

## 'Gujaratis can also sing rap and western music'

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One of Indian Idol's top 8 contestants, Barodian Bhoomi Trivedi says it is important to come out of the closet to achieve your dream

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EVERY one of us has dreamed of making it big at some point of time. So did this 21-year-old girl from Baroda! But unlike everyone else, she made her dream come true when she got selected in the auditions for Indian Idol-5. Bhoomi Trivedi, a TYBA student from MSU, surprised the judges, Anu Malek, Sunidhi Chauhan and Salim Merchant when she sang a Gujarati rap song. Before that, the judges had only heard Devang Patel sing Gujarati rap numbers.

"People usually associate Gujaratis with Garba. I was selected because I preferred to sing something different rather than the same old garba tunes. I can sing to western music too. It is very important to be versatile if you want to be a playback singer," says Bhoomi, who is an English literature student and has four years of training in vocal classical music in Baroda.

Bhoomi, who has been receiving accolades for her performance in reality shows says, "initially, it was difficult to adjust to the new and tougher atmosphere. We are allowed to make phone calls only for five minutes in a week. And this is for the first time that I have stayed away



from my family for such a long period. But it is my father's strong moral support that has allowed me to give my best performance in Indian Idol," she says.

Bhoomi is of the opinion that reality shows not only provide the best of platforms to showcase one's talent, but also gives one good exposure and polishes one's skill. "For example, when

Asha Bhosleji had come I was asked to sing a rap song about her which I wrote within minutes and sang for her. At one point of time we were asked to write a song and compose it. Most of us are used to set lyrics and compositions. It was difficult to think of the lyrics, compose and sing the songs. Such exercise nurtures hidden talent in us," says Bhoomi.