

I am a better person thanks to my daughter: Iqbal Khan

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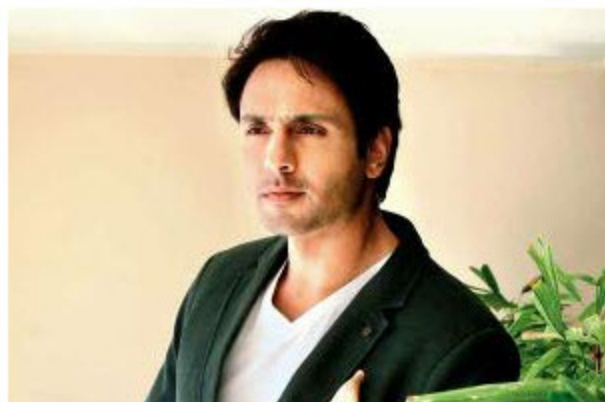
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Iqbal Khan

What would a dapper looking Iqbal Khan do when made to stand in front of the camera? Strike perfect poses, of course. Iqbal was at his sporting best as he offered myriad picture friendly moments for the lensman Iqbal during a recent trip to Ahmedabad. Excerpts from an interview:

You are considered one of the most promising and bankable actors on TV today. Are you content with the kind of fame that TV has offered you? Everything has been superb for me so far. I am a better person now. And it's because of the kind of

people I chanced upon when I came to Mumbai to start a career in showbiz. I went to college in Delhi and did some modelling, after which I moved to Mumbai in 2002. I started my life in the [entertainment](#) industry from scratch. Two of my [friends](#) helped me during my initial days of stay in Mumbai. That's why I always maintain relationships with people who came to my life during my stint in films and television. To get a set of [good friends](#) is always desirable and they make all the difference in your life. I am fortunate that I got in [touch](#) with some good people in the industry.

What has showbiz taught you all these years? If you are lucky in life, you'll pick up all [the positive stuff](#) in life. I am a firm believer of what [the Quran](#) says. I believe God gives you all the good things in life. Our problems are created by us. One has to go through crisis in life

because [tough situations](#) makes one stronger. If you have good parents, half your battle is won in life.

On the personal front, do you miss those me moments with your daughter, now that she's growing up and you have become busy with a daily soap? I am glad that God has blessed with me a daughter. My outlook towards [women](#) changed after [Ammaara's](#) birth. I have been plain lucky in life to be blessed with such good parents and now a darling daughter. In between doing shows, I took interest in dubbing and gave voice over for John Carter. I've started taking interest in all type of rhymes because my daughter now sings those. That's what made me dub for this film.

Did you read Sarat Chandra Chatopadhyay's *Navvidhan*, since your show *Tumhari Paakhi* is based on it? I am not a voracious reader. I feel emotion knows no concept of time or space. So when Shashiji ([Shashi Mittal](#)) came up with [the script](#) and told me about the project, I completely wanted to go by her sensibilities and read the script adaptation of the show.

How difficult is to keep a balance as you handle the pressure of staying in focus and face tough competition? I don't go to extremes while handling a situation or dealing with a misunderstanding. When it comes to sorting out differences, I try to be as balanced as possible. That helps me a lot. On the sets, I make sure that there is a positive ambience. I only make short term plans — like picking up a vada pav on my way back home from work.