



Celebrations galore as WCC turns 100

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Chennai: At midnight on Monday, Women's Christian College—one of the oldest colleges in the city—turned 100 officially.

While a 100-voice choir which sang at midnight on Monday marked the beginning of two-day festivities, on Tuesday, there are a string of events like inviting Nirmala Sitharaman, minister of state for commerce and industry, to deliver the centenary address; planting of 100 trees; and speeches by distinguished alumni such as Mallika Srinivasan, CEO of the billion dollar tractor major Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE), and Aruna Bahuguna, IPS, and director of Sardar Vallabhai Patel National Police Training Academy.

Other programmes include burying of a time capsule (the last one having been buried under the threshold of one of the oldest buildings on campus in 1919) and screening of a 12-minute centenary film that features the oldest living alumna of WCC, 103-year-old Salomi Joseph from Bengaluru, the only living student of Eleanor McDougall, the first principal of the college.



PARTY TIME: The college began its centenary celebrations last year

“The time capsule contains the names of all the people on campus – staff and students – this year. We have written the names on archival acid-free paper and it will be placed inside a commemorative pillar to be opened for the 125th year celebrations,” said WCC principal Dr Ridling Margaret Waller.

Bahuguna, who is one of the speakers for Tuesday, says the theme of her speech will be ‘imagine and explore’ because that was what the college helped her do. “The college gave me the confidence to go out into the world,” says Bahuguna. The year-long centenary celebrations began in July 2014, with a midnight candlelight service that featured a 100-voice choir of past and present students and teachers.

