

I want to live my dream: Iqbal Khan

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Telly hottie Iqbal Khan chats on matters close to his heart

Almost a decade after he joined showbiz, Iqbal Khan's back where he belongs - on television, although this time it's for a shorter stint in [Yahaan Main Ghar Ghar Kheli](#).

Iqbal who'd become a superstar overnight after [Kaisa Yeh Pyar Hai](#), had taken a brief sabbatical when his last show, [Sanjog Se Bani Sangini](#) went off air. Iqbal elaborates, "I was busy

shooting for a film, Unforgettable directed and produced by Arshad Yusuf Pathan where I play the lead. So I was not taking a break." As someone who starred in a film ([Fun2shh](#)) close to nine years ago, how different was the experience this time around? "The Hindi film industry has changed for better and has become more professional. I remember when I was shooting for [Fun2shh](#) we used to get the script and dialogues when we'd report to work. For this film, the script and dialogues were drafted out long back. Also, we rehearsed 15 days before we started to shoot." In fact, his film promotions are going to keep Iqbal so busy that he's not planning to take up any daily soaps for three months, "I will need to promote my films and can't commit to any daily soaps."

Why did he stay away from Bollywood for such a long time? "Frankly speaking, no good films came my way. I didn't want to play a supporting character in films, when I was getting lead roles on small screen. It has always been a dream to make it in films in a big way which I still am looking forward to. Also, the small screen has more eyeballs. So I waited, till I bagged a lead role again. I'm not here to prove a point, I simply want to live my dream," says Iqbal.

This telly hottie has never been the part of a reality show. Why is that? "I can't relate to any of the reality shows, 70% of the judges don't seem genuine. If I'm not convinced with the team who's going to judge me for my task or dance performance, why be a part of it? As it is I'm a private person and don't like to make a public display of my emotions to the audience." The fiercely private star is a doting husband and dad in real life. "Sneha and I have been married for five years. She's been there for me through my ups and downs and is my whole world. Being a father is a different high altogether. My daughter Amaara is the apple of my eyes. I love that special smile she has for me whenever she sees me."