



'My parents gave me a good upbringing. They taught me the importance of religion, the power of prayers, to read the Quran. And I owe it all to them, for the person that I am today I used to pray to God even when I was 16. I used to say the *namaaz* and go to the mosque. I believe that whatever you go through in life, it brings you closer to God. I have seen miracles happening when I have prayed. My religion has taught me to do good to others, to respect my parents and elders and above all, to being a better human being.

I was fitness conscious when I

was to win matches against the others schools. I also was a part of the school choir. I was pretty ok when it came to studies. I wasn't a nerd or an outright rebel. But yes, once in a while I did enjoy breaking a few rules.

It was fun and not done with any malicious intent.

At 16, I learnt how to drive. I was thrilled to drive a car at that age. I remember my father would not allow me to take the car for a ride because I did not have a proper license. However, I still managed to sneak in the car and take it out for a spin.

As told to Lisa Antao

When I was 16

Iqbal Khan



was 16. In fact I started working out when I was 15 years of age. I used to go to my sports teacher Mr. Mohit Khanna's place and do weights there. It was that time when I also became conscious about looks.

At 16, I was in a boarding school. I was in the school's cricket, hockey and soccer team. At that time my ambition in life

New Wave Paithani Exhibition cum Sale

20th to 24th Oct. Time: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- ★ Real Paithani Banaras/Jardoshi/ Kolkata/South/M.P./Jaipuri Sadees
- ★ Kashmiri Lakhanavi, Block Printed, Hand Painted, South Dress Material.
- ★ Paithani Kurtis, Designer Dresses,
- ★ Designer Purses, Jewellery, Porcelene Sculptures.

25 Stalls

Chief Guests

- Shri Mardan Ali Qasemi, (Consul General of Afganistan)
- Smt. Pallavi Joshi (a Star Personality from Films & T.V.)
- Shri Dilip Shinde (Director, Cultural Dept. Maharashtra Govt.)
- Smt. Katayani Menon (Secretary of Jahangir Art Gallery)
- Smt. Parveen Daneshwar, (First Consul of Iran)
- Smt. Girija Oak (Upcoming T.V. Artist)

A/C Exhibition Hall, Pu. La. Deshpande Sabhagruh, Ravindra Natya Mandir, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 25.

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