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# Beautiful me, beautiful you!

LTA student Maheshwari Jaiwant Raibole speaks to **hair** about her course at the academy and life after...

**S**tarting out as a fashion designer, 23-year-old Maheshwari Jaiwant Raibole found her calling as an aesthetician, all thanks to LTA School of Beauty. After becoming disillusioned by the design industry, Maheshwari's father urged her to give LTA a shot and today, she is a proud employee of Kaya Skin Clinic at Santa Cruz, Mumbai.

Fashion designing came as a natural choice of profession for Maheshwari, who used to design clothes for exhibitions, serials, etc. All was well until one day a garment company asked her to design for their brand in return for a large sum of money but no credit. Feeling like a bird whose wings had been clipped, Maheshwari gave up designing for a while. Though she returned to the field soon after, she still felt something was missing, till LTA came her way.

"I love looking beautiful and making others look good as well. Earlier, I used to play with people's clothes, now I play with their looks. Today's competitive world requires people to look their best — hence everyone from every field needs to concentrate on their physical appearance. The course at LTA, certified by international

body CIDESCO, opened up many doors of opportunity for me," says this LTA graduate.

Maheshwari reiterates that the practical lessons taken at the Academy have helped her greatly in her job, as she now knows how to use various types of machinery and understands certain technicalities that she otherwise would not. Today, her clients at Kaya truly appreciate her work and demeanour and Maheshwari is especially grateful for this to her teacher Nisha Chauthani and the director of LTA, Vaishali K, besides, of course, her family. This aesthetician, who enjoys every moment of being one, truly believes that the LTA and CIDESCO stamp on her resumé has propelled her career much more than she had expected.

One of the incidents from her days at the Academy is still fresh in Maheshwari's mind. Though many had advised her against it, she decided to opt for Ayurveda as her specialisation. Egged on by her teacher Nisha, Maheshwari began enhancing her knowledge of the subject with the help of her mother and sister. Though they were often fed up of her obsession with the topic, they stood by her one hundred percent. The night before her Ayurveda exam, her sister and she went hunting everywhere for some imperative materials required. After a long search, they finally found what she needed and she fared well in her exam.

Well, this proud product of LTA has a long way to go. She dreams of setting up her own skin clinic with the latest, updated techniques and machinery to assure her clients flawless, beautiful skin. Her advice for peers in the industry is: "Before you try to make others look beautiful, you must groom yourself and build your personality. Money is important but taking care of your health is more so, as health is wealth."