

Miranda House @70 is A Lensman's Delight

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Pratibha Jolly studied at Miranda House, taught at the college and then became the principal of the college. She likes to click

photographs of the college whenever she is walking around in the corridors. Pratibha describes her campus as a cinematographer's delight and is proud of the Romeo-Juliet-era styled balconies, and arched corridors. Talking about the history of Miranda House, she tells us, "When Maurice Gwyer (DU's vice-chancellor from 1938 to 1950, and Chief Justice of India from 1937 to 1943) set up Miranda House, it was a dream-come-true for him. He felt for women's education. There were three reasons of choosing Miranda as the name of the college. It was because of **Shakespeare's Tempest** and then his daughter's name was Miranda, too. Also, his favourite actress was **Carmen Miranda** from the good ol' days!"

The college was **recently ranked number one** by the **HRD Ministry** under the **National Institutional Ranking Framework** and the principal is elated by the ranking. "We owe our success to the seven generations of Miranda, and we are proud of them. The rankings were announced just when we **launched our year-long (2017 – 18) activities to celebrate seven decades of sustained excellence,**" she tells us.