

## Success Stories of Sarthak Alumni

### Walking the Path of Hope

**Shadab**

**Disability- OH**

**Location- Delhi**

**Organisation- IBM**



A handsome face, a warm smile, Shadab is a thorough professional who has successfully retained his job at IBM's accounting department for the past six years. "I have a lot to achieve", he says.

That he has been riddled with Polio since he was two years old is something he likes to take in his stride. "I don't like to ponder too much on the tough times gone by; instead, I like to focus on what needs to be done. What else is there to life, than keeping one's hopes high and efforts higher?" He asks.

A belief, he lived by even when he went to his non-descript school in a small village in Farukhabad district, using crutches. Every day that he saw his father, a labourer at a sugar mill go to work and his mother struggling to run the family with the little money her husband brought home, Shadab's determination to become self-reliant only became stronger.

He moved to Delhi to pursue a degree in Library Science from Jamia Milia Islamia University. After his degree, he enrolled with Sarthak for their three-month training programme. Give his dedication and hard work; it was no surprise he got placed with IBM and works as a senior practioner. A much-appreciated employee, Shadab makes sure he gives his 100 per cent to his work. "Right attitude is everything", he says.

Besides his job, Shadab also spends time studying for competitive exams.

His ultimate aim?

To get a government job as a librarian. He did get one, with a ministry but the access was not disabled friendly and he couldn't continue with it beyond a day. "One day, hopefully, everything will fall into place", he smiles.

Attitude really, is everything!