

DU alumna Anu Kumari is at Number 2 UPSC Merit List 2018

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Anu Kumari IAS
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Haryana's Sonapat district girl Ms Anu Kumari stood 2nd in the Union Public Service Commission UPSC Civil Services exam 2017, the results of which were declared on Friday 27.04.2018. Anu is married and has a four-year-old son.

Hinduite Anu has an MBA from IMT Nagpur and has worked for a private company for nine years before she decided to follow her dreams.

“My job was good, but there was *no internal satisfaction*. It all became so mechanical that at one point I could not take it anymore. So I decided to quit and take up something through which *I can contribute to society*,” she told the Hindustan Times.

The 31-year-old said she's joined IAS *to make a change in the lives of women and children*. “I come from Haryana, where we see regularly the regressive nature of society and increasing crimes against women. Since I have got this amazing opportunity now, I would like to make most of it and work on women's empowerment,” she said.

Anu Kumari made Beti Bachao Ambassador in Sonipat

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Anu Kumari with her child in Sonipat. | Photo Credit: [Special Arrangement](#)

Anu is the **brand ambassador for the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' programme in her home district Sonipat Government of Haryana.** "Ms. Kumari has emerged as an inspiration in changing the mindset of people towards the girl child," said Haryana's Urban Local Bodies Minister Kavita Jain.

About her family she said the sheer difficulty of staying away from a supportive husband and two-and-a-half-year-old son pushed her to prepare harder. "For over a year I stayed in Sonipat at my aunt's place. All this while I was away from my child. Even though it was difficult, he was the reason I felt motivated," she said. On Saturday 28.04.2018 it appeared as if Ms. Kumari had managed to do precisely that much before undergoing training as a bureaucrat with the Haryana Government announcing that she would be the State's brand ambassador for the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' programme in Sonipat.

Haryana Chief Minister and DU alumnus Manohar Lal Khattar, while congratulating Ms. Kumari, said, "By drawing inspiration from her, our daughters would continue to work hard to show their capabilities." Mr. Khattar also congratulated all other candidates from the state for having cracked the prestigious Civil Services examinations this year.

(With inputs from Vikas Vasudeva)