

# Vijay Sharma – Celebrity Chef

Vijay Sharma is a Rajasthani Brahman, who was born in Rajasthan and brought up in the soil of Chhattisgarh (in Baloda Bazar). He is a born cook and has spent 20 years in cooking. He is a strict vegetarian. He has come up from a very poor family and started his career as an electrician @ meager wage of Rs. 20/- per day to financially support his father Shri Tara Chand Sharma. However the Cook inside him never gave up and he continued helping his father at a small Rajasthani Basa (restaurant) by rolling about 200 Roties/day. In this way he sharpened his culinary skill under his father's guidelines. Destiny had different plans for Vijay, as Master Chef (TV Reality Show) decided to come up with innovative 100% Veg edition in their Season - 4. Vijay took advantage of this opportunity and successfully competed in the show, and gained worldwide recognition, by reaching the penultimate round in the show.

He is presently engaged in cookery workshops and seminars all over the country and is a regular on different TV channels. Due to his mass appeal and celebrity status, he was chosen as a State Icon, to spread the message of voter awareness in the urban areas of the state. He has been engaging with college students, encouraging them to become responsible voters.