

Ahmedabad: Perseverance and hard work paid off for 1,122 civil service aspirants from across the country on Thursday with the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) announcing results for the prestigious civil service examination. Closer home, is this duo from Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) that has claimed top slots in the examinations. Here is a lowdown on their claim to fame.

Manisha Khatri, another GNLU pass out, has secured the 35th place in the civil service exam. Giving credit for her success to the university, Khatri said her faculty members contributed immensely in shaping her as a civil service aspirant by providing her with a strong foundation in law.

"I had taken law as my optional subject. Having satisfactory knowledge of the subject, I could pay more attention to other subjects," Khatri explained.

Through various co-curricular activities like that of providing legal service, legislation drafting, moot code comprehension, and others, the university helped her gain practical knowledge. "The professors always pushed me to perform better in all fields," Khatri added.

After graduating with law in 2012, she joined a bank as a legal manager in Mumbai. Eventually, Khatri started preparing for the examination and got through at the first go. Prashant Mishra, a 2011 GNLU pass out, secured the 64th rank in the civil service exam. Talking to dna, he confided that it was one of his faculty members, who had inspired him to pursue civil service as a career.

"My experience at the university was very encouraging. It helped me become a better student and candidate for civil service," said Mishra. Sharing further information, he said that at the university hostel, he met people from across the state which gave him a better understanding of the socio-economic condition prevalent in the country.

When asked about whether he would like to promote Gujarat's infrastructural role model in future, Mishra said: "Given a chance, I would like to replicate it in other states for better development of the nation."