A zealous, young patron of the Parsi community, his idol being the Late JRD Tata, his commitment to the Parsi community is unflinching and undeterred. Designer, architect, entrepreneur, technocrat and social worker are the many facets of Jimmy Mistry, the 36-year-old MD and principal designer of the design and build firm Della Tecnica. Mistry started Della Tecnica with just six people in 1996. Today, 10 years hence, he is leading an 1100-people strong team, while Della Tecnica is one of the biggest names in corporate space solutions.

Speaking of his entrepreneurial journey, he says, "I started with a company which used to import furniture from Italy. In 2000, I stopped importing and started manufacturing and selling furniture. There was an appetite for growth and that's when I started designing buildings. Della was the turning point in my career and I finally converted my hobby into a business.”

Being a multi-faceted entrepreneur, how does he juggle between his profession and passion? His latest project Della Adventure - an adventure park, luxury resorts and banquets is inspired by his passion for sports, entertainment and design. "Profession and passion are the two sides of the same coin. Profession is an extension of your passion, as in my case my latest project is now my profession. But every single activity I do there speaks of my passion - be it motocross, dirt biking, rope climbing, etc. Not just that, I am also passionate about doing CSR as it gives me great satisfaction," adds Mistry.

Speaking of successfully balancing one's profession and passion, Mistry says, "It is always a tight-rope walk but both need to complement rather than compete with each other. A professional who is passionate from within always works in the best interest of the organisation and life in general."