fitness. It propels me to exercise and eat right. Although, I believe every human being is beautiful, you cannot put a certain measure on beauty. Nobody is perfect, and I think imperfection is just crazy beautiful.

## Ed Talk

### Just be happy!

Most people wait for the perfect day, the perfect ride, the perfect relationship, the perfect career, the perfect vacation or any other ideas of perfection they might have bred in their mind, to start being happy. But I believe it works the other way around. You've got to be happy first and then your perfect life comes into alignment. At least, that is what the leading life coaches will tell you. The stories of the wildly successful people also mirror the same theory, and successful people M&S has had the good fortune to meet so far have too been found to embody the same notion. It is all about celebrating the little joys in life that will pave way to bigger joys to come. People we've featured have been directly or indirectly sharing this message week after week, and if you intently take notice, you will pick up similar hints this week too. Just keep your eyes and your ears open.

## My picks from the pack

- It takes a lot of determination, passion and most importantly persistence before you own your success. Meet Senon Lama, who from piggybacking carpets from India to Nepal during his early days has now created an empire for himself out of it. He is our Mover and Shaker of the week. **—M&S, Page 4**
- The very beautiful Nisha Adhikari has been garnering quite a bit of reaction for her bold decision to go bald. Currently holidaying in the US, Adhikari claims to have donated all her hair to a children's cancer relief. **—My Daily Bread, Page 5**
- With the Friendship Day just around the corner, we hatched up a plan to volley questions to some of the popular K-town besties. The result of the test surely doesn't determine the strength of their bonds, but it does make for a fun read. **—Fun Duh, Page 12**

Until we meet again, here is to a happy, happy week ahead of you all.

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