

# Meet 21-year-old Priyadarshini of CPI(M), Chennai's youngest councillor

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Newly elected councillor A Priyadarshini is confident that she will end her ward's perennial water woes. "Right now, the 42,000 odd voters in my ward – even those belonging to the middle and upper classes – are dependent on water lorries or water cans for their potable water requirements. I want to reduce this dependence and find a permanent solution to their woes," she tells TNM.

The 21-year-old made headlines as the youngest councillor to be elected to the Chennai Corporation. She stood from ward 98 in Teynampet, one among the 50 wards reserved for women candidates. Priya won with a comfortable margin of 5,253 votes. Her party, CPI(M), is in alliance with the DMK, Congress, DMDK, IUML (Indian Union Muslim League), etc.

"I've been a CPI(M) loyalist from my childhood as my father, who's an auto driver, has been a card-bearing member of the party for decades together now," she says. Even during her days at [Stella Maris College where she did a BA in Sociology](#), Priya was active in student politics (outside of the college). She was a member of the Students' Federation of India (SFI, the student wing of the CPI(M)). She later joined the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI), the youth wing of the CPI(M).

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