

Iftkhar Ali



For 36 year old Iftkhar Ali, disability is just a matter of perception, as his pursuit for excellence cannot be shackled by any obstacle, not even his polio inflected limbs. An IIM graduate who left his lucrative corporate job to become an Entrepreneur, Iftkhar has broken all barriers of disability.

Hailing from the city of Taj Mahal, Agra, Iftkhar was diagnosed with polio when he was only a year old. His family and teachers did not bestow any special treatment upon him to prevent him from becoming a victim of self-pity. He was treated like any normal child, and was given equal opportunities as others. As a result Iftkhar grew up

a confident young man with a strong mindset, ready to embrace all the challenges that life would throw at him.

A confident Iftkhar cleared CAT in his first attempt and got interview calls from IIM Calcutta and Kozhikode, but could not get through. The failure did not deter him and he joined the University Business School, Chandigarh and started preparing again. In his second attempt, Iftkhar got calls from all six IIMS and he settled with IIM Kolkata.

An IIM Kolkata graduate, Iftkhar started his career with IMS India and went on to lead operations for another IT company for two and a half years. However, he was quick to realise that a cosy corporate life was not what he aimed at. His desire to be a master of his own self, propelled him to start a venture of his own - ALIQAN Technologies, that he named after his parents, who have been his strength and support throughout his journey.

Today his company boasts of a celebrated clientele that includes HCL, Wipro, Shiv Nadar Foundation, Allizhealth, The Football Link, Airwhizz, and the Indian Air Force. Iftkhar also runs another company, ALIQAN Trainings that provides corporate training to companies and colleges. His future plans include

scaling up operations in services, launching two more product companies, and venturing further into the education sector.

Iftkhar is indeed a role model for millions of persons with disabilities, who can learn from him the art of conquering their limitations and fulfilling their dreams!

