

## ***MESSAGE FROM Ms DEENAH DASTAGEER***



Greetings everyone!!

My name is Dheenah Dastageer. I secured **ALL INDIA RANK 63 in the UPSC Civil Services Exam 2020.**

I passed 12th standard from IIS DAMMAM in 2012 after which I completed my graduation in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Thiruvananthapuram.

Thereafter I got a campus placement offer at an MNC, but I decided to keep my job on hold instead pursue my childhood ambition of joining the civil services, the seeds of which were sown in me, during my IISD days.

In my UPSC Personality test one of the questions asked to me was "What inspired you to join civil services?"

The answer I gave was "My school was one of the reasons. International Indian School Dammam represented a "Mini India" which had students and teachers from all around the country, which gave me the sense of the cultural diversity and richness of our country and the passion to serve this great nation."

Another reason was my father, Mohamed Abdul Kader Dastageer, who is working as a Research Scientist at the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals.

Since childhood he encouraged discussions on science, history and current happenings in our house, which created an interest in me for these subjects.

I can't express in words the immense happiness on receiving the love and wishes of my school teachers who shared my humble achievement in this exam.

I would like to sincerely thank Almighty for giving my family and me the health and patience, which kept us going strong in my 4 years journey of preparation, struggle and determination that helped me build my dreams of Civil service.

My parents and brother have been the biggest pillar of support in this journey, without whom this rank would not have been possible.

I sincerely thank my school, teachers, friends who had a role in making the person what I am today.

I do hope your prayers and blessings will be with me as I enter into the next phase of my journey as a member of the Indian Civil Services.

I hope that I make IISD more proud by serving our great nation as an IAS officer.

Dear students remember to dream big. Nothing in this world is impossible to achieve.

Perseverance and hard work will lead you towards the accomplishment of your dream. Just remain focused.

Being a student of IIS Dammam has been an enduring investment. I am forever grateful!

Long Live IIS D!

Regards

Dheenah Dastageer