

City girl Fardina felicitated for success in IAS

GUWAHATI: Umme Fardina Adil, a resident of Hatigaon in Guwahati, was felicitated by ERDF and other organisations for her success in the IAS examination the results of which was announced recently.

Speaking at the function organised at Regional College of Higher Education (RCHE) in the city on Sunday, Mahbubul Hoque, Chairman ERD Foundation said, “Assam gave the only President of India from the North East – Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. Assam also gave the first and only Muslim woman Chief Minister of the country – Anwara Timur. But it took 66 years from independence for Assam to produce the first Muslim woman IAS officer – Umme Fardina Adil.”

Hoque also informed the audience that the entrance test and interview of minority candidates for IAS coaching for the IAS exam of 2014 was conducted at the same venue in the morning. It was organised by Zakat Foundation of India (ZFI) and coordinated by ERDF. The felicitation for Fardina was arranged in the afternoon to facilitate an interaction of her with all the aspiring IAS candidates of 2014 who were also present at the venue.

Speaking on the occasion, HN Das, former Chief Secretary of Assam & Director, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Coaching Centre for Civil Services Examinations said, “Financial hardship should not be a reason for not being able to sit for IAS examination. Now there are many organisations to support meritorious students to prepare for competitive examinations.”

Prof PK Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya, who was also a member of the IAS interview board for several years congratulated Fardina and offered her flowers and gifts on behalf of the University. Sabur Tapader and Ahmad Hussain offered gifts to Fardina on behalf of Unity Education Foundation and Pragjyotish Group of Institutions respectively.

Fardina, a former student of Disneyland School and Cotton College of Guwahati, informed the audience that she cleared the IAS in her first attempt

and with about 8 months of preparation putting in about six hours every day. She said, she depended on newspapers and Wikipedia for gathering knowledge about new topics and never referred to any guide books.

She encouraged the aspiring candidates for developing a politically neutral view and showing an aptitude for analytical dissection of the subject in question. She also asked the young generation to be socially committed, stressing that this attitude would see them through in any interview.

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Umme Fardina Adil, successful IAS candidate, is seen with Mahbubul Hoque, Chairman ERDF; HN Das, former Chief Secretary of Assam; and Prof PK Abdul Azis, VC, University of Science & Technology Meghalaya at a function in Guwahati on Sunday.