Chand Sultana Award-2013 was given to poor but renowned social worker Zainal Abedin of Mymensingh through a function attended by State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroz Chumki, MP on 30 April 2014. The Award was introduced by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) in memory of Late Chand Sultana who dedicated her whole life for the empowerment of women and helping the illiterate, half-literate and downtrodden sections of the society through promoting non-formal education in the country.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution towards the society through setting up of primary school, Charitable hospital, Dhaka Ahsania Mission honoured Zainal Abedin with this year’s Award. Sharing his sentiments Zainal Abedin booked into terms as he said he is unable to pull rickshaw anymore due to health reasons. He requested the countrymen to donate one paracitamol each towards his hospital.

The State Minister urged all sections of society to come forward to set more examples live him. Drawing upon the sad fact of unrecognized work of the women and their substantial contribution to GDP of this country. She also praised Chand Sultana for his dedication and leadership in this field. She promised to visit Zainal Abedin’s service facilities at a convenient time.