

# Transperson elected to Loyola College students' union

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Naleena Prasheetha has created history: she is the first transperson to be elected as associate secretary of Loyola College's students' union.

A school dropout, who completed Class XII as a private candidate, Naleena is a second year Masters' student of the Visual Communication department. She is also the first transgender to graduate from the college, she said.

In her manifesto, she promised students that she



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would take up their issues. "Students wanted a separate girls' team for volleyball. I have decided that there will

be separate teams for all sports played in the college. We also planned to offer self-defence courses for the students. I want to empower women," said Naleena.

She had enrolled to contest in the 2017-18 elections, but it was not held. At that time, she was ridiculed by her fellow students.

"I decided to contest the election, as it is a platform to voice to people's needs," she said.

She was adjudged the best outgoing student last year when she graduated from the college.