

Shadab Hussain Triumphs over Adversities to Top CA Final (Old Course) Exam

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When the three Ps & one H – *Patience, Practice, Persistence and Hard-work* personify in one, a successful person is born. Great things never come from comfort zones, and as the saying goes: *Your limitation—it's only your imagination*. All this has been proved right by a CA student coming from a humble background. Shadab Hussain, son of a tailor, has topped the CA Final (Old Syllabus) Examination of November 2018, manifesting the proverb: *where there's a will there's a way*.

The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles. The money matters, but not as much as endurance, determination and hard work. Hailing from Kota Rajasthan, the story of Shadab may serve as an inspiration for many as an example of how the limitations can be surpassed with unwavering grit and determination.

His feat has not come easy and in fact is the result of his "Never-Give Up" and 'Cross-the-Limit' attitude. Having done his schooling and a major part of his CA course in Hindi medium, he switched over to English medium in CA Final after a lot of struggle. "I completed my schooling and graduation from Kota. Schooling was from RBSE affiliated Hindi medium school. Up to IPCC I was a Hindi medium student and even being from Hindi background, I secured AIR24. Then my teachers guided me to convert into English at Final level. So there was a lot of struggle and hard work preparing for this," he told *The Chartered Accountant*.

Asked about what motivated him to join CA Course although his father had a completely different vocation, he said: "CA course meets global expectations. The exposure is very vast and it is the most economical course which helps even the students of a financially weak-background to be amongst top professionally literate fraternity."

He gives much share of the credit for his stupendous success to ICAI. "I would like to thank ICAI for providing us such a great globally commensurate curriculum at such an economical cost. Regular updates in Students Journal, MTPs and RTPs are the well-deserved stuff which keep everyone updated and well-prepared."

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"The first credit goes to my parents for their infinite support. Then come my teachers for their extraordinary efforts," said Shadab, who is the fourth child among his five siblings. His father Mr. Mohammad Rafiq, whose life is a story of sheer struggle, owns a tailor shop in Kota while his mother Ms. Halima Ansari is a soft-hearted homemaker, which may explain Shadab's imbibed virtues of endurance and excellence in the face of adversities, and his attitude of helping others. "My father never made me realise at any point that we are less than anyone else. Father has a struggling background so he decided to educate us so that we don't face all those hardships that he's gone through. My Mother has a kind and sympathetic heart. She always teaches me to be a helping hand. This is why I started my own channel on YouTube to guide students on various issues that challenged me."

"What has also propelled me to excel is my friend Rahul Ambwani's words 'Cross the limit to be first,' he said, adding that he always kept himself up-to-date in the spirit of the saying that 'Sometimes later becomes never. Do it now...' and sincerely took multiple test series uploaded on ICAI BOS Portal.

His goal for the future is to be a part of a good corporate and also take sessions on various professional aspects to help the CA fraternity.

"Complete discipline, continuity, dedication and patience" are the other mantras of his success. "Don't give an excuse to your hard work and never complain about your fate." "All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination," this saying by noted American author Earl Nightingale has actually been lived by Shadab. Indeed, success doesn't just find you. You have to go out and get it, breaking all the barriers in between. ■