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Visual impairment no block



Mayor Saidai Duraisamy greeting Beno Zephine, a visually challenged candidate, on Thursday. - PHOTO: R. RAVINDRAN

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CHENNAI: What started as a dream in school days, a pursuit in col- in Braille, her family and friends lege days, has finally fructified in- read for long hours and helped to reality for Beno Zephine N.L. her prepare. Her visual impairment did not deter this Villivakkam resident ing Shankar Academy, Ganesh's from her passion to secure a posi- Academy, Sathya Academy and tion in the Civil Services Exam- All India Civil Services Coaching ination. Ms. Zephine has secured Centre, have also lent a helping the 343rd rank in the Civil Ser- hand to Ms. Zephine. "The mock vices Examination 2013.

various institutes recall her effi- helped me," said Ms. Zephine.

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As there are not enough books

Several IAS academies, includinterviews conducted by Manith-Her colleagues and faculty in anaeyam free coaching centre

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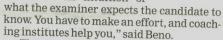
Blind girl from TN cracks UPSC exam

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Chennai: It was a tough climb to the top, but N L Beno Zephine enjoyed it and made

friends on the way. The 24year-old, who was ranked 343 in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exams, is visually impaired.

"Cracking the civil services only requires hard work and an intuition of



The results were announced on Thursday. Zephine studied in Little Flower School for the Blind and completed her BA in English literature from Stella Maris College and MA from Loyola College. She is working as a probationary officer in SBI, Tiruvallur, and is pursuing PhD in English literature.