

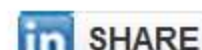
# Iqbal back in action

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Iqbal Khan.

Described by many as TV's heartthrob, Iqbal Khan's popularity is matched by only a few. Ever since he shot to fame as Angad in *Kaisa Yeh Pyaar Hai* eight years ago, Iqbal has been seen in many popular serials, most of which were his mentor Ekta Kapoor's K sagas.

But ever since he walked out of Balaji a few years ago, he has been quite selective about his work. Last seen in *Sanjog Se Bani Sangini* on Zee a year ago, the actor is now back in Rajshree's *Yahan Main Ghar Ghar Kheli*.

He will be playing Dr Viren, a neurosurgeon — he plays an agnostic who loves his wife and supports her in all her religious undertakings.

Speaking about his comeback after a year, Iqbal says it's the role that matters to him more than how old a show is. "I have done cameos before in *Kahin To Hoga* and *Kavyanjali*. I am doing this daily primarily because of the role and also because it is Rajshree production.

They are a respected production house and they are very passionate about their work. Also, Zee has been my home ground ever since I did *Waris* for them three years ago," he explains.

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He is not sure of the character's length but promises that it will be an entertaining one. "It's a cameo to start with but you never know how long it will last," he says.

Elaborating further, he adds, "Dr Viren will bring a new twist to the story. He will have a major impact on Abha and Karan's lives after the death of his wife. Not only will he hold them responsible for his personal loss but will also turn into an angry young man."

Debunking the popular belief that actors make lot of difference to a show's popularity, Iqbal believes that the story is most important.

"Ratings don't come because of faces. It's wrong to believe that viewers watch a show because of a particular actor," he says.

However, he admits that ratings matter a lot to him. "If the ratings are good, then it benefits everyone, including an actor like me," he adds.

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