

**Ishteyaque Amjad**  
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Ishteyaque leads the Policy and Government Affairs for Abbott Healthcare in India and South Asia.

His current charter includes policy advocacy, government affairs, industry associations, public -private partnerships and market access. With a career spanning over two decades, Ishteyaque has had the opportunity to work across a diverse set of industries both in India and abroad through his stints in organizations such as Godrej, Coca-Cola, Cargill, HCL and Essar Group. Ishteyaque started his professional journey as a commissioned officer in the prestigious Armoured Corps of the Indian Army.

As one of India's leading practitioners of external/ public/ corporate affairs, Ishteyaque is passionate about evidence and science-based policy advocacy and is a strong advocate for deploying business solutions to address societal challenges. He is strong believer of taking all the stakeholders along for a larger common purpose.

He is often described as someone with a capitalist's mind and an activist's heart!

Ishteyaque Chairs ASSOCHAM's National Council on Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology and is an active member of CII's and FICCI's National Committees. He is a member of the Management and Steering Committees and Past President of Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI). He serves on the Advisory Board of USISPF and has served on the Board of Management of TERI School of Advanced Studies. He has been a jury member at the Cannes Lions the Festival of Creativity.

Ishteyaque completed his master's from the Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies and graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Aligarh Muslim University. He is also an alumnus of the much-revered Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.

With a flair for words, Ishteyaque prefers poetry and anecdotes as the perfect medium for storytelling. His interests include reading, poetry, sports, and current affairs.

He is married and has two sons.