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Iftikhar completed a BSc (Hons) in geology in 1969 followed by an MSc with a specialization in mineralogy and petrology from the Punjab University, Lahore. He obtained a Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission's Research Scholarship in 1972 and carried out research on uranium mineralization at Baghal Chur in the Punjab for two years. He later joined the Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) at its Quetta (Baluchistan) office in 1975 where he remained until he retired as deputy general manager in 2007. His position gave him the opportunity to work throughout the country and in three great mountain ranges (Himalaya, Karakoram and Hindu Kush). He contributed to the field of geochemistry using data from a decade-long program of stream sediment data collection in northern Pakistan. He was involved in the creation of the Punjab Geological Society, the Baluchistan Geological Society and the National Geological Society of Pakistan.