

## **An Appeal from the Vice-Chancellor**

Dear Colleagues and Students,

We have come to a decisive movement in our efforts to implement an Alternative Model of Students' Representation. Let me emphasise that we are not against the students. They are getting the democratic space to dissent and to protest.

You may recall that our ultimate goal is to prevent outside forces from controlling Ravenshaw, in students' representation or in other areas. You may notice that the students who have given a 'bandh' call on August 22-23, 2017 are primarily those who have links with outside forces, including political parties. Therefore, we are at a crucial point of this cross-road. Let us ask this question to ourselves: should Ravenshaw be managed by its Act and Statutes or by outside elements? The election issue is indeed a test of Ravenshaw's autonomy. Let us all join hands to implement the process of the alternative model of "decentralized direct" elections at Ravenshaw in order to rescue her from external control.

Sincerely,

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Vice-Chancellor