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## 1st visually impaired woman IAS officer takes charge

Thiruvananthapuram: India's first visually challenged woman IAS officer on Monday took charge as sub-collector of Thiruvananthapuram. A warm reception was arranged to welcome Pranjal Patil as she took over from former collector B Gopalakrishnan. She served as an assistant collector in Ernakulam for a year in 2018 before taking charge.

"I am feeling extremely glad and proud after taking this charge. As I start working, I will be able to know more about the district and would plan better for it. I expect support and co-operation from my fellow members and people of Trivandrum," Patil said.



BEATING ALL ODDS: IAS officer Pranjal Patil assumes charge as Thiruvananthapuram sub-collector on Monday

Patil, who hails from Ulhasnagar in Maharashtra, lost her eye-sight at the age of six. She, however, did not lose hope and completed her graduation in political science with a master's in International relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Patil was ranked 733 in civil services in her first attempt in 2016 and 124 the next year. Giving a message to the youth she said: "We should never be defeated and never give up. With our efforts, we will always be able to achieve what we desire." ANI